

SIS Mission Statement: *Through collaborative practice and active engagement, we embrace learning as a pathway to living full and satisfying lives - SIS Vision Statement 2018*



Wednesday 2 December 2020

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Principal: *Taitu'uga* Geoff Si'ave

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

What's in a name?

Every person's name is special. Their name was given to them after careful consideration. It often reflects something special about the child - a desirable attribute, a family link, a special reminder. The same applies to place names. Our cities, towns, suburbs and streets all have names with some reason behind them. Our country - New Zealand - also has the Maori name Aotearoa. In our increasingly bilingual environment these names are often used interchangeably. As we are having a major building works completed over the next year or two the board of trustees has engaged with local iwi voice Mātauraka Mahaanui - which - amongst other things - works in the public service sector as an advisory group around cultural advice. Names for our new buildings, and the names of our learning bases have been revised to more closely reflect our local area and the part it played as an area rich natural resources for sustaining

local people. The board and staff met with consultant Tamara Rochford-Kerr and is adopting the recommended names for our rooms and learning bases. This is not a significant change as our houses (Heathcote/Opawaho, and Avon/Otakaro), and our learning bases ((Totara, Matai and Kahikatea) already reflect our local environment.



The major change being investigated is the naming of our school.

Our current logo has words at the top which refer to us being the intermediate school of "Oraka". "Oraka" is the Kai Tahu version of "Oranga" which one website has interpreted as "food, livelihood, welfare, health, living, sustaining". This broad interpretation reflects that Oraka is a concept of wellbeing.

The board is holding an information session on Thursday 10 December at 6.30pm in Matai (your children can tell you how to get to Matai; it's best to enter through the Shirley Road gate). Tamara Rochford-Kerr will be presenting the cultural narrative around our school with a particular section considering a name change for our school. Our Board of Trustees and some staff will also be present. You are most welcome to attend.

Know Local, Go Local

We actively encourage being part of our community school. Our latest involvements include:

- Hosting the Christchurch White Ribbon Event focusing on respect and aroha. Our Kapa Haka group performed and our student leaders ran a coin toss event.
- Hosting local Muslim families for a gathering and halal meal
- Children are interacting once a week at the Shirley Library (see the photos)
- Taking part in the Richmond Community Gardens Spring Fair
- Shirley Village Project fete - cancelled due to rain
- Educational trips to the museum
- Negotiating with two community support agencies and the Ministry of Education regarding placement of shared resources on our school site
- In 2021 we will continue to lift our focus on localised curriculum and cultural responsiveness

Bus Shelter this photo was in last week's newsletter and has been reproduced here because the previous images did not do it justice. Once again, we thank Taela, Xanthe, Aaliyah and Aki for their wonderful artwork.



Enrolments at SIS for 2021

All enrolments for 2021 should have been completed by now. We will still accept your enrolment but some processes will be delayed. Please continue to direct any prospective enrolments to the school office.

Important Dates:

Naming Hui	Thursday 10th December at 6.30pm (Matai) All Welcome!
Student Reports	Thursday 10th December
Y8 Leavers Dance	Monday 14th December at 6.30pm - 8 pm (Permission slip to come)
Prizegiving Assembly	Wednesday 16th December - 11am Start
Last Day of School	Wednesday 16th December - 12.30pm Finish for the Year

2021 Dates:

School Office Open	Thursday 28th & Friday 29th January (Stationery sales - Enrolments)
All Y7 and new Y8 Students	Tuesday 2nd February - 9am
All Pupils Attend	Wednesday 3rd February - 9am
Waitangi Day	Monday 8th February
Parent/Student/Teacher BBQ	Thursday 11th February - 5pm

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Shirley District Music School 2021

From its base at Shirley Intermediate school, the Shirley District Music School SDMS has served Primary school students in the Shirley Community for over 45 years.

Contributing schools are:

Banks Avenue, Mairehau, Marshland, Shirley Intermediate, Shirley Primary, St Francis of Assisi, Waitakiri

Tuition is available for:

Strings: violin, viola, cello

Brass: cornet, trumpet, trombone

Woodwind: flute, clarinet, saxophone, recorder

Other: guitar, piano/keyboard, percussion/drums

Music Theory class: Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm at Shirley Intermediate

Performance Ensemble: Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm at Shirley Intermediate

Enrolments are open for 2021 - enrolment is through the Shirley Intermediate website

Healthy School Lunches Programme for 2021

We are pleased to announce that we are taking part in The Healthy School Lunches Programme for 2021. This means every student at our school will get a lunch provided daily for the year! The menu is being designed as we speak and we will take part in meetings and planning over the next few weeks.

Swimming Pool

The Swimming Pool will now be available to use this Summer, until the end of Easter, If you wish to get a key for the Summer Season please come into the School Office and complete a form. The cost is \$70.00.

Unfortunately **the small pool is no longer available**; Only the big pool is available this season. It will be available after school and weekends in daylight hours. It will **not be able to be used Tuesday and Thursday between 4 and 5.30pm in term one as St Albans swim club have it booked for lessons.**

St Albans Swim Club

Lessons are available (as above) in term one 2021 twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays). Great value lessons - phone club member Kevin McDonald 027 473 2829.



As this is our last Newsletter for 2020, We would like to wish all our SJS Families a very Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year!