

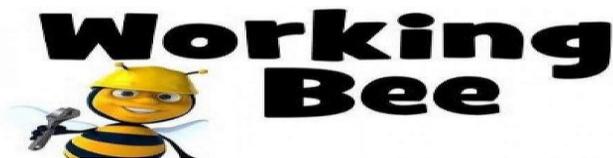


Board of Trustees Newsletter – Term 1, 2019

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

Before anything else, the Board would like to acknowledge the catastrophic event of the terrorism attack on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March which members of our school community have been directly affected by. Our heartfelt thoughts are with them and all those affected by the attack. But it is also with one and all, this incident is bigger than anything our country has ever experienced; by standing together, inclusive and tolerant of all, our community and country will be stronger by not succumbing to others ignorance and prejudices. The school has provided information on how to support your children and one another during these difficult times.

The year is off to a flying start, already so many events have taken place in the first eight weeks of school, supporting all the wonderful learning that has been going on. The Board of Trustees had its first meeting of the year on Wednesday, 27 February where we welcomed Harley Manion to the Board in the position of casual Board Member until the middle of 2019, replacing Fiona Alloway who resigned at the end of 2018. The Board of Trustees would also like to announce that Duncan Mackenzie has been re-elected as Chairman of the Board. Board members would like to thank Duncan for all his time, commitment and hard work in the last year.



The Board is organising a working bee for early April. This will enable us to tidy up the school grounds before winter hits. There is a list of jobs to be completed and we would love the support of our families; a couple of hours of your time to get things looking spic and span will go a long way. There will be lunch provided to thank those who can assist with the 'bee'.

When: Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
Time: 9.30am – 1.00pm  
What to bring: gloves



*Come lend a hand!*

Tools that will be required to assist with the jobs: rakes, shovels, pruners, saws, wooolsacks and a couple of trailers.

If you are able to assist with the working bee and/or loan or bring any of these tools to the working bee please contact Tiff on 021-139 4909.

***Thank you so much for your support.***

## School Donations



Thank you to all the families who Have already paid their 2019 school donation. For those who are yet to do so please remember that these funds are a great boost to the school and allow us to purchase 'extras' for the children each year. If it is a struggle for you to pay the school donation please do let us know as there are various payment plans available. Also, this is a donation from which a portion can be claimed back in your annual tax return.

## Measles outbreak in Canterbury notifications

You should all have received notification regarding this outbreak and how it is being dealt with and treated. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school directly.

## Hanmer Springs Home & School

The amazing group of ladies who make up our Home & School have been busy thinking of events for our school community in 2019. Dates of these events came out the school newsletter dated 11 March along with a request for helpers at each of them, please return these to the school office. Your assistance is gratefully appreciated in order to create and run these fantastic events for our children, school and community.

Fun Fish n Chip Friday was a blast on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, with many families bringing along a picnic blanket and dinner and joining in the old fashioned games. Once again the Tug-o-War was a highlight!

Look out for more information coming soon on the Easter Egg Hunt, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April (last day of term).

AND REMEMBER: **STARS** is coming .....

Next H&S meeting is Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 7pm at school. ***Come and rock on up and support your Home & School!***

### School Uniform Review

The Board of Trustees will shortly be undertaking a review of our current school uniform to ensure it continues to meet the schools vision as well as being practical, durable and cost effective. The review will include investigating a sports top for senior students. More information will be circulated to our school community soon, we look forward to receiving your feedback and thoughts.

Term 1 of 2019 may only have 3 weeks to go, but there are still many events, activities and learning to happen in that time.

If you have any questions at any time regarding your child's learning please direct your concern to your child's teacher. We would much rather know about it in order to address any concerns or issues than not hear from you. Please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance and then the Principal.

Whatever you are doing remember you are representing your school and community and the 'Hanmer Way' should be present in all that you do.

**Have a brilliant final few weeks of term 1!**

## Property Update:

Hopefully you have noticed quite a lot of change around the school grounds over the last 4 months, much of which has been undertaken by many of Hanmer's fantastic local contractors, *thank you for your support.*

- New shade sails next to the swimming pool – thanks to Mainland Foundation for their funding.
- Bus Shed has been straightened, painted and a new easy to use roller door has been installed – thanks to Pub Charity for their funding for this work.
- The old concrete block cricket cages and several trees have been removed in preparation for the new multipurpose court and cricket cages.
- The trees were mulched and piled up for our numerous gardens.
- Net cricket cages have been erected temporarily next to the old concrete block site. We are seeking funding to stand these permanently on the existing concrete pad. Strict rules are in force for the use of the cricket cages: Hard balls are not to be used during school time. Helmets and protective equipment must be used whenever hard balls are being used at other times.
- The cute new tunnel house has been installed behind the swimming pool. Mrs Duncan is keen to have some helpers or potentially a Gardening Club to toil the soil!
- The extensive drainage work around the school grounds has commenced, this is part of the school's 5 Year Property Plan. The contractors are working quickly and with as little interruption around the school as possible. We ask that the students and parents respect the need for any health and safety measures put in place during this time.
- Acoustics in Korimako - After consultation with our teachers and NZ Acoustics Ltd, the Board of Trustees has voted to install sound proofing roof panels in Korimako. Extensive tests done by NZ Acoustics found that a glass sliding door was not the best remedy for the cross over noise. Installation will be happening in the school holidays.
- Tui Class Verandah completion – yes it is coming and before the seasons turn! The Board is seeking quotes to connect the two verandah roofs which will keep the children's bags, shoes and themselves dry when on the verandah.
- Playground Upgrade Update: Thanks to Michelle Saric for presenting to the board at our February meeting exciting concept plans for a playground upgrade. This is currently being priced and we hope to have more information for you shortly regarding this development. Concept plans and photos are able to be viewed on the school noticeboard outside Piwakawaka and in the weekly newsletter for 4 March.