Dear Parents,

I wish to inform you of some highly exciting news. We are very proud of two of our class teachers, Tania Blandthorn and Megan Inglese, who have been selected as our Science Specialization Teachers for 2014 and 2015.

**What a Primary Science Specialist?**
The Science Specialists initiative is aimed at building teacher capacity and boosting primary students’ engagement and achievement in science.

The objective of the initiative is for schools to have two trained science specialists, working both with students and with teachers.

As a result, it is anticipated that teachers working with specialists will gain greater confidence and capacity in teaching science and students will be more engaged in science, with improved outcomes.

Therefore, Tania and Megan will be required to participate in 20 days of training and professional development and be absent for the school during this time. The first of this training occurs for 5 days next week, 11th to 15th November and then a further 5 days from 25th to 29th November 2013.

During this time we are pleased to advise that Jess Holden and Gwen DeLacy, two of our regular relief teachers, will be their replacements.

Both Jess and Gwen are fabulous teachers and familiar faces at The Patch School.

Warm regards,

Debra Herrmann  
Principal  
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