



30 November 2012

Principal for Term 1 2013

I can confirm that I will continue in the role of Acting Principal for Term 1 of 2013. I feel it is important for the school to have a degree of continuity at the start of the school year. My role will continue to be ensuring the school runs effectively each day. I hope to be able to provide a stable and effective learning environment for our students next year, and to make sure that the future Principal has an excellent foundation when they start in Term 2.

Appointments

I am delighted to confirm the appointment of our Y9-13 English Teacher for 2013. **Miss Jennifer Smart** is currently teaching English, Media and Spanish to students at Hagley Community College in Christchurch. She is excited to be able to bring her experience to our setting. She is particularly keen to bring fun, student centred programmes to our Y9 and Y10 students, with a focus on studying relevant and interesting texts, as well as beginning Spanish language classes with our students.

We are in the process of either offering, shortlisting or interviewing applicants for our Literacy teacher, Junior School teacher and our Agriculture teacher for 2013, and hope to be able to confirm these appointments in our final newsletter of the year.

School Magazine

With the challenges we have faced this year, one casualty will be our school magazine. Rather than put out a hastily collected and rushed magazine, we have instead opted to create a *Waiau Area School Yearbook*. This will include much of what you would expect from a school magazine (for example photos from several 2012 events, class photos and prizegiving awards) and will be provided for free to every student.

Prefects for 2013

Any student wishing to be considered as Head Student for 2013, first need to apply to be a School Prefect. If you'd like to be involved in leading our student body for 2013, you will need to write a letter to Mrs Ward and Mr Mustor outlining why you would make a great prefect. You should outline what you would like to do as a prefect / head student, one project / event that you would like to take a leadership role in (for example school ball, socials, working with Junior students etc), and finally what qualities you have that would make you a good prefect.

If you would like to apply to be a prefect you can download an application pack from the school website (under "Vacancies") or collect a pack from the school office. Applications close **Monday 3.15pm 10th December**.

Steven Mustor
Acting Principal