

# Community Newsletter

## SHANNON SCHOOL

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**Shannon School Dance groups practising for Dance NZ Made in September. We are fundraising to cover the costs of entering, buying our costumes and hiring a bus to get to Palmerston North. Please support our upcoming fundraisers.**



**Our Kapahaka Group practising before they got on stage at Pae Tamariki at the Regent in Palmerston North. A special thanks to all of the whanau who helped over the two days we were there.**

## A Note from Our Principal



Dear Parents/Caregivers/Community Members

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the year with two terms already gone. Once again I would like to thank all of you who already help in our local school and would encourage others in our community to join us in helping our tamariki.

### **Education Review Office**

It is three years since our last ERO review. We had the oral report back to the Board of Trustees and leadership team that was very positive. The reviewers / evaluators were very impressed with our students and what they were able to tell them about how our school works and their own learning. Highlights were the programmes for our diverse learners, our holistic and inquiry approach to learning, the commitment of board members, and how friendly and open the school is to everyone. The written report will be available and published in the near future.

### **Entry to the School**

Schools now have to consider children who may be 'runners'. The Ministry of Education has informed us that the front of the school needs to be closed down during school hours. There is presently access to the school through an entrance by the school bus stop. Soon this will be closed off and all entry will be through the main gates. The Ministry is presently working with the school in putting in a plan for new fences and access gates.

### **Bullying**

As a staff we work really hard in ensuring all aspects of bullying are dealt with decidedly and quickly. Unfortunately it does sometimes take longer to gather all the facts from a number of sources and people/children. Once again if you know, or suspect, that your child is unhappy, or being bullied, please don't hesitate to contact us so that we can work on a solution together.

Cyber bullying is a new phenomenon and we sometimes have to deal with children bullying others through Facebook or other digital communications out of school. At school, we can, and do check on what Internet sites children are on. Our school is filtered for unacceptable material and we have procedures in place. It is important as adults and parents that we all check what our children are up to on the internet. Do you realise that only children over 13 years of age are to use Facebook? Are you aware of whom your child is communicating with on their device?

From our Shannon School Behaviour Curriculum: *It is important to remember that bullying is not confined to children, it can be found in all facets of our daily life and as adults we must guard against slipping into subtle forms of bullying often seen in adult relationships. This also applies to the behaviour we expect from parents, they can quickly become bullying in their interactions with us and we do not need to tolerate this.*

As a staff we are always conscious of being respectful to each other, children and parents. It is unfortunate that some adults in our community believe it is actually permissible and okay to shout at

and bully other adults or staff. This is totally unacceptable and any such school behaviour will not be tolerated.

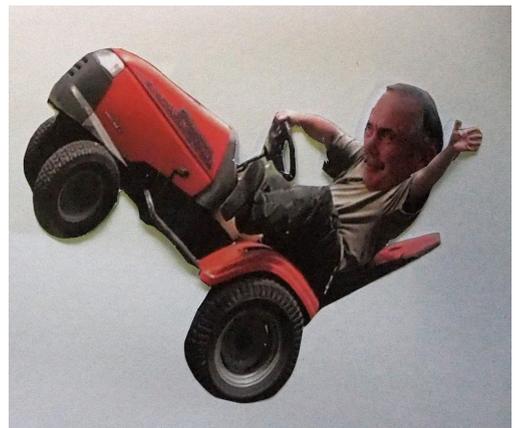
### **Newsletter Community Communication**

Our School Community Newsletter is delivered to all our wider community at the end of each school term. We are happy to publish any information that benefits the community. Please phone Carol in the office to arrange this.

Ngā mihi nā  
Murray Powell  
Principal

## **Acknowledgements**

Sadly we are saying farewell to our caretaker, **Peter Faulkner**. Pete has been a big part of the school for so long and we wish him all the best in his retirement. Our learners say they will especially miss his practical jokes! Thanks Pete for the time and effort you have put into Shannon School.



The **Sir Peter Blake Trust** is a trust that gives out awards to inspiring Year 5-8 learners whose leadership uplifts their school community. Shannon School nominates several learners each year and the trust, in association with Westpac bank, picks students they feel go over and above normal leadership expectations. This year, **Aaron Christensen** is the recipient of a Sir Peter Blake Young Leadership Medal for his excellent communication, leadership and planning skills. Aaron and his family will be attending an awards dinner early next term where he will be presented with his award. We are very proud of all that Aaron has achieved and will continue to achieve at Shannon School and beyond.



# Ngā mahi a Te Whare o Mana

## Kīwaha o te wā!

Sayings of this Time.  
Give these saying a go  
at home.



Whiriki Rawa - On Fleek.



Kāore e kore - No doubt



Kei tō te rā - Today!



Mana Mai - Mean as



Hopu au ki waho, pēhea tēra! - Catch me outside, how about that!

