

# Community Newsletter

## SHANNON SCHOOL

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## Principal's Voice



Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

### **Manaakitanga - Caring for Others**

We have had a term interspersed with illness of students and staff and a number of tangi for community members. It is through our value of manaakitanga and kotahitanga (unity) that we have been able to support one another through this term. We look forward to spring and summer when we hope that all of our school and local community will be revived and well.

Our children missed out on joining in our local Kerekere Kapahaka this term due to staffing . But next term there will be opportunities for our tamariki to showcase their skills. We were able to have our choir perform in Whanganui where they shared the top award. The choir also won best stage presentation. A special thanks to Jo Harrington and Lois Erceg-Erkilic who well-prepared our tamariki for this inter-school event.

### **Health Promoting School - Water Only**

We have been moving towards being a 'water only' school (with school milk provided). Our children are learning the value of healthy eating and drinking (refer to this later in this newsletter).

### **Welcome**

We have a number of new families who have moved to our town and school. A special welcome to you all. We are an open, friendly and child centred school. We are happy to show anyone around our amazing school and explain our philosophy of learning that is based on individualised learning programmes. You do not need to have children at the school for someone to show you around and explain what we provide for our children.

### **Enviroschool**

Shannon School has been chosen by the Horowhenua District Council to join in this funded programme. This fits our 'authentic' environmental learning. We already have our amazing school gardens and are about to embark on native tree planting along our eastern fence line with the intention of providing an environmental friendly interactive garden. Our school inquiries for next term will be on creative ways to beautify the school. We welcome any input from parents and community members who have expertise or an interest in assisting us.

### **Three Way Conferences**

Our children have recently presented their Three Way Conferences. It has been interesting to observe more whanau members attending these. Our tamariki know where their learning is at and are proud to share their learning journeys.

Ngā mihi  
Murray Powell

## Board of Trustees



Kia ora whanau

There's a great sense of possibility and potential that comes with these spring days and the same goes for the feel of where Shannon school is heading. We've had a solid start as a new board. While still very much 'learning the ropes', it's great to have strong representation from Ngati Whakarete in our mix and we're all looking forward to working constructively together with our different strengths. Just a reminder that following people are now on the board: Rhea Hyde (chair), Verona Sayles, Cilla Wade, Wylie Te Peeti, Virginia Kohika (marae rep), Murray Powell, Sarah Sheehan (staff rep) and myself (deputy chair).

It's been encouraging for me, having just joined the board, to see the commitment, passion and experience of the school staff and the ongoing innovative work on educational models that look to meet our tamariki where they are at. A particularly positive ongoing initiative is the work on developing strong relationships with our local Shannon Kindergarten, Playcentre and Kohanga Reo in order to enable smooth transitions from early childhood into school. It's great to hear what is happening in this space with the building of connections and fostering familiarity with both staff and children and the way that Shannon students are getting behind this.

Two areas that we are wanting to focus on in term 4 are (1) the profile of our school and (2) the preparations of senior students for the transition to college. We'll be looking at our profile/reputation initially in a process involving the board and staff, but will also be keen to hear thoughts on this from any of our community members – Shannon school needs to be positively owned and respected and at the heart of our Shannon community and we'd love to know if you have any particular ideas around how we can continue to work at this. In terms of the transition to college, many of you were involved in the community consult that was held at the end of 2018 and we are looking at doing a similar process on (Monday, 18 November) – including getting input from ex-pupils and parents about their experience of transitioning to college – what has worked and what hasn't and what we can be working on. So, please put this in your calendars.

Finally, we want to acknowledge the deep sense of loss for those of our community who are grieving the passing of whanau members and our thoughts are also with those whose loved ones are unwell. Our care for each other and walking alongside one another through these hard times is so important and helps remind us of what really matters as we juggle all the busy-ness of life.

If you have any questions around what the board is up to or any suggestions, please don't hesitate to have a chat with one of us.

Nga mihi

Leigh Harrington

## Harakeke Hub Happenings



Have you seen our new display in the office? We have been learning about the sugar content of our drinks.



It was really nice to see some ex-Harakeke Hub members perform at the WHAT (Waiiopehu Has Awesome Talent) Show.



Chris from Zero Waste taught the Year 5 & 6's about Recycling and the Year 7 & 8's about Resource Sustainability. Thanks to Chris for helping us in such a fun and hands on way!



Our 3-Way Conferences looked amazing this year! Thank you to all our whanau that came to support us and our learning



Thanks to Renee and Sam from the Shannon Library for running our Winter Warmers programme for us this year. We loved doing LOTS of reading!



**Healthy Eating** - Our school garden is providing us with some yummy fresh vegetables. We had a whole school shared lunch and managed to incorporate our produce. In our hub we have been enjoying freshly baked bread almost every day. The smell is so ... delicious but the taste is even better!!!



Tuakana teina successfully working together during our Play Based Learning sessions. Some of our tamariki are enjoying playing a game of sorting out natural resources during our Zero Waste inquiry.

