

# Community Newsletter

## SHANNON SCHOOL

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## Principal's Voice



Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

### **Digital Communication**

As a school we are moving more and more into digital communications. This quarterly Community Newsletter will remain as a delivered paper newsletter but our regular school newsletters are now only available in digital format. We will continue to provide a hard copy of all newsletters for reading in the Shannon library and school office. If you would like a digital copy of our term newsletters please provide the office with your email address.

We have access to all of our newsletters through our school website and Facebook pages. We have a school app for parents to receive notices and contact the school.

### **Fence and Gates**

The Ministry of Education has installed a fence around the perimeter of the school to safeguard our at-risk 'runners'. We have had some teething problems with the entrance button to the main gate. If you ever get stuck outside the school entrance because the button does not work please use the entrance gate in the school car park.

### **School Learning**

As a school we are moving towards providing more 'hands on' and authentic contexts in which children learn. We have many community members now involved in assisting children with their learning. Our tamariki are learning through activities involving cooking, te reo and tikanga, gardening, building and constructing, play based learning, making music, art, drama, dance and digital learning. Programmes and activities are very much organised around children's individual needs, interests and passions.

We are the community school and are always open to all members of the community being welcomed and involved in the school. Education does not just occur inside the school gates. We regularly have groups attending places and activities outside the school. We welcome any new opportunities for children to learn new knowledge or skills. We welcome anyone who is interested in what is happening in the school. Our staff and children are excited about their learning and love sharing this with any visitors.

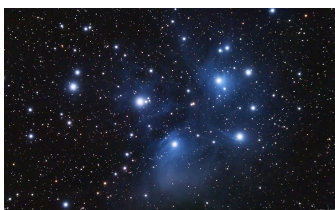
Ngā mihi  
Murray Powell

## Board of Trustees



*Tena koutou katoa*

*He mihi aroha ki Te Ngare o Turongo, Ō tātou mate tūātini, i takoto mai ai i runga i ō tātou marae maha kua uhia rātou ki ngā taumata kōrero e tika ana hei poroporoaki ia rātou. Nā reira, me kī pēnei ake te kōrero, tukuna rātou kia okioki i runga i te moenga roa. Āpiti hono, tātai hono, ko te akaaka o te rangi ki a rātou. Āpiti hono, tātai hono, ko te akaaka o te whenua ki a tātou te hunga ora.*



During this time of Matariki the Board of Trustees would like to thank everyone who is involved with the running of the school. The future focus, diligence and commitment to provide the best learning opportunities for our tamariki has not gone unnoticed. We are proud of Shannon School leading the way with 21st Century initiatives and look forward to our models of teaching & learning reaching other schools through the Communities of Learning. We continue to have a strong bicultural curriculum at Shannon School and are excited for the potential to grow this kaupapa. Our school grounds are looking outstanding and wish to thank Spud for his time and expertise in maintaining our school to a high standard.

We are very blessed to have the teachers and teacher aides meeting the needs of our diverse learners to an excellent standard. The children are making great progress learning many independent skills including cooking, horse riding & therapy, sensory activities, gross motor skills as well as literacy and numeracy activities. These are wonderful results from the inclusiveness that we are proud of within our innovative learning spaces and play based learning experiences.

Together the board have been proactive in pursuing professional development, amongst the many strengths of the schools existing guidelines and policies we have identified some areas where we can improve. The NZ School Trustees Association is facilitating two workshops exclusively for our Board as we are keen for this opportunity to grow our understanding and effectiveness of our roles.

Finally, the Board wishes to send a special thanks to all the volunteers who give their time to our learning programmes, we can see your involvement is helping to lift achievement for our awesome tamariki. Ka nui te mihi kia koutou katoa.

*Have a safe holiday everyone see you in Term 3.*

Ngā manaakitanga o te Runga Rawa  
Rhea Hyde (Chairperson)



Our choir loved performing for the Shannon Progressive Association earlier in the term. It is always a pleasure for our learners to get out and give back to the wonderful community that supports us.



Our learners making Fried Bread with Aunty Jen for our Matariki Celebration on Thursday.

Our soccer team and Rippa Rugby team both did exceptionally well at their Interschool competitions this term. We had several comments about the excellent sportsmanship our teams showed. We are so proud!



The Year 4, 5 & 6 learners in Harakeke Hub have written, produced and directed their own puppet show for Matariki this Thursday 5th of July. They have been busy creating the puppets and writing the script. A big thank you to Whaea Puiwahine for your inspiration to create our awesome puppet show!



When the seven stars appear in the sky, this marks the beginning of Matariki - the Maori New Year.

Matariki is a special time of the year. All term we have been preparing to farewell the old year and greet the new year. We have harvested vegetables from our school garden. These will be used as part of our Matariki Celebration Feast.



## Fill a Shoebox Horowhenua

We recently received this letter from Fill a Shoebox Horowhenua. If anyone in the community is interested in supporting this project, please contact the Shannon School Office at the beginning of Term 3 for more information. We believe a number of Shannon families benefited from this last year.

