

CONNECTING WITH PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY

I enjoyed meeting Rebecca Herbert, who was appointed as head teacher at Macfarlane Park Kidsfirst in Acheson Avenue at the beginning of the year. It was great to give her a welcome to Shirley and get to know her by asking her the following questions.

Why did you become a teacher?

RH: I love children. Teaching appealed. I enjoy in a day all the activities I can share with children whether that be reading, gardening, building, singing, or exploring. I appreciate the privilege of supporting families.



What have you appreciated about the Shirley community since you have been here?

RH: I appreciate that this is a connected community where the kindergarten is part of all that is happening. I enjoy later in an afternoon people playing basketball on the court outside my office. The park is a fabulous space. This community has a good vibe and I look forward to getting to know more people.

Tell me about yourself.

RH: I am originally from Southland. I spent my childhood growing up in Monowai attending the Blackmount school. My husband and I moved to North Canterbury 10 years ago. We have three adult children, an ageing Golden Retriever called Missy and a budgie!

...And what do you do to relax?

RH: I enjoy getting out and about with my husband and family, I am a lover of gardens, all things floral and the natural environment. I do enjoy to bake.

All the best Rebecca. It is so good to have you caring for the tamariki of this community.

Carol Renouf | Community Nurse.

SUNDAY SCRIMMAGE

Starting 9 May, Sundays at 1:30pm there will be social basketball at the Macfarlane Park court. Anyone High School age and up, come along and join in! For more information contact Andre 027 303 7088.



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HOLIDAY FUN

LUNCH-TO-GO

Lunch-to-Go on the first Monday of the holidays saw 20 children make their own pizzas for lunch, participate in sport challenges and make a bird feeder to take home. A big thank you to Countdown for supplying fruit for the day, and Kia Kori Waitaha for leading the games.



STILL COMING UP – DON'T MISS OUT!



FRIDAY NIGHT FUN

30 April, 7pm at the Park Centre. Come along and enjoy an evening of games and quizzes followed by supper. \$2 per person / \$5 per family.

SHIRLEY FAMILY FUN

MACFARLANE PARK
FRIDAY 30TH APRIL 1-3PM

Scavenger hunt - 1:00 PM
Tug of war competition - 1:30 PM
Family relay races - 1:45 PM
Turbo touch - 2:00 PM
Hockey have-a-go - 2:20 PM
Backyard cricket tournament - 2:40 PM



KIA KORI WAITAHA / PLAY



NO REGISTRATION NEEDED
JOIN IN WITH SOME OF THE TIMED ACTIVITIES ABOVE OR COME ALONG AND PLAY YOUR OWN GAMES WITH OUR RANGE OF SPORTS EQUIPMENT



Saturday 1 May, 10am-1pm at the Neighbourhood Centre. While browsing to find some treasures, you can enjoy a barista-made hot drink for just \$2.

SUPPORT OUR BARISTA TRAINEES

\$1 coffees and other barista drinks at the Neighbourhood Centre Mondays & Wednesdays 10am-2pm. A nice place to meet others in your community while supporting the barista trainees. Takeaways welcome, but if you can bring your own recyclable cup, that would be even better.

Interested in being a barista? 45-minute training sessions cost \$5. Please contact Sharyn on 022 621 8269.



FRUIT AND VEGES

Did you know that when you buy a fruit and vege pack you are also supporting a social enterprise which provides free fruit to Mairehau High School?

Packs are available on Wednesdays, great value at only \$15 and can be ordered from Sharyn 022 621 8269.



BOOK NOOK

There is now a bookcase full of FREE books on the decking of the Neighbourhood Centre, thanks to Toni. You are welcome to come and take a book to enjoy, or leave one for others to enjoy. Also available are magazines and some children's books.

Monday and Wednesday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm during term time.



HOME VEGE GARDEN PROJECT

Colin Renouf, along with a team, is helping people plant their own gardens. Already a number have been planted and others have been requested this opportunity. If you would like to have one planted in your backyard, phone Colin on 027 639 1331.

If you want to learn more about gardening, head to the Community Garden on Thursday afternoons between 2-4pm where a group will be gardening. There is also a gardening library there you can access.



Shirley Village Project

"Shirley Residents and organisations working together for a 'caring, colourful, and connected' Shirley Community."



WANTING TO WORK

Are you looking for work, want help with creating a CV or wanting to build your experience and skills? Come along each Wednesday, 11am-12pm at the Neighbourhood Centre at 17 Acheson Ave. We will help you get ready for work and support you in your job search. Email shirleyvillageproject@gmail.com or text Steve 021 186 3645.



COMMUNITY LAWN MOWER COORDINATOR:

A big thanks to Grant as he finishes as coordinator of the community lawn mower, a role he has been doing since October 2019. Grant always had the mowers running smoothly for the 150 hires in that time, and created good connections with residents. Grant, we appreciate the time you have given to this project and to the community. Now, we are seeking a resident to take over coordinating the community lawn mower. If you are interested or want more info give Steve a call, 021 186 3645.



FIREWOOD DELIVERY WORKING BEE

On Thursday 15 April we held a community working bee to deliver 12 families a trailer load of firewood each. What an awesome community Shirley is where residents and organisations can come together to do good in the neighbourhood. A huge thanks to the 25 people from the community who came to help with the deliveries.



SHIRLEY ART PARK

Calling the arty people in Shirley. We are on a mission to make Shirley look awesome by creating an Art Park with lots of murals. We will provide you panel and paints so you can create an awesome mural, which will then be added to the others in Macfarlane Park. If you are keen call Steve, 021 186 3645.

Learner's Driver's Licence: For support to learn the Road Code, text Yolán 027 866 4314

Community Lawn Mower: To hire the community lawn mower, text Steve 021 186 3645

Art in Shirley / Community Murals: Next meeting, Monday 24 May, 7pm at Macfarlane Park Centre