



The Ryde School

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Dear Parents and Carers

The children have all been very excited at the news I shared with them today.

As you will know, not so long ago I had to share the sad news with the children that Squiggles, one of our guinea pigs had died. Since then Wiggles, our surviving guinea pig, has been very lonely. Last night I was able to collect some friends for him.

We now have four baby girl guinea pigs to join our school. The children have all met them and were very eager to see them up close. As they settle into school life, the children will have more regular opportunities to interact with them. Here are some pictures of them.



The children are responsible for the care of the guinea pigs. School Council will be arranging a fund raising activity to help fund the guinea pigs and the Class 6 children, who wish to, are on a rota to look after the daily care of them. Caring for a pet is a responsibility and a commitment and the children learn this by looking after our school pets.

Our previous and present guinea pigs were and are much loved by the children (and staff) in the school and I am sure our new ones will be too. They help give comfort to some children when they are upset or worried. They offer endless entertainment, including joining in with some assemblies!

In the coming weeks, as the baby guinea pigs settle into school life, children will have the opportunity to hold and pet them if they wish too.

A fun activity the children will take part in is choosing names for the four guinea pigs. The School Council will lead this and I will let you know the outcome.

I am sure your children will be able to tell you all about them when they come home today.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sue Proagton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Yours sincerely" text.