Fill a Shoebox Horowhenua is back for 2018 and we are on the call out to the Horowhenua to support children in our community who will miss out on a true New Zealand Christmas this year.

This project arose out of the Horowhenua Strengthening Families Network in 2014 to support families facing difficulty with buying presents to put under the Christmas tree. In 2017 we came in with a new plan – ‘Fill a Shoebox’, we invited the community and businesses to put together boxes collated with awesome things, things they wouldn’t usually receive. In 2017 we managed to give away 1000 shoe boxes to children 0-15 years between Otaki and Tokomaru.

Over the past 4 years the contribution from local organisations, business and the education sector has been overwhelming. We are laying out the challenge once again to answer a call of action to help improve Christmas for those children who would otherwise go without. Our goal for this year is 1500 boxes! This year we would love to bring Horowhenua District Council’s giant inflatable soccer field with us to Shannon School on 9th November to get your community excited and involved in the project. We will have a giant Christmas tree set up to collect donations while we are there. This year we are filling ‘premade boxes’ instead of shoeboxes – yay no more wrapping boxes! So if you would like a set of boxes for your school please let me know how many you need.

Nga Mihi,  
Shoobox Team – Therase, Beth & Sophie

## Shannon School Sports

Mark the following dates in your calendar for our upcoming sports...

**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)**

Interschool Cross  
Country  
Wednesday 12th  
September in Foxton

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

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



## OFFICE NOTICES



Kia ora

It has been another busy term at the kura. Thank you to our school whanau and community members that have supported our tamariki with new learners opportunities. This week especially has been very busy preparing for our big Matariki Celebration. We have had so much support from everyone. THANK YOU ALL.

Highlights from Term 2 include our joint Powhiri with our Early Childhood Centres, farm visit for the boys to learn about eeling, building groups with our caretaker Spud, St Johns visit to teach our children about first aid and all our sporting events. Children performed in a school Talent School, some of those children went on to compete in Foxton last week. They did very well with three groups receiving placings. Kai pai tamariki!!

We have gone digital with our school newsletters. Some families have mentioned they are not receiving these through our Kiwischools website. We believe that once an email address has been loaded, a confirmation email is sent out from Kiwischools as below. You will need to click on the link to activate receiving all messages.

Apart from our four Community Newsletters a year, all our other newsletters are digital. If you wish to receive term 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.

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<https://mailer.kiwischools.co.nz/confirm/9899/5b3ac3dd8dfe0>

We now have a School app!! If you have an iPhone, you can use your phone camera to scan this QR code which will download the app automatically. If you have an Android, you will need to download a QR scanner from the Google Play store to scan. You can also download it directly from the school website.



## TUKINO SKI TRIP - AUGUST 2018

This year we planned to take some students up the mountain for a day trip. We were then approached by a parent at the end of last term to suggest we extend the trip for our senior students. We agreed, as our tamariki would gain some amazing Key Learning Outcomes from this experience. The time frame for fundraising is short, but the children are determined to make this happen. The cost for this trip is \$420.00 per student. We have some families with two children going. We want to thank the community for supporting them so far by buying raffles and sausages. A special SHOUT OUT to the Four Square team for supporting our fundraising. We have had two people sponsor children. This is very generous support and drops the overall cost.

If you are interested in supporting a child financially or with ski clothing, please contact the school office. They travel up on Sunday 5th August.

## FRIENDS OF SCHOOL (FOS)

Details around the setup of our FRIENDS OF SCHOOL group is moving forward. If you wish to be involved, please contact Tamara Bal or the school office. Watch this space.

### AGRICULTURAL DAYS AT SCHOOL INVOLVING CALVES

Due to the current issues around Mycoplasma Bovis in cattle, the Horowhenua Boys and Girls Ag Club committee held an urgent meeting to discuss recommendations by MPI and the advice of local veterinarians.

It was decided not to have calves at Group Final Day, but they will continue with lambs and kids.

It was also decided that schools follow that same process and not have calves at school in the current year.

**Shannon School will not have any calf entries this year and we understand that most schools in the area will also follow these recommendations.**

If your child is interested in raising a lamb or kid goat for Ag Day in November this year, please contact the school office for more information.

**Horowhenua Boys & Girls Ag Club AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th July 7.30pm at the Presidents Room, AP & I Showgrounds in Levin**

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<p>Thanks to the team at CSG Palmerston North for printing our newsletters!</p> 	<p><b>Highway 57 Bakery &amp; Cafe</b> Open 7 Days Ph: 06 3627820 6 Ballance Street, Shannon Coffee by Robert Harris</p>  <p>STANDARD COFFEE OR ONE PIE</p>	<p><b>CITY HONDA</b> ROAD   FARM   DIRT   OUTDOOR POWER</p>  <p><b>HONDA</b> <b>Husqvarna</b> <b>WALKER</b></p> <p><b>MANAWATU</b> 06 357 7027 <b>HOROWHENUA</b> 06 362 7233</p>	