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Our Hanana Junior Touch team, after a close final, WON their grade in Week 8, winning 5-4 after trailing at half time. We are so proud of your effort!

Shannon School celebrates 25 years of Duffy Books with sponsors. Thank you, Mr and Mrs Earle!



Principal's Voice



Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

Strategic Planning - Learning Profiles

Last year we had a very successful community evening to discuss what Shannon School should focus on in the coming years. We recently held an evening to discuss what it is we want of our learners at Year 4 and at Year 8. It was good to involve and listen to the experiences of a number of our past students who have moved onto secondary and tertiary. Next year we want to spend some time with our community to review our present local curriculum. Anyone from Shannon is welcome to attend. If you would like a copy of these documents please email me. They will also be on our school website www.shannon.school.nz

Communication

Except for this community newsletter, our correspondence between school and the home is mostly digital. Our Facebook page [Shannon School Te Kura o Hanana](#) is a great place to see what is happening in the school and for advertising school events. We are happy to also publicise any community events that involve our students and parents. Please contact the office.

Staffing

Our staffing for 2020 continues to be the same. It has been good to have stability within the school. A new addition to the school for this year has been Sally Albert our support person who has been an asset in organising and running our student te reo classes. A special thanks to all the staff who continue to provide a great team together supporting all our tamariki. Kaya Williams has come into the school as a very able teacher aide during the year. We wish her well in her overseas work next year.

Support for the School

There are a number of community people who have continued to provide amazing services to the school. We cannot thank them enough for their support to staff and children. Lyn Hay who every morning sets up and provides ("over and above") breakfast for our children; Karen Kenrick, Betty Corlett and Sandra Eckert who take individual children for reading; Larissa Aberhart who has been assisting in the Junior hub; Kath Irvine who organises our amazing school garden with Judith Sayer, Mark Webley and others; Jo Harrington who prepares our choirs; our Religious Instruction people Sharon Williams, Jo Harrington, Sylvia Van Echten and assistants. A special thanks to our Duffy Books in Schools sponsors Mr and Mrs Earle. It is true when it is said that "it takes a community to raise a child". We welcome any community people to assist in the school in any capacity to help our tamariki.

Our Unique School

We truly provide an individualised, personalised and comprehensive education for all our tamariki. Our students are happy to be at school and staff have developed positive relationships with our students. Our diverse learners, who are integrated into classes, have varied and authentic learning opportunities. The mix of ages and openness of our classroom areas, combined with team teaching by staff, with a holistic approach means that our children receive a well-rounded education. Children have choices and are able to discuss their learning journeys. We strongly believe in our approach to teaching and learning and are always happy to share this. If you would like to see the school in action please contact us or call in for someone to show you around.

Kāhi Ako - Community of Learning

It has been another busy year of Horowhenua schools beginning to work collaboratively together to improve teaching and learning opportunities for our children across the whole region. There has been work in transitioning children from early childhood into school and from school to our colleges, in providing culturally responsive best practice and developing positive relationships between school and home and for the wellbeing of staff and students. One of the most effective successes has been in developing positive partnership relationships with our local iwi and I observe this going from strength-to-strength.

The Year That Was

Every year we aim to cover lots of experiences and programmes for our tamariki and sometimes we get there and sometimes we have to put things off for another year. We have had our fair share of staff, students and community illness and tangi for too many community members. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all those affected. And as usual these whanau and family realities are foremost in our minds and hearts at the time and appropriately where our energies and thoughts lie.

We have recently joined a Horowhenua Council initiative 'Enviro Schools' and we look forward to developing our school environment into a more enviro-friendly school. Our onsite 'House of Science' provides us with continuous science resources. We have improved our waste management, changed to more healthy food and are now a 'water only' school. We have had a number of exciting events throughout the year including: Celebrating 25 years of Bibles in Schools; Gumboot Day; an amazing Community Matariki celebration; 'Kids in the Kitchen' healthy lunch day where children received new lunch-boxes and water bottles; Zero Waste programme; Ag and Pet day; recently the Life Education caravan. There have also been art, speech and learning presentations and many of our diverse learners and Junior school visiting various local industries, including a group to the HMB Endeavour and Waka Haurua in Wellington.

Meri Kirihimete
Ngā mihi
Murray Powell

Harakeke Hub 2019

Cool, Calm, Cheeky Caring Carlton



Meet my amazing pet sheep, Carlton. Carlton is from the Bovidae family. He is an Ovis Aries.

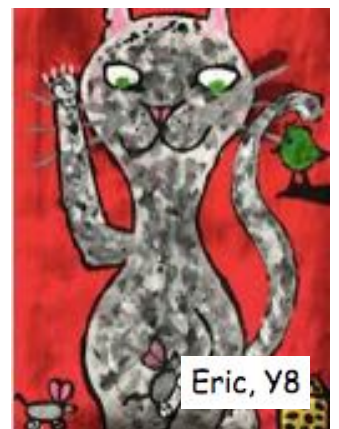
Carlton is a huge, plump, woolly sheep. His face was cute, but now he is not cute he is handsome.

