



Wednesday 20 February 2019 [www.sis.school.nz](http://www.sis.school.nz)

Principal: Taitu'uga Geoff Siave

Kia Ora Talofa Greetings Namaste Kamusta  
Malo e lelei Salaam Alaikum Bore da

Guten Da Bula Konichi Wa Anyoung haseyo

**Meet the Teacher** - Thanks to all those who showed up at the Meet the Teacher evening last Thursday. We hope you got something worthwhile out of visiting the class, and interacting with the teacher. It was wonderful to be able to talk with so many of you during the poolside barbecue. Remember that you are always welcome to meet with your child's teacher. To ensure quality time, it is good to pre-arrange a time.

### Term One Learning Focus - Whanaungatanga

During term one, much of our literacy work is based around Whanaungatanga

#### Why study Whanaungatanga ?

Most of us know that "whana" means "family". Whanaungatanga refers to the broader sense of "family-ness" - or "belonging". We all belong to families - and these can look very different to each other. We also belong to many *groups* during our lives - family, best friends, classmates, schoolmates, sports team, church, etc. There are ways of behaving that make us part of the group or whanau - such as treating people with respect. Some groups have "rules" - wear uniform, turn up on time, etc. - Cooperation is needed in every whanau.



**New Teacher Aides** - As part of our focus on improving student achievement we have three new teacher aides in our school. We are extremely pleased to acknowledge and welcome Wendy Pule (based in Kahikatea 8 & 9), Beverly Blee (Totara 1 & Te Tahu Rua Reo) and Molly Mazey-Richardson (Matai 6 & 7).

### Kua tae mai ... Coming Up... :

- Breakfast Club - Foods Room - every Tuesday Wednesday Thursday from 8.20am
- Fitness Club. Wednesdays 3-4pm - Caregiver permission required
- Swimming Endurance Club - after school Tuesdays - Caregiver permission required
- Vision Screening for Year Seven pupils (and any Year Eight needing retest) Monday 25 February
- Board of Trustees meeting 6pm Wednesday 27 February (Principal's office)
- Pasifika Fono - 6pm Thursday 28 February - Matai learning Base, and Foods Room (see notice below)
- Swimming Sports 1.15pm Monday 4 March
- Vaccination for Year Eight pupils Monday 11 March
- Mathematics Parent session - DMIC explained (see note below)
- School Photos - Wednesday 13 March - Correct uniforms please
- Teacher Only Day Friday 31 May (Day before QB weekend)

### Problem Solving and DMIC Maths? Are you wondering what it is all about?

Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities is operating in classrooms at Shirley Intermediate School everyday and is proving to be very successful. The data we have collected since beginning this practice has shown some very positive results.

We have been most fortunate to have Bobbie Hunter from Massey University accept an invitation to come and talk with our parent community about DMIC. Bobbie developed DMIC from her classroom practice and doctorate research.

We would very much like to invite any interested parents to come and hear her talk about this method of teaching and the benefits it has for children's mathematical learning.

**When:** Monday 11 March - 6.30 - 8.00pm **Where:** Banks Avenue School Library

**Pasifika Families Fono - 6pm - 7.30 - Thursday 28 February** - We are holding this meeting for our Pasifika families and anyone else interested in enhancing the achievement of our Pasifika learners. Please feel free to bring a cooked dish or some other kai to for a shared meal. You are very welcome to bring your favourite Pacific Island dish.

**Shirley District Music School** - keyboard classes are no longer available but there are spaces available for other instruments. Check our school website for information and enrolment

**Paid Union Meeting afternoon** of Wednesday 20 March. School close 1.15pm Children can leave during lunch period.



**Mana Ake is a new initiative** that aims to promote wellbeing and positive mental health for children in Years 1-8 by providing early intervention and support to students, families/whānau and teachers.

Mana Ake was launched last year and we are delighted to inform you that it is now up and running for our Ōtākaro Kāhui Ako.

**Our team of kaimahi (Mana Ake workers) work across the primary schools in our kāhui ako** - Banks Ave, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Shirley Primary, Shirley Intermediate and Waitākiri Primary.

The Mana Ake service is provided by people with a range of skills including social workers, whānau ora kaimahi, counsellors, youth workers, nurses and psychologists.

The Mana Ake service **can support individual children, groups of children** and provide information and workshops for **parents** with wellbeing needs.

Mana Ake Kaimahi are available to support children and their families/whānau at school and at home and they will be in your child's school regularly

**Board of trustees** - Elections are being held in June this year - Please give this some consideration. There is information about the important role of trustees online. If you would like paper information about this, please contact the school office.

