



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 3, TERM 1 2024

Kia ora e te whānau,

What an incredible Week 3 it has been at our kura! It's been a week filled with action and excitement as our tamariki engaged in various activities that enriched their learning experiences.

On Tuesday, Te Wao Nui a Tāne (Rooms 1, 2, and 3) had a day trip to the Whakatane Heads. There, they delved into the rich history of Ngāti Awa and the Ōhinemataroa awa as told by Matua H. After hearing about the kōrero given, our tamariki enjoyed some well-deserved playtime on the playground and even took a refreshing dip in Tangaroa. A heartfelt thank you to all our dedicated staff and supportive whānau members who made this day possible.

Our Whanaungatanga Hui, held yesterday and continuing today, has been a huge success with an amazing turnout of whānau engaging in meaningful conversations with their child's teacher. If you haven't booked a hui yet, there's still time – please call our office ladies who will be more than happy to assist you.

Let's take a moment to celebrate the outstanding attendance across the entire school. Every class has achieved an impressive 90% attendance, a commendable achievement! We encourage ongoing communication with the school regarding your child's attendance to ensure that absences are explained and not marked as T for truant.

Lastly, a special shoutout to the group of students representing our kura in the EBOP Triathlon in Opotiki today. We wish them all the best and eagerly await hearing about their day.

E mihi ana ki a koutou

Matua Josh



UPCOMING DATES

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING DATES

Hui-ā-Kura

Fri 16 February

Middle School Iceblock Sale

Fri 16 February

Whanaungatanga Hui

Thurs 15 February

EBOP* Triathlon

Thurs 15 February

EBOP* Touch

Thursday, 22 February

**EBOP Sports are for those students who are selected to represent Allandale School

Senior Swimming Sports

Tuesday, 27 February

WHANAUNGATANGA HUI

There is still time to book a Whanaungatanga Hui, you can Scan the QR code to book a Whanaungatanga Hui or head to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code and enter the code **a9jq4**

Come along to:

- Connect with your child's Teacher
- Ask questions
- Share any goals
- Tell us about your child.



NEW STAFF

Whaea Kira Smith
Kapokapowai 16 / Te Aitanga Pepeke

Kia ora! My name is Kira Smith (Whaea Kira) and I am beyond excited to be teaching Year 2 (Room 16) this year! I am originally from Colorado, USA where I was a primary teacher for 13 years. My husband and I recently moved to Whakatāne because of its inclusive community, rich history, and access to many outdoor activities. We love to hike and camp with our dog Penny, go diving for kaimoana, and I've recently started surfing! I have only just started my journey in te reo Māori and have much to learn, so this is one of my main goals this year. I look forward to getting to know you all individually throughout the year so we can partner to help all tamariki reach their goals as well. Ngā mihi!



ROAD PATROL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for a parent volunteer for Monday mornings from 8:10am-8:40am every week. Training will be provided.

If you are interested, please leave your name and number at the school office.

SWIMMING

Our school pool is now open and it is recommended to bring your togs and towel every day. The pool is heated through solar power, allowing for potential swimming until the end of the term. To see what day your child/ren will be swimming, please check with their teacher.

LITERACY BOOKS

Literacy books are for students in Te Ara Manu (Rooms 5,6,9 and 10) and also Te Puna Reo (Rooms 11,12,13 and 14). They can be purchased from the front office for \$5



HOUSE TEE SHIRTS

At our kura we have four whānau groups that are named after local toka. Each group has a different coloured tee shirt and tamariki can wear these tee shirts on a Friday.

- Te Toka ā Houmea** - Purple tee shirts
- Pōhaturua** - Pink tee shirts
- Toka-tapu** - Green tee shirts
- Hine-tū-Ahoanga** - Orange tee shirts

For our new tamariki, the office staff will issue out the tee shirts by early next week. If you need a replacement tee shirt they are \$20 each. We apologise there was a price error in some of the class newsletters that were sent home.



WHEELS DAY

The EBOP Road Safety team visited our school to educate our tamariki on road safety and the significance of wearing helmets. Some lucky students received fantastic prizes during the session.



TE WAO NUI TRIP TO THE HEADS

Te Wao Nui a Tāne (Rooms 1, 2 and 3) had an incredible day on their first trip for the year! Matua H shared captivating stories about our local river, Ōhinemataroa.

The kids were amazing! We would like to thank all of our parent helpers as well as our amazing staff members who all made the trip a huge success.

What a fantastic start to 2024!



HATS

Hats are part of our school uniform for Terms 1 and 4. No hat = play in the shade



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