

# Selwyn Park School

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Term 3 week 1



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#### Important Dates 2021

Wednesday 11th August—Book Character Day

Friday 1st October—Term 3 Ends

Monday 18th October—Term 4 Starts



*School Polo shirt for sale,  
\$40 at the Office*

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Kia Ora Whanau,

Welcome back to school for Term 3 of 2021. A very special welcome to our new school whanau and to their children who have just enrolled this week -Giverney Ripia-Murray, Manaaki Lawrence, Maia Barnes-Peterson, Jarah-Leigh and Cadence Broodkoorn .

I have some news that many will find disappointing. Whaea Hellen, who was going to be working in her particular role until the end of this term, has been offered a job for most of term 3 and all of term 4 at Te Kopuru School.

Last year, because of a fall in the number of children attending our school, our roll, we had to go through a process called surplus staffing. The process indicated that we would have one teacher surplus to staffing in 2021. To find which teacher would be surplus, we looked to see if there was an obvious gap in the coming year's roll. The gap was very obvious and it showed that we would have very few year 4 and 5 students. The numbers for those two years have always been low, but they were exaggerated by children leaving from these two groups over the previous couple of years. Unfortunately the position that was identified is the class level that Hellen would have had. That is why we went through the process. The identified teacher then has choices. They can choose to work in a school or schools for thirty weeks on full pay or take up an approved course of study fully paid for thirty weeks. At any time within that 30 weeks, they are free to apply for and take up any positions offered. Whaea Hellen in this case has chosen to take up a position that will give her full employment for the rest of the year at least. After term 3 I have at this stage no job to offer her.

Schools are staffed and funded by roll numbers, a drop in roll means a drop in funding. A drop of 25 children means losing one teacher. It is as simple and in some ways as brutal as that.

It is very unfortunate and disappointing that we will be losing Whaea Hellen and her special set of skills. I wish her well in her future endeavours.

Enjoy your weekend. Here's hoping for some more Olympic Medals.

Nga Mihi.

Vern Stevens

# A CELEBRATION OF STORIES

## ~Book Character Day~

WEDNESDAY 11  
AUGUST

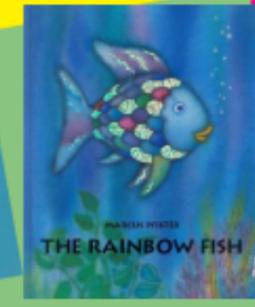
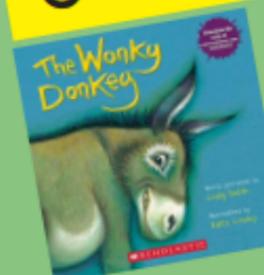


Come along to the Selwyn Park School Book Day dressed as your favourite book character and bring along your favourite book to share.

Storytelling

Sharing

Reading



Start thinking about your costume now!