### **Chickenpox**

Chickenpox has been reported in our school. The virus is spread through the air by infected people when they sneeze or cough. The illness starts 10-21 days after being exposed. Chickenpox is contagious 1-2 days before the blisters appear. Keep your child home for 1 week from the appearance of the rash until all blisters have dried.

Can you get chickenpox twice? Yes, but this is extremely rare.



### **Dunedin Trip - Term Four**

Mr Duff is sending a separate letter home about this. Please consider saving toward this trip, and ensure any outstanding school costs are paid before camp. We will have fundraising activities in the near future.

***Wanted : Does anyone have expertise and access to a small digger machine? Please Contact the principal***

## Appetite for Life

An awesome opportunity exists for **our parent community**. **Appetite For Life (AFL)** is a non-diet 'whole of life' approach to weight management and our focus is on health gain rather than weight loss. The AFL programme supports you to make small changes to eating, activity and behaviour by promoting foods that look after your health and weight leading to a big difference in you.



### Learn about:

- Why diets don't work - Why we eat - What's in our food - How small changes add up to a big change in health - Mindful eating and habits - Staying motivated

### AFL is suitable for people who are

- Interested in achieving and maintaining a healthy weight
- Fed up with dieting and wanting a healthy relationship with food
- At risk of/ or have existing diet related health problems e.g. High cholesterol, type 2 diabetes
- With family or whanau who have diet related health issues

### Details

- 6 x 2 hour's sessions
- Free food tasting each session
- Great resources to take home and share

The course usually costs **\$400** but it's **FREE**. This will be held at school starting on **Thursday 28 February** and runs for 6 weeks. **Times are 6pm - 8pm.**

### What does an Appetite for Life session look like?

Informal setting, SIS staff room, sofas for all! AfL presenter shares information with the members and has useful handouts available. Discussion is relaxed. Participants reported that they felt very comfortable and supported - the environment is "safe". Tables are set up in background - the AfL cook prepares a range of delicious model dishes for the end of session sampling time.

Interested? **Please contact our teacher Rebecca Smith by midday Friday 22 February, [rebeccas@sis.school.nz](mailto:rebeccas@sis.school.nz) with your name address and contact details. Or ring the school office 385 2229.** You could also complete this form and submit to the school office.

### Appetite for Life Expression of Interest

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details: (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

(Email) \_\_\_\_\_

## Community Notices



At **Boys' Brigade in Shirley**, our boys aged 11 to 18 enjoy a wide range of action, fun, games, life skills, leadership and competition – all the stuff they are really into, and really need to become true kiwi icons and responsible leaders.

Our creative weekly programme is both skills and values based and operates on Thursday evenings.

If you're interested, pick up a pamphlet at the School Office.

### Civic Memorial Service for the 8<sup>th</sup>

**anniversary of the 2010-2011 Canterbury Earthquakes, 22 February 2019, 12.30pm** - All are very welcome to attend, to be held at the North bank of Oī Manawa - the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial, cnr of Montreal Street and Cambridge Terrace. (Supported by the Quake Families Trust and Christchurch City Council).



Children's day is a Fun Filled **FREE** day for children and their families. This year the event is once again being held in the Red Zone at 158 New Brighton Road.



### Tomorrow's Schools Review: Consultation update



Public consultation meetings: Come along to these events and discuss the future of our schooling system. Tomorrow Schooling Review: Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together

Please promote these **PUBLIC** meetings through your facebook, website and emails. These are important meetings for our communities to hear about the proposed reforms, ask questions and give ideas.

Thursday, 21 February - Addington Raceway & Events Centre - Metropolitan Stand  
75 Jack Hinton Drive - Christchurch, Canterbury 8024

### United Fencing Club

At Shirley Intermediate School Hall - Tuesday's 7pm

Please contact Diane at [fencingforum@gmail.com](mailto:fencingforum@gmail.com) or ring (03) 351 7423 or contact the secretary Rob at [shead@supermail.co.nz](mailto:shead@supermail.co.nz), or ring 980 1914 for more information.

Note: Shirley Intermediate Term 1 fee \$30.

### Shirley Rugby Club

We are currently recruiting for our Under 11,12 and 13 teams.

Training and clubrooms at Burwood Park

Phone Hayden 0279288405 or email [rdo@shirleyrugby.co.nz](mailto:rdo@shirleyrugby.co.nz)

