

# Community Newsletter

## SHANNON SCHOOL

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### Leonie-Rose Hubbard

#### Sir Peter Blake Award Recipient for Leadership

A wise old owl sat in an oak

The more he heard the less he spoke

The less he spoke the more he heard.

Leonie-Rose can be likened to the ruru - the owl - the observer.

Leading through observing Leading through listening Leading through silence

Leonie - Rose describes her leadership strengths as the virtue manaaki - caring and empathy. Caring she explains is giving love and attention to people and things that matter. Empathy Leonie-Rose describes as stepping into someone else's shoes and feeling what they are feeling in order to support and uplift.

As a school family we value Leonie-Rose's commitment to her learning and her commitment of service to others. She has shown courage in developing her wairua.

Kei roto i toku wahangu ka takato mai oku kaha

Within my silence lay all my strengths

***Pictured is Westpac Bank Manager Clinton Grimstone, Sir Peter Blake Award Recipient Leonie-Rose and her Mum Debbie***



The 2020 BLAKE Young Leader Awards aim to recognise our young New Zealanders who show commitment to leading positive change in their community that leads to a sustainable future for Aotearoa. The Sir Peter Blake Foundation is in partnership with Westpac Bank.



## Acting Principal's Voice



Te Wiki o te reo Maori  
'Nou to rourou Naku te rourou Kia kaha ki te akotahi e'  
With your basket, with my basket let us be strong to learn as one

E te Totaranui, E Koro Claude Ketu. Ahakoa kua wahangu koe ki tenei mea i te korero. Kei ou uri whakaheke nga kahui totara hei pikau i to wairua. E te Papa Turetangata Haere, haere, e moe e. Tihei mauriora

Dear Parents/Carers/Community Members

### **Staffing - Farewell Winnie**

It is always sad when we have to farewell a staff member who has made a huge impact in our school. Whaea Winnie Third has been a dedicated teacher aide who has worked alongside many of our students especially our diverse learners. Her expertise in teaching and learning skills over the past seven years has added strongly to nurturing the Mana of the learner. We thank Winnie for her commitment to our school and community and wish her well in her new adventures.

We welcome Jacqui Montgomery who replaces Whaea Winnie. Whaea Jacqui is a part of our community and she carries many skills that will further enrich the learning of our students.

We also welcome Alison Gardiner, another Shannon community member who will be working as a teacher aide alongside our learners in the Te Rito Hub.

### **Term Three**

We have completed another term of fun events and learning journey's. Even though Covid has presented itself with some obstacles, our students and staff continue to practise safe procedures with a focus on health, safety and wellbeing. A number of major events have had to be put on hold due to Covid restrictions however we will notify you when these events will take place in the near future.

### **3-Way Conferences**

It was great to see many of our families coming in to share in their child's 3-Way Conference. It is a special time to celebrate our children's learning with goals achieved and next step goals across all curriculum areas. For those parents/caregivers who were unable to attend can you please call the school office to make an appointment.

### **Teacher Only Day**

On Monday 21st September our staff visited another Enviroschool in Fielding for professional development and came away enthusiastic and highly motivated with the possibilities that could flourish the work we are doing as an Enviroschool. This is hugely exciting for us and the community.

"Enviroschools is a unique sustainability journey. Through exploration, discovery and connections with the environment tamariki and students experience how to make decisions and take action to improve the physical and social environment of our places, our community and our world. We are seeing a wide range benefits from this approach." (Enviroschools Website)

### **Principal Retirement**

Our current principal Murray Powell will be retiring at the end of this year so we are in the process of appointing a new principal. We are organising to farewell Murray at the end of the school year.

Enjoy the holiday break with whanau and friends

Nga Mihi Nui

Lois Erceg-Erkilic (Acting Principal)



Kei te ako matou...help each other with our learning. Whaea Rachel has worked with the Year 3&4 tamariki in authentic learning situations. In **Te Rito hub** we problem solve together, because we believe the “answer is in the group”.

We planted some bean seeds and we are watching them grow. Whaea Rachel brought 9 “fertilised” chicken eggs in an “incubator” and hopefully, very soon, all 9 of our chickens will hatch!

