



# Team 3 Newsletter

## Term 1 2010

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to Team 3! A huge welcome to those families who are new to Willowbank. We hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready for a busy and exciting year. A special congratulations to Jessie who was married over the summer and a warm welcome to Annelies who joins the wonderful teaching staff at Willowbank School.

## Who & Where

Jessie Borrie	Rm 2	
Eden Freeman	Rm 8	
Kirsty Gray	Rm 12	(Team 3 Leader)
Annelies Naus	Rm 15	
Halina Varcoe	Rm 24	



## Getting To Know You

We look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks. We have a "Meet the Teacher" on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Refer to our school newsletter for other class levels, times and location. We will also be having our first 3 Way Conferences on Tuesday 30 March where we will discuss your child's learning and goals for 2010. Booking times will be available later in the term via the booking site online.



## Stationery

Thanks to those of you who have already purchased and sent along your child's stationery. It's important that all children start using their books at the same time. We would appreciate if all children could have their stationery at school by Wednesday 10 February at the latest please. Remember

stationery packs are available online at [www.myschool.co.nz](http://www.myschool.co.nz), just order a Willowbank School, Year 3 pack.

If your child is new to Willowbank there maybe a couple of additional items they need. Your child's teacher will let you know.

# Uniform Expectations

Thank you for sending your child in correct summer uniform.

We have lovely classroom environments and to look after them we ask children to take their shoes off before entering the classroom. It would be fantastic if you could send your child in correct but also appropriate footwear eg: velcro shoes and sandals. Remember school shoes need to be plain black.

It is extremely hot at present and we have limited shade area. Children must wear their hats everyday please. These are now available at the school office. We really appreciate those parents/caregivers who take the time to name each part of their child's uniform. If it is found and named it can be returned. Lost property is located outside Room 3.

## Art Shirts

We do some very messy things in art so we ask that every child brings an art shirt (an old biggish t-shirt or something similar). Please name your child's art shirt.



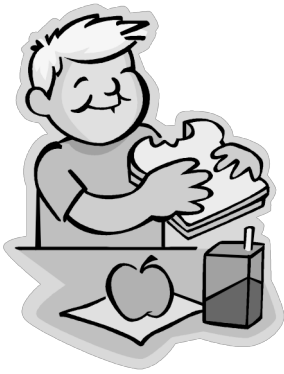
## Parent Helpers Needed

We welcome help from any parents who are able to give a little time to help us. No experience is required, just a little time. We even have some jobs that can be done at home, like cutting out. Being a parent helper is a great way to get to know the staff, children and to meet others in the community. If you would like to become a parent helper please see your child's teacher.

## Learning At Home

Children will bring home reading books Monday to Friday. On Friday your child will also bring home their Spelling and Basic Fact learning for the week. They have until the following Friday to learn these when they will be tested and new words will be given. Also on Friday the children will bring their poetry book home to share with you. Homework in Year 3 is about consolidating and exploring new learning and establishing homework routines. Please watch out for our team homework during the following weeks. This is will be themed around 'What is Learning?'





## Food at school

Just a reminder that we are a 'Silver Enviroschool'. This means we do not have rubbish bins available for children to put their lunch wasted into. We ask that you support us in teaching our children about sustainability and pack their lunches in plastic containers. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

## What Are We Learning This Term?

During the first 5 weeks of this term teachers will be busy assessing your child in Literacy and Numeracy. We will share this information with you at our 3 Way Conferences in week 9. Also this term the children will be developing an understanding of what makes a good learner and how we learn. To do this they will explore the Key Competencies within the revised New Zealand Curriculum and also use Thinkers Keys as a tool for learning. In the later half of this term we will be teaching the 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' programme and the Life Education Programme. These are both health based programmes and more information will come out closer to the time.

Please see overleaf for an overview of the topics we will be covering this term.

## Term 1 Events

Week	Event
1	•
2	•
3	• Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 17 Feb
4	
5	• Half Day due to staff participating in professional development - Tuesday 2 March
6	•
7	•
8	•
9	• 3 Way Conferences - Tuesday 31 March

Don't forget to visit our Team 3 webpage to see what we are learning as the term progresses!

[www.willowbankschool.co.nz](http://www.willowbankschool.co.nz) - Learning Environments - Team 3

We look forward to working with both you and your child during  
2010!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact us via  
email, call the school office or of course in person.



Kind Regards



Kirsty, Eden, Annelies, Jessie and Halina