

## **Parent Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

Welcome to our final newsletter of the 2009/2010 school year:

**1 Reminder:** The school closes at 12noon tomorrow ( Wednesday 30th June).

### **2 Thank You**

From myself as Principal and from all of the teaching, care and secretarial staff we wish to thank you, as parents, for the courtesy and generosity with which you have treated us over the past year. It is a sign of the level of support we have from our parent body for our work in the school when we can observe on a daily basis your co-operation and courtesy. Thank You for this and we look forward to a great year for 2010/11.

### **3 School Calendar**

Please find overleaf a copy of the school calendar for the 2010/11 school year. This will also be posted on the school website [www.balbrigganetns.com](http://www.balbrigganetns.com) . Please note that the school reopens on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 8.45am.

### **4 The School Development Plan**

As you are aware, a great amount of effort and collaboration has been undertaken devising and designing a 2<sup>nd</sup> Five Year Plan for the school identifying priorities and focus for the coming five years, 2010/15. A copy of this document will shortly be available through the Principal's Blog . There is much here that I hope you will find exciting and motivating, and I would welcome your comments through the Blog forum.

### **5 Parents with IT and Computer Skills?**

As well as enjoying a well earned break there will be a great amount of business undertaken in the school over the coming weeks by teachers and parents alike. All of the teachers are undertaking upskilling and professional development courses in a variety of areas, all relevant to the school's future plans. A comprehensive topping-up of the school's furnishing will also be undertaken. And, most importantly, the school's Board of Management are committing vast sums of money to the development of a state-of-the-art Information Technology platform for the school from which to run interactive whiteboards in every room and a suite of networked computers in each classroom. We are very grateful to a set of committed parents for undertaking a great amount of the technical work involved in this. Any parent who has the skills base to configure and connect new and used computers would be most welcome to lend a hand for the final phase of this project on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at 10am. If you are free to do this, please just turn up on that morning, we would be most grateful.

**Have a great summer and see you on Monday 30<sup>th</sup>  
August.**