

Meet the teachers

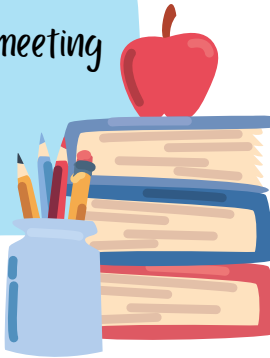
Hailey McLean



My name is Whaea Hailey and I will be your teacher everyday except for Thursdays. I can't wait to spend the year ahead with you all.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me to arrange a suitable meeting time:

haileym@allandale.school.nz



A bit about me!

Favourite colour: blue

Favourite animal: kitten

Favourite food: sushi

Favourite subject: p.e & art

When I'm not at school you might find me....

Reading a book, spending time with my loved ones or at The Heads doing waka ama



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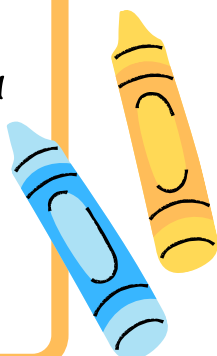
Favourite animal: dog

Favourite food: fish

Favourite subject: sports

When I'm not at school you might find me....

Fishing or on a bush walk



Janene Giordano

My name is Ms G and I will be your teacher on Thursdays. I am very excited to meet and get to know you!



Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me to arrange a suitable meeting time:

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TOTARA TWO, 2024

Newsletter for Term One

What's happening...

WHANAU HUI

We would like to meet you and set up regular communication between home and school. It is important for us to have a good relationship and work as a team to best support your child. Please book a time to come and tell us all about your amazing child.

- What would you like us to know
- Is there something you want them to focus on

HOT TERM

It is Term 1 and with that means it is an extremely hot term. Please bring a hat to school (preferably navy blue) every day. We also recommend bringing a named water bottle and wearing sun block especially seems we will be swimming. We do have sun block available in class.

WHANAU SHIRTS

Remember that every Friday we wear our whanau group shirts. If you are new to the school, this can be ordered from the office at no cost. It is \$10 to replace or order a new whanau shirt.

- Te Toka Tapu
- Pohaturua
- Hine tu ahoanga
- Te Toka a Houmea

Welcome to the Term!

Dear Totara Whānau,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and full of excitement for the term ahead. As we embark on this journey together, we extend a warm welcome to all our new families and a heartfelt welcome back to those returning. We are thrilled to have your child with us, and we look forward to building strong relationships with each and every one of you over the course of the year.

Term Focus: Exploring the Waters and Rivers Around Us

This term, we are diving into the fascinating world of water and the rivers that flow through our local area (Rangitaiki, Orini and Ohinemataroa). Water is not only essential for life, but it also holds cultural significance and provides endless opportunities for learning and exploration. From studying the ecosystems that thrive in and around rivers to understanding the importance of water conservation, we are excited to delve into this rich topic with our students.

Introducing Te Wao Nui: Our New Team Name

We are thrilled to announce that our team name has changed to "Te Wao Nui." This name, inspired by "The Great Forest of Tāne," reflects our commitment to fostering a diverse and thriving community, much like a forest teeming with life. Tāne Mahuta, the god of forests and birds in Māori mythology, serves as a symbol of the interconnectedness of all living beings and the importance of nurturing our environment.

Pohutukawa 1, Totara 2, Rimu 3: Our Team Structure

As part of Te Wao Nui, our team is divided into three classrooms:

- Pohutukawa 1: Named after the iconic Pohutukawa tree, known as the "New Zealand Christmas tree," symbolizing strength and resilience.
- Totara 2: Named after the Totara tree, revered for its longevity and significance in Māori culture, representing growth and wisdom.
- Rimu 3: Named after the Rimu tree, a majestic native species known for its beauty and versatility, embodying harmony and balance.

Each classroom offers a unique learning environment tailored to the needs and interests of our students, while fostering a sense of belonging and community within Te Wao Nui.

We are excited for the adventures that lie ahead this term and the opportunity to learn and grow together as a team. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education, and we look forward to a year filled with exploration, discovery, and joy.

Ngā mihi nui

Class swims: Tuesdays and Fridays

Lunch time swims:

Wednesday: Year 5&6 girls

Thursday: Year 5&6 boys

Please connect to our class Facebook page, Totara Two 2024

**I POUA MAI AU I TE
AWA O TE ATUA, I
RANGITAIKI, I ORINI, I
OHINEMATAROA E!**

IMPORTANT DATES

February

Friday 9th: Wheels Day

Tuesday 13th: Senior Team Trip - The Heads

Wednesday 14th: Whanau Hui: Half a day

Thursday 15th: Whanau Hui Evening only

Thursday 15th: EBOP Triathlon

Thursday 22rd: Touch Tournament

Tuesday 27th: Senior School Swimming Sports

March

Thursday 7th: Interschool Swimming

Friday 29th: Good Friday - School closed

April

Monday 1st: Easter Monday - School closed

Friday 12th: Last Day of the Term