



Wednesday 7 November 2018 www.sis.school.nz Principal: Taitu'uga Geoff Siave

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

As I write I have just come in from watching the last round of the school athletics competition, and the finals of the running events.

Recently I attended the New Zealand Principal's Federation annual conference in Wellington. *Creative Leaders- Flourishing Futures*. In addition to the Minister of Education assuring us that the government is determined to see positive change which reflects feedback from the extensive consultation which they have been doing nationwide over the last few months.

Common themes from the other speakers at the conference included:

- Relief that national standards have been removed, thus giving schools confidence to focus on a broad curriculum rather than what has developed into a high stakes focus on a narrow range of achievement levels
- Encouraging Principals to promote the full curriculum - including arts - because all learners have different interests, strengths and needs.
- Foster curiosity
- The concept of a service culture is encouraged - being kind to others, being considerate to people and to our environment, improving our world (whatever scale "our world" applies to).
- The relevance and importance of the sciences and technology

Teacher Strike

You have possibly heard the news that primary teachers (including intermediates) have voted to strike for a second day. In Canterbury this **strike day** has been scheduled for **Wednesday 14 November**. While negotiations are continuing there is a slight possibility of the strike being cancelled. So we need to be prepared for either eventuality. As most of our teachers are union members, in the event of a strike, we will not have staff available to supervise children and therefore **the school will be closed for instruction on Wednesday 14 November**. Alternative child care arrangements would need to be made. We know this causes considerable inconvenience and we thank you for your cooperation.

Please keep an eye out for any communication we send out in relation to the planned strike day as it will have implications for families. These will come on **Flexibuzz**, email and Facebook - in that order. You can also listen to radio or TV news to find out if the strike is proceeding.

Flexibuzz is a free phone app - please join it if you are able to as it is the quickest and easiest form of communication at our disposal. .

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Principal

Important Dates:

November	Possible Teacher Strike Day: Wednesday 14 November Canterbury Show Day: Friday 16 November
December	Reports: Thursday 13 December Year 8 Leavers Dance: Thursday 13 December, 6.30-8pm Prize giving assembly: Tuesday 18 December at 11am. School finishes for the year at 12.30pm

Rotary Award Winners

The four girls were selected as the top four citizens of our school. They consistently put the FIRE values into action on a daily basis. Matua Thomas accompanied them to The Elms for a celebratory dinner which was paid for by the Rotary Club. The Mayor was there to present the certificates and the students got to listen to the captain of the Tactix netball team. Congratulations girls!



Hayley, Jaydika, Nova, and Nadia pose for their photo.



The girls and Matua Thomas after the celebrations at The Elms.

Athletics Day

We had our athletics day on Monday 29 October. We were able to get through most of the events before it started to rain. We completed the remaining activities Wednesday afternoon. It was great to see so many students participating and thanks to the parents who came down to school to support their child. There were some good results. Mr Allen has selected a team to represent our school at the Canterbury AIMS Athletics Championships which is being held in Ashburton on Tuesday 20 November. We will be sending home a separate document which has the place getters in all of the events. A big thanks to Mr Allen for organising the day/s.



Parenting Place/Attitude is excited to bring you Tī Kōuka – the ultimate adventure weekend for parents and their pre-teens.

Over the course of a weekend, parents and their 10-12 year olds will be supported to navigate the changing landscape of their relationship and the changing landscape of the adolescent years.

Most of us don't look forward to talking about puberty, technology, drugs, alcohol or self-esteem with our kids. We know it's really important, but it's difficult to find the right moment, or even know where to start. That's why Tī Kōuka is so great. You make the time, and we create the space, start the conversation, and give you the tools to make it a memorable experience for all the right reasons.

Tī Kōuka is designed for 10-12 year olds and one of their parents/caregivers.

When: 30th November – 2nd December

Where: Living Springs

Cost: \$100 per child and adult pair

SHIRLEY DISTRICT MUSIC SCHOOL (SDMS)

SDMS opens earlybird enrolments for 2019 music tuition on 1 October until 15th December.

SDMS offers tuition in the following instruments.

