



# Te Kura o Hanana Update

Thursday 4th April 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Whānau members

## A Note from the Principal

### Lock Down

We will be practising our school Lockdown procedures with children again in the near future. We believe we do have robust policy, guidelines and procedures but are presently reviewing them in light of what happened in Christchurch. The police are also working with schools on this. One change we have made is for children, at all times (including recess), to return to their own Hubs/classrooms instead of going to the nearest building. In Christchurch this proved to be problematic when children did not return to their own class with their own teacher/s.

The police have alerted to us that the biggest issue in Christchurch lockdowns was with parents trying to enter the school to get their children. This is understandable from a parent perspective but cannot be allowed by the police or the school. The school can only release children to their parent when the Lockdown has officially ended. We know now that this could last for a number of hours. This is why it is essential that the school office has updated contact numbers for all parents. In case of an emergency here at school we will notify parents directly by text or phone.

### Truancy and Lateness

It is vital that children are here for the start of each day. Children need time to settle for the day. Arriving after the bell can cause disruption and unfortunately for some of our children this is a regular occurrence. As adults we may not think that this is an issue but from a child's perspective a child might feel that they are not sure of what to do when all the other children do.

It is illegal for children to be truant (not at school without a medical reason) and constantly late. We will be notifying the school's Truancy Officer if this is a continuing issue for any of our children. If for any reason your child arrives after 8.55am, they **must** report to the office. After the attendance register has been completed for the morning by the teacher (and again in the afternoon) a child could be marked absent if the register is not altered by office staff.

## Communication

There are still several families who have not provided us with their email address. Because our information for home is now digital there is a risk that some whanau will not have accessed our newsletters and communications. This term we have provided a number of paper newsnotes but these will become less and less. We do have a Notice Board in the office foyer, so if in doubt, please check this for all the latest news. Newsletters are always available through our school Website. All notices, newsletters and local school/community related news are always put on the school Facebook.

## A Note from the Office

### Gumboot Friday

We have a number of events coming up as we head to the end of this term.

This Friday we are supporting I AM HOPE GUMBOOT FRIDAY. Gumboot Friday is a new initiative by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King, and I Am Hope. They aim to raise \$2 million for kids who need some mental health support. You can find out more about Gumboot Friday at [www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday](http://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday)

Put your gumboots on and bring along a gold coin donation (if you can). All funds raised on the day will help provide free counselling to kids who need it.

Please encourage your friends and family to [#GumbootUpNZ](https://www.facebook.com/GumbootUpNZ) on Friday 5th April!



### Duffy Role Model Assembly

Next Monday the 8th April we have a Duffy Role Model assembly at 9.30am. We have Flight Sergeant Karl Brown and Sergeant Howard Hudson visiting from the Royal NZ Airforce. You are more than welcome to attend with our tamariki.

### Board of Trustee Elections

Have you thought about becoming a board member? NZSTA is running an evening at Te Whare Awhina at Waiopēhu College on Monday 8th April at 6.00pm. At the hui you'll hear about:

- What is a school board of trustee
- What do trustees do
- What skills do trustees need
- Who can become a trustee
- How do I become a trustee
- Who is on a board of Trustees
- How is a board elected
- What help do school trustees get
- How does the board of trustees work

### Farewell Whaea Heke and final day of term 1

On Friday 12th April at 12.30pm, we will farewell Whaea Heke from our local Kindergarten. Heke has been a huge part of the Shannon Preschool for many years now.

There will be a community farewell in the Shannon School Performing Arts Centre from 12.30pm until 1.00pm. This will be followed by a shared lunch in the Learning Action Centre. If you wish to stay for lunch, please provide a plate of kai for sharing.

**School will close at 1.00pm this day. If you are not attending the shared lunch with your children, please collect them at 1.00pm directly after the farewell assembly.**

### ANZAC Day

We would like to continue to march in the ANZAC Parade as in previous years. As this falls in the holidays, we need to know before next Friday which children would like to represent our kura. Please contact Carol C before the 12th April so she can organise school uniforms.



# EASTER



## Healthy Easter Egg Pops

### Ingredients

- 500g low fat yoghurt
- Handful natural muesli
- Handful of diced fresh, frozen or dried fruit - (e.g. bananas, blueberries, sultanas)

### Instructions

1. In ice block moulds, layer the fruit, yoghurt and muesli until each mould is full
2. Place a stick into each ice block mould
3. Freeze and serve when required.



For more recipes and ideas visit: [fuelled4life.org.nz](http://fuelled4life.org.nz)

**You may wish to try these healthy easter egg pops in the holidays.**