

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,



## Welcome

Welcome! If you are brand new to our school a special welcome. If you are returning after the school holidays I hope you all had a good break and I look forward to catching up. Thank you to all parents who have bought new uniforms and stationery, our pupils are looking smart and ready for the challenges of new learning. With uniforms can I encourage you to label everything - we end up with so much lost property but without names it is almost impossible to tell who owns what. To start your child off at school on a good footing, we are providing **all NEW Yr1 pupils with free stationery and \$100 uniform voucher. Again all our year 5 & 6 pupils have been given a chrome book to assist them with their learning.** The chrome book will remain the property of the school and will be used by your child for the year.



## Health and Safety- Sun Safety

The summer has been incredibly hot and it's really important that we take care in the sun.



We have multiple shade areas but I strongly recommend that you send your child to school with a hat and talk to them about drinking plenty of water. Can I

also encourage you to leave jumpers at home until the weather cools down. Also put raincoats in your child's bags as a precaution, but there is no need for them to wear them unless it rains.

## Playgroup

Research says that the most amazing learning occurs for a child in the pre-school years. If you have preschool children the Collegiate has two powerful ways to help your child learn either in the Playgroup where the delightful Ms Mafi can help you engage with your child in fun ways. Our Playgroup is open now and all you need to do is come and see Ms Mafi who will warmly welcome you. The second option we have is **Barnardos - which has free sessions!** So if you have a preschooler you may choose the Playgroup or Barnardos. I hope you can take advantage of these opportunities.

## Sistema

Our Sistema music programme starts again this week and is going from strength to strength with more and more families taking up the opportunity for their child to **learn an orchestral instrument for free.** Sistema has been researched and is showing very positive results for pupils that stay on the programme. To make it easier for pupils to attend practices the Sistema music programme is held in school as well as the after school programmes at OMAC. This is such an amazing opportunity.



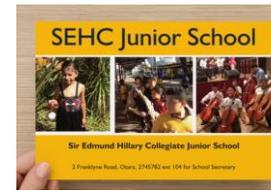
## Student contact update details

If you have changed address or phone number, please complete the student contact sheet that is attached to this newsletter. It's so important that we are able to contact you should your child get sick and needs to go home. Details will be kept strictly confidential.



## Prospectus

With today's newsletter we are sending out a short prospectus which highlights some of the important things that happen in our School.



## Healthy Food and nutrition

In the Junior School we have a **free daily breakfast programme** where a simple nutritious breakfast of weetbix, toast and milk is provided. All your child needs to do is rock on up to the orange pod after 7.45am and enjoy. Our School also provides **free fruit and milk for morning tea and free lunches** for those who need it. My thanks to all our sponsors who make this possible and I would like to acknowledge them - Fonterra, Kids can, Eat my lunch and the Ministry of Health.



## Dairy for life

Some foods however are better than others in supporting learning. **Fizzy drink, chips and cheezels are not the sort of food that your child needs,** in fact these foods can stop your child concentrating and learning. So please limit the chips and cheezels to Fridays as a treat. As to fizzy drinks, I do not recommend them at all. A few sandwiches and a piece of fruit are all your child needs and it's cheaper too!

## Travel wise

Last year our school won a Silver Award at the Travelwise celebrations but we are not resting on our laurels and this year the challenge is on to do it again.

## Our Team with their Silver Award



So look out for Mrs Shelley and her team as they promote safe walking and safe parking. By doing the right thing you may even win vouchers for free coffee, or a burger.

## End of the school day 2.45pm

Can I ask that you talk to your child about their home time arrangements? Normally your **child should be going straight home,** so you know they are safe. **Younger pupils either need to be picked up by you or walk home in the care of an older brother or sister.** It is important that if you are picking up your child that you are here a little before the bell at 2.45pm. If you are late, little ones may wander off home by themselves or go home with a friend and before you know it you can't find them and you are worried!

## Waitangi Day

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**February is**  
**Waitangi Day**  
**school is CLOSED.**  
*School will recommence on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 8.45am.*



Yours truly,  
John Shearer  
**Principal**