

SIS Mission Statement: *Through collaborative practice and active engagement, we embrace learning as a pathway to living full and satisfying lives - SIS Vision Statement 2018*



Thursday 20 August 2020
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Principal: Taitu'uga

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

Teacher Only Day - Friday 21 August As advised in our caregivers booklet, previous newsletters, and through Skool loop, we are having a teacher only day tomorrow - being midway through this term. This is one of the days granted by the Ministry of Education as part of our renewed teacher collective contract. Teachers will use this day for professional development. **Please make alternative arrangements for your child on that day.** Teachers will be working on report writing, planning technologies, and localised curriculum.

Equipment not permitted at school

As mentioned in our previous newsletter scooters, cell phones and electronic music devices are not permitted to be used at school. This has come about mainly due to misuse of these items. The transition to the introduction of these rulings has been very smooth. It's been good to see that these decisions have inspired some well written reflections from children.

Term Three Study Topic: Financial Literacy

Building Names

Staff and Board members are attending a hui this evening presenting a plan for the naming of our buildings in a way that reflects Mana Whenua - the original people of the land. The naming plan incorporates mahina kai (locally available food sources) and fauna. A hui for local whanau will be announced shortly.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Mid Year reports

Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 August (Week Six of term three)

We will have a face-to-face meeting with you and your child.

Both interview days will have some time slots available in the early evening. The booking procedure will be online as well as by phone. On Wednesday 26 August school will finish at 2.15pm to allow for the first interviews at 2.30pm.

At the interview teachers will share progress about your child. They will instead share information with you and discuss with you how we - together - can continue to best serve your child's learning. You might have thoughts, information or ideas to share. Due to the postponement of the Parent Interviews, the mid year reports will be given out at the interviews.



Booking Details through www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **2tkz5**. Please remember that you are welcome to make appointments to see teachers at any mutually convenient time throughout the year.



The Education Review Office is visiting from Monday 7 September until Wednesday 9 September. They will be meeting our Board of Trustees on Monday evening. Parents are invited to meet with the ERO team on Tuesday 8 September at 6pm in our staffroom. We will print instructions on how to get to the staffroom in a future newsletter.

Food for families

As mentioned in the previous newsletters, we receive boxes of food from a local Foodbank on **Mondays and Thursdays**. If you need a box of supplies please ring Mrs T (Becs) in our office on 385 2229 and we'll put you on a list for notification so we will see if we can put something aside for you.



Thank you to the volunteers who help us distribute the food each week.

Quick news and reminders:

- Ski Trip - We will not be having our Ski Trip this year.
- Parent Interviews - Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August Booking ref: **2tkz5**
- Teacher only Day Friday 21 August - Please make other arrangements for your child on that day.
- Early closing 2.15pm on Wednesday 26th August for Parent Interviews

English and More!

Free English classes in Richmond focusing on well-being.

Delta Community House, 101 North Avon Road, Richmond, Christchurch

Thursdays, 10am-12pm

4 weeks – starting Thursday 23rd July

No cost

To sign up for this class, contact Shauna on shauna@deltatrust.org.nz or phone (03) 389-0219

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