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

Greetings e te Whānau, From the Principal, Geoff Siave

As this newsletter goes to print I am attending the South Island Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools Principals conference in Nelson.

Next week is Maori Language Week. Recently someone asked me whether I agree that Maori should be compulsory in all schools. From my perspective there is a degree to which Maori language has been compulsory in New Zealand schools for decades. The New Zealand Curriculum refers to "Official Languages". As Maori is one of our Official languages it seems appropriate that all schools will be doing *some* Maori language - and this appears to be what happens in most schools.

The case for Maori being taught in our schools is different to the case for international languages such as Japanese, German and French; For starters, all of those languages have home countries. The home country for Maori is here. Secondly, the Treaty of Waitangi is to be recognised throughout our school curriculum. Te Reo is one aspect of the honouring of the Treaty. Thirdly, Maori culture is what so many Kiwis relate to when they are abroad. Many Kiwis, like media personality Jack Tame, return to New Zealand with a renewed passion and recognition of what makes Aotearoa unique. Jack has since studied Te Reo and has a growing comfort with the language. I believe all Kiwis, and "new" Kiwis can deepen their connection to the essence of being a New Zealander, by learning Te Reo Maori. At the very least we should all be able to use basic Maori, and be able to pronounce correctly Maori words and the names. At the very least this seems to me to be a matter of courtesy to Maori, and our collective pride as New Zealanders.

At SIS we view the daily use of basic Maori as very normal and desirable.

<http://www.tetaurawhiri.govt.nz/events-and-promotions/maori-language-week/>

Kia ora ra

Geoff Siave

Tumuaki (Principal)

Have you puzzled over how to say Taupo? Whangarei? Otakaro? With correct Maori pronunciation? In one 45 minute session - with a cup of tea and kai - Matua Thomas from T.T.R.R can help with questions relating to parts of Māori culture and even assist with your Māori heritage. Classes will be in Term 4 on Wednesday from 5p.m. onwards in Room 4. Please let your child's teacher know if you are interested. Nau mai, haere mai.

Parent Teacher Interviews - As part of keeping you informed about your child's learning we are holding interviews at the end of this term. We have scheduled one evening - Thursday 28th September 2017. School will finish at 2.15pm on this day. These interviews are for Parents who have not already had an interview this term. To book an interview go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter code d3g78.

Primary Schools Cultural Festival 2017

Viliani - This year the actions to the action song were difficult. It was hard to remember the words to every verse and the actions that went with it. We did it well.



again.

Puhi Te Aewa - I liked learning the new songs. Especially the action song. Some of the actions were difficult, but we did it well.

Potahi - I liked it because we sang our own songs composed by our tutor for us. Usually we sing songs that other people already know. I hope we get to perform again with the taiaha.

Tayla - I like the haka especially because of the words that were used in the composition. I like moving around during the items, because it made it more interesting. I hope we get to perform again.

Trinity - This was the first time I was asked to perform the karanga. I was really nervous but as the practices went on I got stronger and stronger at it.

Miami - I enjoyed the haka because it was really strong. It got stuck in my heart and thoughts. We should perform

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From the Board of Trustees Chairperson:

Kia Ora everyone

A notice for Parents and Caregivers! We're looking for a couple of new members to join our Board of Trustees team. We're looking for someone with a heart for the community and a desire to serve Shirley Intermediate as a Board member. If you have a love for learning and a commitment to see our youth succeed and excel then you could be just the person we are after. We're also looking for someone who is not afraid to try new experiences and will enjoy learning new skills in leadership and governance. If this has sparked your interest, flick an email to either Geoff Siave (principal@sis.school.nz) or Jas King (jasonking8@gmail.com).

Thanks and best wishes
Jas King
Chairperson
Shirley Intermediate Board of Trustees

People wanting to look at our school for 2018 are welcome to make contact with our school office to arrange a tour of the school. Enrolments for 2018 are now open and parents can pick up an enrolment form from the school office or online at www.sis.school.nz.

Shirley District Music School

After more than a decade of doing a wonderful job as director of the Shirley District Music School, Delwyn McKenzie is moving on!



Breakfast club
Tuesday and Thursday 8.20-8.40am
Hauora Room All Welcome



Ski Trip: Friday 25 August

Your usual wake up time frame is all out of whack due to the fact that you have to arrive at school far too early (6:30) ready for departure to the ski field. The views on the way to Porters ski field were phenomenal. The winding roads, large mountains and hills but the best view was the snow capped mountains, where we are soon to arrive. The excitement when arriving soon turns into worry and anxiety while receiving our skis and snowboards. With the lessons under way by very experienced teachers we soon learn some key points to help us ski. After our lesson our free time started and I stupidly left the safety of the beginners slope and headed for the poma and intermediate slope only to receive a face full of snow on the way down. I then turn around and see someone tumble down after me, that made me feel better. It was a great end to the week.

Ella Room 6

Here are a few pics from our ski trip



Mya in free motion



Caitlin's ready to rock with the snowboard



A great time lies ahead

Coming Up

Parent Teacher Interviews Thursday 28 September (information above)

Term 3 ends Friday 29 September

Term 4 dates: Monday 16 October to Thursday 14 December (our website had a later incorrect date; this has been corrected)

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