

SHANNON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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On Friday the 3rd of March all the Year 3-6 students went on the bus to Foxton Beach where the Regional Council had organised a beach clean up for 'Sea Week'. This was followed by a sausage sizzle. While we were there we collected sea shells, drift wood, dried seaweed and marram grass. The children learned about caring for the sea shore and preservation of sea life.



A Note from Our Principal



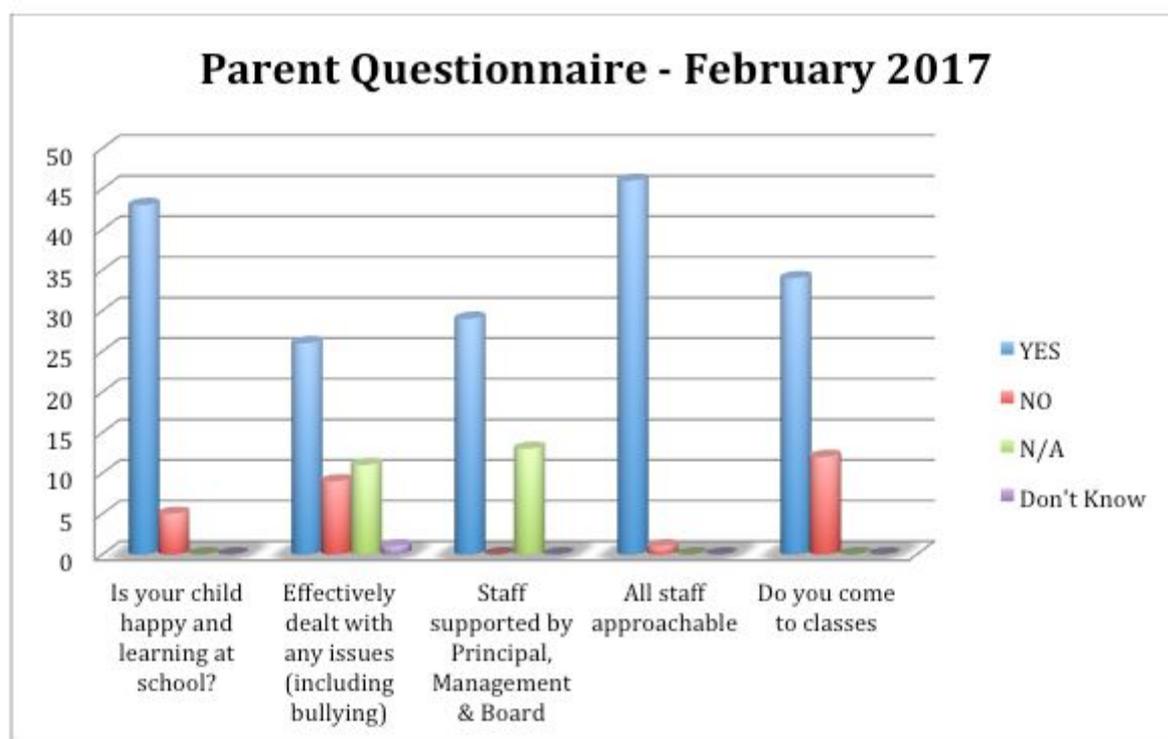
Dear Parents/Carers

Funding for Schools

Our public schools are experiencing ever increasing difficulties with funding all of the necessary requirements for our children's education. The funding for Early Childhood has been frozen for the past seven years and the core operational funding for primary schools has also been frozen for the past two years. In real terms there are millions of dollars less going into the education of our children, taking inflation into account. The fees and costs from parents do affect the amount of money in the system to pay for all our children's needs. The board also believes it is important to cover some teacher aide time and the provision of a Rumaki teacher. Please help us by paying your school and activity fees.

Questionnaire Results

Recently you were given the opportunity of completing a survey. Here are the results:



I am happy to share the collated comments if you are interested. Please contact me for a copy. Even though the survey was very positive and the majority of parents appear to be happy with the school we are always reviewing our policies and practices and there are several aspects that we believe we can improve on. These include: an improved experience for our Junior children transitioning into the Senior Hub; Always notifying parents promptly when there is a behaviour or bullying issue; The provision of more sports options.

