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Student Achievement at SIS - Kia Ora everyone. The whakatauki (proverb) - *naku te rourou, te rourou* (by my basket (and) by your basket, the people will live) - refers to the necessity and benefit of cooperation - achieving more than can be achieved independently.



School reports are being sent home next week (Wednesday). Our partnership with you is that we undertake to keep you informed about how your child is doing at school, and what you can do to help. Conversely, you are encouraged to communicate with us to let us know your thoughts about how we, together, can help your child's progress. We held interviews for parents/caregivers late in term one and have scheduled these for late in term three as well. You are very welcome to make appointments throughout the year to meet with your child's teacher. If you have questions about what you see in the reports, please contact the teacher. You might be able to fit in a visit this term, or early next term. We have tried to simplify the reports, removing anything which might hinder understanding.

EPro8 Challenge - Recently four pupils - Nova, Lucy, Casey, and Phoebe - took part in the EPro8 Challenge which involves teams solving a range of complex challenges. The team did very well, finishing fifth equal out of 11 teams. They felt they could have done better with more preparation on the types of challenges which they had to face that evening. Well done, girls. This is the first time we have taken part in this challenge. Two of our team will have the chance to take part again next year. Now that we've had a taste of EPro8 Challenge, we will look at having more than one team next year.

Master Planning for our rebuild/renovation - We are having a major re-build/renovation completed on our school. Recently architects from the master planning team visited and met with our student leaders to talk about what they like about our current school design, and possible improvements they'd like to see in a new design. The team also met with staff and finally with the board of trustees for similar discussions. We were shown some initial planning for the changes. We gave feedback and the masterplanning team will continue revising until our desires, the Ministry guidelines, the budget, and the timelines match up as well as possible. Earlier indications were that we would see building begin in term four of this year but from past experience with these projects, there are often delays. Regardless, it is very encouraging to see new plans and some certainty over the journey to what will effectively be a brand new school.

Choir - Tomorrow evening we are joining Waitakiri School, Shirley Primary, and Banks Avenue School for the Shirley Area Music Festival. A big thanks to the children involved in this major calendar event. The theme is Aotearoa/Pacific. A big thanks to the children, and to Jack Page who has lead our choir alongside Principal, Geoff Siave. Jack is a member of the national youth choir and is currently studying at the Christchurch School of Jazz.

Mufti Day Fundraiser - MUFTI DAY: Friday 30 June
AJ and Sapphire are organising a school mufti day this Friday 30 June. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the Children's Hospital (Child Health). The generous people from Santa's Workshop have donated some toys to support children who need to visit the hospital.



Radio Station After much effort from our caretaker, Mr Doug Walker, our radio station has finally been set up in a small room behind our Art room. Compete with a new viewing window and the shifting of the aerial, we are ready to go. Mr Duff is currently calling for those interested in being broadcasters or technicians on the radio. Apparently the radio will broadcast to a radius of about 1 km.

Intermediate Cross Country - Well done to those students who participated in the cross country in Halswell last Wednesday. This is always a challenge and 2017 was no exception. Mr Anglesey said he was very pleased with the effort put in by the children. A big thanks to the children, and to the parents who provided transport and assistance and encouraging words!

Community of Learners in case you have missed recent newsletters, we have formed a COL with local schools - Waitakiri, Shirley Primary, Banks Avenue, Chisnallwood Intermediate, Shirley Boys High School, and Avonside Girls High School.. A stewardship group, representing the boards of trustees, has been established, and is appointing the Lead Principal from those who apply from our own schools. The Lead Principal will do some work across all the member schools. We are looking forward to working toward our achievement challenges for learners across the COL area.

Winter Sports

Round 7/Week 8 Hagley/Nunweek Sports Results - 27 June

League BYE

Hockey 7 Heaton Green 11*

Boys F/B 1 Chch South

Girls F/B 0 Kirkwood 4

Netball A 17 Heaton B 18*

Netball B 14 Heaton D 21

Netball C BYE

**Have been moved up a grade following early wins.*

Community Notices

Re: Access to School Dental Services over the school holiday period

The Community Dental Service has a contract to provide an emergency dental service for pre-schoolers and primary school children over the school holiday period. The service is limited to the relief of acute pain only and will operate from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times.

Monday, 10th July to Friday, 21st July 2017 (excluding weekends)

Routine treatment will not be offered/available over the holidays and any accident related issues will be referred to Community Dentists as per usual practise.

Ice World in conjunction with Kids Fest is excited to announce Winter Wonderland in Cathedral Square for the July School Holidays, including the full Ice Rink and giant Snow Globe.

Ice Skating and Snow Globe in Cathedral Square

As a special offer for Christchurch schools the attached vouchers have been produced to provide the opportunity to have even more fun these school holidays.

So get your skates on to enjoy the magic of a Winter Wonderland in Cathedral Square - the heart of Christchurch.

Open 8 to 23 July - 9am to 9pm daily, and open until 10pm Fridays and Saturdays

Standard ticket prices:

Adult ice skating \$20

Children & Student ice skating \$15

Under 5's ice skating \$10

Family Pass skating \$60 (includes skate hire, skate as long as you want)

Snow Globe entry - all ages \$7.50 (children under 5 must be accompanied by a paying Adult into the Snow Globe)

Use the vouchers provided below to enjoy.

We look forward to sharing the regeneration of Christchurch's Cathedral Square with you.

Look at the attachment with this newsletter.