



Shirley
Intermediate
School

Newsletter •

23 March, 2022

Important Dates

- End of Term Thursday 14th April
- Term 2 Begins Monday 2nd May
- Easter 15th-18th April

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

We are a PB4L school. PB4L aims to provide a positive school climate and to create a supportive environment for personal, social, and academic growth for students and staff.

Our PB4L purpose statement is:

Through collaboration, we teach and acknowledge expected behaviours to foster a positive school-wide environment which helps to improve student achievement and wellbeing.

PB4L focus this fortnight (Week 8 and 9)

PB4L: We respect other people's right to teach and learn

Attendance

Just a reminder of the importance of your child attending school on a regular basis. Please call the School Office or use our skool loop app if your child is to be absent from school.

Breakfast Club

Students can attend the breakfast club from 8.30 - 8.50am daily in the Food Technology Room.

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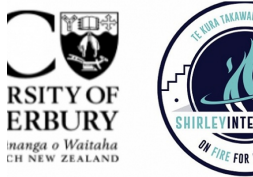
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Student Counsellor from UC Masters in Professional Counselling *by Loren Kennedy*

Kia ora! We are delighted to be able to have Serena Cooper (a 2nd year Masters of Counselling Student) from UC to work with us every Thursday and Friday.

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Whaea Jenni

Kia ora e te whānau. I am excited to be joining Shirley Intermediate this year. I have been teaching for 16 years in multiple schools across Aotearoa. I have taught at Dargaville Intermediate, Merrin School, Bohally Intermediate and most recently at Te Raekura Redcliffs School. My main teaching interests include, but are not limited to, PE, Science, Health, Inquiry and digital technologies. On the weekends I love downhill mountain biking (I'm not at all keen on biking up hills), surfing and in winter, snowboarding. Equally, I do also enjoy cooking, watching tv and sleeping in on the weekend.

Kahikatea

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Poetry and Colour

Kahikatea has been learning how to express themselves in writing through colour and the five senses. The end product has shown the creative potential of our students.

Our term theme has been Journeys. In Kahikatea, we have been looking at timelines of famous explorers, New Zealand history and when various inventions and innovations took place.

Quote of the Week:

Journeys are unavoidable. They are never the path one sets upon. They lead us in one direction, but when is a journey ever straight? One journey often becomes another, branching like rivers in various directions. A journey can take us to wonderful places; Journeys can become deadly and for the worse. But what happens after this journey ends? Well of course another journey and another after that

- *Tears of the Phoenix* by A Flanagan.

The **Summerfire** reading group has been reading one of Mr Flanagan's own novellas - "Education of the Bow." They have been mapping the path and growth of the main character's journey. This has given these students an understanding of how characters can change over time. Each of the group members has been able to give their own insight, depth and predictions on how the story will develop. They have also been able to give feedback on why the writer expresses certain ideas and offer their own suggestions on the story development.



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From the Principal's Desk

Brett Cooper — March 22nd, 2022

Nau mai haere mai koutou katoa tamariki ma, matua ma, me nga hoa katoa.
Welcome to you all Children, Parents and all Friends.

Time flies when you're having fun. We are now into week eight of an eleven week term. Just a friendly reminder that Term 1 ends on Thursday 14 April. Enjoy reading the latest update.

Teaching and Learning

Food Technology: Week 8

This week in Food Technology, the Year 7s are making vegetarian pizzas. There were mixed reactions from the students when they were told what vegetables they were using but they took the challenge head on and made some lovely pizzas.

Student voice:

Today in food tech we made vegetarian pizzas. I liked the idea of putting different veggies on top. I would change the fact that we used BBQ sauce. ASMAA.

I made vegetarian pizza with capsicum, broccoli and a lot of cheese. It was really yummy. I would change nothing. KURT.

Today in cooking class, we made vegetarian pizza. We used capsicum, cheese, tomato, kumara and spinach. I would change it to meat lovers. ANONYMOUS.

Whaea Lisa (Food Technology Teacher)

Driving into our school grounds:

Our Shirley Road entrance driveway is dangerous at the best of times. With the rebuild, the area for cars to enter and exit has decreased. Added to that, the need for students to walk out of the Shirley Road gate, we have decided it is safer for everyone if we ask parents/caregivers to drop and pick their child up from outside the school grounds. A few options are:

- Drop students off on North Parade or Shirley Road by the island crossings
- Drop off down Warden Street
- The Palms car park

It is important students cross the road, when needed, at the lights or one of the island crossings. We ask that no cars are driven into the school grounds during 8:15am - 9am and 2:30pm - 3pm. Please arrange a place where you will meet your child after school.

We thank you in advance for making the driveway safer for students and our community.

Rebuild

The concrete slab has been poured and in a matter of two weeks the structural steel has been erected. The HRS team is making excellent progress. We have been informed that there will be a delay in getting GIB on site due to supply issues. This will result in a 2 month delay around June and July. Jay (HRS) is currently putting a proposal together which could see other parts of our rebuild brought forward so workers are kept busy during this 2 month period. Once we have confirmed our plans I will be able to share more.