## Ko te Pae Tamariki e ngunguru nei!

Our school Kapa Haka Performed at The Regent on Broadway in Week 8 of this term and was featured in the Manawatu Standard.



## A Note from the Board of Trustees



Hi Everyone,

Wow! It's really hard to believe that we are already at the end of term two. It has been awesome to pop in this term and see our students engaging in creative learning across all hubs. An example of one of The Te Rito Hub activities has been learning about Autumn. Our tamariki have had the opportunity to go apple picking then bake yummy apple crumble. The best part was eating it. Excellent inquiry learning from tree to plate.

The Mana Hub have been actively involved in their learning journey with Whaea Kelsi. This term saw the tamariki preparing, practising and leading out to perform at Pae Tamariki. It has also been great to see the Mana Hub visit our other two hubs each week to teach as well as learn kapa haka and waiata together.

The Harakeke Hub have recently filled our main office foyer with one of their inquiries that has focused on learning about each other. Building stronger relationships is so important for our students, staff and community because it provides a sense of understanding and belonging of who we are. I have been informed that the staff introductions will also be on display soon.

This week is our Matariki Unity Day where the seniors will be working alongside our juniors to create stars. The seniors have been planning this day and are looking forward to it. I will also be looking forward to taking some great photos to share on our Shannon School Facebook page.

As a board member I was pleasantly surprised about the calmness surrounding our school over this past week and even though we had E.R.O visiting, staff and students happily continued with learning. ERO visitors Cynthia and Virginia made special mention of our young learners who gave them a guided tour of our school. They mentioned how the students confidently spoke about their learning as well as the running of their school. Both ERO visitors said, "Your students showed us every nook and cranny and even stopped to introduce fellow peers". What was meant to be a twenty minute exercise turned into forty five minutes.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank our Caretaker Pete Falkner who is retiring from his caretaking position in the next couple of weeks. Pete has worked at our school for the past nine and a half years. He has worked alongside our children and contributed much to our school community. We wish Pete all the best.

Lastly on behalf of the Board of Trustees I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our principal Murray Powell for his ongoing dedication and diligence towards the children, staff, B.O.T, and school community.

To the staff, thank you for all the hard work, long hours and commitment that you provide to ensure our children's wellbeing. Your dedication also helped to make our E.R.O visit run smoothly and positively.

On that note I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Nga Mihi  
Samantha Hazelwood

## Te Rito Hub

On Monday we went to Te Manawa and we had so much fun. It was so cool! We went all the way around Te Manawa.

My favourite part was the Katipo Spider on the roof and the tunnel was cool too. My least favourite part was the wet lands.

Joseph, Year 2.

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Last week, the Keas and Pukekos went to Te Manawa. We went to Te Manawa to learn about the water cycle. We went in the school van. The first thing we did was go over the rules to keep everyone safe. Suddenly we found a big spider on the roof. It was called a Katipo. My favourite part was the kids zone because there was a spooky tunnel! I don't have a least

favourite part because I liked everything. Then we left and I was really tired because it was a really long and fun day!

Krystal, Year 3.

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Last week on Monday, the Kererus went to Te Manawa. Some of the Kererus went with Whaea Rhea. Me and Kasharn went with Mr McCallum. When we first got there we went over the rules then we had to go to the counter and tell them that we were there. They told us what way to go. We were looking at the water cycle. At the end I felt happy because we learned new things and explored.

Mylee, Year 4.

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In Te Rito Hub we have been learning about Matariki, the Maori New Year. We went to Star Lab, listened to and read stories about the Matariki legends, and created our own stars and beautiful, colourful and sparkly korowai.

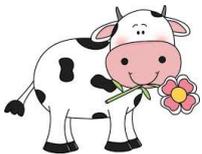
Matariki is a special time of year when we spend time sharing stories with our families and enjoy yum harvest food.

## OFFICE NOTICES

### What a busy and action packed term two!

Thanks to all the parents and community members that have supported our Tamariki with our Breakfast in Schools, Garden Club, sports events and fundraising. We really appreciate your contribution. Please contact the Office if you can help in any way for the rest of the year. We have a space on Thursday morning at our Breakfast Club if you have a hour.

For Health and Safety it is really important to sign in at the Office if you are in the school. If you are here longer than just walking your child to class or picking up, please come via the office. Please don't be offended if you are asked if you are signed in. We are aware that on occasions children are late for school. They **MUST** come to the office to say they are here. Please remind your child to do this. **A reminder not to park in the bus bay.**



### Ag Day

It is time to start thinking about Agriculture Day. This is held in November. Children can raise a calf, lamb or kid goat. There is the opportunity for two or three of our town children to raise a calf this year. This is very rewarding and a great opportunity, but it is a big commitment from the child and parents. Calves need to be born between the 1st July and 31st August. Lambs and kids from 15th July. There is also a garden competition. If you are interested in any aspect of Ag Day, please contact the Office.

The children will receive more information at the beginning of Term 3.

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