We had such a great time competing in our School Cross Country in Week 8!



**Grow your veggies for low or no cost - FREE WORKSHOP -**

Rātū te 1 o Whiringa-ā-nuku / Tues 1<sup>st</sup> October (8<sup>th</sup> is postponement date if weather not suitable) 1-3pm, Shannon School Gardens

Please bring paper and a pencil or pen.

The fabulous professional organic gardener – Kath Irvine - is facilitating an afternoon workshop for anyone in the community interested in this topic. Limited to 20 people, please text or ring Sharon Williams to register: 3627559 or 027 3930414

**WANTED:** Volunteer mentors - mentoring, reading, writing, arts, cooking, gardening, music, other hobbies - working alongside children and junior youth at Shannon School.

**MentorEd** are looking for kind, compassionate and patient people to be mentors for children at Shannon School. You must love the company of children and be able to commit to visiting them weekly at the school. Training and on-going support will be given, as well as resources to work alongside the child. If you have particular hobbies often these be incorporated in the work alongside the child. Usually 2 hours a week in term time and minimum of one school year commitment. Find out more at [www.mentored.org.nz](http://www.mentored.org.nz) or check out MentorEd Facebook page or ring Sharon Williams 3627559 / 027 3930414

## OFFICE NOTICES

Kia ora

Welcome to our Term 3 Community Newsletter.

It has been a busy and fun term of learning at our kura. Our tamariki have enjoyed a number of excursions and school events. Some highlights were our Choir trip to Whanganui. Their performance was outstanding. A special thanks to Joanna Harrington and Mrs E for their hard work in preparing them for the 'big stage'. We wish to acknowledge Tamara Bal for sponsoring a van to transport our tamariki and other financial sponsors including Michael from our local Streetwise. Nga mihi.

Some children attended the annual Michelle Robinson Dance Show in Palmerston North in week two. There were college open days, the WHAT Show and numerous local educational trips.

Another highlight was a display from Kenson K9 Solutions. These dogs were very clever. The Kohanga visited us during their DIY makeover.

Our Year 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to have a full Optometry check with Essilor Eye Spy. In the last two years this has picked up a number of children needing glasses and others for upgrades. They receive two free pairs of glasses. We will continue to take up these opportunities for our children.

Thank you to all our school volunteers and helpers. Especially Lyn (our breakfast Mum), Kath, Judith and Mark (gardens) and a very special mention to Joanne Roache for her amazing expertise in transforming some of our uniforms into fantastic dresses and skirts and tops. They were used for our choir group and will be our new Kapa Haka uniforms for the future. Kai pai Jo!!

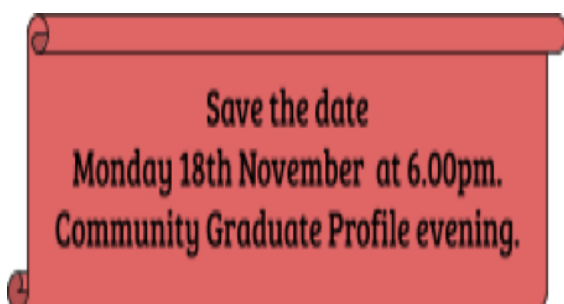
Congratulations to all our tamariki that competed in our Cross Country. Our FUN RUN Fundraiser raised \$1000 for our school!!

Ag Day will be in week 5 on Wednesday 13th November. Watch out for more advertising.

Welcome to all our new tamariki and their whanau.

Regards

Shannon School Office



**Kids Shop Till You Drop**  
**free H.H.C.N event**

**St Bedes Hall, Stout st, Shannon**  
**5th October**  
**11am-2pm**

**Free**  
Snacks  
for the  
kids



**Free**  
drinks  
and  
treats  
for the  
parents

**Free** Soft toys, games, crafts,  
bikes, dvds, furniture, room  
decor, books, gaming and lots  
more!

*Koha tins will be out for those  
wishing to support our work,  
please give generously*



**Raising Fathers To Save Our Children**

SHANNON  
**MAN UP**  
TU TANGATA

**Shannon Primary School**  
**Friday 6.30**

**Tamihana Morgan Ratu 0221096367**

**SHANNON PRE XMAS COMMUNITY FAIR**

Saturday 2nd November. 10 - 4pm.  
St Bedes Anglican Hall Stout Street, Shannon.  
All proceeds to Shannon foodbank / community pantry.  
Do you want a table??  
Fair entry is via donation/food items.  
This also applies for stall holders tables.  
Contact Robyn 027 734 4692

**Shannon Youth Group** – usually meet **Thursdays** at St David's Hall, Stout St, 5.30-7.30pm. For Junior and College Youth, so school year 7 and above. Typically a feed, fun, games, sports, cooking, craft, Christian faith exploration and hanging out together. Occasional trips and camps too. Queries: Leigh Harrington 021 837 478 (or Sharon Williams)

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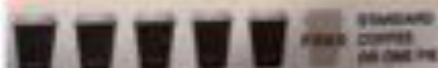
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