

# Te Kura o Hanana Update

**Tuesday 6 November 2018**



Kia ora whanau

## Board News

### Staffing

At our last board meeting we reviewed this year and what is available for 2019. With a falling roll we have been lucky to keep all our present teaching staff for next year. Through clever use of our staffing entitlement we will also be able to continue to employ Kristin Reilly, at this time, for 3 days a week for all of 2019.

In our recent survey of parents we had the following response to the following question: *How important is it, for your child, to learn Te Reo Māori and tikanga as part of their learning?*

- 0% *Not interested*
- 13% *Interested but unsure where to start*
- 24% *I want to learn some Te Reo but English is a priority*
- 60% *I want my child to learn English and Te Reo and Tikanga*
- 0% *Te Reo and Tikanga is priority*

We have been thrilled with this year's high levels of te reo and our tamariki involvement in Māori culture. This has been an important aspect of our 2018 strategic goals of '*enabling personalised learning journeys*' and '*growing our unique curriculum and learning environment*'.

### Board Elections 2019

Next year we have our triennial Board of Trustees elections in June. If you are interested and would like to find out more from our present members please contact any one of us. Our next, and final board meeting for the year, is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm. You are always welcome to attend any board meeting.

### Strategic Plan

One of the jobs of the board is to look at the direction of the school. As part of our review and writing up our Strategic Plan and Charter for the next 5 years we would like to gather information regarding community thoughts and ideas. We would like as many of our local school and wider community to attend a Strategic Information Gathering Evening to help brainstorm ideas to assist us set the direction of the school. Please refer to the Poster. There will be a continuous supper and child care provided for those parents who may require this. Please contact the office on 236784543 with your attendance and/or need for childcare

## Strike Day

Teachers and Principals are scheduled to strike on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The board has agreed to close the school on this day as there will be no teaching staff on the school site. You will be notified if there is any change. Please organise for your child to be minded this day.

## Whanau Manaaki – Kindergarten

We welcome the change of our Preschool to now being run by the Kindergarten Association. The kindy will continue with the present staff. The school looks forward to continuing a strong relationship with the Shannon Kindergarten.

A special thanks to the Preschool who have donated funding for us to put in an Archgola outside the Junior Hub. This was something on our wish list for the future, so we are thrilled. This is planned to be available for the start of the new year.

## Principal News

### Digital Newsletters

We are constantly attempting to provide ways to communicate effectively to our school and wider community. The change to digital formats is certainly a more cost effective manner of communication. We are trying a new way of sharing information. Instead of long and time consuming fortnightly newsletters, we will send out written notes as they are needed. These will be shared on Facebook, email and our website. Hard paper copies of Community Newsletters will continue to be distributed at the end of each term as usual. Please let us know what you think of the changes. You are always welcome to come to the office where a paper version will be made available. All notices, newsletters and newsnotes will also now be displayed in the office foyer.

We have been struggling to find a suitable title for these regular digital updates. We asked the children and they suggested: Hanana Moosletter; Compounder; Kia ora whanau; Shannon School (Daily); Newsletter. If you have any suggestions please let us know.

### Transitions

One of the Kāhui Ako – Community of Learning goals is looking at the transition of our preschool children into school. This is also one of our school goals. We look forward to working even more closely with our Preschool/Kindy, Play Centre and Kōhanga Reo.

## Office News (the following newsnote was sent home with children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November).

We have a number of important events coming up in term 4. Please mark your calendars.

### AG/PET DAY - this Thursday 8th November

The day will start with a **pet/soft toy parade** at **9.30am**.

From 10.00am our onsite Kindy will have baking for sale.

**Morning tea** will be at **10.15am** and give adults a chance to take their pets home.

**Lamb/kid judging at 11.00am** as well as class displays.

At **11.30am** there will be an **official opening** for our new **sandpit**.

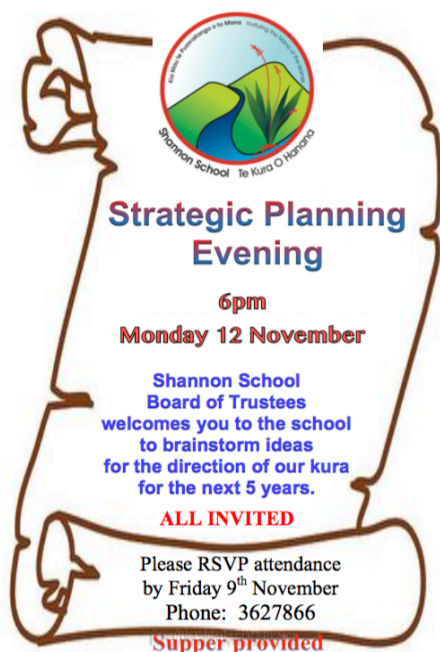
**Lunch** will be at **12.00pm**. There will be a **Sausage Sizzle, baking/sweets and juices** for sale. **After lunch** we will have an **inflatable soccer field** for our children to enjoy for the afternoon.

## STRATEGIC PLANNING EVENING

Next **Monday 12th November at 6pm** in the PAC. It is really important for all parents/carers to attend and share your ideas with the board and staff.

If you require someone to watch your tamariki, please discuss this with Carol C before Friday 9th November.

Please **RSVP** your attendance to the office 3678443.



## NOEL LEEMING VOUCHER

You should have received a voucher on Friday for great savings from the Levin Noel Leeming store for this week only. Any purchases will help earn school resources for our kura. You must have a copy of the flyer or have it on your device. Call the office for more info.

## STRIKE DAY

Next **Tuesday the 13th November** the school is planned to be closed. There is some negotiation today between the union and government, but we don't expect any change. The board will send out a letter in the next couple of days (refer above). It would be best for you to have a plan in place for the care of your children for next Tuesday.

Ngā mihi

Rhea Hyde (Board of Trustees Chairperson)

Murray Powell (Principal)

Carol Christensen (Executive Officer)