Covid Communication

We are changing the way we update you about covid cases. Initially, we were informing parents when we had a new case. This was so you could make an informed decision about whether you would send your child to school if you have someone who is vulnerable living at home. ***A reminder to keep your child at home if they are showing any symptoms which may be covid, eg: headache, sore throat, sore stomach, runny nose.***

Each of the three learning bases have positive cases so we will now update you at the end of each week. We will be sharing the following information every Friday:

Covid Update		
Category	Students	Staff
Active Positive Cases		
Positive cases who have recovered and returned		
Currently isolating due to being a household contact		

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PB4L:

The current fortnightly focus is *'We respect other people's rights to teach and learn.'*

It comes under our **Fairness/Tapatahi** value.

Communication

If you ever need to make contact with teachers, the senior leadership team, or office, here are their email addresses:

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Senior Leadership Team

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Acting Deputy Principal - Tamara Drew tamarad@sis.school.nz

Acting Principal - Brett Cooper brettc@sis.school.nz

Office Manager - Beccs Talbot becst@sis.school.nz

School website:

Please check out our school website. Whaea Loren has been leading the change (thanks, Loren). Over the next few weeks you will notice headings for new sections being added and specific content will be added slowly but surely.

With the number of covid cases increasing in Christchurch, please look after yourself. As always, make a concerted effort to do the things that bring you joy.

Ngā mihi nui

Brett Cooper

Acting Principal (2022)



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Kahikatea Lukas Loosli-Rawhiti Kai Kai Osmena Rai Rai Osmena

Matai Siarna Hall Raj Bharndari Alazne Ioane - absent from photo
Iaveta Pau - absent from photo

TTRR Janika Jackson Bailee Anderson Madison Clark-King

KIDS CAMP

Shirley Intermediate — March 21st, 2022

Wednesday 20th - Sunday 24th April Woodend Christan Camp 5 Days of fun for intermediate students

Featuring: Trampolines, Go-Kart, Flying Fox, Aero Jump, Climbing wall, Water Slide, Mini Golf, Archery, Awesome Leaders and Yummy Food

Whats it going to cost?

The true cost of camp is \$340, but due to a number of generous supporters we are able to offer significant subsidies so that no child misses out on camp, no matter what your circumstances.

Want to join in ?

Sign up at cdntrust.org.nz/kcrego

Once your place on camp is confirmed you will receive information on pick-up, drop-off and all of the gear you will need.

Contact:

CDN Office: 942 3434

Email: Kidscamp@cdntrust.org.nz Emergency Contact: 0221656633



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Reminder: If your child displays some of the following symptoms, please inform the school office and keep your child at home and get a test carried out as soon as possible. Please let the office know the result of the test as soon as possible.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- A new or worsening cough
- Sneezing and/or a runny nose
- A fever
- Temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste

- Sore throat

- Shortness of breath

Under the new Omicron response, only confirmed cases and their household contacts need to self-isolate. Everyone can continue to come to school.

Please familiarise yourself with the flowchart below. It will help you make the right decisions for you and your family and also go a long way to protect others in our community. Important: **Please note that the self-isolation period is now 7 days not 10.**

You can be assured that we are taking every precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff at Shirley Intermediate. This includes:

- Wearing masks - staff, students, and visitors
- Regularly cleaning high touch surfaces
- Good ventilation in learning bases
- Regular breaks outside so masks can be taken off
- Minimising interactions between other learning bases

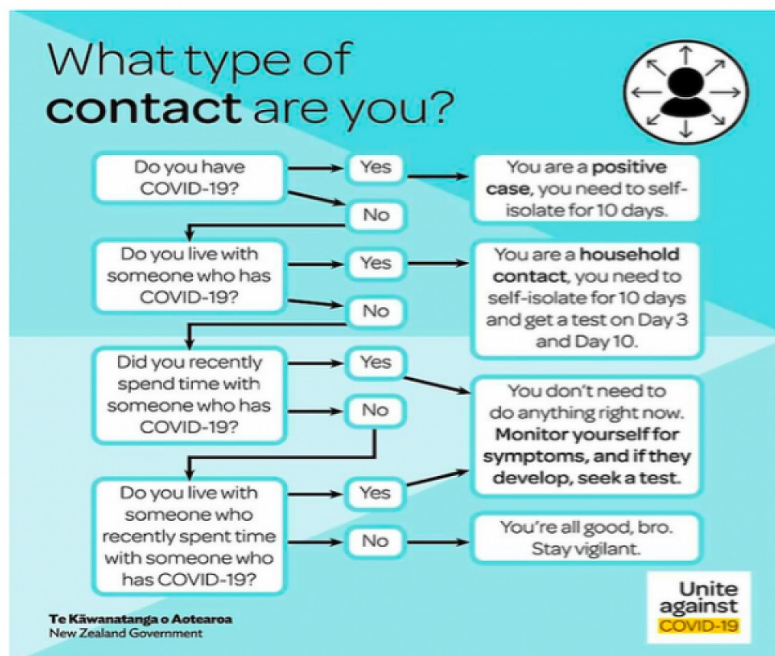


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If you have any further questions please contact the school office on 385 2229.

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Brett Cooper Acting Principal



SchoolDocs

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The School Docs focuses on helping schools keep abreast of policy reviews and changes. School Docs provides a three year schedule for reviews.

The result is that the multitude of School Docs schools review policies on the same three year time frame. They ensure that schools are advised of legislative changes.

They also inform all schools of best practice which they can see coming through in the school reviews.

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