# On the move again

Red duct tape on the box with the electric jug and the coffee cups and the tea bags and TEASPOONS – always remember the teaspoons. Blue duct tape on the box with the kid’s teddy bears and cuddly blankets that Nana quilted them.

After so many times moving (I’ve really lost count) any repeated exercise you really have to learn something don’t you?

So here we are again, off to another location. In no particular order, notify the kids school to get their school records (get a copy of these as they don’t always get transferred and at the moment, I don’t know what school they are going to next), notify the teacher so a farewell for the kids can be organised and the special book can be passed around. This was begun by a friend, also used to moving, in their kindergarten year, so it’s a nice history of the friends they’ve made in all the locations they have lived. Notify the rental agency and all the services, thankfully no house sale this time! Such an effort of keeping a house tidy for open inspections, which really involved becoming skilled at hiding things under beds and in cupboards just before the doors opened.

Fly to the new location for a scouting trip which involves a whirlwind visit to the schools I’ve researched beforehand, are they what they seem? if so, then can I book the kids in? From there try and find a house to rent, close to the schools, in the first instance until we can find somewhere to buy (if we stay that long).

Fly back and start packing. Which of course is an ideal time to sort, do these clothes fit? Have we really used that cake tin? But I must do this judiciously, I donated the fairy floss maker last time we moved, and the cries of outrage can still be heard.

So here we are at our new location. Kids are off at school; they are settled in making friends as only kids can seamlessly do. I’m at the house getting things straightened and sorted. Looking at the pile of boxes that are still unpacked, and I realise they were unpacked at the last house, does this mean I really need them? I peak inside and there are the kids first shoes, first teddies, first outfits, first paintings. I seal it up again, and put rainbow duct tape on the box, this one to be always kept.