



Board of Trustees Newsletter – Term 3, 2020

Dear Hanmer Springs School Community,

Reports will be going out this week; after what has been an unusual first 6 months of the year which has effectively seen the year restarted after lockdown. We are proud of the staff for working conscientiously to ensure the wellbeing of your children as well as continuing their academic programme. These reports will provide you and your child/ren with their progress so far in 2020.

### **Strategic Planning Review – Vision, Mission, School Values and School Leaver Profile**

Thank you to every family for participating in this recent review where Board Members have been calling each family and receiving their feedback on specific questions circulated late last term. From here the responses will be collated, discussed and interpreted before providing further information back to our school community on any potential updates or changes.

To our students,

Your ability to embrace a new learning style, be flexible and resilient through the COVID-19 lockdown and after has been impressive. These qualities and values are important as you work your way through life; it is wonderful to see so many of you apply them already in your young lives.

Resilience is one of our school values and one Mr Kay speaks of often. Resilience “the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties” can be challenging for any person. Your ability to be resilient will see you adapt well when you experience any challenges and have the strength to manage this and not become overwhelmed.

Term 3 has many exciting activities and learning opportunities for you all to apply yourselves to. We look forward to seeing you achieving your goals and lifting yourselves to the next level. Be proud of your achievements, celebrate them but always be humble.

### **Hanmer Springs School Uniform**

A massive thank you to everyone, parents and students, for the conscientious effort you continue to put into ensuring the correct school uniform items are worn; this instils the feeling of community and pride in our school.

**We have however, noticed that some students are wearing items that are not school uniform which is now compulsory for all students. Our current uniform does cater for the different climates and can be found on the school website or school docs.**

#### **The Uniform Transition:**

**Phase Two:** From Term 1 2020: All existing students are to wear the current or new school uniform. All new enrolments will be required to purchase the **new** school uniform.

**Phase Three:** 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 at [www.mainlanduniforms.co.nz](http://www.mainlanduniforms.co.nz) or in store 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.

*Make sure you name your school uniform items!*

## School Accounts

We greatly appreciate all the families whose school accounts have been paid and are up-to-date. Please be aware that the Term 2 accounts should now all be cleared as we enter into Term 3.

In order to ease financial constraints on families the Board made the decision to stagger the school donation over three terms, thereby reducing financial burden.

As a small school we do 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.

Remember a portion of the **school donation** can be claimed back in your annual tax return.

Thank you for your cooperation with this.



### Hanmer Springs Home & School

Unfortunately the Home & School Stars in your Eyes event for 2020 has been cancelled due to the unexpected and unprecedented circumstances of COVID-19.

The Home & School Team however are in the process of organising an alternative event for our school and village community.

The details on this will be shared shortly.



### Hanmer Springs School Trail Ride

The Board of Trustees Fundraising Committee is investigating the potential to host a Trail Ride Fundraiser on 19/20 September. The Board is very conscious of not organising an event that competes with other local schools fundraising efforts and as such have spoken to the Waiiau School Board Chair in order to alleviate any concerns they may have.

Various volunteers will be required in order to ensure the event runs smoothly and more details will follow.

### Property Update:

The beauty of winter is upon us as we see the snow surrounding the village. The many visitors to the village over the school holidays got to experience what we are so fortunate to see everyday.

- **Playground Upgrade Update:** The playground has nearly been completed and the children are enjoying playing in this area. There are some finishing touches to be added which we hope to see shortly.
- **Kereru Classroom:** The Board received an update from the Ministry in early July and have unfortunately been advised that we will not be receiving a new building at this stage. Not all is lost however and the board will be discussing the Property Portfolio in order to ensure we are future proofing in the best way possible.
- **Multipurpose Court:** Due to COVID-19, this project has had to be delayed until spring. This is hugely disappointing but unavoidable as the new turf cannot be laid in adverse weather conditions. The Board would like to thank the Mainpower Community Fund and Harcourts Foundation for their support of this project.

This will be another busy term, please refer to the school calendar to ensure you don't miss any events.

**Rock on Term 3!**