# **Community Newsletter**

## **SHANNON SCHOOL**

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### Principal's Voice



Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

#### Term Three

It has been a very busy and rewarding term with lots of events. We have been thrilled with the increased engagement of community members with the school. A special thanks to those groups and individuals who provided funding for all our Year 7 and 8 students to attend the Tukino Ski Camp. The weather was amazing and we all had a great time.

#### Strategic Direction

This last term we will be holding a school community interactive hui to set our vision and direction for teaching and learning for the future of the school. We welcome community members to participate in this dialogue. We will advertise the date and time and provide more detail on our school and local Facebook pages and school website.

#### Staffing

During the term we said farewell to Spud our School Caretaker. We now welcome Beau Tomlin (another local and also a parent) onto our staff. We also welcome Kristin Reilly back onto the teaching staff. The children are already looking forward to Kristin's experience as a dance teacher working with them in creating some amazing dance sequences for an end of year presentation.

#### Kāhui Ako - Community of Learning

We have made good progress in developing strategies and plans for improving the wellbeing and providing quality learning for all Horowhenua children across all of our primary and secondary schools. Our aim is to create seamless pathways of learning for all students from preschool through to tertiary and business. We presently have our Early Childhood Centres ready to join in. At present, the Early Childhood Centres are in the development phase of creating their own Community of Learning. If you are interested in more CoL information please contact me.

#### Teacher Strike

You will be aware that teachers and principals recently held a strike day for more pay and better conditions. The new proposal from the government just moves the same amount of money around and offers no solutions to the issues schools are facing. Schools are really concerned that we have no staffing released for our increasing number of children with learning and behaviour needs. Schools were hoping that this would be partly addressed as a priority but again our pleas appear to be falling on deaf ears.

Ngā mihi Murray Powell











We had a group of our Shannon community members come in and speak with us in Week 4 about their lives growing up. We learned so many cool things about what life was like growing up back in the day! We invited them back in for our Autobiography Exhibition in Week 10 and shared what we learned back with them. Thank you for coming in and sharing our learning, we love having you as a part of our Shannon School whanau!





#### **Board of Trustees**



Teena taatou e ngaa whanau i teenei waahanga o te Mahuru Greetings to the many whanau in this season of Spring

On behalf of the board I would like to welcome all the new families to Shannon School Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Hanana. This term, we have been busy with our NZSTA workshops, they have been very useful to us and from these we have some plans ahead.

#### Succession Plan

The re-elections for the School Board is next year in July so our succession plan is in operation. Keep an eye out for our board member profiles in the digital newsletters as a way to get to know us, some of our members had a great time at three-way conferences catching up with parents. Anyone who is interested in becoming a board member or wants to know more, let us know.

#### Community Engagement

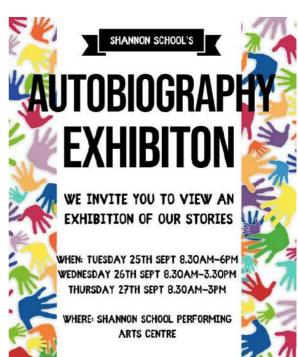
Thank you to our Staff for making huge efforts in engaging our community. It has been truly uplifting seeing more and more people come through the school gates to celebrate our children's learning. We are excited to get the Friends of School group off the ground soon so keep an eye out for that too.

#### Strategic Plan

Next term we are due to set the strategic plan for the school, do watch this space as it is open to all. We value and know it is important to hear our Community, Iwi & Hapuu, Parents, Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles and our Children too. We must provide the best learning opportunities for our tamariki, let's continue to make it happen together. Have a safe holiday.

Nga manaakitanga o te Runga rawa Rhea Hyde

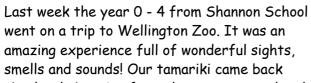
Thank you to all of those people that attended our Autobiography Exhibition this week. We have enjoyed sharing our stories and our learning with you this term













Earlier this term a group of Te Rito Hub learners had the opportunity to participate in a Riparian Restoration Planting event at Moutoa Farm. Although we didn't plant as many trees as we wanted due to the weather, we made a small contribution to the target of 7000 native trees planted.



absolutely buzzing from the encounters they had with all of the animals.



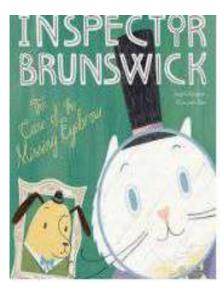






We have been very lucky to have talented people visit our school and share their stories with us. Mary Kippenberger is a storyteller that came and visited us last week. We loved her stories because we were able to get dressed up and be a part of them-even some of the teachers got involved!! We also had Chris Lam Sam

from the Funky Monkeys visit us for our Duffy Assembly last week. Not only is he a performer, but he has also written a children's book called, 'Inspector Brunswick and the case of the Missing Eyebrow.' Thank you for inspiring us to achieve our dreams Chris!!







## OFFICE NOTICES

Kia ora
It is hard to believe we are
at the end of term
three! As usual, we have had
another action-packed term,
full of wonderful learning
opportunities inside and

outside the classroom.

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.



Thanks to the community members that continue to support our kura and tamariki.

We would especially like to thank everyone that supported our senior students to attend our Tukino Ski Trip. This was an amazing and memorable experience. We were very lucky to have fabulous weather, we recently heard another school went for three days and could not ski.

Highlights from Term 3 included our elderly community members visiting to share stories from their schooling. They came on our KidsCan Crazy Hair Day. They even joined in by wearing wigs! The Tukino Ski Camp, Manawatu College Sports Leaders visiting in our lunch breaks to play games, Zero Waste Week, Cross Country, Riparian Restoration planting and speeches. Zoofari Trip to Wellington Zoo. Thanks to The Warehouse for sponsoring this

trip. We would also like to acknowledge Essilor Vision Foundation for screening some of our tamariki.

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 <a href="https://www.shannon.school.nz">www.shannon.school.nz</a> or follow our facebook page. Phone the School Office if you need help.

On behalf of Shannon School and the community, I would like to thank Jenny Forman for all her years of service supporting this community, especially the school. She was our Monday 'Breakfast Mum' before her move to Palmerston North. She still supports our RI programme, which is great!

Once again we have had fantastic support from Kath, Judith and Mark in our school garden. Noeline for the fresh oranges and our other breakfast Mums.

If you would like to support in any way, please contact the office. We would love a couple more Breakfast helpers.

Please sign up to receive our Newsletters via email or download our app.

#### SHANNON AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB

Registrations for the coming season will be held at the Shannon Rugby Clubrooms on Tuesday 23rd October from 6.00 - 7.00pm

Children 14 years or younger welcome.
For more info phone Kate O27 4O5 5236, Irene O21 2394812 or Chice O27 7393380.

#### Fill a Shoebox Horowhenua

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! We challenge you to put together a box collated with awesome things for children in the Horowhenua that will go without this Christmas!!



If anyone is interested in Filling a Shoebox, please talk to the school office about how you can help.

Ngā mihi

The Shoebox Team- Therase, Beth & Sophie

