



Wednesday 20 March 2019 [www.sis.school.nz](http://www.sis.school.nz)

Principal: Taitu'uga Geoff Siave

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

### Whanaungatanga - He iwi tahi tatou - We are one people

Our term one topic is **Whanaungatanga**. Whanau means “family”. “Whanaungatanga” extends far beyond a nuclear family to include the sense of belonging that we can have in our schools, workplaces, communities and society. The events of the past few days reminds us that our whanau - our community - includes people of diverse faith and ethnicity. Our value as people and the need to unite around community while still embracing our diversity. The magnitude of the expressions of grief and support from around the world tell the same message. We extend our sympathy to our own affected families and community.

### Our whanau

The citizens of our city and country were shocked by what happened on Friday. We are aware that several of our families were closely involved in the event. We have confirmed that three families that were directly impacted. I have been in contact with our three families. There is a need for help. Our staff are united in extending our heartfelt best wishes for strength and well being to these families in particular, and also to others closely connected. When our people and our families suffer, the wider whanau or family can choose to provide help. That is *whanaungatanga/community* in action. Our news outlets are publicising many ways to help. Please see our mufti day notice below for an avenue for helping these three local families in need.

### Lock Down 2.25pm - 5.45pm

Last Friday, all over Christchurch, school staff dealt with a three hour lockdown. I have met with many principals over the weekend and there were huge challenges for every school. We were fortunate in that we were in our school hall (with toilets, and a kitchen) and we had access to food. The timing was difficult as many parents had arrived to pick up their child(ren). In lockdown situations our number one priority is the children in our care. We are very thankful to our parents and caregivers for being so understanding of the situation which unfolded here and around our city. It was an unpredictable, complex and evolving situation here just as it was in schools, malls and workplaces all over Christchurch. *\*Reminder: **Flexibuzz** is the phone app and online access that we have been recommending in all of our communications over the past three years. This allowed us to keep some communication with caregivers last Friday. Don't forget to update your Flexibuzz app. If you are reading this newsletter on your phone, then your app is up to date. If you think you have the app but did not get Flexibuzz messages last Friday then you need to update your app or change the notification settings.*

Our children were in the hall at 2pm for assembly. The advice of lockdown was phoned through at 2.25pm. We closed out hall curtains and finished our assembly. Then we explained to the children our direct instruction from the police: “No one in, no one out”. I explained that we did not know the reason, but that we would follow police instructions and that we would remain safe and comfortable while in the hall together.

There are many people I personally to whom I am very thankful. Our staff were wonderful - totally focused on keeping children safe and calm, each teacher or support staff member taking on whatever role was needed during the afternoon. The parents who were locked in with us were also wonderfully patient. A special thanks to Josh, Jo and Victoria and others who stepped in and helped with supervision, distribution of food, and talking calmly with children. Thank you to the children, our whanau, who coped admirably with close to four hours inside our school hall.

Thank you to Countdown (The Palms) for the food that you donated last term for emergency lunches.



You can see in this picture that we had enough left to give something to everyone during the lockdown. The picture shows parents Josh and Victoria and teacher Matua Thomas preparing to hand out food to the children last Friday.

### **MUFTI DAY Friday 22 March - to support three families.**

We are holding a mufti day this Friday 22 March. The funds raised will be distributed to the three families most directly affected last Friday. **Children can wear what they wish - but please avoid significant red as**

**a sign of respect for our Muslim community.** We ask that every child who wears mufti has a gold coin (minimum) for the mufti day. Parents/caregivers might wish to contribute more than the gold coin and can do so in cash or by direct deposit to our school bank account **03-0855-0334233-00**. For donations over \$10 we will issue a tax receipt upon request.

Mauri Ora ki a tātou katoa i ngā rangi kei mua i te aroaro,  
Taitu'uga Geoff Siave  
\*(a wish for wellbeing in its fullest sense))

**Reminder: Please keep us updated with all your contact details - when you get a new cellphone number or email address please let us know. Thank you**

#### **Ka tae mai ... Coming Up...**

- Breakfast Club - Foods Room - every Tuesday Wednesday Thursday from 8.20am
- Fitness Club. Wednesdays 3-4pm - Caregiver permission required
- Swimming Endurance Club - after school Tuesdays - Caregiver permission required
- Board of Trustees meeting 6pm Wednesday 27 March (Principal's office)
- Parent Teacher - Learning talks - Wed 10- Thur 11 April Details below
- Teacher Only Day Friday 31 May (Day before QB weekend)
- Mufti day Friday 22 March

**Parent Teacher Learning Talks Wed 10, Thu 11 April.** These sessions are very important and we would like to have everyone book a session with your child's teacher. To make a booking go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) - password: 3huyv Please bring your child to the interview with you. Remember, you are always welcome to make an appointment to see a teacher about your child's learning

**The teachers union meeting planned for today** Wednesday 20 March has been cancelled. As advised in our previous newsletter, SIS was to remain open with all pupils being expected to be here as normal.

**Board of trustees** - Elections are being held in June this year - Please give this some consideration. There is information about the important role of trustees online. If you would like paper information about this, please contact the school office.

### Dunedin Trip - Term Four

Mr Duff has sent home a separate letter about this. Please consider saving toward this trip, and ensure any outstanding school costs are paid before camp. Chocolate selling has begun and some children have already sold a few boxes each. Each box sold raises \$24 for the seller's Dunedin trip fee in November/December .

### Shirley District Music School

Lessons began this week. There are still spaces available in `Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet & Violin. Remember that enrolled students in these instruments go into a draw to receive full fees back!!

**Community Notices** - These notices are included subject to space availability and the discretion of the school. SIS has no health and safety responsibility for any of these events.

### United Fencing Club

At Shirley Intermediate School Hall - Tuesday's 7pm Please contact Diane at [fencingforus@gmail.com](mailto:fencingforus@gmail.com) or ring (03) 351 7423 or contact the secretary Rob at [shead@supermail.co.nz](mailto:shead@supermail.co.nz), or ring 980 1914 for more information. Note: Shirley Intermediate Term 1 fee \$30.

### Shirley Boys Important dates 2019

Open Night - 23 May

C V Gallagher Scholarship Exam - 6 June

Ballot Day - 30 July

Enrolment Open - 23 May

Enrolments Close - 26 July

Letters of offer emailed - 30 July

### Shirley Rugby Club

We are currently recruiting for our Under 11,12 and 13 teams.

Training and clubrooms at Burwood Park

Phone Hayden 0279288405 or email [rdo@shirleyrugby.co.nz](mailto:rdo@shirleyrugby.co.nz)



English Language Lessons - Phone Shauna 389-0219 for more details			
Any level of English - Creche available – pre-schoolers and babies welcome	Wednesdays 10am-12pm	Avebury House, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Ave	\$2
English- Listening and Speaking class – elementary level	Thursdays 10am-12pm	Delta House, 105 North Avon Road	\$2
International playgroup For migrant and refugee mums (and pre-schoolers)	Fridays 9.30am - 11.30am	Shirley Hub 69b Briggs Rd	\$2

### Community Yoga Sessions

All sessions Tuesdays in SIS hall. Starts weekly Tuesdays from 30 April.

5-12 year-olds Ninja Pedagogy 5pm -6pm

Open Yoga session 6pm-7pm

Flow Wolf Group - Performance Yoga for teens plus 7pm -8.30pm

Contact [leighviimona@gmail.com](mailto:leighviimona@gmail.com)