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

Greetings e te Whānau, Kia ora everyone!

This is the second-to-last newsletter for the year! Teachers are currently busy completing school reports which we will send home on the last Wednesday of term. As part of our review of the year we are inviting all pupils to complete a Year 7 or Year 8 survey. We are also providing parents an opportunity to give us feedback through an online survey. The parent survey will be shared with parents through the FLEXIBUZZ smartphone app. This links to any email address that you have connected to Flexibuzz. The survey will also be linked to our website. If you would like a hard copy of the survey, please contact the school office. (\*Reminder Please join Flexibuzz. Many local schools use this app for reminders to parents - including Shirley Primary, Banks Avenue, SIS, Waitakiri, SBHS, and AGHS.)

### Class Structure for 2018

The Ministry of Education has informed us that our planned rebuild will happen some time in 2018. We don't know exactly when this will be, but we have planned for our new classrooms to house *pairs* of collaborative classrooms. This fits our move toward collaborative teaching practices which we have been using in some classes for three years. While we presently have two classes working as single classrooms, next year we will have pairs of classes sharing double class spaces. To prepare for this, at the beginning of term one, 2018, two classes of children will move room to pair up with another class. Firstly, the children from Room 2 (with their new teacher) will move to Room 8, forming a new pairing with Room 9 (Miss Holden). The other move involves our bilingual class (TTRR) who will combine with Room 1. Their teachers Ms Dwan and "Matua Thomas" Parata will teach and plan collaboratively, while also ensuring that the bilingual aspect of TTRR is addressed partially within class but also through the strategic use of separate spaces.

This will create three pairs of double classes in our school - two of these pairings will be new in 2018. Parents of children involved will have received a separate letter advising them of this change.

If there are any questions or concerns about these changes please feel free to contact me (Principal, Geoff Siave).

*From the Principal, Geoff Siave*

### Inter-Intermediate Athletics in Ashburton

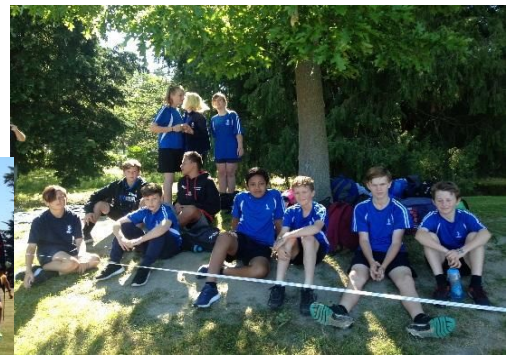


The team assembled in Ashburton all ready to go.

Last Thursday our athletics team went to the zones in Ashburton. Mr A was extremely impressed with the effort and behaviour of all members of the athletics team. Well done!!



Zyon, second from left, dips to take 5th place in the 200m final. Great effort, Zyon. There were some big boys in this race.



A few of the athletics team chilling out in the shade.

## Student Leader Mufti Day: Friday 24 November



Kanika and Ben are counting the money raised after they organised a mufti day to raise funds for a charity. The students had four charities to choose from. The charity which ended up with the most votes was the Mental Foundation. Kanika and Ben will phone the Mental Foundation when they return from camp to organise getting the money to them as soon as possible.

This was the last mufti day for the year and we would like to thank students and families for their support. All money raised has gone to good causes and it is great to see so many people thinking of helping others in need.

## Dunedin Camp: Avon

Avon set off to Dunedin yesterday at approximately 7am. You can see in the photo below that the students look rather tired. Once they got to McDonalds we are pretty sure they would've woken up. They have a busy few days ahead as they will be visiting a number of attractions across Dunedin.

A reminder for Heathcote students that your camp is from Tuesday 5 December to Friday 8 December. If you still have any outstanding money left to pay then please sort this out with the office ladies as soon as possible. Many thanks.



The Avon trip to Dunedin begins. Full steam ahead.



A group at the Albatross colony (picture taken today).

