

# Snippets no 35

14 December 2011



Dear Parent(s)/Caregivers

Wow, the end of the year is upon us!! It certainly has been an eventful year, one I'm sure we could all have done without. From adversity we often develop strengths and I have seen this in our community and school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank EVERYONE for the amazing support throughout the year. The staff have been incredible, often dealing with severe home stresses, turning up each day with their 'game face' on and supporting their students and each other so superbly. My sincere thanks to them for an amazing job!! The students have been tremendous too, often supporting each other through the difficult times and showing real strength of character.

We farewell Lorraine MacKenzie (Pukeko Team Leader) who is retiring, Rana Richards (Wave Rider Team Leader) who is going to lead the junior department at Mount Hutt College, Methven and Mike Stewart (Rm 19/26) who is changing schools. They have all done a great job while at SNBS and will sadly be missed. We wish them all the best in their new adventures.

Hopefully the weather will hold for our Final Assembly so we can involve everyone! If I don't get to see you there, have a fantastic Christmas and holiday break. I will look forward to catching up with you again next year on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

Take care.

**John Bockett**  
Principal

### OUR VISION

To be a community of quality learners, nurturing our values of Citizenship, Achievement, Responsibility and Effort.

*Riding the Wave of Quality Learning*

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2011

15 Dec – Final Assembly @ 12.30

#### Term Dates for 2011

Term 4 25 Oct – 15 Dec (closes at 1.30pm)

#### Term Dates for 2012

Term 1 1 Feb – 5 April  
Term 2 23 April – 29 June  
Term 3 16 July – 28 September  
Term 4 15 October - TBC



### END OF YEAR PRIZEGIVING ASSEMBLY

The 2011 end of year prize giving assembly / whanau hui will be held on Thursday 15th December at 12.30pm.

Weather permitting it will be on the back field/court area. Presentation of CARE, Sports, Speech and Music cups.

Special farewell to our Year 8 students. All welcome.



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE – NO SAUSAGES AVAILABLE ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

