

SHANNON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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A Note from Our Principal



Dear Parents/Carers

Kapahaka

As a school we have to be very flexible as we sometimes need to change scheduled events and occasions due to factors including the weather, tangi, staffing etc. Sometimes these changes may not suit some people but we are never going to get it right for everyone. It was unfortunate that we had to make a call on cancelling our part in the Kerekere Kapahaka for this year. However we will be organising a showcase of our school kapahaka in the near future at the school, the Shandig and Horowhenua Kapahaka.

Moses Turetangata Ketu

Our condolences to Moses' whanau. Moses was our music tutor here several years ago and was able to use his considerable music talents to inspire our tamariki. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kāhui Ako Update

Last Friday we hosted over 30 teachers from Horowhenua Schools and colleges to attend workshops on the role of 'Within School Teachers' in our LAC (Learning Action Centre - Library). These teachers have been recently appointed to lead inquiry projects in their own schools and to network with others. Congratulations to Adam McCallum who has been appointed as our school's Within School Teacher. Adam's inquiry is centred around the transition of children. As an early childhood trained teacher he is in a good position to work on effective transition of our tamariki moving from Preschool to the school.

School Gardens

There are a number of community members, staff and tamariki involved in our school gardens. The produce grown is for the children to experience planting, producing and using in food here at school. We do share with members of the community when we have excess vegetables. We have unfortunately some people who consider it to be their garden and some of our vegetables have been taken on several occasions, much to the disappointment of our children who have been involved in tending the gardens. It was also pretty low to also find our new hose and watering cans stolen. If you know who these people are please let them know they are stealing from our local kids and upsetting them!

Three Way Conferences

This coming Thursday afternoon and all Friday we have the opportunity for all children to showcase their learning with whanau members. It is vital that all children have someone to share their learning stories with. We also have a questionnaire to complete for the school and board. There is also the opportunity of meeting and having a discussion with a board member. As part of our Health and Safety procedures we now require all attending the Three Way Conferences to sign in at the office on arrival and departure. At all times we must know who is on the school grounds in case of emergency.

Ngā mihi
Murray Powell

Board of Trustees members introductions

In our upcoming school newsletters, each board member to write a little about themselves.

Hi, my name is Tamara Bal and I moved to Shannon in 2017 after spending many years of my life in Levin. My husband, Maka Bal is a born and bred Shannon man, so it made sense for us to settle here and grow from the roots he had already established. I am the newest member of the Board of Trustees at Shannon School and I am enjoying being part of a team that is open minded and positive about the future of the school. The kids at our school are so fantastic, I love catching up with them at Breakfast Club, hearing people comment on how courteous and polite they are when out and about in the community, and learning of the amazing achievements of Shannon Schools past pupils. My son has excelled in his education here, he continues to set and achieve new learning goals every week, and I have no doubt that Shannon School will produce a top student out of him. Thank you to the parents and the community for having me in your school and I look forward to meeting with more of you in the near future.



Kind regards, Tamara Bal



We have been lucky enough to have Mariana from the Heart Foundation in to work with the Harakeke Hub. Mariana has been working alongside us to help us understand how to make healthy choices with our food and drinks. **Did you know the daily recommendation for a child under 12 years old is only 5 teaspoons of sugar?** It shocked us to learn that a 1.5L bottle of Pams Grape soft drink contains 45 teaspoons of sugar...nine times our daily limit!



Mariana also organised with the Shannon Four Square for us to visit and practise our label reading skills on some of the packages of food. Thank you so much to Corey and the team for having us. We are now brainstorming some different healthy options we could have for our school lunches...watch this space!

Notices

Kia ora from the school office

As we head to the end of term three, we wish to remind all families about outstanding school fees. The small contribution we request is vital to provide extra opportunities for our tamariki. Please contact the office if you need to discuss a payment plan.

All fees should be paid in full by week 8 of Term 4.

A reminder that all children require a Shannon School sunsmart hat for next term.

If they do not have one, they can be purchased from the office for \$10.

Only a number of families have signed up to our website to receive our emailed newsletters. As we don't send paper copies home, it is important to set this up as soon as possible.

We have a number of tamariki that visit the local Library after school. Staff have noticed twice this week children running across the crossing or playing on the opposite side of the road. You may know they do this. If you don't and are expecting them to be at the Library only, you may wish to have a chat around safety. Our main street is very busy with traffic and we know cars do not always stop.

There has been one case of Chickenpox this week and we know there are cases at another local school. Please be aware if your child is unwell. A reminder to keep checking and treating Head Lice. We have treatment at the office.

Ngā mihi

ITEMS NEEDED

Our school belongs to the Garden to Table programme. We are looking at participating in **The Great NZ Seedling Sale** as a fundraiser.

Good quality newspaper?

Do you have any plastic plant punnets and pots?

Empty and clean yogurt pots?

Old gumboots, even if they have holes?

Would you like to support our tamariki by assisting with the potting of seeds? Please contact Carol C if you can help in any way.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3 Way Conferences - 6th & 7th September (children only come to school on the Friday if they have a conference time).
- Foxton Rotary Speeches - Wednesday 12th September
- Zoo Trip for year 1-4 - Friday 14th September
- Role Model Duffy Assembly - Wednesday 19th September 1.30pm
- Author Mary Kippenberger visit- 20th September at 10am
- Kerekere Cross Country - Wednesday 26th September at Coley Street School
- Last day of term 3 - school finishes at 1pm.