



# ALLANDALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**“Rere atu kia whakairohia to ake ao”**

This kōrero, which is illustrated in the carvings of our waharoa, reflects our intention as a school, nurturing learners so that upon leaving Allandale, they are ready to fly off and carve their own futures.



## WEEK 7, TERM 1 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of week seven! The term is absolutely flying by. Please be sure to check newsletters and information for upcoming days that school is closed. On Monday we are closing at 12:30pm so that our teachers can attend a paid union meeting and in two weeks time we have the Easter break - this includes Easter Tuesday when all schools are closed.

In the past week I have enjoyed the opportunity to get out of the office and prepare a group of tamariki for the upcoming Awakeri Top School. For those who are unfamiliar, Top School is a very different type of sports event, some might say it isn't a sports event at all, rather a group of team problems solving challenges that involve water, slides, wood, barrels, swings, balls and a range of other obstacles.

What I have noticed is that because it is different, many of our tamariki are reluctant to be involved or to give it a go. For me, this highlights the very important role we all play in supporting our tamariki to try new things, face new challenges and experience different opportunities. It is human nature for us to all be a little bit scared of the unknown, but this is often where we grow and develop ourselves the most - by stepping into the unfamiliar.

Our kids are fortunate to have such an array of opportunities available to them, for many of us growing up we played either Rugby or Netball as those were the options. These days the possibilities are endless, not just in sport, but throughout music, the arts, science and technology, and the digital world. So let's encourage kids to explore what is out there for them, let's support them to step into that scary space where things are new and unfamiliar, some things they'll love, some might not be for them, but they'll never know until they try.

When our kids know they have their school and whānau behind them, and that they are never alone on their journey, it is amazing what exciting new learning awaits them - they will often develop new friendships along the way and their confidence and self-esteem will increase significantly. Only good things will come from trying new things. Kia kaha!

He waka eke noa  
*We are all in this together*

Matua Josh

## UPCOMING DATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES

**Hui-ā-Kura**

Friday 15 March

**Middle School Iceblock Sale**

Friday 15 March

**Paid Union Meeting  
(School closing @ 12:30pm)**

Monday 18 March

**Awakeri Top School**

Sunday 24 March

**Easter Break (School closed)**

Easter Friday 29 March

Easter Monday 1 April

Easter Tuesday 2 April

**End of Term One**

Friday 12 April

**Beginning of Term Two**

Monday 29 April

## PAID UNION MEETING !

School will finish at **12:30pm on Monday 18 March** due to teachers attending a Paid Union Meeting. All of our Teachers are NZEI members therefore School will be closed from 12:30pm onwards. Please organise care for your tamariki.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT

**Ms Wendy Adamson**  
Mumutawa 19 / Te Aitanga Pepeke

I have been teaching at Allandale for many years now, mostly in year 1 and 2. I am the staff representative on the Board of Trustees and team leader of the junior school, Te Aitanga Pepeke-The insect world. Originally from Waipukurau in Central Hawkes Bay I now live in Ōhope and love walking my wee dog Izzy on the beach, gardening, going for bush walks and spending time with friends. The best part of teaching for me is watching tamariki have fun while they are learning and seeing how proud and excited they are when they achieve something new.



# EASTER BREAK

Please note that school will be closed on Easter Friday, April 29, Easter Monday, April 1, and also Tuesday, April 2. School will be open as usual from Wednesday, April 3.

We hope you enjoy the Easter break!



# JUNIOR TRIP TO ŌHOPE BEACH

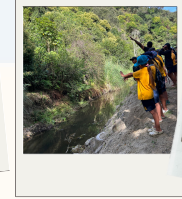
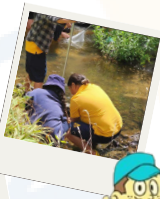
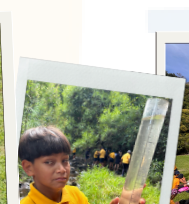
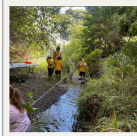
Yesterday Rooms 19,18,17,16 and 13 had a fabulous day at Ōhope Beach. They took a walk around, played in the sand, found lots of treasures, had a swim in the waves, played on the playground and climbed the beautiful Pōhutukawa trees. The tamariki loved it. A big mihi to the whānau who came to join us. We couldn't go without your support and it is much appreciated.



# TE PUNA REO HAERENGA



Last Thursday, Te Puna Reo went on a special haerenga to the birdwalk, thanks to the wonderful support of HALO Whakatane and NZ Landcare Trust. Our tamariki had a day filled with fun and discovery, learning new things among the beauty of nature. They were able to use the House of Science kits provided by Eastbay REAP. We would like to mihi to our amazing staff members and whānau whose support made this amazing day possible.



# CELEBRATING OUR ALLANDALE KIND OF KIDS FOR WEEK 6

