

Kahikatea, Tōtara, Matai, Ngā tamariki a Tānemahuta - The Children of Tāne.



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Principal: Taitu'uga Geoff Siave

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

Nau mai haere mai koutou katoa
Tamariki ma, matua ma, me nga hoa katoa

Welcome to you all
Children, parents and all friends



Covid 19 The Ministry of Education has been passing on Ministry of Health updates every day, recently. It is important that we get our most important notices across to you.

We will be putting our “instant notices” on (in order):

1. **Skoolloop** - First priority as it is a quick access tool.. Please get this app on to your phone.
2. **Facebook** - one posting which will be updated as required.\
3. **Website** - This is likely to be the slowest to be updated.
4. **School newsletter** - but as these are usually issued fortnightly or for special circumstances, the electronic methods, above, are more timely and efficient.

“Current situation MOH update 18 March

New Zealand has twelve confirmed cases of COVID-19. For a summary of the current status see our [media release \(17 March\)](#) and our [update about the twelfth case](#).

*With continued vigilance the chance of widespread community outbreak **is expected to remain low**.*

New border measures are in place as of Monday 16 March. Most travellers arriving in New Zealand are now required to [self isolate for 14 days](#) – check our [information for travellers arriving to New Zealand](#) to find out more.

If you have been overseas within the last 14 days and develop a fever, cough or shortness of breath, phone Healthline’s dedicated COVID-19 number [0800 358 5453](#) or contact your GP, including phoning ahead of your visit.” MOH - 15/3/20

From the Principal: We all have a role to play in containing the effects of Covid-19. For our school’s part, our pandemic planning and preparation is underway. In the meantime we will continue to focus on good hygiene practices. **Hand washing and good cough etiquette are very important tools in preventing the spread of illness** including colds, flu as well as COVID-19.

Here is a useful video clip from Dr Michelle Dickinson (aka Nanogirl)Nanogirl that will help your children to better understand the virus - [YouTube clip - Nanogirl](#) You may have also seen the Prime Minister sat down with Nanogirl to talk about coronavirus:

[Watch on the PM’s Facebook page](#)

Be vigilant about our own health and the health of our children. At school, we expect staff to stay away from school if they are showing signs of illness such as coughs and colds. Please do the same with your children. Colds and flus are common in schools and by staying away, seeking medical attention and **practicing good hygiene, we can all keep any spread of illness to a minimum.**

Important : **Term one finishes Wednesday 8 April. Teacher Only Day Thursday 9 April** This day is one of the allocation of days negotiated in the most recent agreement between the MOE and the primary teachers’ union, (NZEI-Te Riu Roa. This date was advised in our caregivers’ booklet and has been on our website. [Thank you for making alternative arrangements for your child for Thursday 9 April.](#) The Easter holiday commences on Good Friday (10 April) and we have our two-week school holiday. Term two commences on Monday 27 April.

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Pool Keys

Many families have hired keys for the school pools over the summer. We hope this created some great summer moments for your family. We would like all keys back by the end of March please. Appropriate bond refunds will be given back immediately if you are able to come in between 8.30am and 3pm on school days.

Fencing

Last week Diane from the local fencing club took some children for a fencing lesson during a lunch period last week. Diane will be coming more often. The fencing club operates in our school hall on Tuesday evenings from 7pm -9pm . There is a cost involved, but Diane is keen to hear from anyone interested in attending. Interested - children or adults - Contact Diane at 351-7423, or fencingforus@gmail.com



Sleeping on the job?



Our Learning Support Coordinator, Tamara Drew, (no, she is not in the picture above) has asked me to remind children and parents of the importance of good quality, regular sleep. We don't operate to our best levels when we are sleep deprived.