## Board of Trustees



Kia ora tātou

He wahi tino rerekē, pukumahi hoki tēnei mo tō tātou kura me to tātou hapori hoki.

It continues to be an unusual and busy time for our school and community as we watch what is happening with COVID and the different challenges this brings as well as just trying to keep on top of life.

As you will be aware, Murray has taken leave for the remainder of the term and we're grateful to have Lois step in as Acting Principal and to feel confident that the school is in very capable hands. Thanks Lois.

We have a selection committee working hard on the process for appointing a new principal – with the hope that we will have a suitable candidate ready to start at the beginning of Term 1 in 2021. We are feeling very well supported by Shona Oliver who has agreed to consult with us as we work through this process. It has also been great to get the perspective of students, staff and community members around their hopes for what the new principal will bring to the school. Watch this space!

The school is moving ahead with new fencing and seating at the school pool in preparation for summer, and we will be laying down a further concrete court to increase the area available for sports/play at the north of the school. Thanks to Murray for coordinating this and to Beau for all the preparation work that it has involved.

Finally, our thoughts and prayers are with the Ketu whānau following the passing of Claude Ketu Senior – kua hinga ra he totara nui i te wao a Tane. These times continue to remind us how important our whanau are and the beautiful weaving together of our lives – through all the ups and downs.

Kia tau te rangimarie me to aroha o te Atua ki a tātou katoa.

Leigh Harrington

### SHANNON DOMAIN USERS

In October there will be a meeting held for all interested community members wanting to be part of the Shannon Domain Users Group. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss any future upgrades and improvements of the Shannon Domain. The focus is to gather information to submit to the Horowhenua District Councils Annual and Long Term Plans. If you are a current or future user of our domain, please text Carol Christensen 027 555 44 51 or Karla Puhipuhi 027 3066 509 so they can notify you the date of this meeting once it is set.

**DENTAL BUS** The Children's Dental Bus is currently located at Shannon School and will be here during the holidays. Staff will be contacting families regarding appointments. If you are new to the area, have an under 5 year old not enrolled and need to register your child or need to contact them for an urgent appointment please phone 027 444 0085.

# Kia Ora Koutou Katoa from the Harakeke Hub

We have been involved in lots of exciting learning journeys throughout this term. Our Year 7&8's have been screen printing their own designs onto t-shirts and constructing tool boxes at Technology. We have been playing lots of sports and enjoying the whanau support. We continue to be involved in exciting learning journey's with lots of learner voice. It has been awesome having Whaea Rhea in our Harakeke Hub to support our learning. We have just completed our 3-Way Conferences where we shared our learning journey. A huge shout out and thanks to Moira Hallaran and Glen Gould for donating a washing machine to the school. We farewelled Whaea Winnie this term and welcomed Whaea Jacqui to take her place. Thanks to everyone that has supported our Harakeke Hub this Term.



# Free and healthy school lunches

Shannon School Te Kura o Hanana is excited to have been selected as one of the local schools in our area to participate in the Government's Free and Healthy School Lunches Programme.

Regular nutritious food is vital for children's physical, mental and educational development. It affects their ability to focus, concentrate and learn.

Around one in five children in New Zealand live in households that struggle to put enough good-quality food on the table. In communities facing greater socio-economic barriers, 40 percent of parents run out of food sometimes or often.

The school lunches programme aims to reduce food insecurity by providing access to a nutritious lunch every day. Research indicates that reducing food insecurity for children and young people:

- improves wellbeing
- supports child development and learning
- improves learners' levels of concentration, behaviour and school achievement
- reduces financial hardship amongst families and whānau
- addresses barriers to children's participation in education and promotes attendance at school
- boosts learners' overall health.

## About the programme

In 2019, the Government introduced a two-year initiative to explore delivering a free and healthy daily school lunch to Year 1 to 8 (primary and intermediate aged) students in schools with high levels of disadvantage.

Around 10,000 learners in 42 schools across Bay of Plenty/Wairiki and Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti have been getting a free school lunch since the programme began in Term 1 2020. Over 3,000 students in 18 schools and kura across Otago and Southland joined the programme in Terms 2 and 3.

