\* Osu everyone - as many of you are now aware, we have lost……(whanau to give words)…..Eiko Hanshi Andy has requested that he remain in the Dojo at the Nelson Shibu until the end of the service on Saturday.

\* We have allocated timeslots (primarily) for the various Dojo's and Seido Karate students across the country to attend proceedings, either physically, or virtually for those that can't make it. At this stage we have organised the South Island on Day 1, and North Island on day 2 to allow people time to try and organise flights and/or drive. We are aware it is short notice to book flights or drive to Nelson for many people. If you cannot make the service or any of the previous days, there will be an opportunity to attend a memorial service at a later date (to be confirmed) that will allow time for people to book flights and gather in Nelson as a Seido family and celebrate Eiko Hanshi Andy's life.

\* At this stage we are asking up to 2 representative speakers per Dojo to speak on behalf of their students and Dojo. Please let Kyoshi Sharlene know who this will be via txt message (021 049 9275). We have allocated 10mins per speaker to speak, and if each dojo wishes to either sing a song or perform a haka, please feel free to do so. In order for everyone to be represented over the course of the following 3 days, and in keeping with the wishes of the whanau, we ask that everyone who speaks please respect the timeframes. If there is spare time left over after the representative speakers have finished, then there may be time for others to have their say. The representative speakers will speak first for each of the timeslots available.

\* If possible, could one representative of each dojo please indicate to us (via txt – Kyoshi Sharlene, 021 049 9275) the numbers you are expecting will be coming to Nelson so that we can manage groups. In some cases, there will be space to fit more people inside the dojo and in other cases, we may need to adjust numbers to another time slot. Please be patient, we expect that we will be able to cater for everyone that attends over the first 2 days.

\* There will be one 2 hr slot on day 2 (Friday the 22nd) for the general public to attend (if we can't get the public in on the days that are dedicated timeslots for students). There will be a general service on day 3 (Saturday the 23rd), with family and guests (by invite only) allowed inside the dojo. There will be provision for people to gather either outside the dojo during the service (there will be outdoor speakers) and the service will also be available by live feed - details to come.

\* There will be a haka performed when Eiko Hanshi leaves the Dojo on the day of the service, followed by a coat of arms send off from the students (20 punches led by our seniors). All students are asked to attend the service in their Gi please. The haka will be Ka Mate, for those who wish to join in. There are quite a few clips on YouTube for those that don't know it. Please don't worry about technical details, the important thing is mana, spirit and integrity when performing haka.

\*At the conclusion of the service everyone will be invited to go to (venue to be confirmed, please watch this space) for drinks and food, to celebrate Eiko Hanshi's life and to reconnect with each other.

\* If you are attending the dojo on any of the first 2 days please bring umbrellas and jackets (in case it rains). There will be marquees provided outside, and light refreshments and coffee will be served after each time slot (outside the dojo) and to give people a chance to catch up. Nobody (other than whanau) will be allowed inside the dojo during the hour in between time slots, as the family needs time to rest and have a break. No photo's or videos are to be taken, there will be 1 photographer present at the beginning and end of proceedings.

\* Please leave parking on Parere Street for those with disabilities. Parking will be available on St Vincent Street, Vanguard Street and we are organising alternative temporary parking - details to come.

\* Please do not come to the dojo if you are unwell. There are some bad flu's going around at the moment and we want to keep everyone safe. There is a live stream of the service for those that can't make it.

\* Parents are welcome inside the dojo with their children who are students. However, please be patient - it may not be possible to get everyone inside the building and we will manage as best as we can on the day. There may be other times where groups will be smaller and we will be able to fit more people in - we'll keep our posts up to date as we go.

Osu, thank you and keep safe.