



Principal's Message: Tuesday 4th February 2020

Kia ora School Whānau

A warm welcome to the new school year - 2020. I hope and trust that everyone has had a fulfilling holiday break and you are rested and ready for a new year ahead. Over the coming weeks we will update our school website with our Strategic Plan and 2020 Action Plan, Learning Targets and 2019 Analysis of Variance (student cohort / curriculum data summary), keep an eye out for this information.

Our teaching staff and senior leadership team have been meeting in the holidays to prepare for the academic year ahead and we are pleased to be bringing an exciting programme of learning and challenge to our children at SCCS. We start this term looking at solidarity and the roles that we all take to create a highly effective team of people who know ourselves, each other and understanding our Catholic mission of justice and equity for all.

As we kick off the year, it is also timely to remind parents of Y3-8 children that we are a **BYOD CHROMEBOOK** school. We have partnered with three companies to bring you options to choose from if you wish to purchase a Chromebook for your child to utilise in their classroom learning programmes. The link to these suppliers can be found on the [BYOD Partners](#) section of our school website. Alternatively, you are very welcome to shop with your preferred supplier.

Our Education Review Office (ERO) visit is scheduled for week 3 of Term 1 2020. We look forward to receiving feedback from this review and will be inviting you to have your say closer to the time.

Our school has 4 teaching teams as follows;

Team 1 - New Entrant - Yr 2 children lead by Vicki Robinson (The team is: Vicki Robinson, Cecily Shannon, Rachel Dena, Lorraine Thomas, Pauline Schmidt)

Team 2 - Yr 3 and Y4 children lead by Kerry Ranapiri (The team is: Kerry Ranapiri, Elisha Hankins, Rachel Rowe, Charlotte Manning and Macale Ratana)

Team 3 - Yr 5 and Y6 children lead by Linda Woulfe (The team is: Linda Woulfe, Andrea Noakes, Catherine Barnett and Vicky Hancox)

Team 4 - Yr 7 and Y8 students lead by Lois McGregor (The team is: Lois McGregor, Maureen Duncan, Allan Goodison and Ross Trafford)

2020 Effective Itinerant learning coach - Maria Persson

Leadership - Gareth Duncan, Anne-Marie Harland and Gill Gibbs

If you have a question, concern or issue we invite you always in the first instance to go directly to the classroom teacher and discuss the concern. By experience the best person to discuss your child's immediate needs/concerns will be their classroom teacher, not a friend, another parent or another teacher. Please follow the steps below for immediate support and clarity of any concern you have.

1. Speak with the teacher, (if this is not suitable move to the following step) **2.** Team leader **3.** DP (Mrs Harland) or AP (Mrs Gibbs) **4.** Principal (Mr Duncan) and lastly the BOT Trustees through the complaints and concerns process (Policy online).

Please be aware that we do not use the school Facebook or any social media platform as a conversation area for concerns and complaints, we promote face-to-face conversation and work to a restorative model of communication. Thank you for your ongoing support as we all continue to build a healthy community for our children. Thank you, Gareth Duncan, Principal

Property updates:

It is exciting for the Board of Trustees to share with our community that the building of a new innovative learning environment, adding the equivalent of three new classrooms to our site is taking place. The contractors are Mitchell's Construction. The new classrooms are not designated for any particular learning level of our school as yet. As we approach July (expected building completion date) there will be communication with community about the learners and classroom teachers who will be teaching in this new block.

Over the holiday period we also undertook a beautification project and had our school values: Care, Love, Faith, Honesty and Respect painted in the form of a colourful mural along the rear of the boardwalk classrooms. Thank you to Bruce McLachlan for his wonderful work and time dedicated to us over the holiday period to have this mural installed and finished ready for the school year.

Photos of the proposed ILE (Innovative Learning Environment) building project that is currently underway



School Beautification project - Grateful thanks to Mr Bruce McLachlan



Property Safety:

The construction site is out of bounds to students at all times during the school day. When dropping your children off to school please note the security fencing and the area that Mitchell's Construction will be working in. There is an access way into the site from the church car park for trucks and work vans so please keep this area free of vehicles during the school day. Pick up and drop off areas for children remain the same; at the front of the admin block (no one is to leave their vehicle please), or if you are walking your child into school please use the church car park to park your vehicle. Do not stop your vehicle parallel with the barrier fence and let your son or daughter out of the car - you must pull into a car park and let them out of the car. There is to be **no stopping** to drop children under the church verandah, we need the traffic to flow through this area without hold-ups. Please do not be offended if we remind you of this face-to-face. Thanks for your cooperation, Gareth.



AIMS Games Meeting - 5th March at 6pm in the School Hall

Health message: - Coronavirus

As you will have seen in the media the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the coronavirus.

This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however, it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days.

Children and young people are currently returning to classrooms. The health of students and staff is a priority for all. We encourage you to err on the side of caution and here are some steps you can take.

IMPORTANT - anyone who is unwell should not be at school or at their early learning service. If you have a particular concern about any child, student or staff member, please urge parents or the staff member to contact Healthline at **0800 611 116** or their GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available **24/7 in 150 languages** and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.

We will post updates on our school FB page.

