

SHANNON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Our Principal



Dear Parents/Carers

Health Promoting School

As a Health Promoting School we are very conscious of healthy food options for our children. At present we have a number of children bringing drink and food that is unacceptable. Please ensure your children bring healthy food to school.

Digital Learning

At school we are able to control the use of digital devices and screen-time. As a staff we see that technology can enhance, engage and progress learning. However we also recognise the need for children to be active learners, active physically and involved in the Arts. We believe in a holistic learning experience for all children and that creative options are provided. At home, as parents, we need to ensure that our children are not spending all their time on a digital device. There is no doubt that many computer games are addictive and we all need to ensure our children have 'down time' and the opportunity of doing other physical and creative activities, including play.

Professional Development

As a staff we are always looking at improving our own skills in teaching. During the recent holidays teachers spent a day with all the other Foxton Schools in learning about using PaCT (Progressive and Consistency Tool) to assist us in making decisions about the level of children's writing samples against the National Standards. We believe this tool will help us make better judgments about reading, writing and maths. For this year we are concentrating on using PaCT in written language.

Our Rumaki teacher is meeting regularly with the Māori immersion teacher from Foxton and the Resource Teacher of Māori to develop sound assessment practices.

As a school we are presently concentrating on improving oral and written language. We are finding that more and more of our children are arriving at school with poor oral language skills. We have accessed Ministry personnel and Ministry funding to help us explore new and better programmes to assist our learners.

Adult Learning

Land Based Training (see advert in this newsletter) offers free courses. They will be based here at school. We are pleased that the school buildings and site are being utilised to provide learning opportunities for parents and community members.

Support Services

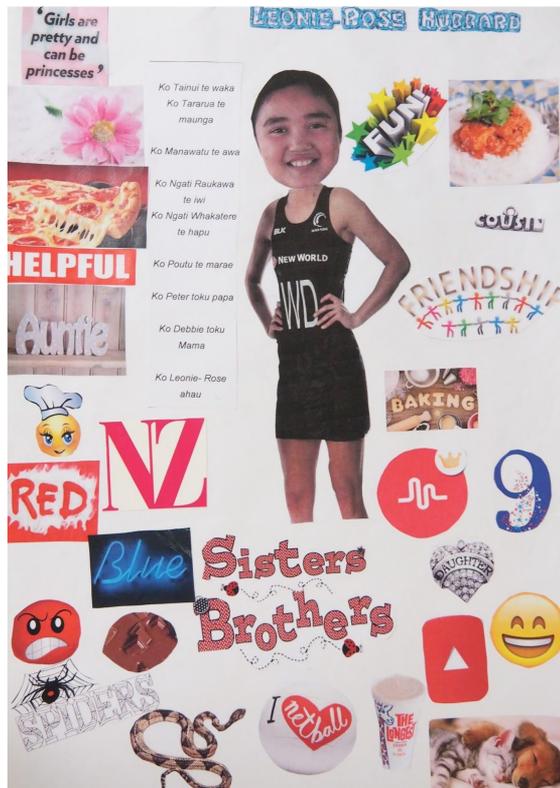
We have a Resource Teacher of Māori (RTM) based here at the school. We have a visiting Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) and School Health Nurse. We have several Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (RTLB) dedicated to assisting us. If you need any of these services, or other services, for your children don't hesitate to contact us. There are also other services that we may be able to access.

Health and Safety - School Gates

We have had a directive from the Ministry of Education to close our front gates during the school day as a safety measure. There is access to the school from the open walkway access next to the gates opening into the front administration court. Please do not open the gates and park in the school grounds unless there is a very good reason.

HARAKEKE HUB

On Wednesday the 10th May 2017 some of our learners were chosen to go to Interschool Athletics at Coley Street School. We had three learners from Shannon School that placed overall for their year group. Leana won the Year 6 Girls, Ariana won the Year 7 Girls and Aaron won the Year 8 Boys. We are thankful for the great weather that we had. We all did well in our relays as well. For Year 4,5 and 6 relays, we came 3rd overall. For the Year 7 and 8 relay, we came 2nd overall. Thanks to all of the supporters that came to cheer on our Shannon School Team. Thanks Alicia and Leana



We have been learning about each other to help us build relationships with people in our hub that we might not know well. I chose Leonie-Rose. I found out her likes and dislikes, where she is from, her whanau and what makes Leonie-Rose a cool person. I created a report and a poster showing off how awesome she is. Everyone in the hub had to pick someone to learn about. All of our artwork and reports will be on display soon in the office if you would like to see more. By Desire.

Special Features about Reef:
 When Reef was four years old he celebrated his birthday at the pools and he nearly drowned. This didn't put Reef off the water because he really likes swimming and he thinks he's good at it. Reef loves to play soccer and participate in triathlons. Reefs best friends are Kacie and Eden.
 By Tainui



Notices

Dear Parents/Carers

If you are interested in the Land Based Training Courses and would like more information, please contact the School Office. They are offering a great opportunity to learn new skills.

The staff are presently discussing our current lunch order menu. Unfortunately food and drink that are not consistent with the National Food and Nutrition Guidelines are being ordered directly from the shop. The updated list will be given to the Four Square within the next couple of weeks. We will always allow certain 'treats' on the list, but some items will remain banned.

Thank you to the families that have made payments towards School fees.

As stated in our last newsnote, our front existing school gates will be closed during the school day as a safety measure for our children. There is access to the front courtyard from the open walkway by the bus stop. We may install a safety gate there in the future, but for now this will be open. It is also important to keep our bus bay and paraplegic parks clear, especially on Friday's for our technology bus. We apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

The School will be closed on the Friday 2nd June for Queens Birthday weekend. This will give the children a four day weekend.

Kind regards
Shannon School Office

LAND BASED TRAINING

Key Course

Keep Educating Yourself

A FREE course designed to help you reach your goals by building your literacy, language, communication & numeracy skills.

You can learn

- ✓ Communication Skills
- ✓ Time Management
- ✓ Reading and writing
- ✓ Form filling
- ✓ Problem solving
- ✓ Critical thinking
- ✓ CV writing
- ✓ Maths for everyday needs
- ✓ Interview Skills
- ✓ Speaking confidently
- ✓ Computer Skills
- ✓ Drivers license theory

Programs are Monday – Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm

Grow - Inspire yourself - in a safe group of like minded people



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