

# Community Newsletter

## SHANNON SCHOOL

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## Principal's Voice



Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

### Thanks

It is hard to believe our first term is coming to a close. A special thanks to our community volunteers who have assisted this term with students and teachers. We do appreciate your time and effort. There is no doubt that our children greatly benefit. A special thank you to those who assisted with the Shannon Community Hauora Health Day. If you are in a position to volunteer we would love to hear from you. Assistance in supervising breakfast, fundraising lunches, reading, school gardens, and all suggestions are welcome.

### Changes

Unfortunately we have been unable to provide for our Rumakii te reo immersion class this year. Our numbers were down and we are unable to continue to sustain school funding for staffing a full time te reo teacher. However we have been lucky to employ Pa Wylie Te Peeti who is working in the school as a teacher and student support, te reo kaiako and kaumātua. The remainder of our staffing has remained stable as for last year.

### School Fence

The Ministry of Education has funded fencing of the whole school so that any 'runner' students will be unable to abscond from the school grounds. There are still a few teething issues that need to be dealt with, so please be patient. There is a release button at the waharoa (main gateway) to enter the school. The fence is not to keep people out and you are always most welcome to come and visit us.

### Kāhui Ako - Community of Learners

I have been appointed as Kāhui Ako Leader for our Kerekere Cluster and work closely with the Leader of the Taitoko Cluster as a Horowhenua Community of Learners. We are still in the early stages of development and hope that through all schools working collaboratively we can make a positive impact on the learning for all Horowhenua students.

### Changes in Education

The whole world has changed from when I was at school. We are doing our students a disservice if we continue to teach them to a 19th Century model. The advances and changes in communication, digital technology and robotics already means that people need a different set of skills. Business is already asking for people who can - problem solve, think critically and creatively. We also know that children learn best from authentic contexts and activities which is where children's passions lie. At Shannon School we aim to provide holistic, authentic learning experiences for all of our students in a digital and bicultural setting. You are most welcome to come into the school to view our school environment and discuss our children's learning journeys.

## Curriculum

The new government is in the process of removing legislation around reporting against National Standards in literacy and numeracy with a move back to recognising the breadth and richness of our New Zealand curriculum, and for developing children "who will be confident, connected, actively involved, and lifelong learners." There has been no evidence that the experiment to raise student achievement through imposing National Standards has worked. Many of our students after only one year at school were deemed to have failed the Standard, yet we know that many students will achieve at their appropriate age level after two or three years at school.

As part of our Shannon School Curriculum we have a holistic approach to learning. Our aim this year is to involve our children in more out of school experiences (EOTC). We no longer just look at whole class trips but rather at activities that interested groups of children can attend. If you think there is a 'learning opportunity' that a group of children could benefit from please contact us to arrange. If you have a skill or interest (cooking, knitting, flax weaving ....) also please contact us to work with a small group of children.

Ngā mihi nui  
Murray Powell

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## SHANNON EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES



**Shannon Playcentre**  
**POP IN & PLAY!**  
Ages 0-6 years  
First 3 visits **FREE**  
Play & learn alongside your children  
Parent support & education  
Shated Kai  
**OPEN** Thurs & Fri 9.00am-1.00pm  
49 Grey St, Shannon  
063627069  
shannon@playcentre.org.nz  
Whānau tūpū ngātahi – families growing together  
[www.Playcentre.org.nz](http://www.Playcentre.org.nz)

Te Kohanga Reo o Hanana

"Kia mau ki te reo"



Te Kohanga Reo o Hanana Incorporated embraces all nationalities of the community who want their children to learn Te Reo Maori and develop a second language in a country town community.

Hours:

Mon-Fri  
9am-3pm

We offer a daily pick up and drop off run.

Ages:

Under 2s and over 2s

We offer 20hours Free ECE

WINZ Subsidies

Contact us for more details

063627475

[whanau@k09d034.kohanga.ac.nz](mailto:whanau@k09d034.kohanga.ac.nz)



**SHANNON PRESCHOOL INCORPORATED**

Opening hours are Monday to Friday 8.45am to 2.45pm

Catering for ages 2 – 5 years old

We are situated on Grey Street, Shannon  
(on the Shannon School grounds)

Phone: 063627096

Email: [shannonpreschool@hotmail.com](mailto:shannonpreschool@hotmail.com)



# Nau Mai Haere Mai Harakeke Hub



Left: Marae Matauranga- Learning about our heritage with Pa Wylie and Whaea Eru

Below right: Master butcher Matua Piri shows us how to prepare meat at the marae.

Below: 3 Way Conferences with Nan and Koro



Left: Maia Manu and Mum learning together

Right: Marae Connections with the staff and Board of Trustees

Below: Cooking Cookie Time!



Above: Art through observation



A montage of our learning in Te Rito Hub over Term 1



## Board of Trustees

### Friends of School (FOS)

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.

More information is to come, keep an eye on our facebook page and website.

The objective of Friends of School (FOS) is to foster parent and community involvement at Shannon School for the benefit of our children. This will be achieved by organising school fundraisers and social events for the children, parents and community of Shannon School. Being part of FOS is a great way to make a positive difference to our school community and get to know other parents, teachers and students of our school, and also members of the wider community.

