

TERM 1, 2010

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Students.

Welcome back to Riverhead School and to Room 5. This letter is to introduce the term and our work, and to tell you a little about myself. As you know, I am new to the school and fresh out of university. Last year I completed my teachers college training following a bachelor of science at Massey University. While studying I spent two years teacher aiding and one year working for Child youth and Family as a youth Mentor/social worker. I am looking forward to teaching room 5 this year and can't wait for the fun and exciting things we have planned.

ABOUT ME

When I'm not at school I enjoy lots of hobbies which mainly include sporting endeavours. I play soccer and golf quite seriously and on the weekends I also like to play squash, tennis, touch rugby, and love to surf when I get the chance.

MRS MARTIN

As part of my beginning teacher release leanne Martin will be teaching in room 5 on Fridays. Many of you may already know leanne, she is a highly experienced teacher and will only enhance the community of learning in Room 5.

HOMEWORK

We need to remind ourselves at the beginning of the year to set high expectations for our learning and our work. Homework is given out on Thursdays and collected in on Wednesdays. There is an expectation that students spend **at least 20mins** on homework per night plus 10 minutes of reading. There will be English homework (including spelling), Maths homework , and Topic or other where relevant. Homework will begin this coming Thursday (18/2/10).

All the senior school participates in S.S.R. (sustained silent reading) after lunch. All students are expected to have an SSR. book for this daily slot. Please go to your local library or rummage your book shelves. Our library is currently unavailable due to the building project.

SWIMMING

The pool is newly painted and ready to use. Swimming is part of the P.E curriculum all students are expected to bring their togs. Room 5 has swimming every day and if you do not bring your togs you will need a note.

Senior school swimming sports are in week 5, March 5th

We look forward to an exciting and challenging year.

Regards,
Dan whiting.