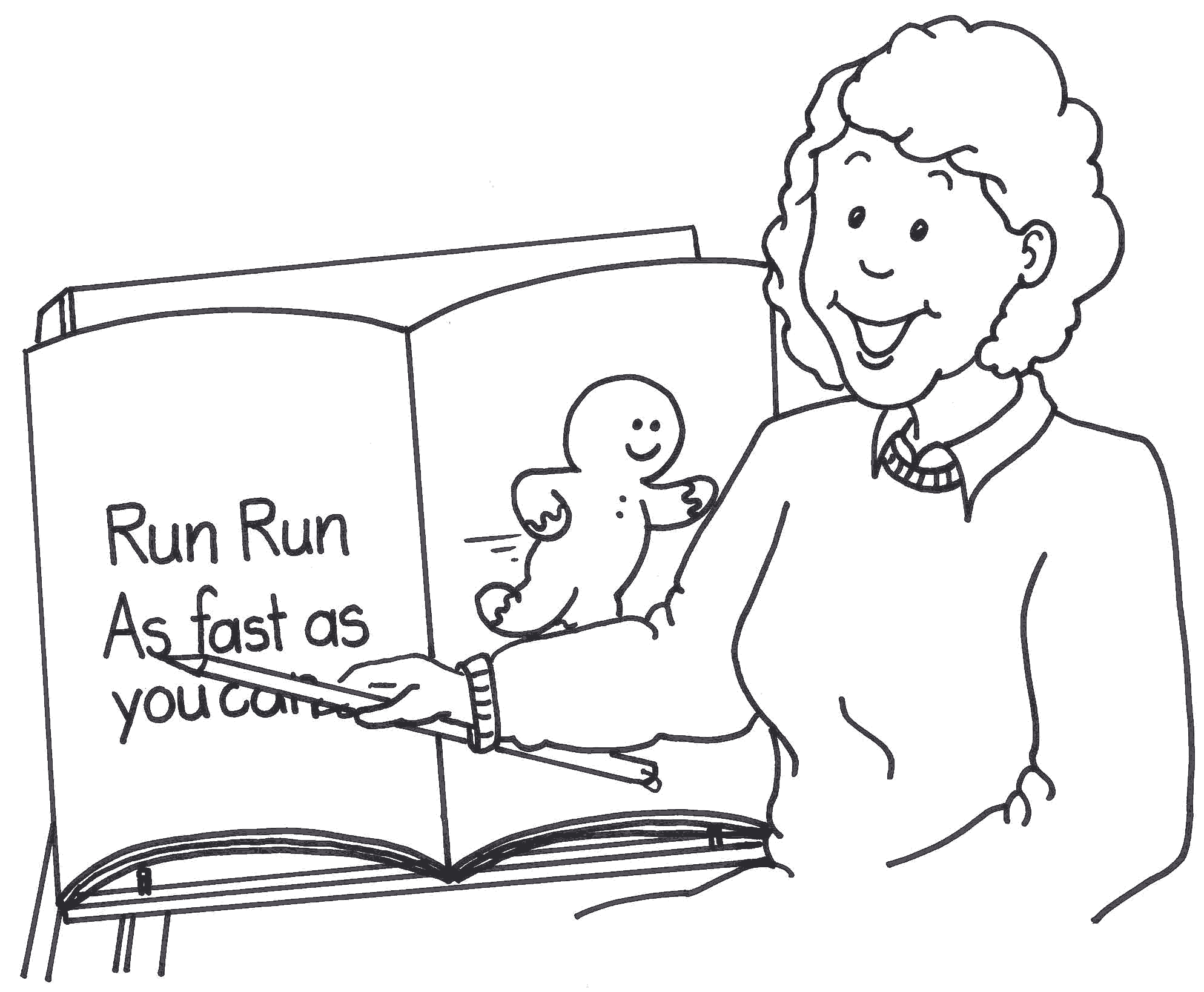
**Team 3 Newsletter**

**2014 Term 1**

**Kia Ora Parents and Caregivers,**



It’s term 1, 2014 and we are ready to rock and roll! A warm welcome to all our new families at Willowbank School. We wish all our Chinese families a happy New Year.

With all that great weather, we hope that you had a relaxing holiday and that the children are refreshed and ready to start the new year with a bang!

We would like to introduce our team for this year:

Room 21 – Ms Gina Grant

Room 22 – Mrs Adele Jacobs (Dean of Learning)

Room 24 – Miss Danielle Wilson

Room 26 – Miss Yu-Chun Wang

Room 28 – Mrs Kathy Danielz

**Uniforms**

Please make sure that your child wears the correct uniform to school, including black shoes or sandals. **School sun hats** are a requirement in summer and can be obtained from the office. Please remember to label all clothing and stationery.

**Learning At Home**

A reminder of the home learning expectations for Team 3:

Reading – 20 minutes per night

Please remember to send your child with their book bag every day.

Spelling – Children to learn their spelling words during the week for a test on Friday

Numeracy – Children to spend approximately 60 minutes per week on Studyladder and approximately 10 minutes per night with basic facts.

Wiki/Blog – spend some time on the class wiki or class blog and feel free to make comments.

**Learning areas and topics for this term**

**Inquiry:**

Weeks 1-2: Building learning focused relationships

Weeks 3-5: Kia Kaha

Weeks 6-11: Knowing New Zealand

**Physical Education:**

Fitness - Co-operative games

Team Sport - fielding and striking games.

**Written work:**

Writing recounts

Writing information reports

**Mathematics:**

Numeracy:

Addition and subtraction strategies.

Strand: Statistics

**Reading:**

Differentiated learning goals for ability groups.

**Assessments**

Teachers will be undertaking assessments in reading, maths, writing and spelling over the next three weeks, which will enable them to identify the students’ learning needs.

**General:**

We look forward to meeting you next week at our Meet the teacher evening on Wednesday 12th February at 6.00 – 7.00pm.

**Team 3 Teachers ☺**

**What’s on this term?**

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| Week | Event |
| 1 | Waitangi Day |
| 2 | Meet the Teacher evening – Wednesday – 6.00-7.00pm. |
| 6 | Jellybeans music starts |

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**Team wiki addresses and blogs**

Each class has a wiki space (see below for address). On the wiki, the class will be able to share their learning with you and direct you to activities to reinforce their learning. You can access some of your child’s work, photos and ideas that the children have been working on.The wikis have games that provide reinforcement of learning in a fun way.Regular learning overviews will be posted on the wiki so you know what your child is and will be learning. Researching some of these topics would be ideal for home learning as well. It would be fantastic to make regular comments on class Blogs as the children love reading your feedback. This is a fun way of interacting with the class.

Room 21: <http://learning-links.wikispaces.com/>

AND <http://whare-of-learning.wikispaces.com/>

Blog:<http://gs-edu-blog.blogspot.co.nz/>

Room 22: <https://learnerzone.wikispaces.com/>

<http://kidszonebloggers.blogspot.co.nz/>

Room 24: <http://dannisdomain.wikispaces.com/>

Room 26: <http://livelearninglounge.wikispaces.com/>

Room 28:  <http://danielzden.wikispaces.com/>

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**We look forward to sharing the children’s successes with you. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact us.**

**Team 3 Teachers ☺**