



Wednesday 19 February 2020 www.sis.school.nz 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

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This newsletter is issued fortnightly during school terms on Wednesdays. A big thank you to those who were able to make it to the Meet-the-Teacher evening. After a brief introduction of teachers we went with our children to the classrooms where teachers gave a bit of an overview of how things work in their rooms. The poolside sausage sizzle gathering afterward gave everyone a chance to relax and chat while the children (and some adults) enjoyed the water. We are a school which aims to build a sense of belonging in our community, so we value these contacts. Our place is yours. Thanks for coming! **Taitu'uga* Geoff Siave**



What's going on in class?



Left: In Design Tech the children have worked on designs, and are completing their digital diary of their learning.



Left: Some children are working independently during maths - Others (below) are working with Mr Carrick on a group maths problem.



Matai children are working independently. Mr Duff can be seen at a table.



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Pasifika Family Night - 5.30pm Thursday 20 February. We are looking forward to our Pasifika families joining us in (the classroom) Matai. After the meeting we'll enjoy a meal together.

The Shirley District Music School

has space for children to learn to play a **classical/orchestral instrument**. Thanks to our subsidies SDMS lessons are very competitively priced - a quick comparison of lesson prices confirms this. Learning to play an instrument has all sorts of benefits for us academically and personally. **Enrolments close this Friday 21 Feb.**

Swimming

If your child is in need of extra help involving swimming please contact Mr Flanagan in Room 8. With over fifteen years of swimming coaching and teaching experience he is more than willing to help students that need more confidence in the water.

If your child has cultural beliefs, anxiety, etc that prevents them from swimming in large groups, mixed gender, etc. please also make contact, as we are open to making adjustments to our programme so every student has the opportunity to be involved in swimming at our school.

Swimming Endurance Club

Tuesdays after school and Friday lunch periods. Permission slips needed. Children should see Mr Cooper for a permission slip. This group is aimed at building stamina through distance swimming.

Chess Club - Monday lunch times in the old Art Room (where Room one is currently based). See Miss Holden.

Sailing Club - Learning Assistant Mrs Swart is arranging this. It will start on Wednesday 26 February during the afternoon period of class. There are likely to be after school commitments (Wednesdays) over the next few weeks as well. Children can pick up a permission slip from the office but we will make these available

Parents Supporting Shirley Intermediate At the "Meet the Teacher" a pleasing number of parents put their names down as willing to look at ways of supporting SIS. This could include fundraising, being available for class trips, sharing skills or time in a class etc. Please consider supporting this group when you see the opportunity.

Board of trustees - Our board meets twice a term (sometimes more) and plays a crucial part in monitoring what we are doing as a school to improve student achievement and ensure that we meet our objective of preparing children to live full and satisfying lives. If you are interested in being part of our board please give this some consideration. There is information from last year's board elections that explains very simply the role trustees have in our school. ([Here](#) for online readers). If you would like some paper information about this, please contact the school office.

Skooloop is an important communication system which we use. Please join up to this app on your smartphone or home computer.



Community Notices

Children's day is a Fun Filled FREE day for children and their families. This year the event is once again being held in the Red Zone at 158 New Brighton Road.



Christchurch City Council News

Civic Memorial Service for the ninth anniversary of the 22 February 2011 Canterbury Earthquake

To be held on Saturday 22 February 2020, 12.30pm, at the North bank of Oī Manawa – the Canterbury Earthquake National Memorial, corner of Montreal Street and Cambridge Terrace. Everyone is very welcome. Supported by Quake Families Trust and Christchurch City Council.

Children's Day – Sunday 1 March, 11am-3pm – FREE event

Venue: 152 New Brighton Road (cnr of New Brighton Road and Locksley Avenue, Burwood). Celebrate Children's Day with lots of fun activities for families and children. A great fun day out. <https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/3541>

East Side Multicultural Games – Saturday 22 February, 1-4pm - FREE event

Venue: Avebury House Lawn, 9 Evelyn Couzins Avenue. Celebrate our diverse cultures with traditional games and food from around the world.

Coronavirus: From the Ministry of Health ...Preventing the risk Everybody should follow the following basic hygiene principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others: regularly washing hands, covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze, stay home if you are sick, avoid anyone flu-like symptoms. Go to the Ministry of Health website for more information about preventing the risk:

Link for online readers: [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#)