

Term 1, Week 1 – Wednesday 31 January 2019

Kia ora families

It's been awesome to have the students back today! School did seem very quiet over the past weeks as we have been planning for them to come back. It's been great to reconnect with students and families over the past two days. We have had a really settled and positive start to the year and the Mihi Whatataua was a nice way to welcome new students, staff and whanau.

The new staff are:

- Mrs Suzanne Nilsson - Team Leader Burwood
- Miss Emily Kendal - Burwood - welcome back
- Miss Nikki Gosden - Ōtākaro
- Mrs Jasmin Martin - Travis
- Mr Matt Thomas - Team Leader Korimako
- Miss Amy MacKenzie - Korimako
- Mr Daniel Broad - Learning Assistant
- Mrs Kerry Kulpinski - Swim instructor & Learning Assistant

This year the children are playing before they eat at both interval and lunchtimes. There is a wealth of research behind this, the main reason is so the students become settled and are ready for learning and can have sustained concentration. Please ensure students have enough food for a healthy snack at interval (wholemeal sandwich is great) and then more at lunch.

In week 4 we are hosting our Learning Conferences. They are on Wednesday the 20th and Thursday the 21st of February. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet with your child and their teacher to discuss his or her learning for 2019 and to find out all we can from you to ensure we do the best job we can to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

This conference has a range of purposes:

- It allows teacher and parent/s to have one on one time to discuss the child's learning
- Students have the opportunity to share their learning goals and next steps with parents and gain their support to achieve them
- Parent and teacher can have a frank and honest conversation with the child present about any specific self-management or behavioural goals that need attention
- Parents can share information that will assist the teacher
- Together parents, child and the teacher can set goals for the term ahead

To make 3 Way Learning Conferences more meaningful we want to give you some questions to think about in advance before we meet:

1. What is the most important thing you would like us to know about your child?
2. Is there any area of your child's learning that you have concerns about or want him/ her stretched/challenged in?

3. What makes your child happy at school?
4. What strengths does your child have? e.g character, cultural, sports?
5. Is there anything else you would like to let us know or ask us?

We will ask these questions, among others, so please give them some thought. The conferences are a really important link between home and school. Make sure you are booked in. Please see below instructions on how to do this.

Thank you for your support in getting your children ready to start school!

Ngā Mihi Nui



Andrew Barker
Principal

Waitākiri School 3-Way Learning Conferences

3-Way Learning Conferences will be held on Wednesday 20 February 3.30pm – 8pm and again on Thursday 21 February from 1.30pm – 6pm. Bookings can now be made online. Please follow the instructions below:

1. Log on to: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. The school code is **q87pc**
3. Follow the prompts on screen:



4. When you are done, your interview timetable will be emailed to you.
5. Bookings open now.
6. Bookings will close on Monday 18 February at 11am.
7. Please only book one conference per child.

If these dates and times do not suit your family, please contact the teacher directly about making a mutually suitable time.

If you do not have access to a computer, you may use the computer in the CHOICE room.

Please note: On Thursday 21 February, school will be closing at the earlier time of 12.30pm as interviews will start at 1.30pm that day. If you cannot arrange for your child to be collected at this earlier time, please contact the school office by Monday 18 February ph 3832736, FlexiBuzz, txt 027 2023543 or email office@waitakiri.school.nz

On Wednesday 20 February school will finish at the usual time and conferences will begin at 3.30pm. Please note OSCAR will operate as per usual from 3pm on both days. If your child is attending OSCAR on Thursday 21 February they will automatically be added to the list. Please let OSCAR know if your child will not be attending either days.

Medication at school

If your child is required to take medication, please remember medication must be kept in the school medical room with a completed "Authority to Administer" form. These can be completed at the school office. Thank you.

House wanted to rent

Four bedroom house in our community or surrounding area wanted for term 3 2019 by an international family (mum and children) enrolling at our school. If you know of a house available, or someone who may have one, please contact Chrissie at international@waitakiri.school.nz. Thank you

Homestay Families Required

We are looking for friendly school families who are interested in hosting international students throughout the year, as they attend Waitakiri School. The length of stays vary. The students will be aged between 10-11 years. If you are interested or would like to know more please email me at chrissie.balloch@waitakiri.school.nz.

