

# SHANNON SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Thursday 29th March 2018

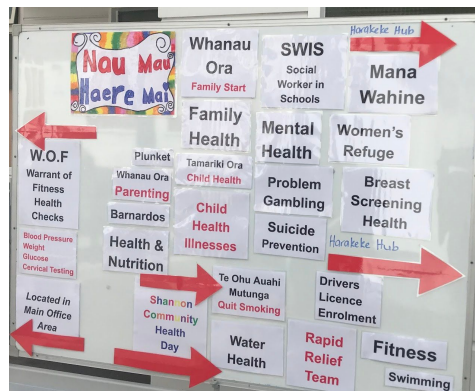
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Thanks to everyone involved in our Shannon Community Health Day on Thursday 15th March!!!

## A Note from Our Principal



**Dear Parents/Carers**

### **Newsletters**

We are about to change to providing our school newsletters in mostly a digital format. The present costs involved in constantly printing off hard copies is too expensive and most people have access to digital devices. We will however continue to provide a delivered paper Community Newsletter at the end of each term, as our photocopier company CSG provides the printing for this at no extra cost.

You are able to access an email copy of the newsletter, either through entering your details on the school web page or providing your email to us. We presently provide a newsletter copy on our school website (with back copies). We will post the newsletter on our Facebook page. We will have a copy available to read at the office and at the Shannon library. If you do need a hard copy of the newsletter you will need to ask at the office and we will provide you with a black and white copy.

### **Reports**

On Tuesday you should have received your child's summary of the Three Way Conference held in February. If there is anything you are unsure of, or disagree with, don't hesitate to contact the teacher. We are always adapting our approach to these conferences and summary formats. If you have any ideas or suggestions don't hesitate to contact us.

### **Fences**

Please be patient as we still have a few teething issues with the fence and gates into and out of the school. We are presently working with the Ministry of Education in rectifying some design faults.

### **End of Term Celebration**

We are constantly reviewing our programmes to ensure that they provide the best outcomes for all - students, parents and teachers. We are aware that regular whole school assemblies do not provide engagement for all students and many parents/carers are unable to attend these. We believe an end-of-term celebration is more suited to everyone's needs. This celebration will be a combination of many things that have occurred during the term as well as an opportunity for our various groups to perform. We hope that 6pm will suit most parents. Please put the date in your calendar for 6pm Thursday 12th April. School closes for term one at 1pm on Friday 13th April.

Kind Regards

Murray Powell

# Nau Mai Haere Mai Harakeke Hub

We have had an exciting Term 1 in the Harakeke Hub, with LOTS of exciting learning opportunities happening. Our Kerekere Interschool Swimming team did extremely well competing against 4 other schools and we came 3rd in the relay overall.



A group of us have formed the 'Harakeke Hub Builders Association'. We are learning about the connections our maths has to real life building and construction. We have taken a trip to Foxton ITM to learn about making quotes and different materials we may need.

As a part of our learning, we complete STEAM Challenges each week. STEAM stands for Science Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. All of the challenges we have help us develop our problem solving skills. This week, we had to create a structure that we could balance on the tip of our finger. It was a lot harder than it looked!! We have been doing some baking as a part of our maths, as we are focusing on measurement this term. We all know how to measure in litres, millilitres, cups, tablespoons, teaspoons, quarters, halves and thirds.....and we make a mean banana bread!!



## Notices



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Easter break** for 5 days - 30th March - 3rd April (inclusive)
- **Kerekere Interschool Athletics** - 5th April at Coley Street School
- Interschool Athletics postponement date - 11th April
- **End of Term Celebration** 6pm Thursday 12th April
- School closes 1pm Friday 13th April

### UPDATING INFORMATION

This week we sent home a number of forms for completion. Some families will receive more than others, depending on the information we have on file. It is vital that we have current contact details for every child in the school as well as permissions. These forms were due back today. **Please complete and return to the school office if you have not done so already.**

### FRIENDS OF SCHOOL

This is a new group initiated by Tamara Bal, one of our Parent Rep Board members. This concept is in the early stages, but exciting for our school. There will be more information sent out soon regarding our FOS group.

As a school, we have been offered the opportunity to fundraise a substantial amount of money in May. We need a group of 20-25 people to assist with the stocktake of a large business in Paraparaumu. This would involve 2 nights work on Friday 11th May and Saturday 12th May from 8.00pm at night until around 5.00am the next morning. They prefer to have the same people both nights. You will be required to attend one training session during the week prior to the stocktake. These will be held in the evening and there

will be three sessions to pick from.

We understand it is a big commitment to give up your weekend, (especially sleep) but the financial gains to support our tamariki are huge!

**If we are to secure this funding opportunity, we need to confirm names asap.**

For more information, please contact the school office or email, phone or text Tamara directly:  
[tamararubybal@gmail.com](mailto:tamararubybal@gmail.com) 027 356 9028

**This year we are determined to purchase a new school van. In order for this to happen, we need everyone to get behind all of our fundraising.**

## Volunteers!



Thanks to the team at CSG Palmerston North for printing our newsletters!



More than you expect.