



Small Schools Newsletter

February 2008

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous holiday.

A special welcome to Ju King who is acting principal at Woodbank. I know you will make contact to welcome Ju in her new role and she will appreciate knowing that support is only a phone call away!

If any of you know of any new teachers to Marlborough that may be interested in working in our wonderful rural schools I would love you to send me their contact details. At the start of the term Ju and Odette were still without a release teacher so please make contact with them if you have any suggestions. As the relieving situation is difficult I appreciate it is helpful to have advance warning of any PD opportunities so have given you the dates to pop in your diary for our cluster meetings for 2008. Registration details will be sent out nearer the time.

I have also organised for the Marlborough Teachers in Leadership Association a PD day in term one with Brian Annan 'Cracking Tough Achievement Problems' on Tuesday 18 March. In term two Cheryl Doig will present a session 'Soft is hard! How to give feedback to bring about change' on Thursday 19 June. All schools will receive information about these workshops and although I have organised them for the MTLA I cannot stress enough that **all interested principals and teachers are welcome to attend.**

Small Schools Cluster Meetings for 2008

Term 1: Building a Learning School – Roger Hornblow

- **Wednesday 2 April 2008** - 3:30-5:00 session (For teachers)
- **Thursday 3 April 2008** - 9:00-3:00 session (For principals, middle managers)

The feedback after our last session with Roger was that you were all keen to attend his second workshop which will look at curriculum design and you will leave with another CD packed with practical ideas to support you with the process. I am still waiting to receive details from Roger for both these sessions and am hoping to be able to send out an information flyer to you next week.

Term 2: PD session on the New Curriculum with Gary Hildyard –Thursday 22 May

Term 3: Kaikoura Meeting –Invite Christchurch school principal to present –Thursday 7 August

Will get feedback from you to decide who and about what!

Term 4: All too busy!

Hope you all have a positive start to the year. Enjoy the term!

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