## Term 4

1. Our inquiry unit topic this term is **Sustainability**
2. Our School pools are opened - Keys are available now for SIS families, Banks Avenue and Shirley Primary School families. \$60 Open until late in March 2018
3. Dunedin trips
  - a. Avon/Otakaro Tuesday 28 November to Friday 1 December
  - b. Heathcote/Opawaho Tuesday 5 December to Friday 8 December - **full payment was due Friday 24 November**
4. Year 8 Leavers Dance - Wednesday 13 December ( 7-8.30pm)
5. School Reports sent home - Wednesday 13 December
6. Prizegiving assembly (End of Term) at 11am Thursday 14 December. (All welcome) School finishes 12.30pm

**Chocolate Fundraising** - Please have all the money or the chocolates returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you!

**Pita Pit:** Orders for Pita Pit are still available. Please place orders by 8.30am on Thursdays, for Thursday delivery.

**Sandwiches:** These are no longer being made as the year is winding up and students are away on camps over the next two weeks.

**Shirley District Music Scheme - Farewell Delwyn McKenzie!** After twelve years as Director of SDMS we bid a fond farewell to Delwyn who has carried on leading SDMS since her post-earthquake move to West Melton. Delwyn has done a fantastic job as Director and we wish her well as she continues to develop young musicians in other areas. SDMS Chairperson delivered a lovely acknowledgement of her service "above and beyond" at the final SDMS concert for the year last week in the SIS hall.

The SDMS Board is pleased to announce that **Paul Goodson** has been appointed as the new Director of SDMS. Paul has a rich and long musical background as a performer, lecturer, tutor, and reviewer. *Welcome to you Paul!*

SDMS is open for enrolments for 2018. Check out all the information and enrol online this year at <http://www.sis.school.nz/Web/66/> Payment can be made by online banking or at the Shirley Intermediate school office (between 8-3pm on school days). For those without access to the internet, information brochures are available at your school office.



**Breakfast club**  
Tuesday and Thursday 8.20-8.40am  
Hauora Room All Welcome



## Community Notices

### 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.

**GIRLS:** Try **CRICKET** this summer

- Games are on a Saturday from 9-12
- We have teams for girls from years 4-8.
- Trainings will be at Hagley for most of the season. Games are around the city.
- We supply all the gear and coaching (however any parents keen to assist are welcome)
- Girls are guaranteed a bat and a bowl each week

**Parents – bring a deck chair, sit in the sun, meet other parents, drink a good coffee watch your kids have fun**

For more information:

Email Tegan at St Albans Cricket Club [teganw@stalbanscricket.co.nz](mailto:teganw@stalbanscricket.co.nz)

or call / text : 027 339 1340



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### **SURFKIDS - Childrens Surfing Programme.**

Learn the skills of Surfing in a fun, safe environment. All equipment provided and professional instruction from Aaron Lock and team. For kids 8 - 14 years. Sundays 10am to 12pm. Dec / Jan Holidays : from 18th Dec, 10am -12pm Cost \$30 per day or \$135 for five. Bookings essential. Venue: Sumner.

Call Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (7873) or register online at [www.surfcoach.co.nz](http://www.surfcoach.co.nz)

**Red Cross \$10 First Aid Course:** for volunteers who regularly have groups of children in their care: sports coaches, pre-school volunteers etc. or volunteers/family members/whanau who are caring for someone on a voluntary basis. Red Cross is offering \$10 First Aid course for carers in the greater Christchurch area. The course includes a free First Aid kit limited numbers. Bookings close Friday 15 December 2017. Courses must be attended by 30 June 2018. Conditions apply. Terms & conditions and to enrol: [redcross.org.nz/corporate-bookings/carers10](http://redcross.org.nz/corporate-bookings/carers10) Coupon code for bookings: PROMO2017. [www.redcross.org.nz](http://www.redcross.org.nz) 0800 RED CROSS