- *Strings: cello, double bass, viola, violin*
- *Brass: cornet, horn, trombone, trumpet*
- *Woodwind: clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone*

Other: guitar, keyboard/piano, tuned & untuned percussion

SDMS Tuition fees for 2019 are:

- \$160.00 for beginners (includes tutor book)
- \$125.00 for returning students
- \$25.00 discount from the total for each extra sibling enrolled
- \$144.00 10% earlybird enrolment opens 1st October until 15 December (everyone)
- \$112.00 30% earlybird enrolment opens 1st October until 15 December (for community services card)
- \$120.00 25% discount enrolment after 8th February (community services card)

SDMS Instrument Hire

SDMS subsidises 25% of instrument hire from Sedley Wells for brass and woodwind. Other instruments hired out from SDMS.

The best musical deal in town. Try something new. Fun, creative, good for the brain and for the soul. For more information see the SDMS website:

<http://shirleyint.ultranet.school.nz/Web/66/>

Email sdms@sis.school.nz, or ring SIS on 385 2229, or Acting Music Director Janet Simôn Email flutecookjanet.simon@gmail.com or 323 6502 or 027 312 4562

Community News

What are your hopes for the Shirley Community? Knowledge Gathering Survey. Please have a look at the online Survey which remains open until Sunday 11th November. The link to the online survey is <http://tiny.cc/shirleysurvey> . Paper copies are at the school office.

Managing Anxiety and Building Resilience in Your Children and Teens Dates:

Children focused workshop - Tuesday 13 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Teen focused workshop - Tuesday 27 November 2018, 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Cost: Free (Cancellation fee may apply)

Venue: MHERC, 116 Marshland Road, Shirley, Christchurch Refreshments provided

This workshop will help participants to understand anxiety in children and teens. Learn about different strategies and skills to help your young person manage anxiety/stress, and help them build resiliency. • Understand how anxiety works in the body and mind • Feel more confident to manage anxiety in your young people • Understand resilience and building resilience in your children/teens • Parenting strategies and skills to support children/teens • Share and discuss with other parents and build shared knowledge in a confidential setting • Take-away resources and ideas

Metro cards and top ups available at the Shirley Service Centre in the Shirley Library Monday - Friday 9am -5pm.

East Christchurch Shirley Cricket Club

New players welcome!

Burwood Park, 75 Burwood Rd, Shirley, Ph: 021 744 114 or 027 874 8622

Neighbourhood Week 2018-19 – Neighbourhood Week is now all summer long! from 27 October 2018 to 31 March 2019. So why not organise a local gathering to get to know your neighbours, community, family group, or sports team! Applications close 7 www.ccc.govt.nz/GetTogether.

Healthy Nibbles Check out the latest healthy nibbles: <https://www.cph.co.nz/your-health/healthy-nibbles/>

Easy Choice Family Kai

Love Food Hate Waste have just released their winter meal planner- approximately \$60 a week - healthy (nutritionist-approved) and zero waste. The meal planner and recipe book contain four weekly meal plans, with each week consisting of five dinner meals. Each meal will feed a family of six (two adults and four children under 10) or four adults. Whanau can sign up to receive the meal planners in their inbox here: <https://lovefoodhatewaste.co.nz/>

Avebury's Christmas Night Market: 30 November, 4.30-8pm, 9 Eveleyn Couzins Avenue, Richmond.

Changes in Neighbourhood Trust: The general email for Neighbourhood Trust will change from ginny@nht.org.nz to manager@nht.org.nz but the phone numbers remain the same. I will be leaving my role as manager and Lee will become interim manager from 29th October to the end of the year. Thank you for all your encouragement, support and working together over the past 11½ years. I am going to work for Christchurch libraries, so will still be part of this community but in a different way. Blessings, Ginny Larsen, Neighbourhood Trust.

From the North West Collective: Please find out more about a Community Conference happening in early 2019 - "**Hapori 2019 – Community made Conference**" <https://biteable.com/watch/nwc-hapori-2019-a-1979508>

Thai Food Fair: Sunday 11 November, 10am-4pm, Rauora Park (cnr of Manchester and Lichfield Streets). Free entry.

Global Christmas event: 24 November, 5-10pm, Ray Blank Park, Maidstone Road, Ilam. Free event.