You will realize that as a small school and town we are stretched for the provision of a wide variety of sport. If there are interested parents, or a group of children, wishing to take up a particular sport in Foxton or Levin the school would be quite willing to provide the school van to transport our children. It would however need parents to provide the drivers and organisers as teachers are already stretched with providing weekly after school Foxton sports transport and organisation.



Tuakana Teina from Harakeke Hub working collaboratively on literacy activities.



Investigating butterflies and learning about their symmetrical wing patterns.



Play based learning with some of the debris collected from the beach.



Making letter shapes with our bodies.

Notices

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the families that have now purchased hats for their children. Please contact the School Office if your child still needs one.

Can you help with any of our school wide programmes? Please contact the Office if you can help with Breakfast in Schools, Gardens or our Lunchtime fundraisers. Thanks for the offers so far.

Remember it is a good time to start an automatic payment for this years fees. We encourage this option for payment if you have multiple children at school. \$5 per fortnight from now until the end of Term 4 will cover all but \$10 of our seniors fees. It is amazing how quickly it adds up.

Please support our Garden clean up. We have Kath Irvine from Edible Gardens leading a wonderful team in a the new garden initiative for our learners.

GARDEN WORKING BEE SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 10.00AM

Come along and support our garden learners by helping clean up and prepare our garden for future planting.
There is a job for everyone.

Hopefully the wood and branches will be removed by then, but we may need chainsaws and those not afraid to use them!
Can anyone come with a small truck/ute and a trailer?
Come with your loppers, pruning saws and garden forks.
If anyone owns a mulcher, that would be great, let us know. We can use the mulch on the borders.

Just a general clean up as we have big plans.
Maybe you could just support us with a cup of tea and baking if muscly work is not your thing!
Contact Carol at the School Office for more information.

Raukawa Mental Health Foundation
Whānau Ora creative NZ Rent a Dent

MOOKALUCKY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

Shot Bro

CONFESSIONS OF A DEPRESSED BULLET

Raukawa Whānau Ora
Friday 13 March 6:30pm
Foxton Primary Tues 14 Mar - 8:30am
Otaki Hadfield Hall Tues 14 Mar - 8:00pm
Te Pahi, Levin Wed 15 March - 8:00pm
Shannon School Thurs 16 Mar 2017 - 8:00pm

KOHA ENTRY OR BRING A PLATE

WRITTEN & PERFORMED BY **ROB MOKARAKA** FACEBOOK SHOT BRO Confessions of a depressed bullet

Kids Club this Friday
Fun games and Fitness training.
Any queries contact Sharon
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Thank you to Wendy and the fantastic Team at Konica Minolta Palmerston North for printing our Newsletter!



The Series will consist of:

- 11 March - Shannon BI athlon, Shannon Domain *each participant will only complete the Run and bike elements of the TRYathlon
- 18 March - Foxton TRYathlon, Foxton Pool
- 26 March - Levin TRYathlon, Levin Aquatic Centre

Distances are age appropriate

- 5 - 7 Years - Swim 2 Lengths of the play pool/ 15m, Cycle 1 Lap/ 440m and Run 250m
- 8 - 10 Years - Swim 3x Lengths/ 75m, Cycle 4 Laps/ 1760m and Run 800m
- 11 - 13 Years - Swim 6 Lengths/ 150m, Cycle 8 Laps/ 3520m and Run 1250m

Registrations are \$20 per child for all 3 events or \$10 per child, for 1 event.

We have made registering easier than before. Please follow the link below to our online registration form, or alternatively pop down to the Levin Aquatic Centre.

For more information or to keep updated please visit our website or facebook page.

Are your Kids sporty, or looking for a new challenge? Why not enter them to take part in this year's series by entering at least 1 of our 3 events, held across the Horowhenua.

Entry is open to anyone aged between 5 and 13. The event aims to encourage participation and most of all, give a chance for all children in the community to get active, get together and have fun.