We got Carlton from a neighbor when he was just a few days old. Now Carlton is living with a new owner, in Canterbury.

Unlike other sheep, Carlton can be very friendly. Even with other animals. However, he can be aggressive at times too. When you get to know him, you'll love him!

Carlton, in my opinion, is the best. Carlton is very special to me because I've grown up with him and we've had the most amazing time. We've made a lot of fun memories over time. He is worth more than gold to me. I love my Carlton.

Written by Alayna (Year 6)



We have been baking to thank and support people in our community. We recently did some baking for Carol Christensen and Carol Brady who both give so much service to the school. We are so thankful to them for everything they do for us.



Te Rito Hub 2019



In Te Rito Hub this term we have continued our learning journey around 'Sustainability' with a number of trips to local food producers. We went to William's farm, Ohau Gourmet Mushrooms, Lewis Farms and Shirley's Strawberries. We made two batches of delicious strawberry jam that we had on freshly baked bread. We also visited Wildbase Bird Recovery in Palmerston North where we saw many of our native birds being rehabilitated from sickness and injury.

AG DAY RESULTS 2019

LAMBS

Junior Best Pet

1st Phillip Jennings-Barber

Junior Care and Rearing

1st Phillip Jennings-Barber

Senior Best Pet

1st Sharmea Baker

2nd Abi Harrington

3rd George Jennings-Barber

Senior Care and Rearing

1st George Jennings-Barber

2nd Abi Harrington

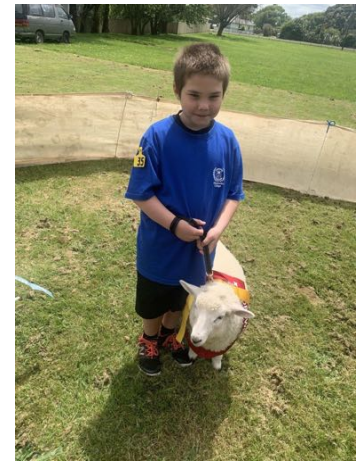
3rd Sharmea Baker

RESERVE CHAMPION LAMB 2019:

Phillip Jennings-Barber

CHAMPION LAMB 2019:

Sharmea Baker



We are sad to farewell our Year 8 learners from Shannon School. We wish you all the very best for high school. We know you will do us proud!!



Board of Trustees



Ko te mea tuatahi ka huri au ki ngā hunga mate i wehe atu i te po i tēnei tau moe mai ra moe mai ra e. Ki ngā hunga ora e ngā mana e ngā reo e ngā karangatanga mai i ngā hau e wha Tēnā koutou katoa.

First of all on behalf of the Board we wish to send our love & sympathies to all whānau who have farewelled their loved ones this year. To all the living of all denominations and languages from all four winds hello to you all.

Staff

The Board wishes to acknowledge the enormous workload all our staff put into our children here at Shannon School. The innovation of learning and teaching is something we are very proud of, it has our children's interests and passions at the heart of learning, it is resourced well and our children are engaged and happy. Ka nui te mihi ki ngā Pukenga o te Kura o Hanana - Big thank you to all the Shannon School Staff.

Strategic Planning

Our Principal has mentioned both of the valuable Strategic Planning events we have held last year and this year. Excitement is building for the planning of our local curriculum next year. Some work has already started as our local Hapū Ngāti Whakaterere begin to organise the Kāhui Ako Teacher Only day for all the Ngāti Raukawa schools. Teachers will gather at Poutū Marae before the start of school next year to participate and learn more about local Māori history and relationships to the wider Iwi.

Te Reo Māori

The Board recently met with whānau to discuss the future learning and teaching of Te Reo Māori and Tikanga at Te Kura o Hanana. We know this is a priority learning area for many of our families and the Board will continue to consult and plan with whānau a way forward for all the tamariki of Shannon School. Ka nui te mihi ki ngā Pukenga o te Reo Māori me te Tikanga mauri ora kia koutou katoa.

We wish our **Year 8** students all the best on their journey to Secondary School we know you will all do amazing things. To all our students and their families, the Board acknowledges that you are the heart of our school and through our dedicated staff we are committed to providing a safe and exciting education. Please take care over the school holidays - Kia tupato tou haere ai i te wā whakataa.

Meri Kirihimete
Rhea Hyde

OFFICE NOTICES



We wish to thank all our school wide helpers for supporting our children throughout the year.

You are all amazing!

This support is much appreciated and you all make a real difference with their learning.

THANK YOU!!

