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2024: Preparations for Class Organisation

Kia ora koutou

We hope this finds you all well as we draw near the end of the break. With Term 4 upon us, planning for the 2024 school year is well underway. We have recently completed our recruitment process and I am pleased to inform you that we will be welcoming one new kaiako to our team, Emma Logan, and welcoming back a familiar face to many of our HSS whānau, Katie Everett.

Both Emma and Katie will be teaching in our Middle Syndicate. Emma will be stepping in for Greg Hornsby, who will be doing some project work for us next year, working across the school supporting our music, drama and local curriculum programmes. Katie will be taking over from Brodie Spence, who has been offered a teaching opportunity in Australia.

We are also welcoming back Tarnia Pilcher who is been on leave this year and Noel McClements who is currently on study leave to our Senior Syndicate. With Tarnia and Noel returning, Sarah Bates will be moving back to her previous role of being one of our regular release kaiako, and Seth Hickling is going to be taking on his next adventure.

Gareth Breton, Montanna Falwasser and Kim Anderson who also all took leave this year, have decided to not return to their fulltime classroom positions. Maddie Kenworthy-Gough will also be stepping out of a fulltime classroom teaching role. Whilst these kaiako are stepping away from their classroom positions, we will be able continue to see them in and around HSS, as they support us in being part of our regular release team that we are very grateful for.

With our teaching appointments now complete we would like to share with you the following structure that we envisage being in place for our 2024 school year. Please note, that occasionally circumstances arise that mean changes do have to be made to the structure or room allocation that we have captured here.

Junior Syndicate	Middle Syndicate	Senior Syndicate
Anna Wilde: Year 1/2 (Rm 7) Sam Pricolo: Yr 1/2 (Rm 8) Mary Cameron: Year 1/2 (Rm 9) Bronie Edwards: Yr 1/2 (Rm 10) Janet Arcus: New Entrant (Rm 12) Zoe Allen: New Entrant (Rm 13) Kim Anderson: Third NE class (to open later in 2024)	Emma Logan: Yr 3/4 (Rm 14) Mandy Cain-Townley: Yr 3/4 (Rm 15) Josh Shelley: Yr 3/4 (Rm 16) Heather Davidson: Yr 3/4 (Rm 17) Nic Thomassen: Yr 3/4 (Rm 18) Katie Everett: Yr 3/4 (Rm 19)	Dean Francois: Yr 5/6 (Rm 1) Simon Ashby: Yr 5/6 (Rm 2) Noel McClements: Yr 5/6 (Rm 3) Michelle Richardson: Yr 5/6 (Rm 4) Tarnia Pilcher: Yr 5/6 (Rm 5) Tom Marston: Yr 5/6 (Rm 6)

With our teaching structure now confirmed we invite input from you for your child's placement if there is a need to separate tamariki or because of valid personal reasons you would like your child to have a male or female kaiako. Having reviewed our class placement process, which is a huge undertaking with many factors taken into consideration, we ask that you please **do not** request friends that you would like your child to be placed with, and/or individual kaiako.

We will be asking our Year 3 – 5 students who they work well with across the syndicate during the class placement process.

If you wish to send a class placement request, we will be receiving these **via our office email** (office@hampdenstreet.school.nz) **from now until 3.00pm Friday 13 October**. Please don't pass on requests to your child's teacher or the syndicate leader.

Tamariki who are in Years 1, 3 and 5 this year will remain with their current teacher next year, except for:

- Kōwhai 11, 12 and 13 tamariki who will transition to another junior class
- Our Year 3 tamariki in Room 18 this year with Greg Hornsby, will move to Room 14 to be with Emma Logan.
- Our Year 3 tamariki in Room 14 with Nic Thomassen will move class spaces to Room 18 with Nic.
- Year 5 tamariki in Room 5 will be with Tarnia Pilcher.

We have scheduled three transition visits for our 2024 classes as follows:

- Wednesday 22 November
- Monday 27 November
- Wednesday 6 December

If you have any questions about any of the details above, please contact me or Jade Royds (Deputy Principal).

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 4 on Monday.

Ngā mihi nui



Don McLean
Principal