

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

31 January 2012

Dear Parents & Caregivers

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With my specialist's recommendation I will continue to have chemotherapy for another few months this year, but thankfully I seem to have few side effects and am full of energy. Every second Tuesday starting on February 7th, I will be away at Wellington Hospital and Mrs Jo Clark is going to look after the class for me. The children will all have the chance to get to know her before then and she will be a familiar member of the Room 5 family.

I have a very open attitude about having cancer and am always happy to explain aspects of my treatment, It's possible that my hair will become very thin and maybe even fall out, but I have a new wig ready if that happens, so the children will be well prepared for the new look Mrs Calder!

I am looking forward to having a great year and my promise is to give each of your children the very best start to their school life.

Yours sincerely

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