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Welcome to Room 25

THOUGHT FOR THE TERM



"The secret of
education is respecting
the pupil."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Things to remember:

- Library Day is
Thursday. (No book bag,
no book)
- Sunhat
- Water Bottle
- Meet the Teacher
February 19th

HELP

If you have any old
magazines laying
around at home,
please feel free to drop
them into room 25.

Kia ora

WOW! Here we are already well underway with our 2009 school year.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My name is Sheryl Ellington and this is my second year at Summerland Primary School.

I live in Albany, North Shore, with my husband and three children aged 17, 14 and 12.

I also share the house with a border collie, a shih tzu, 3 cats and a budgie!!!

I enjoy soccer, reading, kayaking and love fishing...but only when the fish are biting!

My background is one of a Montessori trained teacher and I am truly passionate about providing a safe environment within the classroom in which your children feel they are able to take risks and learn.

This term our topic is "Ready, Steady..." :

For the first few weeks we will be working on routines, getting to know one another and learning about ourselves and others.

Towards the end of the term we will be running a "firewise" programme for the year 1 and 2 children. This is a fun and educational programme designed to heighten awareness of safety issues and how to keep safe in the event of fire. (<http://firewise.fire.org.nz/>)

Reading: Reading books will be coming home every night from Monday 9th February and I would love it if you would take the time to share with your child the joy of reading. I appreciate just how busy our lives are but this is truly time well spent.

I encourage all parents/caregivers into the classroom, before lessons start, to share in their child's work and discuss what they are doing. I have added an e-mail address for those that are unable contact me otherwise. There is also a notice board in the classroom where I will place extra copies of newsletters and work in the event that your child is absent.

Once again, thanks to everyone for the really positive start to 2009.

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(NB: Whilst I will answer all e-mails, please be aware that I may be unable to do so straight away.)