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*Flexibuzz is our quick access text communication system - load the app for SIS updates.*

*We are concentrating on Fairness this week. Have a chat to your child/children about what this may look like or sound like at Shirley Intermediate School. Fairness is the first value of our F.I.R.E values.*

**Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities (DMIC)** . We are continuing to work on this newly developed and much-lauded method of teaching Mathematics. Families from Shirley Primary will be familiar with this already -- it's sometimes called "Bobbie Maths" in reference to the programme developer- Roberta Hunter. Essentially the programme is a focus on a problem solving approach to mathematics, in which children of varying achievement levels work in groups of four to solve problems that they are likely to be able to relate to in real life. Have a discussion with your child/children about what DMIC involves.

**Choir** - Well done to the children who have been attending choir practice over the last month. We are joining Waitakiri School, Shirley Primary, and Banks Avenue School for the Shirley Area Music Festival on Thursday 29th June. The theme is Aotearoa/Pacific and we have some really good songs lined up for the mass choir, as well as our own individual (SIS) song. We are also very pleased to have the services of Jack Paige to lead our choir alongside Principal, Geoff Siave. The children are starting to sound really good and are doing so well learning the words.

**Warm clothing** - Winter cometh! We have many polar fleeces and jerseys in our lost property. Children should wear school jackets - not mufti jackets during the school day, although children may wear other jackets when travelling to and from school.

**Student Leaders, Mufti Day Fundraiser** -

We raised \$226.50. Well done!

**Radio Station needs egg cartons** - Mr Duff needs some egg cartons for the acoustics in the radio broadcasting room. Can you help? Please send cartons to Mr Duff or the school office. Thanks!



**Garden Club** - The vegetable garden is open every lunchtime and children are welcome to help out with maintaining the garden. Mr Hemmingsen can provide guidance on what needs doing. In this picture parent, Gretchen, was working with children earlier this week.

**SIS Cross Country** - Well done to those students who participated in the cross country last Friday. We have some very good cross country runners at SIS. Please remember to return the Cross Country forms to Mr. Anglesey as soon as possible.

**Community of Learners** - Last week the Boards of Trustees from our COL met to learn about the next steps toward formation. We are forming a Stewardship group with representatives from each board. This group will oversee major aspects of the COL, but the COL Steering Group - comprising the principals of each school - will oversee business at a closer level. The first step of the Stewardship group is to oversee the appointment of a Lead Principal for the cluster. This will commence in the next few weeks.

**Winter Sports** - has been underway for five weeks at Hagley Park and Nunweek Park on Tuesday afternoons. Congratulations to all who have been selected for teams. Thanks also to the coaches. I've heard very positive reports about positive attitudes and commitment to doing well. Sport is a great teacher, and an opportunity to show one's character. Dedication, commitment to practising, to follow rules, be part of a team, to be a gracious loser and a modest winner - these are all important attributes and lessons that we can learn about through sport. All the best to everyone involved.

*Remember that **paying fees** is part of team membership as well. **We need \$50 per player please.** This charge does not cover our expenses, so your help is vital.*

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Hockey 9 Breens Braves 3

Boys F/B 2 Kirkwood B 1

Girls F/B 0 Chch South 8

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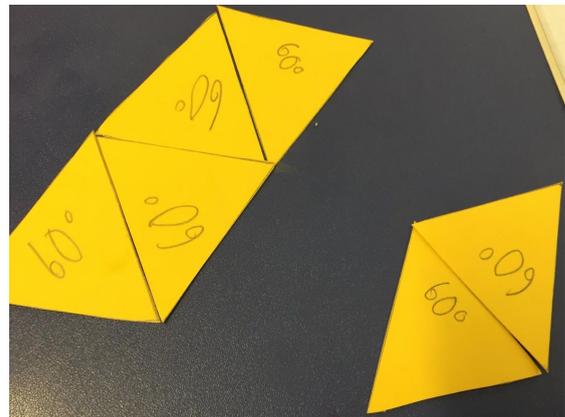
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Parents are more than welcome to come to the fields/courts to support the teams. We would love to see you there.

**News from Kahikatea Learning base**

We have been learning to construct and name shapes made by joining triangles. We used the protractor to draw equilateral triangles and then we explored which polygons can be made using triangles as a base. The students investigated how many triangles must share a side with another triangle and they named the shapes as they made them. They added more triangles, one at a time, to see how many different shapes they could make. Can you name each of the three shapes shown below?



We are still having trouble contacting some parents. This has become a concern, especially on Tuesday when we are at Hagley Sport. Should we require emergency support, we will need to contact you. This is sometimes frustrating. Please let the office know if your details have changed. This includes your address, cell phone numbers and emergency contact details.

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