National Geographic magazines

If anyone has the above magazines they no longer need, we would be grateful for them for our art room please. Please bring them into the office or Learning Studio 7. Thank you.

Home Learning REAL Challenges coming soon!

Students in Years 4 – 6 have the opportunity to complete REAL Challenges. 2019 booklets and information will be coming home during week 4. There is information available on our website under 'Our Learning' about REAL Challenges.

ANZ school banking

ANZ The Palms offers your children the opportunity to kick start their education in budgeting and saving with a simple convenient school banking service.

Every Friday morning, starting next week, we are at the school helping children to save their hard earned pocket money by banking it into their accounts.

Every year the school appoints two children to be the Bank Tellers for the year, they complete all of the banking's with the paperwork and then at the end of the year we arrange a visit to The Palms ANZ Branch for them to see what happens with the deposits when they come back to the Bank.

We have a ANZ staff member at the school every Friday, so if you have any questions or want to arrange to open an account for your child – please do not hesitate to either pop into school for a chat or pop into ANZ The Palms where one of the team will be able to assist.

School Bankers visit to ANZ The Palms 2018.

The School Bankers for 2018, Jack and Ben, came to ANZ The Palms to see what happens with the banking's they complete at school. They had a tour of the Branch and got to see what happens behind the scenes. Thank you to Jack and Ben – they did a fantastic job for the year.



REAL Community Challenge

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COLLECT FOR THE
SPCA Annual Appeal or Red Puppy Annual Appeal?



Dear Students

As part of the Waitākiri School Community REAL Challenges, you have the opportunity to collect for the

- SPCA Canterbury Annual Appeal on Saturday 10 March, or
- Blind Foundation Red Puppy Appeal on Saturday 24 March

and tick off a REAL Community Challenge! Both of these are held at local malls/shops. For Year 1, 2 & 3 children you can do this just because you are a REAL hero and volunteer your time. If you would like to do this, you will need to have a parent or caregiver with you for the duration of 1 ½ hours.

The parent or caregiver **MUST** stay with you the whole time. More than one child from each family can help. Everything will be there that you need to complete your collection, so you just need to bring yourself and your parent/caregiver.

If you would like to do this, please have the form below/over completed by your parent/caregiver, and return to Kim in the school office as soon as possible. There are limited spaces available so first in will get their preferred time. If we have lots of interest we may be able to collect at another venue.

Thank you for your help!
Kim Hillson



Return the below portion to the school office

REAL Community Challenge

YES I WOULD LIKE TO COLLECT FOR THE

SPCA Annual Appeal or Red Puppy Annual Appeal? (circle collection preference)

I would like to help collect for the SPCA Canterbury Annual Appeal on Saturday 10 March 2019 (1 ½ hour time slot and venue to be confirmed).

Preferred time (please circle)

10am –11.30am	11.30am-1pm
1pm-2.30pm	2.30pm-4pm

I would like to help collect for the Blind Foundation Red Puppy Appeal on Saturday 24 March 2019 (1 ½ hour time slot and venue to be confirmed).

Preferred time (please circle)

10am –11.30am	11.30am-1pm
1pm-2.30pm	2.30pm-4pm

Child/ren's name/s _____ Studio/s _____

Parent Name _____ Contact Ph No _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

The time and venue you will be collecting at will be confirmed with a letter home.
Thank you.



COMPUTER/MOBILE CODING

WHO

Waitakiri Primary School students
in years 4 to 6.

WHAT

Fun and interactive high level
coding course learning how to
create program technology.

WHEN & WHERE

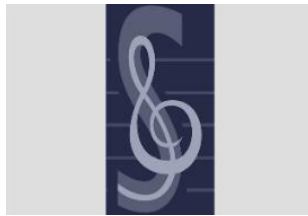
Term 1, 2019
Breakout room in Korimako
Mondays 12.45 PM (lunchtime)

THE WAY TO SUCCESS

Our classes will help develop your child's brain by teaching them advanced coding skills like how to make a computer/mobile/tablet website or application. We also include robots! Children have an amazing capacity for learning and introducing them to technology coding while they're young will help set them up for success in our increasingly digital world. Your kid will learn to not only passively consume technology, but to create technology so that they can be an active part of the digital era.

