



### **Fell House news: October 2011**

As we enter the last week of the third term, the boys woke today to a massive thunder storm and a new Matron! I'm not sure which one disturbed them the most...

After Three terms and three matrons, and no outside interest in the job, we have asked my wife, Donna, to take over the role long term. She has agreed and today at 8am the boys had all beds made, everyone breakfasted, and all duty teams busy working.

At 8.30 the dorms were locked and everyone went to school to be in their classes early.

For those who don't know Donna, she is a fitness instructor and works out in the school gym at 5am.

We will miss our current Matron, Pania, of course, and our best wishes go with her for the future.

The boys have just completed their mock exams and are winding down now until the end of the term, but they are keeping Fell House in good order and the mood is positive and upbeat.

Term Three has seen no serious discipline issues, and the boys are enjoying themselves. There has been no vandalism, no wilful damage and no problems of note.

We have a new staff member, finally finding the right person to complete our team in Kade Heke. Kade boarded at Fell over 10 years ago and is happy to rejoin the Fell family.

In the coming days I am adding a gym in Fell, as we are the only house without a proper workout area. To that end I have used some of the house shop money to buy a very good collection of pre-used equipment.

I am also purchasing a table-top-soccer table and one or two other items to keep the boys fit and entertained.

All year groups have been a tremendous help this term, and being in Fell is a genuine pleasure.

It really pleases me to see off duty supervisors playing basketball or pool with the boys, and seeing the boys respond so positively.

Once again I must thank you for the honour of looking after your sons, and for the trust you put in myself and my team.

Have a good holiday, and I look forward to seeing the boys in a couple of weeks to commence Term 4.

Rob Jenkins

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