



Board of Trustees Newsletter – End of Term 3, 2018

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

What a brilliant Term 3 we have had: our new principal began at the start of term 3, we had learning conferences, school photos, ICAS and Great Kiwi Competitions, Canta Math, Kapahaka & Choir Performances, writing competition submissions, conservation club, 7 a-side tournament, Kiwisport at Scargill, Year 5/6 camp to the Boyle River and Year 7/8 camp to Wellington and a Library working bee plus so much more – this highlights a real cross section of events and activities to support our children's learning and education. They could not be achieved without the dedication and hard work of our staff, parents and supporters – thank you for all that you do!



Term 4 sees a change in teaching staff in Korimako Year 5 & 6 with Mrs Sarah Gardiner replacing Miss Anna Grant who left at the end of

Term 3 to take up a permanent position in Christchurch. Mrs Gardiner will be teaching Monday – Thursday and Mr Kay will be teaching on Fridays. This will provide our senior students with stable and experienced teaching staff during term 4.

It seems timely that the Board of Trustees provide our school community with a profile of each of our teaching staff at Hanmer Springs School as not only do they teach a designated class but they have other staff responsibilities that you may not be so familiar with. These are quite vast so to view the complete schedule please visit the school website. Below are the class years taught by each teacher and Curriculum Areas overall responsibility for the entire school:

Michelle Saric, Year 1/2, Literacy

Kerry Florance, Year 1/2, Health & PE

Wendy Pilet, Year 3/4, Social Sciences

Annie Rodgers, Year 7/8, The Arts, Maori, Music
Mathematics, Science and Technology were overseen by the Year 5/6 teacher and will be covered by the staff in the interim.

Hanmer Home & School Committee

Well, if we can say it once we can say it again:
“You guys rock” and “Thank you!”.

Not only have the Home & School Committee provided a fundraising cheque to the school for \$15,500 in June 2018, but they also provided another fundraising cheque for \$15,000.00 in September 2018!

That's over \$30,000.00!!

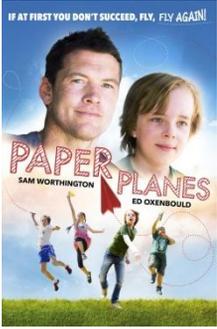
For such a small school this amazing group of parents (present and past) have worked tirelessly in their fundraising endeavours, particularly with 'Stars in your Eyes'.

This is a massive effort and will go a long way to support and enhance our children's learning and environment, with such items as chromebooks, upgrading the playground and school grounds and multipurpose court area.

We look forward to updating you on these exciting projects and more as the year progresses.

Paper Plane Competition

Watch out because the sky around our school is going to be full of paper planes flying far and wide, doing acrobatic stunts and showcasing stunning designs or decorations. The competition will support classroom learning, teaching students about the mathematics, science, weather and art that can all be incorporated in the principles of flight.



Thursday 25 October, Movie Night 5.30pm – 7.00pm.

Whole family is welcome, bring your bean bag, a snack or your dinner!

Tuesday 30 October - Flight Instructor to talk to students.

Thursday 1 November – Design competition entries to be submitted.

Friday 2 November – Paper Plane Competition takes flight.

Thank you to Home & School for providing prizes for the contestants.

Check out www.foldnfly.com for a variety of paper plane flight designs.



School Donations

Thank you to all the families who have already paid their 2018 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. Please remember, it is a donation.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the school, we are responsible for the governance of the school; including setting the policies by which the school is to be controlled and managed which are in turn overseen by the Principal.

The Board of Trustees primary focus is for every student to achieve their highest possible standard in educational achievement – we will do this with strategic planning of policies and budgets, setting a clear vision of 'what our school should look like', 'what our children should look like', what we are doing with and for our children and what does success look like for our children.

The Board is committed to govern with high expectations and demands accountability of itself, in turn this will filter through school management, staff and ultimately our students.

The school values are incredibly important as they are the foundation of what makes good citizens and we want our students to live these values in all that they do, whether it is at school, home, in the community or further afield.

It is significant that the school acknowledges these values as well as effort and achievement by students in the academic fields, culture, art and sport. We are proud to see these recognised and encourage everyone to set high standards in all that they do.

You would all have seen Peter's letter, which was sent out earlier this week on the policies the Board of Trustees ratified last term. The school uses the services of 'School Docs' which informs all schools which policies need reviewing and when, and then provides guidance on 'Best Practice'. All our school policies may be viewed by following these steps:

- a) **Google school docs**
- b) **Enter school name**
- c) **Add username: hanmersprings**
- d) **Add password: hanmerkids**

Already Term 4 sounds like it will be another exciting, yet busy term. Students will be focusing on their academic subjects and triangulated reporting will provide a sound basis to the end of year reports. As well as this we have Leadership opportunities for Year 7's, the Hurunui Duathlon, Rakahuri Bike Blast, Athletics, Tough Kid, Top Team, Thursday Clubs Programme, Waiswim Lessons and Conservation Club.

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

Wishing you all a super Term 4!