

Name: Mrs Judy Betts

Class: Learning Support Teacher, Year 1 Executive Release

What is your favourite animal?

My favourite pet animal is a cat. My cat, Cosmo, is about 5 years old. She is a rescue cat and is still quite timid, but is good company for me at home. I like seeing animals in their natural habitats outdoors and at zoos. I also like to make a fuss of other people's pet dogs, but only if they are well behaved and trained!

What is your favourite food?

Home cooked meals...Some of my favourite cuisines are French, Italian, Hungarian, Eastern Mediterranean and Asian.

What is your favourite subject?

As I only teach a few days a week in class, I don't really have a favourite subject. I especially like teaching Science and Visual Art.

What primary school did you go to?

Sacred Heart, Thorndon (it's near the 'Beehive', the NZ parliament building), Wellington, New Zealand

What made you want to be a teacher or want to work in a school?

When I was a little girl at primary school, I used to play 'schools' with my neighbour's little daughter, Molly and taught her to read! I have always liked being with children and interacting with them. It is very special seeing students develop and progress with their learning as they develop into happy, well-rounded and confident young people.

What do you love about OLPS?

The students, staff and parent community. I also really like teaching in a small school where everyone knows each other and cares so deeply about one another.

As a staff member here at OLPS, what are you most proud of?

I am most proud of my role as a Learning Support Teacher and how this has supported many students, families and teachers at OLPS. I especially love seeing these students grow and gain confidence as they reach specific personal goals. This has such a positive impact on each child's self-esteem and learning, with a flow on effect to their families, teachers and their wellbeing at OLPS and then in the wider community once they leave OLPS.