



Board of Trustees Newsletter – End of Term 2, 2019

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

Term 2 is all done and we are now half way through the school year. While the students, staff and board have already achieved a whole heap in the first six months of the year there is still much more to come. Keep an eye out for the communications coming your way!

At the end of Term 2 the Board of Trustees Triennial Elections were held. There were three vacancies and the Board were fortunate to receive three nominations. We therefore welcome Mel Bollinger, Harley Manion and Mel Wilson who join Rob Nelson and Tiff Wafer as the parent representatives along with Peter Kay, Principal and Michelle Saric, Teacher Representative. Below are statements from Harley and Mel Wilson to introduce themselves to our school community.

The Board of Trustees would like to announce that Tiff Wafer has been elected as the new Board Chair, replacing Duncan Mackenzie who stood in the role for a year and a half. The Board would like to thank Duncan for his leadership and support and the huge amount of commitment he put into the role through a challenging period. It is with regret that we see Mrs Wendy Pilet leave our school for a fantastic opportunity in the deep south. Wendy has been with us in many capacities over the last four years and we will miss her dedication and enthusiasm to the students and school. We wish Wendy and her family all the very best. The school is however very fortunate to have Leah Hirschfeld step in as Wendy's replacement. For the children this will be a seamless transition as Leah is a regular relief teacher and the children are familiar with her.

#### **Harley Manion - BCom (Economics)**

My family moved to Hanmer to farm in the late 1980's. At this time I attended Hanmer Springs School myself for several years, a time which I have fond memories of. After attending university & living overseas for a number of years in mainly Europe but also Antarctica my wife Kate & I returned to Hanmer in 2009. We now have a 5 year old son Archie attending the School, with our second son Jonty due to attend in 2020. For 10 years now I have worked in the local community in the Real Estate industry having extensive experience in managing, leasing & selling both residential, rural & commercial property. Additionally I have been a committee member of the HS Community Trust for over 5 years. The Community Trust has a community welfare focus and a governance role over the HS Health Centre as well as other community groups like Hanmer Events. I bring a varied background to the School Board of Trustees and have a determination to see the School deliver quality, well-rounded, education to all students, not just academically but also in culture, music & sports. I look forward to supporting the Principal & teaching staff in fostering a strong School culture we can all be proud of.

#### **Mel Wilson**

Kyle and I have recently purchased our first home in Culverden and will be relocating our family at the end of term 2.

I have a vested interest in Hanmer Springs School, with our children having been 3<sup>rd</sup> generation to attend, and although our family circumstances are changing, with our children now attending Amuri, my passion and interests in the school remain the same and I am looking forward to continuing with the Hanmer Springs Board of Trustees.

I believe I will be able to bring a fresh perspective, unbiased opinions and continue the reassurance that all abilities of academics will continue to be catered for within the school. We are blessed with an amazing teaching staff, fantastic support staff and a Principal whom are all driven to work together to ensure the pupils have the tools to achieve to their highest individual needs.

I look forward to working with the members of the board, and all the staff and parents to continue ensuring that the Hanmer Springs Primary School maintains an excellent standard of education for all children.

## Hanmer Springs Home & School



'STARS IN YOUR EYES'

is nearly here!

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

The Home & School have been busy planning and coordinating this year's STARS.

We will welcome familiar faces back on stage along with some new talent – it is a great effort by every performer to get up on stage, so thank you! We are very fortunate to have the loyal support of so many local businesses sponsoring the event, we couldn't do this without you! Everyone who attends is in for a brilliant night of entertainment.

Funds raised will go toward the refit of the school's tennis court into a multipurpose court that will be an amazing asset for not only our school and students but for the whole community.

Your support, whether it be attending the event, entering an act, providing sponsorship or assisting with the show itself is all gratefully appreciated. Your contribution ensures Home & School are able to run this and other fantastic events for our children, school and community.

**THANK YOU!**

### School Uniform Review

Thank you to everyone who participated in the School Uniform Survey, 50% of our families replied which is a fantastic response and we were able to get feedback from all our students. Your comments are crucial for us to move forward with the uniform review. **Next steps:** The results have been collated and the sub-committee are working on a sound policy and options to present to the entire school community; this will be with you shortly.

### 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.

### Property Update:

With Winter settling in it is fantastic to have some of the really important property jobs ticked off the list, many of which have been undertaken by Hanmer's fantastic local contractors; *thank you for your support.*

- The extensive drainage around the school has been completed enabling the school to progress with its 5 Year Property Plan. We hope to be able to update you later in Term 3 with the next improvements around the school.
- Acoustics Panels were installed in Korimako during the April School Holidays and are working well to reduce excess sound in this area.
- The Tui Class Verandah has been completed which is a real asset as it ensures the children, their bags and shoes are all kept dry when on the verandah.
- The cute new tunnel house has vegetables thriving in the ideal growing conditions which Mrs Duncan has very kindly created. Look out for more information on how you can help with the garden, be it maintenance or selling produce.
- Playground Upgrade Update: The Concept Plans pricing and sourcing of materials is underway. The thought and planning going into the upgrade is quite involved.
- Multipurpose Court: Quotes have been received for the turf and we are now just awaiting quotes for the earthworks. Once collated the information will be presented to the Board for approval and a fundraising schedule created. This area will be a huge asset to the school and community, providing another quality learning space.
- The School Flats and House are well managed by Rob Nelson. As providers of rental properties the Board ensures all compliance measures are adhered to. We have a vacancy in one of the flats due to a tenant leaving, for more information please contact Rob on [rob.nelson@hanmersprings.school.nz](mailto:rob.nelson@hanmersprings.school.nz).
- Big Thanks to Papanui Rotary who offered their services during the holidays. They had a tidy up around the Nature Garden which was well needed.

If you have any questions at any time regarding your child's learning please direct these to your child's teacher. Communicating your concerns early helps ensure that the matter is resolved quickly. If you still have concerns then please contact the Principal.

Please remember that any communication will embrace the 'Hanmer Way' values.

**We are looking forward to a fantastic second half of the year!**