

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*



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Principal: *Taitu'uga* Geoff Si'ave

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

Reporting about student progress

Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 August (Week Four of term three)

We will have a face to face meeting with you and your child, and will have a written report ready for you at the same time. Both days will have some time slots available in the early evening. The booking procedure will be online as well as by phone. Details will be available on Wednesday 22 July. Please remember that you are welcome to make appointments to see teachers at any mutually convenient time throughout the year.

Food for Thought

This week children have been learning about the importance of eating healthily. As part of this programme they learn to interpret the consumer information on our food packaging. This programme usually involves a trip to find “Everyday/Healthier” foods and “Occasional/Sometimes” foods



in various grocery sections of the supermarket. So this year - with caution around school trips - the presenters have brought in food packaging so that our children can still put their learning into practice.



A big thanks to the Food for Thought team who are working in our classes throughout this week. Food for Thought is a FREE, national school-based nutrition education programme for students

Food for Thought is sponsored by Foodstuffs South Island.

Building Start

I have been informed by the Ministry of Education that our long-awaited building project is likely to start during September. It was late in 2015 when we were asked to prepare a document about our school for the design team. **Naming of buildings** - One of our most recent actions was consultation with local iwi, *Ngāi Tūāhuriri*, regarding the cultural responsiveness of our project. They have provided - at our request - suggestions for names of our buildings and school. It will be good to link names to our longest history. Our current logo carries two names for our school: Shirley Intermediate School, and Te Kura Takawaenga O Oraka. “Te Oraka” was one of the names used for Horseshoe Lake. Another name was Waikākāriki. If you are interested in learning more about the Maori names regarding our school and the new build, you are welcome to contact me for more information (principal@sis.school.nz). We will provide information online and invite your feedback. We will also invite you to a hui (meeting) about this early next term.

Food for families

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we receive boxes of food from a local Foodbank on **Mondays and Thursdays**. If you need a box of supplies please ring Mrs Talbot (Becs) in our office 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 parent volunteer who is helping us distribute the food each week.



Quick news and reminders:

- Term Two ends Friday 3 July. Term four begins 9am Monday 20 July.
- Ski Trip - We will not be having our Ski Trip this year.
- Open Night - 6.30pm to 8.30pm Thursday 30 July. Please tell your friends who have children in year six.
- Pool key - all pool keys - please return by the end of term. Thank you
- Parent Interviews - Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th August
- Our PB4L Purpose Statement: *Through collaboration, we teach, acknowledge and reward expected behaviours to foster a positive school-wide environment which helps improve student achievement and wellbeing.* Any feedback on this statement to brettc@sis.school.nz

Term Three Study Topic: Making Finances Fun

Starting in term 3 our focus will be financial literacy. This is an opportunity for the children to learn about how the financial system works in a fun and informative way. We will be using the [banqer](#) online programme which offers 'real life' experiences within a classroom setting. The children will learn about compound interest, taxation, insurance, term deposits and more.

By the end of the course they will be able to explain to Mr Duff why he shouldn't spend thousands of dollars on a new *Gibson SG Standard 61*. Clearly Mr Duff is not as good with his finances as the children.



Shirley District Music School (SDMS)

Based at Shirley intermediate School, SDMS has facilitated itinerant music tutoring for children from our area for over forty years. Many of the children have continued to play music into secondary schooling and adult life. We often have SDMS tutors who first learnt to play through SDMS while they were at primary school. A few vacancies exist for the second half of the year. Children can enrol in SDMS from year 3. SDMS is offering two eighteen month SDMS scholarships for year 6 children from our contributing schools if they are committed to enrolling at Shirley Intermediate in 2021. Application forms are in the SDMS section of our website, or contact Tricia at the school office 385 2229.

English and More!

A new English class in Richmond focusing on well-being.

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

When? Thursdays, 10am-12pm

How long? 4 weeks – starting Thursday 23rd July

Cost? Free

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

Learn about how to take care of yourself during this difficult time using yoga, meditation, mindfulness and tai-chi.



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