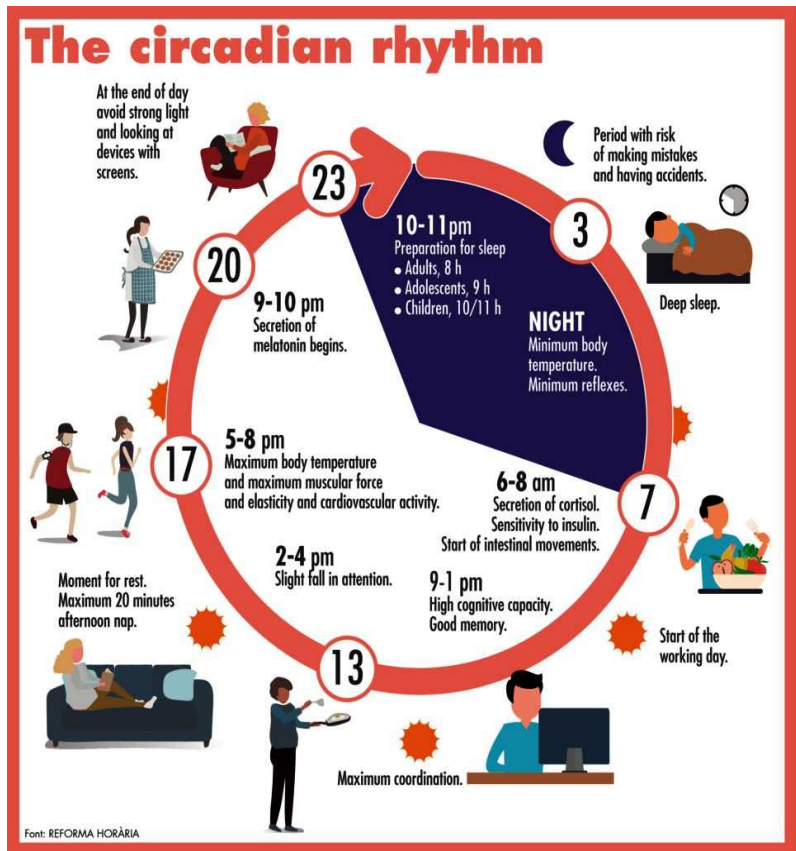
Sleep is part of our natural rhythms - our **Circadian Rhythm**.

Our bodies are naturally tuned for cycles of Activity, followed by Calming, and then Sleeping.

Active days, calming evenings, then sleep.

Support your child's learning by protecting their sleep time.

Oh yes, of course...



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(Left)Fruit to spare? If you have a fruit tree which is overflowing with fruit, please consider donating some to a local school or early childhood centre. We've had pears, and peaches recently, and have made them available in the hallway by the office, and at the canteen window. The children have enjoyed them. Thank you



Staff Profile: Andrew Flanagan

After 15 years of swim teaching, 25 years of sports coaching and even personal training, I am now starting my teaching career here at Shirley Intermediate! I have worked as a teacher aide for a decade in many schools and run holiday and after school programmes in this time too.

I am a huge DC comics fan, especially Harley Quinn and Batman, I play Dungeons and Dragons and I am also writing my own fantasy short novella series which I hope to get published. I have very large collections of Graphic Novels and International Football shirts (over 200 of each!)

SDMS News

Music Theory Club. Wednesday 3.30 to 4.30 at Shirley Intermediate. Starts Wednesday 11th March. For year 5-8 SDMS students. This is a fantastic opportunity to help students learn to read notation, rhythms, musical terms and the history of music. It speeds up the learning of their instrument and prepares them up to year 11 music at high school.

Enrolments are still open for ... Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone and Trumpet. Please pass on the word with other families at your schools. **Janet Simon, SDMS Music Director, Phone: 03 323 6502 or 027 312 4562**



Ellie sinks two points! Youth worker Harry is on our school grounds each week playing lunchtime basketball with our children. Harry is also coaching a team to take part in a competition with other schools. We're really grateful for his energy, and great manner with the children.

Did Ellie sink this, or did it ride the rim and ...

Community Notices

- **Avebury Gala – Sunday 5 April, 10am-3pm**
- At Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue, Richmond. Avebury House in conjunction with the Richmond Community Garden will be celebrating the harvest in fine fashion with loads of food and craft stalls, games, entertainment, Devonshire tea, and a carboot sale to boot! All happening at once across the entire site.

- If you are interested in having a stall at the carboot

sale, please contact: coordinator@richmondcommunitygarden.co.nz

- For updates visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/878515889261502/>

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