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**KIA ŌRA TALOFA GREETINGS NAMASTE KAMUSTA GUTEN DA BULA KONICHI WA**  
**BORE DA ANYOUNG HASEYO MALO E LELEI SALAAM**

### Kia ora Parents/Caregivers ,

*Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa* - welcome and greetings to you all. I've really enjoyed meeting children over the past week, and I'm looking forward to getting to know them as the first term progresses.

This is the first official newsletter for 2018. Last week we sent home a short (4 pages!) notice which included the Internet usage agreement for you to read, sign (if you agreed) and send back to school. Thanks for getting that back to school. Newsletters are completed fortnightly on Wednesdays and are emailed to the main caregiver's email address on the enrolment form. If this needs editing at all please let us know.

As Principal I am really looking forward to the 2018 school year. Why?

1. We have a great staff team - we have experience in every corner and some new faces on staff - see "Welcome to.." below.
2. Our topics this year are full of potential: Term One: Journeys; Term Two: How Things are Made; Term Three: Financial literacy; Term Four: Planet Earth and Beyond.
3. Our staff planning sessions have been positive and constructive and this is already showing in our classrooms.
4. We are a step closer to having our school rebuilt (teachers are seeing the next draft plan later this week).

As a staff we have two major teaching/learning initiatives which we are carrying on from last year:

1. Collaborative classrooms (Housed in "Innovative Learning Environments") and
2. DMIC - our mathematics focus on problem solving; applying maths in the classrooms.

We are also deepening our knowledge and use of "Growth mindset". We have looked at this intermittently during the last few years. There are a lot of practical ways in which we can adjust our teacher words and reactions when engaging with children and adults. I encourage you to look into "growth mindset" for yourself.

### Welcome to...

- All our returning pupils
- Our new pupils - it's great to have you join us
- The new families that have joined us for the first time in 2018
- Teacher **Mike Allen** - Mike is a very experienced and extremely capable teacher and has been Deputy Principal and Principal at other Christchurch schools. We are very fortunate to have him - with his wealth of experience and expertise on our team. Mike is teaching in Kahikatea Learning Base with Miss Holden.
- **Foods teacher Rebecca Smith** brings a passion for good nutrition and a successful background in a range of teaching and nutrition positions.

### Classes at SIS for 2018

*Learning base	Totara		Matai		Kahikatea	
**Class name	Totara 1	Totara 2	Matai 6	Matai 7	Kahikatea 8	Kahikatea 9
***Kaiako/Teacher	Ms Dwan	"Matua Thomas" Parata	Mr Duff	Mr Carrick	Mr Allen	Miss Holden

\* Each Learning Base has two teachers, a teacher aide, and about fifty children working as a single unit

\*\* Each class has Y7 and Y8 children

\*\*\* Kaiako/Teachers work in pairs - as noted above - as a single unit".

**Meet the Teacher evening** - 5.30pm. [Thursday 8 February](#). We start in the school hall, then move to the classrooms, and, finally - weather permitting - we go to the pool and enjoy a swim - for those who want one - and a sausage sizzle. You are welcome to bring your family - you might even bring your picnic tea. (No alcohol please). Unfortunately today's newsletter is being sent home a day later than intended. However, notice has been on Facebook and was in our "Internet Agreement" newsletter last week. We also posted this in the Flexibuzz app, and it is in our Caregiver handbook for new families last year. We hope you can make it.

**Pasifika Families Fono** - 5.30pm [Thursday 15 February](#) A separate notice will be sent home to these families.

**John Parsons - Internet Safety** - Everything Parents need to know about keeping our children safe online. [7pm Tuesday 6 March](#), SIS Hall.

**Flexibuzz** - *If you have a smartphone or computer get the flexibuzz app. You will then receive reminders and urgent notices as they occur.*

**From the Principal, Geoff Siave**

### Student Leaders

Our student leaders had their first Leadership Club meeting this morning at 8.15am. It started with a team building activity where students had to build a structure using uncooked spaghetti and marshmallows. The group with the highest structure won. We then discussed the role of a student leader. Our next meeting is in a fortnight's time where the student leaders from Room 1 will be organising the team building activity.





**Canteen:** The canteen will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday lunchtimes. This will commence on [Tuesday 13 February](#).

**Healthy Sandwiches** - can be ordered on Friday mornings at the school Office. They are made by our student leaders and delivered for Friday lunch time. The cost is \$2 which is very reasonable. This will commence on [Friday 16 February](#).

**Arriving at School** - A reminder that students are not to arrive to school before 8.15am. Thanks

**Sun hats** are to be worn Term 1 and Term 4.

**School desks** for sale at the school office. They are \$10 each. These would be great for supporting learning at home.

	<p><b>Breakfast club is on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the cooking room. All Welcome!</b></p>	
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## Community Notices

### Linwood Rugby

Registration dates for 2018 are as follows:

**Wednesday February 14 - Linwood Clubrooms 5pm to 6.30pm**

**Saturday February 17 - Linwood Clubrooms 11.30am to 12.30pm**

**Sunday February 18 - Linwood Clubrooms 10am to 12pm**

All registration days will be held at Linwood Rugby Club - 56 Kearneys Road

Subscriptions for 2018 are \$50 per player and \$20 each additional child

All new players to the club are required to bring a birth certificate or passport.

**McFarlane Park:** With the work commencing in earnest at MacFarlane Park for the establishment of the MacFarlane Park Community Centre. The area around the MacFarlane Park Playground is a **designated hazard site**. Extreme care and safety measures are required concerning children, as the work being undertaken provides a **High Hazard risk**. Please note that Laing's will be actively working on the site this week with foundation concrete pour for the timber piles this Thursday ready for relocation on Monday 12 February. Further work will be ongoing at the site.

### Shirley Tennis Club - Junior Club

Saturday Morning play from Aug 2017 - March 2018 \*\* Professional coaching included in subscription \*\* For further information contact Wayne Turner 385 3320.

### Year 8 2018 School Based Vaccination Programme - All girls 12 March

We are pleased to inform you the Canterbury DHB will continue to offer a School Based Vaccination Programme to Year 8 boys and girls, who have not completed their eleven year old vaccinations in General Practice.

The School Based Vaccination programme will offer the two dose HPV vaccinations to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life. In 2018 the programme has been extended to include a one dose Boostrix vaccination to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.

To enable students to receive the vaccinations at school, a vaccination pack will be sent home in Term 1. Parent/Caregiver will need to complete and return the consent form to school.

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