



Board of Trustees Newsletter – Term 1, 2020

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

The new year is well upon us and we are approaching the half way mark for Term 1. We hope your child/ren have settled back into school, their daily routines and applying themselves to their learning to the best of their ability.

The staff have been very busy, holding Meet the Teacher Evenings and the Parent/Teacher/Student Learning Conferences. A brief survey will be sent out to our parents asking for their feedback on the Learning Conferences as well as the 2019 End of Year Report and we welcome all of your replies. Your responses can greatly assist with how we undertake the conferences and reporting process, ensuring you are receiving relevant and insightful information into how your child is progressing.

To our students,

Resilience and Perseverance are part of our school values and what Mr Kay speaks of often. Resilience is crucial in our ever changing lives and environment; being able to adapt and develop methods or ways of coping to protect us against experiences that could be overwhelming and maintaining balance is really important.

Perseverance is persistence at doing something even when it is difficult or you may not see results straight away. Your swimming sports were a true opportunity to show perseverance.

Please keep up these very important values.

Korimako Parents Perception Meeting

Thursday 12 March, 6.30-7.30pm

All parents of students in Years 5 – 8 are invited to attend this meeting which is being held as a follow up to the parents perception meeting held in November 2018.

Mr Kay will present a summary of what has been achieved since the 2018 meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather parents thoughts and feedback on the senior programme; what is working well, what could be changed or improved on, what you would like to see in this area and your vision of a senior student.

Drinks and Nibbles will be served.

Voluntary School Donation 2020

A letter will go home next week regarding the voluntary school donation for 2020. The letter outlines why we need the school donation money, how beneficial it is and what the money is spent on. In order to make the payment easier for families we will be splitting the payment over 3 terms and hope that this will enable more families to be able to pay the donation. Remember a portion of the **school donation** can be claimed back in your annual tax return.

School Accounts

School accounts are to be paid at the end of each term. As a small school we run on a very tight budget and it makes it very difficult if the accounts are not cleared at the end of each term. It is also the reason that the school donation is so beneficial as it allows us to cater even more effectively for your children.

If you would like to set up a payment plan please see Barbara in the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Hanmer Springs School Uniform Policy

Thank you to everyone, parents and students, for the conscientious effort you are putting into ensuring the correct school uniform items are worn, please remember that the school uniform is compulsory and it really does enhance the feeling of community and pride in our school.

From Term 1 2020 all **new** enrolments will be required to purchase the new school uniform, whilst existing students may wear the new or old uniform.

From Term 1 2021: **All** students will be required to be wearing the **new** uniform.

Financial Assistance: The school will endeavour to assist students whose families have difficulty purchasing the correct uniform. This may be in the form of a letter to WINZ or passing on donated used uniform items.

All new uniform items can be purchased from Mainland Uniforms either online at www.mainlanduniforms.co.nz or instore at 511 Wairakei Road, Christchurch. Sample sizes are available at the office so please see Mrs Duncan if you would like your child to try these on. Second hand uniform items are also available from the office.

Make sure you name your school uniform items!

If you are unsure of the Hanmer Springs School Uniform Policy please refer to the school website or School Docs for clarification.



A Working Bee has been organised to 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 parents; 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 parents who can assist with the 'bee'.

When: Saturday 4th April
Time: 10.30am – 2.00pm
What to bring: gloves

Tools 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 please contact Tiff on 021-139 4909.

Thank you so much for your support; it is greatly appreciated and is what makes Hanmer Springs School a fantastic community.



Property Update:

Autumn is here and we will soon see the beautiful colours of the leaves before they fall.

- Playground Upgrade: Is nearly complete! The slide will be installed shortly and then the grassing of the mound. Please remind your children that this area is out of bounds until the work is completed. We cannot wait to see the finished product and watch all the children enjoy this fantastic asset. A massive thanks to everyone who has contributed to this project, whether it be physical labour, contribution of resources or exceptionally generous costs.
- Kereru Classroom: We are still waiting on an update from the Ministry of Education and are hopeful that we will receive this very soon on whether it will be a refit or a new building.
- Multipurpose Court: Funding applications are being completed and by the end of term should have a update on whether we have been successful.

Hanmer Springs Home & School

The fabulous Home & School are excited about a new year and bringing you and our community more fantastic fun events. Keep an eye out for this information over the coming weeks.

There will be a flyer going out next week with information on the hopping good time Easter Egg Hunt, Thursday 9 April.

If you would like to be part of this cool group of parents organising fun events for our school, please see Barbara Duncan in the Office for more information.

Dear Parents, 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.

Please refer to the school calendar to ensure you don't miss any school events.

May you all have a brilliant term!