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

From the Principal
Geoff Siave

Greetings e te Whānau,

Term three has started well. It was good to get some fine weather on Sunday after the heavy rain of last week. I hear that another few days of heavy rain are due this week. It is, then, timely to ensure that our children have suitable clothing for school. Speaking of extreme weather...

... Notification procedures in emergencies (for snow advisories, lockdowns etc.)

If you have a cellphone and/or computer access to the internet please enrol in **Flexibuzz** (formerly Tiqbiz). This is free for you and is the first method of messages to parents. FlexiBuzz is available in the Android Play Store and Apple App Store for free. (web.flexibuzz.com). (Link is included here for online viewers). We also update Facebook (Please join "Shirley Intermediate School") and our website in emergencies. School closures will usually feature on More FM and Newstalk ZB but relaying information to them in pressured situations can be difficult, therefore our online sources will be most reliable.

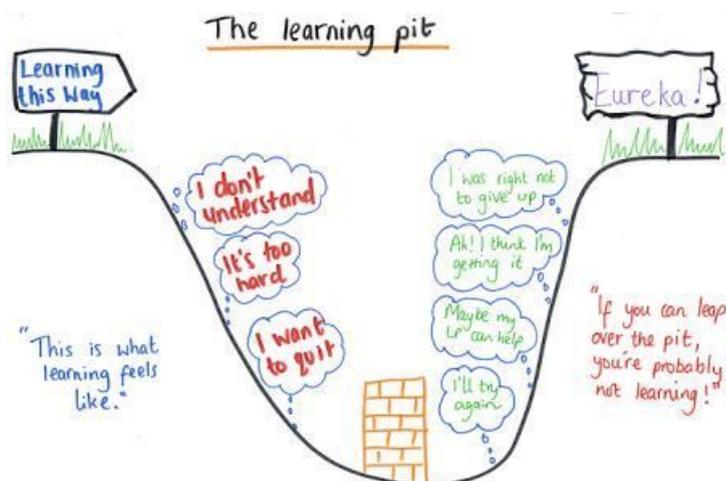
Inquiry Unit - Human Rights

This term we are using the topic *Human Rights* to base a lot of learning around. When the United Nations was established in 1948 the member nations devised a declaration of 30 Human Rights - these remain in place today. Our classes will look at these and issues surrounding them. The first five human rights on the UN list are:

1. All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.
2. Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.
3. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.
4. No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms.
5. No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

Do these articles apply in our lives? In our country? Are they out of date? What would it be like if these rights were ignored?

We can look at historical and contemporary events and people, and we can cover international, national and local application of these rights. . There are certainly many references to these issues in daily news broadcasts. We encourage you to chat with your child about *Human Rights* issues.



Learning Pit - The Learning Pit model is about aspects of learning which we all experience when we are learning something new (eg. driving a car, times tables, new recipes, DIY around the house, playing a new game). There are times of discomfort and uncertainty, perhaps even fear - which we all feel. This can make it difficult to start, and to keep trying. The Learning Pit model shows that these anxieties are all normal. It also shows that while our initial attempts might include "failures", as we keep trying we usually get better, we learn new skills and knowledge, and eventually we improve and are likely to become very competent. If learners (children and adults) are familiar with the Learning Pit model, they will be able to acknowledge the fears and

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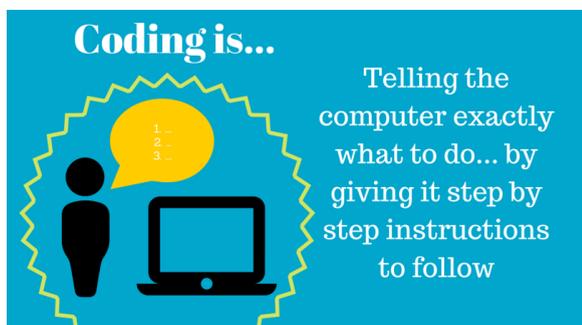
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uncertainties, while being confident that - with most new skills, they will be able to do them eventually if they keep practising and persevering. We encourage our children to recognise their fears, and to take up the challenge and excitement of new learning. Get into the Learning Pit, push through the challenges, and look forward to coming out the other end. What is the Learning Pit challenge that you are facing at the moment? Hear about [Michael Jordan and the Learning Pit](#) (link included here for online readers)

Open Night Thursday 3 August, 6.30pm - 8pm

Please inform families of prospective pupils about this event.

Some current pupils will be performing or helping out at the Open night. A big thanks to them. Full and correct uniforms, and tidiness please. Thank you parents/caregivers for returning the permission slips and for arranging their safe transport each way.



Ara Code Club - Next Monday our code club begins! About twenty children have enrolled in this exciting venture. They are being picked up from here after school each Monday and will be learning computer coding at Ara with the Ara trainees. This will be held weekly until the early part of term four.

It is timely that the Minister of Education, Nikki Kaye, has announced that Coding will be compulsory for Years 1-10. The first support materials are expected at the beginning of 2018.

[What is Coding?](#) (Link for digital readers)

Dunedin Trip -

Camp 1: Tuesday 28 November to Friday 1 December

Camp 2: Tuesday 5 December - Friday 8 December

Radio Station 106.1FM - Our children will be broadcasting on this frequency from next week. Well done to Mr Walker for getting the equipment shifted, and to Mr Duff for managing the broadcasters. To our budding DJs: You're on air!

Lunchonline Hot and cold foods can be ordered for Thursday lunches through Lunchonline www.lunchonline.co.nz. To set up an account select *Shirley Intermediate School*. Orders need to be placed by 8.30am on Thursdays for the Thursday lunchtime delivery.

Healthy Sandwiches can be ordered on Friday mornings at the school office. They are made by our student leaders and delivered for Friday lunch. Only \$2!! .

Thank you Parents/Caregivers for ensuring that your child gets plenty of **sleep** before school and comes to school in **correct uniform, on time** and having had a **healthy breakfast**.

One Key to School Success: Organisation

- Putting things where they belong
- Setting your goals for yourself
- Planning ahead to meet those goals



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