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

### Shannon School Sports

We have some awesome sports on offer this year at Shannon School. We have made a great start with our Year 7&8 Basketball, School Swimming Sports, School Athletic Sports, Kerekere Interschool Swimming and Athletics! It has been an action packed term and the rest of the year will be no different! Below is all of the sports we have coming up

Interschool Rippa Rugby  
Tournament  
Wednesday 23rd May in  
Foxton

Interschool Soccer  
Tournament  
Wednesday 20th June in  
Foxton

Shannon School Cross  
Country  
Thursday 23rd August at  
Buckley Golf Course  
(Weather dependent)

Interschool Cross  
Country  
Wednesday 12th  
September in Foxton

Year 1-3 Netball starts  
Tuesday 23rd October at  
Foxton Primary  
Year 4-8 Netball starts  
Tuesday 23rd October at  
Manawatu College

Year 5 & 6 Basketball  
starts Thursday 25th  
October at Manawatu  
College

We will also be supporting the Shannon Touch Rugby Club with our learners participating in Touch each Wednesday in Term 4 this year (Dates TBC)



ARE YOU FREE ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING?  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BREAKFAST MUM OR DAD  
TO ASSIST OUR TAMARIKI AT BREAKFAST CLUB FROM 8 - 9 AM.

### Te Rito Hub are looking for items, can you help?

- Old tools for the tinker table
- Nuts, bolts, screws and untreated wood offcuts
- Old costume jewellery - broken is fine
- Buttons, scraps of material and magazines



### Garden Club are looking for the following items

- Kids garden gloves
- Gumboots, all sizes. They odd hole is fine!



#### SHANNON KIDS' CLUB

We meet once a fortnight in term-time, usually Fridays 5-7pm, at the Anglican Church Hall, Stout St.

Mostly, we run activity sessions, including various sports, games, cooking, art, craft, a 'God Spot' and eating. Occasionally we have trips, for example to Levin Aquatic Centre or Centre Skate. Sometimes we have just games sessions, celebrations, talent quests, triathlons, movies, discos and other fun times. The usual cost is a dollar or two.

We are open to all primary school aged children and sometimes run sessions suitable for preschool children.

We encourage parents, carers and other whanau and family members to participate in the sessions if they wish to. We have a dedicated group of voluntary leaders and are always seeking volunteers and other types of support, so if you are interested please ring me. We are currently seeking a few more adult volunteer leaders. Some youth assist at the sessions and develop their leadership skills.

Keep a look out on the Shannon School notice boards, the Community Notice Board next to the library, in the 4 Square window or Shannon School newsletters for details of sessions.

Children need to be registered to attend sessions; this can be done in advance or at the hall by a parent or carer. All children need to be either collected by an adult or given a lift home at the end of the session; when on trips all children are dropped off home or at an address specified by their carer.

Any queries please call Sharon Williams on 3627559 or 027 3930414, sharonhumphey@hotmail.com



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Community Newsletters  
a year, all our other  
newsletters are going  
digital. If you wish to  
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newsletters by email,  
please sign up on our  
website at  
[www.shannon.school.nz](http://www.shannon.school.nz)  
or follow our facebook  
page. Phone the School  
Office if you need  
help.

## OFFICE NOTICES

What an action packed Term 1!

It certainly has been a contrast weather wise to last year. Our tamariki have loved swimming this summer. It has been nice to see them running or scootering around the school in the sunshine. What a great bunch of kids we have.

We would like to thank all the volunteers that assist us in the day to day running of the school, as well as special events. From our breakfast Mums, classroom helpers, sports coaches and transport. You all make such a difference. Shannon School also has wonderful community members coming into the school to share their skills with our tamariki. Thanks especially to Betty and Karen for coming in four mornings a week to read with our junior hub, you are amazing. As well as Rhea, Gemma and Barb for running the school pool. We also would like to acknowledge Susannah for your kind donation of a Violin and Michael from Streetwise for financial support towards our violin lessons taken by Joanna.

Thanks to Kath, Judith, Mark and Eru for all your hard work creating our awesome school garden. Your weekly visits are a highlight. The produce has been yummy!

A general BIG THANKS to our school whanau and community for your support with items and your time - from feijoas to baking. Plus sharing your skills and experiences.

### PARKING AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL

**Please do not park in the bus bay, in front of the double gates or in front of the archway gate.**

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| <p>Farm Source<br/>25 Stafford Street,<br/>Shannon<br/>Ph: 3629000<br/><a href="http://www.farmsource.com">www.farmsource.com</a><br/>At Farm Source,<br/>everyone is<br/>welcome. Plus, no<br/>joining fee!</p> | <p>Shannon Four Square<br/>Available Daily<br/>Kools Chicken &amp; Chips<br/>Fresh Homemade Pies<br/>Lotto<br/>Ph: 3627876</p>   | <p><b>P. B. MOTORS (1993) LTD.</b><br/>Proprietor: KIRIT &amp; STEVEN<br/>45 Ballance Street, SHANNON<br/>Phone/Fax: 06 362-7403<br/>After Hours Mobile: 0210 252 9814</p>   <p>ALLIED SERVICE STATION<br/>Petrol Diesel L.P.G. Full Workshop Service<br/>Tyres Batteries Accessories</p> <p>TOWING<br/><b>24</b><br/>HOUR<br/>SALVAGE</p>  |
| <p>Thanks to the team at CSG<br/>Palmerston North for printing<br/>our newsletters!</p>                                       | <p>Highway Bakery &amp; Cafe<br/>Open 7 Days Ph: 06 3627820<br/>6 Ballance Street, Shannon<br/>Coffee by Robert Harris</p>  <p>STANDARD<br/>FREE COFFEE<br/>OR ONE PIE</p>  | <p><b>CITY HONDA</b><br/>ROAD   FARM   DIRT   OUTDOOR POWER</p>  <p><b>HONDA</b> <b>Husqvarna</b> <b>WALKER</b><br/>OUTDOOR POWER out front mowing</p> <p><b>MANAWATU</b> <b>HOROWHENUA</b><br/>06 357 7027 06 362 7233</p>   |