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Principal: Taitu'uga Geoff Siave

Kia Ora Talofa Greetings Namaste Kamusta Guten Da Bula Konichi Wa
Anyoung haseyo Malo e lelei Salaam Alaikum Bore da

Two weeks ago we held a hugely successful mufti day. We were able to give a generous monetary gift to two of our families who were directly impacted by the events of 15 March. We have reserves aside for the third family. Thank you so much.



Intermediate Swimming Sports

On Tuesday 2 April, four students represented Shirley Intermediate at the Intermediate Schools swimming championships held at Selwyn Aquatic Centre in Rolleston with 377 competitors.

When we consider that this elite group is selected from 2500 children across 35 Intermediate schools, our students did very well indeed.



Results:

Camilla Veremyuk	50m Freestyle 2 nd in heats, 50m Breaststroke 3 rd in heats, 50m Backstroke 1 st in heats
Ellie Biscoe-Tarei	25m Freestyle 5 th in heats.
Arthur Veremyuk	25m Freestyle 2 nd in heats.
Sohaib Kausari	25m Freestyle 4 th in heats.

While our children did not qualify for any finals (which are based on the fastest times) , we are very proud of their effort. I would like to thank the children for their wonderful behaviour and an excellent competitive spirit.

- Mike Allen.

No more Textstream - only Flexibuzz now. We have cancelled textstream, so it is important that parents/caregivers get the free phone app Flexibuzz. We were also able to communicate via Facebook during the recent lockdown thanks to Matua Thomas managing to access it outside our school system. We have now enable FB access for key staff to enable messages to be relayed through there as well. Flexibuzz will remain our first message service, but FB could be a handy back up. For those who receive newsletters we will still group -send your newsletter, but Flexibuzz is still recommended.

Review of Lock Down Procedures by Ministry of Education It is so important that children feel safe at schools, kura and early learning centres, as is a parent/caregiver feeling confident in the safety of their child or children in their early learning service or school environment.

When the NZ Police put a city wide lockdown in place in Christchurch on 15 March, our schools, kura and early learning centres kept everyone safe, in very challenging circumstances.

Schools, kura and early learning services have individual emergency plans in place to ensure they know how to manage an emergency before it occurs. The city wide response affected a very large number of families and occurred at a time of uncertainty has brought into focus that it is important parents are knowledgeable of these processes and know what occurs during lockdown situations.

We are working together with Christchurch principal associations, representatives of the early childhood sector and the NZ Police to look at the whole of our system's emergency response. We will be looking at our existing guidelines, physical logistics, any processes that could improve lockdown practices, communications and procedures required for multiple lockdowns.

This is an opportunity to learn from the event to ensure the ongoing safety and wellbeing of children, staff and parents. We encourage anyone that wants to provide feedback including parents, staff and students to talk with their school, kura and early learning services or email feedback.Canterbury@education.govt.nz

Ngā mihi
Coralanne Child
Ministry of Education

Charter 2019 - Two key broad strategies.

In our Charter our board of trustees sets some key achievement goals. Usually these are around improving the academic achievement of our children in literacy and mathematics. We also acknowledge the broader curriculum (arts, social sciences, health and physical education, technology, etc) and the importance of Te Tiriti of Waitangi and the Maori dimensions across the curriculum. In 2019 our teachers and board have opted for two main strategies - from which many specific acts emerge. These two strategies are:

1. Raise our efficiency in *Capturing the Learning* which is happening throughout each school day in order to know and teach to the needs of all akonga (learners) in Literacy and Mathematics. We are seeking to know your child's learning very well, to provide ample opportunity for active engagement (by pupils) in learning and assessment. We acknowledge the importance of your child knowing where they are in their learning process - what they have to learn next, etc.
2. Improve the quality of kaiako-akonga (teacher-learner) interactions by focusing on the teaching and learning process. This means that by implementing the first strategy - knowing your child very well - we will best be able to address your child's needs with a high degree of intensity and targeted attention.

These two broad goals are revealed in a wide range of specific further strategies and actions - we will explain some or all of these in subsequent newsletters.

