

SHANNON SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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*Ko te Whare o Mana e ngunguru nei, Hi au, au, aue ha!
Here is some stuff Mana Hub has been up to.*



Practising Backstroke at swimming



We started our Bug Inquiry this week



Agreed to our classroom Treaty



Off to the beach and then the Poukai

A Note from Our Principal



Dear Parents/Carers

Chromebooks - Digital Devices

At school we don't need to worry too much about inappropriate sites that children can access and we do monitor what children are accessing. However at home this is an issue that all parents need to be aware of. In the 'Kawa of Care' agreement parents sign when purchasing the device, and in the Parent Education Workshop that parents must attend before the Chromebook goes home, it talks about being a responsible user. As a parent it is recommended that all digital devices be used in areas where you have ongoing and open viewing of what children are accessing on the internet. I know that many parents allow their child to access Facebook and this is sometimes being used in inappropriate ways, such as bullying others. Legally parents are responsible for what their children are accessing. I am not sure if everyone is aware that:

Technically, the minimum age for opening a Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Pinterest, Tumblr, or Snapchat account is 13, while Kik users under 17 need parental permission. And it is even older for Vine, Tinder, Yik Yak and YouTube.

Health and Safety

As part of our Health and Safety plan for all people in the school we need to know exactly who is at the school at any one time. This is in case of fire, earthquake or Lock Downs. At present all visitors to the school sign in and out in our 'Visitors' Book' held at the office. However this has not always reflected who is actually in the school. If you are dropping your child off at class and leaving there is no problem. However if you are staying on in the classroom, meeting a staff member, or assisting in any way, you will need to enter your attendance in the book. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Survey Results

In the last newsletter I shared the results of the Parent Questionnaire. We have now collated the results for the Student and Staff surveys. 10 children replied negatively to the do "I feel safe at school". Most of these wrote a comment regarding bullying at school. However 100% (98% of parents) of the children said that all staff are approachable. When asked if they felt "happy at school" we had 4 children say they weren't and once again this was mostly because of bullying. We do not tolerate bullying and children, staff and parents need to work together to ensure that all children can feel happy and safe at school.

It is really important that the staff and parents/carers have a positive working relationship. We know that we rely on this relationship to ensure the best outcomes for all of our children. From our recent survey of the staff one third of the them replied negatively to "do you always feel safe from parents?" It is important for all of us all to remember that our staff are dedicated professionals but we cannot ensure that we always get everything right all the time. It is the positive working relationships between home and school that is vital for the safety and achievement for all children. Our goal is to be a non-bullying school and to reach this goal we need all children and adults to behave in non-bullying ways.

Some seniors from the Mana and Harakeke Hubs went with Whaea Puiwahine and Matua Paora to Otaki to the Maoriland Film Festival. We met Julian Dennison, who plays Ricky Baker in the movie Hunt for the Wilderpeople.



Below: We had the Webb Ellis Cup (Rugby World Cup), and several other World Rugby trophies come and visit us a few weeks ago.



Aren't our school gardens looking fantastic? Thank you to all of our helpers that came to our working bee on Sunday 19th March.



Notices

School Athletics Day 5th March (next Wednesday). All hubs will be competing together in year groups from 9.30am. All whanau welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to all the families that have paid or started paying their School fees.

Please contact the School Office if you wish to start an Automatic Payment.

A very **BIG THANK YOU** to parents, community members and staff that assisted in the Garden Working Bee. It is looking **AMAZING!**

The Mana Hub are holding a Sausage Sizzle at the Shannon Four Square this Saturday the 1st April from 9.30am. This is a fundraiser for their trip to Te Papa. Please support them if you are passing. They are also running a number of raffles.

Chromebook Insurance cost

Unfortunately the \$50.00 insurance excess does not cover the cost to courier the damaged device. From now on we will need to charge an extra \$10 to cover this.

The upcoming events are listed below. Please support your children on Athletics day next week. Remember to come along to our Picnic Day on Thursday 13th April. This is the last day of the term. We finish at 1.00pm this day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming dates to remember

- Ice Rink Trip - Tuesday 4th April
- School Athletics Day - Wednesday 5th April
- Duffy Assembly - Friday 7th April at 12.00pm
- Interschool Athletics Day - Wednesday 12th April
- Last day of Term and Picnic Day - Thursday 13th April. Please note school will finish at 1.00pm this day.



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BAZAAR

CRAFT BARGAINS GALORE

SATURDAY
8 April 2017
9am - 4pm

Levin Memorial Hall
Queen Street, Levin

Free Entry

Fabrics
Lace
Cottons
Patterns
Buttons
Wool
and lots more ...

Supporting Arohanui Hospice Horowhenua Clinic
& other Levin community projects

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