

# SHANNON SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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## Shannon School Celebrates The Sir Peter Blake Young Leader Award Recipient Aaron Christensen

Aaron was chosen by our outstanding award at a week alongside other aspiring young leaders Principal Murray Powell person who leads by others, initiates unity and need it. Aaron puts 100% tackles. He is respected both in and out of school.



school to receive this special ceremony last Horowhenua school and their whanau. described Aaron as a example. He cares for support for those that effort into all that he by his peers and adults



**Kia Mau te Puawaitanga o to Mana  
Nurturing the Mana of the Learner**

## A Note from Our Principal



### Dear Parents/Carers

*The school motto, values, teaching beliefs and key competencies clearly underpin the curriculum. The values of Shannon School, Pride, Courage, Caring, Effort and Unity are evident and well enacted by children and adults. Personalised learning is a key focus to promote ownership and knowledge of their progress and achievement. Children make decisions about their learning. Digital learning options promote student engagement.*

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**Welcome** to term three and especially to our new children and whanau members. Our new caretaker has started, so a special welcome to Wayne (Spud) Murphy.

### Keeping Up-to-Date

Please use our newsletters and Facebook page to keep up with what is happening in the school. We often have to change things at the last minute due to weather or cancellations and we do try to keep everyone informed through Facebook: **Shannon School Te Kura o Hanana**

### Community Learning

At present we have adult 'Land Based Training' courses happening in the school. It is great to see the school being utilised for community learning. If you are offering a community learning group please feel free to contact us to discuss the possibility of using our buildings and resources.

If you are interested in finding out more about the free short-term Land Based Training courses please contact the school or Kaye on 021 2071823

Likewise if you have any skill and would like to pass this onto our students please contact me to discuss how this can be arranged. We believe in a holistic education for our children and any 'hands on' activities are openly welcomed.

### Music

If you have any expertise in assisting with our school bands please contact me to discuss.

### Interschool Dance Extravaganza

A special thanks to our teacher Kristen who is putting in a lot of time into organising our groups for 'Dance NZ Made' in September. A special thanks to those whanau members and others who are supporting this cause through assistance, fundraising, donations etc.

### Shannon Community Group

Last Thursday we held an informal meeting for those interested in setting up a Shannon School Community group for fundraising, school and community events. We had several staff, two community people, a board member and one parent. There was some positive discussion but no group formed. If you are interested in helping the school in any way please contact us with your idea

# Harakeke Hub Making Connections

We have been working building relationships with members of the Te Rito and Mana Hubs. In the last week of Term 2, we had our Matariki Stars Unity Day. These awesome creations are on display in the main office area. Just look up and you'll spot them!



## Notices

Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly can we thank all the families and community members that have supported our Dance NZ Made children with fundraising so far. Your help with running these events is really appreciated. This is a great opportunity for our children and all the hard work by parents and especially Kristin is starting to pay off. We would like to also acknowledge Joanna Harrington for her commitment and expertise with our Dance Fundraiser Showcase last night. Keep up the great work everyone!



**Our School Cross Country is coming up on Wednesday 23rd August. Let's cross our fingers for a fine day! In the next few days we hope to send home Fun Run booklets. More information to come.**  
(The postponement date is Wednesday 6th September).  
**Interschool Cross Country is scheduled for Wednesday 13th September.**

**3-WAY CONFERENCES ARE THURSDAY 7TH AND FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER.**  
If you are new to Shannon School please call the Office so we can explain how these 3-way conferences work.

**THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR THE CHILDREN ON THE FRIDAY UNLESS YOU ARE BOOKED TO MEET THE TEACHER.**

Kerekere Kapa Haka will be in Shannon this year on Thursday 21st September. We will get more information out closer to the day.

AG Day is coming up in Term 4. We have had a very generous offer for a couple of our children to raise and care for a calf at one of our local dairy farms. This requires a big commitment from the child as well as their family, but is very rewarding. If you think your child would be interested in this opportunity, contact the school office as soon as possible.



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