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Reminder: Please keep us updated with all your contact details - when you get a new cellphone number or email address please let us know. Thank you

Ka 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
- Parent Teacher - Learning talks - Wed 10- Thur 11 April Details below
- Last day of term one - Friday 12 April. Term Two begins Monday 29 April
- Teacher Only Day Friday 31 May (Day before QB weekend)

Parent Teacher Learning Talks Wed 10, Thu 11 April.

These sessions are very important and we would like to have everyone book a session with your child's teacher.

To make a booking go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz - password: 3huyv

Please bring your child to the interview with you.

School will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday 10 April.

Remember, you are always welcome to make an appointment to see a teacher about your child's learning.

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. http://resources.nzsta.org.nz/Parent_Guide/index.html If you would like paper information about this, please contact the school office.

Dunedin Trip - Term Four

Mr Duff has sent home a separate letter about this. Please consider saving toward this trip, and ensure any outstanding school costs are paid before camp. Chocolate selling has begun and some children have already sold a few boxes each. Each box sold raises \$24 for the seller's Dunedin trip fee in November/December .

Shirley District Music School - from Janet Simon - Director

There are still spaces available in `Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet & Violin. Remember that enrolled students in these instruments go into a draw to receive full fees back!!

I am closing all enrolments at the end of term 1 so if you know someone who is keen please get them to contact me asap.

Once I have closed enrolments I will take the names of all SDMS enrolled students who are learning `cello, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and Violin along to the local Police Station and ask them to draw 2 names. Those families will receive all fees and instrument hire back.

SDMS Music Theory Club: Wednesdays 3.30 to 4.30 at Shirley Intermediate

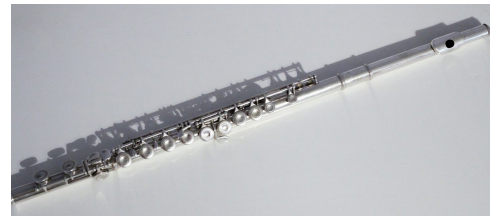
This class is proving to be very enjoyable and these students could be up to year 11 music before they start high school. There are still a few spaces left so if your child is interested or if you require more information please contact me. The music theory work book is \$11.00, this can be paid to me on the day of music theory or paid into the same account that you paid the fees into. Students need to bring a pencil, rubber and a smile!!

SDMS Performance Group: Thursdays 3.30 to 4.30 at Shirley Intermediate

This group has very enthusiastic students and we are working hard on many pieces, plenty of individual help is given. Students who are learning a classical instrument are welcome, please talk to your child's music teacher to see if they are ready.

SDMS Rock Band: Wednesday 4.30 to 5.30 at Shirley Intermediate

We are hoping to get this group started next term, we need a percussionist, guitar and bass guitar, keyboard and singers. Please contact me or Ben Eldridge hello@beneldridgemusic.com for more information.



Community Notices

These notices are included subject to space availability and the discretion of the school.
SIS has no health and safety responsibility for any of these events.

United Fencing Club

At Shirley Intermediate School Hall - Tuesday's 7pm Please contact Diane at fencingforum@gmail.com or ring (03) 351 7423 or contact the secretary Rob at shead@supermail.co.nz, or ring 980 1914 for more information. Note: Shirley Intermediate Term 1 fee \$30.

Shirley Boys Important dates 2019

Open Night - 23 May

Enrolment Open - 23 May

C V Gallagher Scholarship Exam - 6 June

Enrolments Close - 26 July

Ballot Day - 30 July

Letters of offer emailed - 30 July

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



English Language Lessons - Phone Shauna 389-0219 for more details			
Any level of English - Creche available – pre-schoolers and babies welcome	Wednesdays 10am-12pm	C3 Church, 269 Hills Road (n.b.changed)	\$2
English- Listening and Speaking class – elementary level	Thursdays 10am-12pm	Delta House, 105 North Avon Road	\$2
International playgroup For migrant and refugee mums (and pre-schoolers)	Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am	Shirley Hub 69b Briggs Rd	\$2

Community Yoga Sessions

All sessions Tuesdays in SIS hall. Starts weekly Tuesdays from 30 April.

5-12 year-olds Ninja Pedagogy 5pm -6pm

Open Yoga session 6pm-7pm

Flow Wolf Group - Performance Yoga for teens plus 7pm -8.30pm

Contact leighviimona@gmail.com