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

Greetings e te Whānau, *From the Principal, Geoff Siave*

Growth mindset : The term "Growth Mindset" has been highlighted in teaching circles by the research of Carol Dweck. Essentially there are two possible approaches to our ability to learn: We believe our brains and capabilities *grow* or we think that intelligence is *fixed*.

Growth mindset, or a fixed mindset. What do you think? Sometimes we show a *fixed* mindset toward ourselves when we say things like "I'm no good at this; I'll never be able to do it". The extreme fixed mindset looks like this: I can't do this, I'm not clever enough.

Sometimes we show a fixed mindset toward others - including children - and we say "the children won't be able to solve this type of maths problem". The *growth* mindset approach would sound something like this: "The children can't do this *yet*, but with practice, or a different approach they'll get better at it, and will eventually be able to solve this type of problem regularly".

Teachers, parents and children need to have a strong acceptance of the growth mindset in regards to our children (*and ourselves*). Future newsletters, our website and our Facebook Page will include more items about growth mindset.

- "When you think you can't do it, remind yourself that you can't do it *yet*"
- "Mistakes are welcome here! Our brains grow if we learn from our mistakes."
- "When you're out of your learning comfort zone, your brain is forming new, stronger connections and making you smarter".

From the Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Kia Ora everyone

A notice for Parents and Caregivers! We're looking for a couple of new members to join our Board of Trustees team. We're looking for someone with a heart for the community and a desire to serve Shirley Intermediate as a Board member. If you have a love for learning and a commitment to see our youth succeed and excel then you could be just the person we are after. We're also looking for someone who is not afraid to try new experiences and will enjoy learning new skills in leadership and governance. If this has sparked your interest, flick an email to either Geoff Siave (principal@sis.school.nz) or Jas King (jasonrking8@gmail.com).

Thanks and best wishes

Jas King

Chairperson

Shirley Intermediate Board of Trustees

People wanting to look at our school for 2018 are welcome to make contact with our school office to arrange a tour of the school. Enrolments for 2018 are now open and parents can pick up an enrolment form from the school office or online at www.sis.school.nz.

Hagley Sport Scores 15/8/2017:

Hockey vs Heaton White. SIS won 4-2.
Netball A vs Villa Maria 12 - 38
Netball c vs Hillmorton 19 - 22
Netball C vs Christchurch South 12 - 6

Hagley Winter Sports is now finished for the year. We'll have some reports from the teams in following newsletters.

Chocolate fundraising - could we please have all the money or the chocolates that children have had since the beginning of the year returned to school by next Friday the 1st September. Thank you

Dunedin Trip -

Heathcote Camp 1: Tuesday 28 November to Friday 1 December

Avon Camp 2: Tuesday 5 December - Friday 8 December

As advised earlier in the year, the actual cost of camp is usually subsidised, and we ask parents for around \$250. This year we have not yet achieved the level of funding as in previous years. We want to make camp as achievable as possible so we are continuing to apply for

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funding. We will keep you informed about this. Attendance at camp also requires all compulsory school costs to be cleared beforehand (eg. sports fees, activity fee).



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

Ski Trip

22 children and several parents are heading off to Porters Ski Field this Friday 25 August. They are leaving at 7am and returning by 5.30pm. Parents and children should be at school before 6.30am, please. Children involved need to meet in the Art room at 1.15pm tomorrow (Thursday).

The following letter was mis-printed in our previous newsletter. Apologies for that! Here it is in correct form:

8 August 2017

Dear Mr Siave

I thought I would send you a quick email about one of your pupils. This certainly isn't a complaint email but one of respect and kindness.

I wish I had grabbed the young man's name but I didn't. Today I was standing in line at Countdown at The Palms behind one of your pupils in his uniform. An elderly lady in front of him was short a few dollars and he kindly paid for it.

... what a kind thing to do, he should be very proud of himself. You have a super pupil there.

Kind regards

Tracy

Shirley Road Bus Stop Re-alignment Proposal - A call for submissions

The Christchurch City Council is proposing an upgrade to the bus stop area outside our Shirley Road driveway. Our driveway is narrow, and there are times every school day when the traffic leaving and arriving at school is heavy. Buses at the bus stop - there are often two buses at the same time - obscure visibility and create spatial challenges for drivers and pedestrians. Many of our children are using this gate. There are safety issues in the present layout. Will the proposed layout improve matters? Will they make things worse? You are invited to have your say on the proposal. ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay. Submissions close on Wednesday 6 September.

Community Notices

Shirley Tennis Club - Junior Opening Day

Saturday 26 August 2017

8 and Under Boys/Girls - 8.30am

9-12 Years Boys/Girls - 9.30am

13 and Over Boys/Girls - 10.45am

Saturday Morning play from August 2017 - March 2018

Professional coaching included in subscription

For further information contact Wayne Turner 385 3320.

Neighbourhood Week 2017 - summer with your neighbours: Applications for a small subsidy close Friday 1 September 2017, at 5pm

Please apply online at: www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek

The application form and guidelines are available online at www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek and printed copies are available from Council Service Centres.

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