TERRACYCLING

We recently signed up to become a drop off for **WRITING INSTRUMENTS**. You can now drop off your used pens, highlighters, correction fluid pots and markers. They can be any brand. There are also buckets at our ECE Centres and the library. We were already a drop off for Oral Care Waste and coffee pods. Let's recycle and save the planet. We are very proud of how little we now send to the landfill.

Writing Instruments Recycling Programme

Accepted waste
Pens, ball tips, highlighters, markers

Mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges

Waste not accepted

For more information please visit terracycle.co.nz



A special thanks to Cloud 9 for your continued support.



SHANNON SCHOOL POOL

The School Pool will open on Friday 20th December from 3.00pm to the public.

It will then open each day from 1.00 pm - 6.00 pm, weather permitting apart from Christmas Day when it will be closed.

Our pool will be run and maintained by HDC staff over the school summer holidays.

It may be closed at short notice if there are any staff working on site for any reason or there is an accident in the pool.

This will be advertised asap on social media.

We wish to keep our pool safe, so please report any after hours activity to the Police on #105.

The cost is \$1 for children and \$2 for adults.



Before you take to the water...

Swimming is healthy and fun, and swimming pools are safe and healthy environments. But there are bugs and infections in the community that can be brought into the water and spread.

It's important that you as a swimmer do your bit to stop these bugs and infections from getting into the pool.

Help yourself and others to stay healthy in and out of the water by following a few simple steps:

Before you swim in a pool

If you have had diarrhoea (upset tummy) in the last two weeks - don't go into the water.

If your child has had diarrhoea in the last two weeks - don't let them go into the water.

Take children to the toilet before they swim and wash hands after going to the toilet.

Where possible shower yourself and your children before you put togs on. Use soap and warm water (especially in the area around your bottom).

Your baby should wear approved swimming nappies because cloth and disposable nappies are not allowed at swimming pools. Pool staff can tell you if your nappies are approved. Remember to wash your hands after changing your baby.



Missing 19/10/19 13 Julyan st



Ph: 063627740

Ollie, 11yrs, neutered, missed terribly



Congratulations to our two of our community members on their recent awards. Firstly, Judith Sayer is a long time supporter of Shannon School. She works with children weekly in our school garden. What awesome news to hear you received a Civic Honours Award.



Anita Nunn who also supports many of our families through H.H.C.N. (Helping Hands Community Network) in Shannon received a Local Hero award. Well done to you both!



Call into the school office if you wish to purchase one of our Christmas Grocery Raffle tickets. \$2.00 per ticket. This will be drawn on Friday 20th December.



SHANNON COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

PRIZES FOR DECORATED BIKES / SCOOTERS, BEST DRESSED COSTUME, BEST COMMERCIAL AND NON COMMERCIAL FLOAT

ASSEMBLY TIME 10:30AM ON STOUT STREET - PARADE STARTS AT 11AM
 10AM - 3PM SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2019 SHANNON DOMAIN
 CONTACT DEBBIE BARKER FOR MORE INFO ON 077 267 4140 EMAIL: DEBBIE@STREETMEDIA.CO.NZ

CAN YOU SPARE A COUPLE OF HOURS A WEEK TO SUPPORT A CHILD AT SHANNON PRIMARY SCHOOL?



Our successful mentoring programme has been operating in Palmerston North and we are excited to be starting a partnership with Shannon School. If you are keen to make a difference in Shannon please get in touch. A Police Check will be required and all training provided. To find out more please contact Sharon Williams at Sharonhumphrey@hotmail.com or phone 0273930414 www.mentored.org.nz

Move Well - fitness instructor - gentle exercise for all: balance, coordination, toning and strength. Starting up again in term 1, keep a look out on Community Notice Board and Four Square for info.



KIDS CLUB

We meet once a fortnight in term-time, usually Fridays 5-7pm, at the Anglican Church Hall on Stout St.
 Mostly we run activity sessions, including various sports, games, cooking, art, craft, a 'God Spot' and eating! Occasionally we have trips, for example to Levin Aquatic Centre. Sometimes we have just games sessions, celebrations, talent quests, movies, discos and other fun times. Usual cost is a dollar or two.
 We are open to all primary school aged children and at times run sessions suitable for preschoolers.
 We encourage parents, carers and other whanau and family members to participate in the sessions if they wish to. We have a dedicated group of voluntary leaders and are always seeking volunteers and other types of support, so if you are interested please ring me.
 Keep a look out on the Shannon School notice board, the Community Notice Board next to the library or in the 4 Square window for details of sessions.
 Children need to be registered to attend sessions; this can be done in advance or at the hall.

Shannon Youth Group
 Intermediate and Senior Youth on Thursday nights, St Davids Hall, Stout St. 5.30 - 7.30pm
 Plenty of games, kai and fun: Fun and Faith entwined Christian Youth Group
 ALL welcome: faith is explored, poster with info up in Four Square term 1.

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