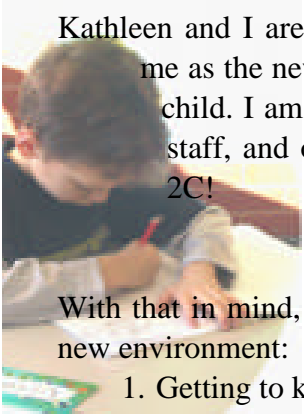


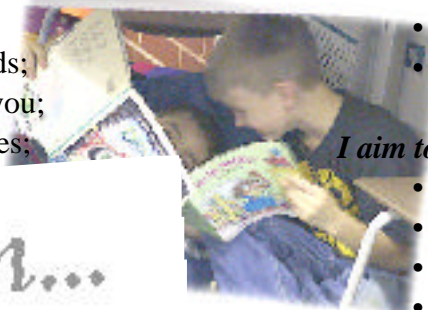
Kia ora Team 2C!

I am excited to be working with 2C for the rest of the year! Kathleen and I are working at present to make the transition to me as the new class teacher as smooth as possible for your child. I am really enjoying getting to know the class, the staff, and of course you. What a great team we have in 2C!



With that in mind, I have these priorities while I settle in to the new environment:

1. Getting to know your child's learning needs;
2. Building relationships with the class and you;
3. Getting to know existing classroom routines;
4. Getting to know the school.



Rob as an Educator...

I work hard to model myself as a learner and am always continuing my own professional learning.

I am here to make a difference for your children. My job is to put in place the conditions that will help your child become a self-managing learner.

Children learn best when they:

- are happy and confident to take risks in their learning;
- are able to express themselves in a wide variety of ways;
- have ownership of their learning and their learning environment;
- get immediate, specific and ongoing feedback on all aspects;
- have a strong sense of community within their classroom.

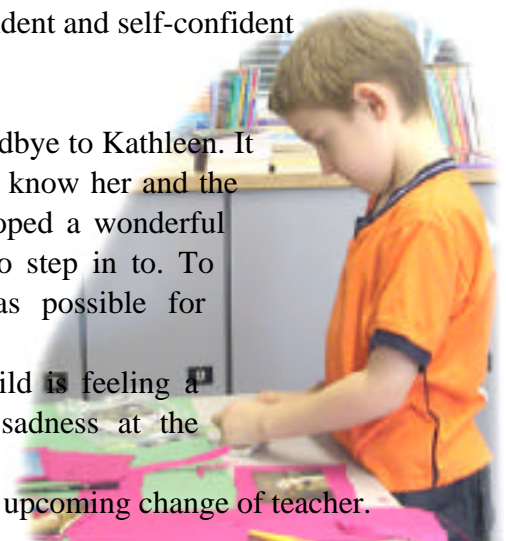
I aim to create a community of learners, and an environment where we:

- are valued as individuals
- are encouraged to take risks in our learning
- develop our thinking skills
- learn to take responsibility for our behaviour and choices
- learn to become caring and successful individuals
- become progressively independent and self-confident

Making the transition...

This is a special time as we say goodbye to Kathleen. It is a rare luxury to be able to get to know her and the class together. Kathleen has developed a wonderful caring class environment for me to step in to. To ensure this time is as smooth as possible for everyone, I would ask that you:

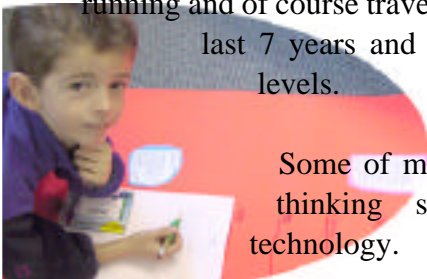
- please understand if your child is feeling a mixture of excitement and sadness at the same time;
- emphasize the positives in the upcoming change of teacher.



Rob as a Person...

I am 27 years old and come from New Zealand. I have a twin sister and am from Christchurch, which is in the South Island of Aotearoa (NZ). I have recently moved to England having completed a backpacking adventure around southern Europe.

I enjoy most outdoor sports, reading, cooking, mountain biking, running and of course travelling! I have been an educator for the last 7 years and have had experience at most grade levels.



Some of my teaching interests include: drama, thinking skills, PE, art and information technology.

Other Bits n Pieces...

Parent Help.

It's great to see the high level of support you give us! Current parent help will continue (ie. Wenesday readers). Initially I will need help in making resources and finding odds and ends as I have VERY little with me!



At the moment, I am on the hunt for:

- a rug for our 'mat area' for the children to sit on.
- things to use for our upcoming author study on Roald Dahl, particularly for "James & the Giant Peach".
- let me know if you have something you think might be useful/fun.

I will be looking for other ways you can help us once I have settled in over the next couple of weeks. Watch this space!

Home-School Communication

It is important that we work together as a team for your child's learning. Always contact me first if you have anything you wish to discuss about your child's learning. Contact me any time (at school: relarke@acs-england.co.uk **or**: robclarke@xtra.co.nz), or phone and leave a message. Alternatively, if you need to speak to me in person, I am available before school each morning and after school by appointment.

Kind regards,

Rob Clarke
Class Teacher