Another 151 schools in Bay of Plenty/Wairiki and Hawke's Bay/Tairāwhiti will begin delivering lunches in Term 4 2020.

Providing lunch to all students in participating schools will make sure that every student who needs a free lunch can access one, and will minimise any stigma that sometimes comes with receiving free meals. Targeting programmes on the basis of need also requires a process to confirm eligibility. This can add to cost and complexity and discourage eligible families from taking part, meaning some children needing lunch miss out.

Schools can decide whether to deliver lunches themselves, or outsource to an external supplier. Schools and communities are best placed to understand what their children need.

## Expanding the programme in response to COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the programme is being expanded to reach around 200,000 students by the end of 2021. It includes extending the programme to secondary schools.

This initiative will help cushion the blow of COVID-19 impacts on students living in already socio-economically disadvantaged households which may now be experiencing heightened financial stress, job and income losses at home which can interfere with learning and wellbeing.

Shannon School has opted to deliver lunches ourselves from Term 1 2021. We want to make sure our students have the opportunity to receive a variety of healthy food options, hot and cold. Most larger schools will need to outsource to an external supplier as they do not have the facilities and manpower to do this themselves. It will also mean that we can employ a local person. It is great we can create this opportunity.

### **We believe that there will be someone in our community who has the skills to run this programme, is this you?**

Lunches must be healthy and nutritious. The Ministry of Education has worked with the Ministry of Health to establish nutrition guidelines based on the Ministry of Health's health and nutrition guidelines. Lunches should also meet any dietary and religious requirements.

A typical weekly menu might include a variety of lunches such as wraps, vegetable sticks, dips, salads, soups, and hot lunches. Menus may also change from term to term to reflect available fresh seasonal produce and feedback from our school and learners.

Minimum standards for health and safety legislation must be met.

We recognise that children's tastes vary and it can be challenging to provide healthy food that children want to eat. It can also be confusing identifying which foods are healthy and which should only be offered in limited amounts. The Ministry will provide nutrition guidelines and work with schools and suppliers to improve the nutrition and appeal of lunches and encourage learners to try new foods.

If our school is to provide our own lunches the person we employ must also comply with the Food Act 2014 and be aware of allergies and allergens. We must meet health, safety and nutrition standards.

Our School will also be encouraged to move towards a zero-waste policy, reduce food wastage, and minimise the use of plastic single-use items. We are doing this now anyway, so this will need to be incorporated into the planning process.

The Ministry of Education will provide guidance on requirements to ensure there is a baseline for the provision of quality food and service.

### **We are looking for a person to run our Free and Healthy Lunch Programme in 2021.**

**This will involve the planning, preparation and cleanup of each meal under the Ministry guidelines. Some assistance and training will be available in regards to health, safety and nutritional meal planning.**

**This is a one year contract in term time only. The meals will need to be prepared at our kura and the minimum hourly rate will be \$22.10. We estimate that we will need to employ someone for approximately four hours per day.**

# OFFICE NOTICES

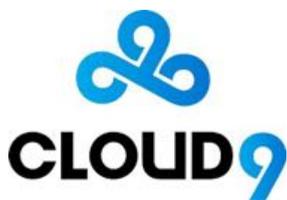
Welcome to our Term 3 Community Newsletter.

Firstly, thank you to all our school family and community members for supporting our kura during this exceptional and extraordinary year so far. Everyone has been very respectful regarding the covid levels and guidelines in relation to entering our school grounds. Hopefully it won't be too long until we can have all our volunteers back in our Hubs working alongside our tamariki.

Whether you agree or disagree with the government's free and healthy school lunch programme, we know that this will help and support many of our learners. We did not think twice about opting in. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING THIS PROGRAMME, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

We have been supported this year by EAT UP NEW ZEALAND. This is a wonderful group of volunteers. They will continue to supply sandwiches until the end of the year.

We would also like to acknowledge the continued support from CLOUD 9 PALMERSTON NORTH. You are amazing, thank you!!



Every time you book online, any online transaction fees from Cloud 9 in September will be donated to three local schools. One of them is our school. Vote for Shannon school when you visit the park!



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