Internet and mobile phone safety:

Our school internet guidelines are very clear. The notable difference from previous years is that these are ongoing guidelines for all children and teachers to adhere to; they are not procedures that we are asking you to accept and sign. We have worked with best practice models from NZ Netsafe and all current and future guidance comes from this governing body in NZ. Please note that breaches on internet usage at school by any student will be immediately shared with parents and Netsafe guidelines will be followed.

- User guidelines for Years 0 - 6 learners [- click on this link](#)
- User guidelines for Years 7 - 8 learners [- click on this link](#)
- User guidelines for Teachers [- click on this link](#)

Please read the online safety toolkit for parents (NZ Netsafe) [- click on the link here](#)

Screenagers' Information Evening - Wednesday 1st April at 7pm - This is a documentary showing the pitfalls of mobile devices and the internet for our young children. The session will be presented by Martin Hughes (ICT Facilitator) and we as a community will use this opportunity to discuss internet use and phone use at home and school. It is our aim to have parents and senior students attend (children from Yr 5 - up) would be ideal. Please mark the date on your calendar, this could be a great way to start a chat with your children about internet safety management at home.

Harmful Digital Communications Act

The 10 Communication Principles

A digital communication shouldn't:

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| 1 disclose sensitive personal facts about an individual; | 7 contain a matter that is published in breach of confidence; |
| 2 be threatening, intimidating, or menacing; | 8 incite or encourage anyone to send a message to an individual for the purpose of causing harm to the individual; |
| 3 be grossly offensive to a reasonable person in the position of the affected individual; | 9 incite or encourage an individual to commit suicide; or |
| 4 be indecent or obscene; | 10 denigrate an individual by reason of his or her colour, race, ethnic or national origins, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. |
| 5 be used to harass an individual; | |
| 6 make a false allegation; | |

No phones at School

SCCS learning programme does not require mobile phone use during the learning day 8:45am - 2:45pm. We have a full ban on phones in the classroom, playground before, during and after school whilst on the school site. If you require your child to bring a phone to school for safety reasons you must write and tell us why and your child will be required to leave it at the office each day. Children who do not do this will have their phones removed from their possession and we will call you (parents) immediately for your support. Thank you for working with us on eliminating this unnecessary resource during a learning day.

Key dates: *(Term 1, dates - Monday 3rd February to Thursday 9th April)*

- ★ Waitangi Day school assembly 5th February at 9am in the hall (all welcome)
- ★ Welcome back Mass - Friday 7th February at 9am (in the Church)
- ★ PTFA Meeting - Monday 10th February
- ★ Board of Trustees Meeting - Tuesday 11th February
- ★ NZ Netsafe Internet Safety Awareness Day 11th February - [Link](#)
- ★ 12th February - Yr 7/8 Tech Arts start at Peachgrove Intermediate School
- ★ 13th February - Commissioning Mass for **all** school community at the Cathedral 6pm
- ★ 14th February - School Assembly at 12:15pm (School Hall)
- ★ 16th February - Weetbix Tryathlon
- ★ 17th February - ERO (Education Review Office) onsite
- ★ 21st February - Rangiaowhia visit Te Awamutu - Teams 3 and 4 (Day trip)
- ★ 25th February - Shrove Tuesday
- ★ 26th February - ASH Wednesday
- ★ 28th February - School Assembly
- ★ 5th March at 6pm - AIMS Games expression of interest parent and student meeting in the staffroom (Yr 7 and 8 students only)
- ★ **9th March - TOD** (School is closed for instruction) - Please book your children in Kids Club if you need the service - limited places available.
- ★ 15th March - Sunday Waipa Fun Run
- ★ 17th March - St Patrick's Day
- ★ 17th March - Learning Discussions (School finished at 12:30pm - EARLY finish) 1pm - 6pm

- ★ 19th March - St Joseph's Day
- ★ 19th March - Learning Discussions 3pm - 8pm
- ★ 24th March - BOT Meeting
- ★ 25th March - Annunciation
- ★ 30th March - Solidarity Week
- ★ **1st April at 7pm - Screenagers'** This session is available to everyone - Grandparents, parents, aunties/uncles and children. Let's come together and have a chat about internet safety and usage
- ★ 2nd April at 7:15am - Dads and Daughters Breakfast - FREE, come and listen to Julia Ratcliffe - Olympic Hammer thrower and her dad talk about sport and her dad as coach.
- ★ 3rd April - Young Vinnies Caritas Overnight challenge in the school hall.
- ★ 5th April - School Mass - Palm Sunday
- ★ 5th April - Top School Event
- ★ 6th April - Holy Week
- ★ 8th April - Washing of the Feet Liturgy - Team 2



Come and join us when and where you can in 2020

The PTFA are always looking for new faces to join us. We are a small but hard working team who would welcome new members to help share in the tasks associated with our awesome fundraisers.

You are welcome to join us on **Monday 10th February** at 7pm in the staffroom to plan for the new year and talk about the fundraising ventures in 2020.



Team 3 Camp Fundraising - starting Monday 10th February

Juicies \$2 - available everyday

Cool down with an icy cold treat and help get all our kids to camp this year.