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Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Term 3 Organisation

I trust the last two weeks have been a refreshing time for everyone. I look forward to the great term we have ahead of us.

As you are aware our primary focus at the end of last term was to fill the vacancy left with Mr Troy Anderson's resignation. I wish to inform the community that we have appointed Mrs Abina Pope to the position. Abina brings with her a wealth of experience. Her recent position was as an advisor and coordinator for the School Education Services in Wellington. Abina's role included working with teachers around best practice, providing professional development, and conducting audits in schools. Prior to this Abina was Head of Faculty and Director at St Patrick's College Silverstream, an all boys school. She taught senior English, art and architecture, history, geography, and social sciences. At our school Abina will teach Year 9/10 English, and also support our senior students in self-directed learning time (study). Abina will also become the Head of Behaviour for year 7-13 and the Special Educational Needs Coordinator schoolwide. Abina is looking forward to the experience of teaching at our school.

As I had shared in our most recent newsletter we welcome Mr Paul Burke to our school. Mr Burke is familiar to our school environment and is a popular reliever with our students. Paul will be working with our middle school students in music; he will also be taking senior agriculture and also assisting with self-directed learning for our senior students.

We also welcome Mrs Deborah McClure. Deborah has been appointed to support our at risk students in literacy and numeracy in the middle and senior school. She will work regularly with groups and individuals with the intent to bring our students to a level where they can work independently and gain success. Deborah has recently moved to our district and will be an additional asset to our school. Deborah's credentials include numeracy, literacy, social studies, teaching strategies and learning styles. She has taught previously at Otaki College and Coastal Taranaki School (an area school).

It is important to note that the above positions, alongside Mrs Ferguson and Miss Hammerich, are fixed term positions. This means that the positions dissolve at the end of the year. The Ministry of Education has stipulated that appointments for 2012 can only be of a fixed tenure. In September we anticipate receiving our provisional staffing notice from the Ministry of Education. It is at this time that decisions around staffing will be confirmed for the 2013 year.

Also this term, I will be utilising my strengths to work with Junior School students around literacy and numeracy. We will work with targeted students who are below national standard level.

I know that parents will be pleased to learn of these recent appointments. The decision to appoint the extra personnel is to continue to strengthen our senior part of our school. We have listened to parent feedback and we will continue to bring about the best learning opportunities for our students. I thank the board of trustees for their on-going support.

Yours sincerely

Maryse Anderson-Kereti
Principal