APPLY NOW (Limited Spaces Available)

To give your child the opportunity to learn how to program
technology apply now at codingnz.com/signup



SDMS

Shirley District Music School

2019 Music Enrolments

SDMS (Shirley District Music School) is a music school offering instrumental and theory tuition as well as ensemble groups. Fees are subsidised through the SDMS board.

Schools involved are: Banks Ave Primary, Mairehau Primary, Marshlands Primary, Shirley Primary, Shirley Intermediate, St Francis Assisi Primary and Waitākiri Primary.

SDMS Tuition Fee per year.

\$160.00 for beginners (includes tutor book)

\$125.00 for returning students.

A deduction of \$25.00 per family can be made if more than one sibling is enrolled.

\$112.00 – (first year enrolment with SDMS)

SDMS Community Service Card

\$87.50 ~ (returning SDMS students)

Lessons are offered in each school if the schools allow or at Shirley Intermediate after school.

Instruments offered for tuition are: `Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Guitar, Keyboard, Percussion (tuned and un-tuned), Piano, Recorder, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Violin.

Students are able to hire a `cello, clarinet, flute, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin through SDMS but guitar, keyboard, percussion, piano and recorder are not offered for hire.

Students who enrol and pay in full for `cello, clarinet, flute, recorder, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and violin go into a draw to win full fees back.

Violin \$130; Flute \$130; Curved head flute \$160; Cornet \$160; Viola \$130; Trumpet \$130; Cello \$160; Clarinet \$130; Trombone POA; Double Bass POA; Saxophone \$288.

SDMS “Try an Instrument” session:

Date: Friday 8th February 3.30 to 4.30

Venue: Shirley Intermediate Music Room

This is an opportunity for students to come along and try any of the instruments offered and ask questions before enrolling.

Please contact me if you require more information. Janet Simôn, SDMS Music Director, Phone: 323 6502 or 027 312 4562 Email: flutecookjanet.simon@gmail.com

Community Notices

Shirley Vikings invite you to give rugby a go this season.

Whether you are Under 6 or Under 13, or anywhere in between, we will have a team for you. Free socks, mouthguard, a free rugby ball, affordable subs, and you'll be wearing new playing jerseys this season!

Training and clubrooms at Burwood Park.

For more info phone our Rugby Officer Hayden on 027 928 8405 or email rdo@shirleyrugby.co.nz

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for all club news and views - @shirleyrugbyclub

Register online now - www.shirleyrugby.co.nz

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY REQUIRED

NZIU requires caring kiwi families to host Japanese students (15 – 16yrs) based at Chisnallwood Intermediate School 12 – 24 March.

Families need to transport their student to and from school each week day during school hours. Board will be paid.

All host families are subject to police vetting. For more details please contact Jo on 021 222 1934 or 0800 694 486



Registration Days

At the Burwood AFC Clubrooms, Clare Park at 153 Burwood Road

Sunday 10 February 2019 10.00 am – 12.00 pm

New Junior players, we need to sight proof of age (birth certificate, passport or Plunket book)

Note that Registration in 2019 are now done Online.

For more details see our website www.burwoodafc.co.nz

Junior coaches required – please contact the Secretary Mark Tolchard 385-0098

Dance With Aimee-Enrol Now. Classes start Monday 11th Feb.

Ballet from 3yrs, jazz from 5 yrs, Contemporary from 8yrs. For beginners through to advanced students. Studio is Redwood. Contact Aimee, 021 434 450 or aimee@dancewithaimee.nz.

Do you want to play football in 2019?

Nomads United have teams available for boys and girls of all ages from beginners to experienced players.

We run a NZ Football accredited Talent Centre with full-time professional coaches.

Registrations are open now and close on 25th February.

Please go to our website for further details on programmes and what we have to offer.

We also have an Open Information Day from 2-4pm on Sunday 10th February at Tulett Park, Claridges Road.

www.nomadsafc.org