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

Jambo* Parents/Caregivers ,

Here we are in the second to last week of term one! By now your child should have done some significant learning. To find out more about this please attend the interviews next week (refer notice below).

Our topic for the term has been Journeys. This has led to a wide range of learning across the school. All classes have included a focus on children's own journeys. From there, some classes have looked at wider journeys of children's own families, others have looked at journeys of "famous" people. We use our term-long inquiries as a platform for learning in contexts which have relevance and meaning for our pupils. This is why the focus can stray in many different pathways from the original main Inquiry topic.

Next term we are looking at "How Things Work". This allows us to investigate the mechanics or make up of everyday objects as well as systems and processes which are in place across a range of places and contexts which generally make our lives easier. Some are used in leisure, others are more for a workplace or domestic purpose. Some inventions are complex. Some we see everyday, others less so. This inquiry "How Things Work" opens up a huge range of possibilities for authentic learning.

Te Tahu Rua Reo - Maori Language Provision at Shirley Intermediate School Our bilingual class Te Tahu Rua Reo (TTRR) was established about 16 years ago to meet the needs of children who wanted to learn Te Reo Maori at a higher level than is available in mainstream classes. The initial demand for this came from St Albans School - which needed somewhere for their bilingual class children to continue learning in Te Reo. Our class was established at "Level One" which means Te Reo was used for 81% to 100% of the time. In recent years, due to the lower language skills of our incoming tamariki, we have adjusted the level of Te Reo to Level Two (51% to 80%). Last year TTRR teaching reduced to Level Three - using Te Reo for 31% to 50% of the time. The kaiako (teacher), (*Matua*) Thomas Parata, was responding to lower levels of Te Reo from our incoming pupils. The SIS Board is seeking community input into the level of Te Reo Maori which should be available as a specialist choice for those children who wish to learn a higher level of Maori than in our mainstream classes. We are holding a consultation hui on Wednesday 9 May at 6pm in the staffroom. Kai provided.

Parent Teacher - Learning Interviews - As a school our main focus is the learning for your child. We are looking forward to meeting with you and your child for a fifteen minute **interview on Wednesday 11 or Thursday 12 April**. School will close at 2.15pm on Wednesday 11 April to allow for more interview times. You can make a booking with your child's teacher using the online booking system. The website is www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the parent password is **Sbm5t**. You will see the times available once you access the website. If you do not have internet access, please contact our office staff, and they can help you make an appointment. We will send out reminders about this, but you are advised to book early so that you have more options available. Please remember that you can actually make appointments at other times during the school term by contacting your child's teacher directly.

NZ Pasifika Principals Conference During this post-Easter short week I am in Rotorua attending the national conference of the New Zealand Pasifika Principals Association. When I became a principal, some 26 years ago (!) there were possibly four principals of Pasifika heritage in the country. Today there are close to fifty. This inaugural conference is, therefore, special, and I am looking forward to this very special occasion.

Building plans - The building team met again last week. A third draft plan for our rebuild is in front of them now, and staff and board are currently providing feedback.

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Parent helpers We frequently appeal for parent or adult helpers at school. There is a multitude of ways that caring and available adults can help out at school. What skills and/or time do you have? Listening to children read? Helping children with learning tasks? Supporting children to make things? Sports coaching, or management/support? We are keen to hear from you. Some roles will require a police check prior to commencement. We can manage this for you.

Occasionally we have a special project which requires a particular skill or expertise. Here is one of those requests:

Ceramic clay artwork Our school has a kiln which *can* be used for firing clay. We have plenty of clay, and tools for shaping clay to make shapes. We have paint so that children can add life to their wonderful claywork. BUT we don't have a person who can oversee the glazing and firing of the claywork so that they become fine pieces of art for our homes and friends. Do you have the know how? Do you know someone who might be able to help out? Please contact Geoff Siave (principal@sis.school.nz 03 385 2229)

Hei kona

Geoff Siave, Principal

**Greetings in Swahili (used in East Africa, including Kenya)*

Radio Broadcasters Club - Chris Diacke has our FM system broadcasting music at 107.7fm. We are working with Chris to have our DJs in action early in term two. It's great to see some broadcasters are operating at Banks Ave. They'll have somewhere to use their expertise when they come to SIS.

Blue Light PCT challenge

Last Tuesday Katie, Olivia, Bailey and Riley represented Shirley Intermediate School at the PCT Blue Light Challenge. This was held at Cowles Stadium starting at 8:30am.

The PCT is the fitness course used by the NZ Police to ensure that their staff are fit enough to do their job. Children need to work as a team to go over, under, around and through a series of obstacles. The team also need to be able to carry a 75kg weight over 20m.

We completed the course in 3 minutes 32.68 seconds. The winning team completed in 2min 24.24 seconds.

A great effort!



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AIMS Games - The AIMS Games are one of the biggest sporting events held in New Zealand. If you're reading this electronically you can view the web page [here](#). We are not planning to take a team to the games this year but parents of children who can realistically compete at a national level may want to consider supporting their child to attend the AIMS Games in September. If you are interested in taking your child to the AIMS Games please have a look at the information on their web page and then get in touch with me (Geoff Siave).

Congratulations to Danika Stantial from Room 9 for writing to the Labour Party to share her concerns about the use of plastic bags. She received a reply explaining her letter will be passed on to the Minister for the Environment. Well done, Danika.

Swimming Sports Correction: A congratulations to Trinity Walshe for coming second in the Year 8 25m Breastroke.

Canteen: The canteen has opened with a wonderful new menu. A big thanks to Whaea Rebecca - our new Foods teacher. Open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday lunchtimes. **Healthy Sandwiches** - can be ordered on Friday mornings at the school Office. They are made by our student leaders and delivered for Friday lunch time. The cost is \$2 which is very reasonable.

Community Notices

[Hagley's Junior College Open Evening](#) which is happening on [Tuesday 8th May](#). Due to demand we are running two sessions – one at 4.30pm and one at 5.30pm. We ask that people arrive for either a 4.30pm start or a 5.30pm start. Both sessions will cover the same information and there is no need to RSVP. There will be an opportunity to hear our Principal and Director of Junior College speak, and to have a look around the College.

This evening is intended for students who are looking to enrol into Year 9 for next year.

To request an enrolment pack or for more information, parents can contact me, Lisa Amer on (03) 379 3090 ext 884 or via email: lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz.

Cricket players who are starting at **Shirley Boys High School in 2019** - on their new site- are invited to an event to cover:

- A brief overview of the new school and the facilities that are being built
- An introduction to the key people that run cricket at SBHS
- What we can offer you at year 9, and outline a cricket pathway for the boys
- Wednesday 14 March Ngataki (in the main quad)

McDonalds Youth Duathlon:

- Sunday 8 April South Hagley Park
- 7-10 years: Run 1k Cycle 4k Run 500m
- 11-15 years:Run 2k Cycle 8k Run 1k

STARBUSTERS Canterbury Cheerleaders

When: Sunday's 4-6pm

Location: CSG 18 Watts Road, Sockburn

Wear comfortable sports clothing, socks, and shoes.

First session is FREE

Open to 7 years and over

No experience required

For more information please email us at canterburystarbusters@gmail.com

Ice Hockey

Ages 3 to 15 year old boys and girls

Fridays 5.15pm - 6.15pm

2 Free sessions

Contact our head coach Dean Tonks email: headcoach.ciha@gmail.com mobile 021 0835 0633

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