



Allandale School Week 3, Term 4 2023



“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.

Nga mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa (warm greetings to you all)

We’re coming to the end of our third week of term 4 which means we’ve only got seven weeks of the school year remaining. We want all of our tamariki to focus hard on their learning so that they can achieve the learning goals that are appropriate for their age and stage. Helping at home with maths, basic facts, spelling words and ensuring our tamariki do some reading most nights are really helpful things.

Planning for next year is a big focus for us at the moment. We’re excited about the appointment of our new principal Mr Josh Te Aomarere and are working hard to ensure Allandale School is all prepared for his arrival next year. Getting our classes organised is always a big job as we strive to balance our class year groups, boys and girls, tamariki who work well together and so on. The Ministry of Education provides us with a certain number of teachers and we have to make things work within that allocation. We value our whānau input into this process. If there is something we need to consider for the placement of your child please fill in the form included with this newsletter and return it to school. This must be done by Friday 3rd November. Things like other children who work well with your child or who are best separated is often a consideration, siblings who are best together or separated and so on. For those who responded to our request to be in one of our Māori Medium Immersion classes (Te Puna Reo) last term thank you, you don’t need to do this again. Please note, this is not an opportunity to select your child’s teacher. The final decision on placement lies with the school and we expect whānau to respect this.

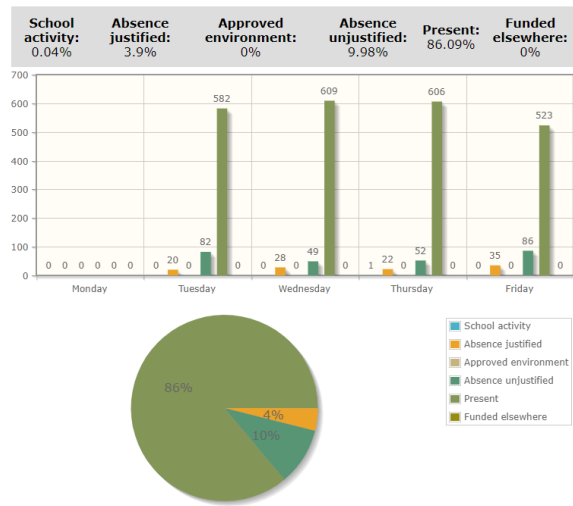
As our ancestors have told us - Tē tōia, tē haumatia

Nothing can be achieved without a plan, workforce and way of doing things

At this time of the year some children get really anxious about the upcoming changes in their schooling, especially Year 6s who are off to intermediate. We’re lucky here in Whakatane as Whakatane Intermediate works really hard to ensure that the transition to intermediate is a smooth one. Please let us know if there is anything

we can do to help your tamaiti if you have any concerns.

Attendance at school matters, every day matters. Our goal is to have our children here at school, learning, at least 90% of the time. That means a child is away on average no more than 1 day each fortnight. As you can see from the graph below this week we fell just short of this target again, with 86% attendance. Monday was a holiday but last Friday we had 43 children away without a good reason. Please remember to report your child’s absence if they’re away. If they’re not at school they’re not learning. Let’s see if we can get 90% or more next week.



Rex Wilson
Principal

The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday evening for their first hui of term four. There was some robust kōrero (and as always, a few good laughs along the way!) and it’s fantastic to see the great stuff happening at our kura.

It was a busy agenda – here are some of the highlights:

- Property maintenance, including the ‘Bikes in Schools’ relaunch, new AV equipment in the hall and gutter and roof cleaning
- Staff appointments – we’ll let you know as soon as everything is finalised
- Vandalism around the school
- Draft Strategic Plan
- Draft 2024 budget

A reminder that everyone is welcome to join these hui – the next one is 5.30pm Monday, 27 November. If you have any questions or just want to chat, please email boardoftrustees@allandale.school.nz

School Curfew

We are implementing a school curfew in the hopes of reducing the vandalism we have been experiencing lately. This means outside of school operating hours Allandale School grounds will be closed between 8pm and 7am. This will be monitored by our security company. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Upcoming Dates

Please take note of the following dates

Hui-ā-Kura @ 2pm - Fri 27 October
 Senior Athletics Day - Weds 1 November
 Interschool Athletics Day - Thurs 9 November
 Teacher Only Day - Mon 20 November
 End of Term 4 - Fri 15 December

Teacher Only Day

Our upcoming Teacher Only Day is on Monday 20th November. School will be closed to students.

Sports Fees

If your child/children are playing Touch or Rippa Rugby this term, these fees should have been paid by now. Fees can be paid at the office by Cash or Eftpos or through Internet Banking to the following account:
 Allandale School Office | 12-3253-0017736-00

Senior Student Electives

Our senior students have been exploring our elective courses, including STEM, cooking and various arts and crafts. It's awesome to see our tamariki getting involved and trying new things.



Uniform Price Increase

Starting from November 1st, 2023 there will be a slight price increase of some of our school uniform items provided by NZ Uniforms.



Allandale School
 Uniform Pricelist 2023-2024

UNIFORM ITEM	PRICE
Polo Gold w Logo Sizes: K4-K16, S-XL	\$35.00
Knit Shorts Navy w Logo Sizes: K4-K14, S-5XL	\$30.00
Drill Shorts Navy w Logo Sizes: K4-K14, S-M	\$40.00
Drill Long Pant Navy w Logo Sizes: K4-K14, S-2XL	\$50.00
Sweatpants Navy w Logo Sizes: K4-K14, S-2XL	\$40.00
Skort Navy w Logo Sizes: K4-K20	\$40.00
Fleece Navy w Logo Sizes: K4-K16, S-L	\$50.00

Delicious
Ice Blocks

Middle School Ice Block Sale Every Friday

\$1

Order in your class and delivered to your class!