



Allandale School Week 5, Term 3 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)

Yesterday we farewelled our very excited senior students as they departed for Tui Ridge Park for their biannual camp. Once again, thanks to the parents and staff members who have made this wonderful experience a reality for our children. We look forward to seeing everyone home, safe and sound tomorrow.

Next week we will be practising our lockdown procedures. We might lock down our school for a variety of reasons like the close proximity of a dangerous dog or other animal, a civil disturbance, a gas leak, or being directed to do so by the police or district council. Whether it is a real lockdown or a practice, please don't come to school. We've got great systems which we're practising to ensure your children are safe here with us. We'll be working with the appropriate authorities in a real emergency situation to keep our kids safe and extra adults at the school just makes things harder for us and compromises the safety of everyone.

Sometimes communication is tricky! We want our children to attend school every day it's open, as kids who attend school regularly learn best. (There's a bit more on this in the newsletter below) However, we don't want children to come to school if they're unwell. That's not good for the child and it risks spreading the illness to other people at school which is not cool. How do you know whether to keep your child home or not? Here's a guide from From Te Whatu Ora Health New Zealand

- Healthy young children can have up to 8 to 12 colds or upper respiratory tract infections each year and these are a normal part of childhood.
- A child should stay at home if they appear unwell or they develop one or more of these symptoms: sore throat, cough, fever, vomiting, diarrhoea, rash, they are off their food and drink or show signs of feeling miserable.

As our ancestors have told us through this whakatauki

Me mahi tahi tātou mo te oranga o te katoa.
We must work together for the good of all

Rex Wilson
Principal

Upcoming Dates

Please take note of the following dates

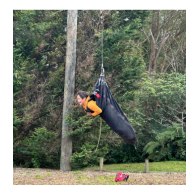
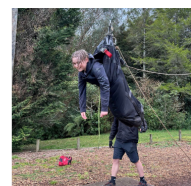
Hui-ā-Kura Assembly 2pm - Fri 18 August

Puppet Show - Thurs 17 August

Senior Camp - Weds 16 August - Friday 18 August

Senior Camp

Our senior students are currently at Tui Ridge Park in Rotorua enjoying their senior camp.. Today, a group of students went on a day trip with Whaea Kataraina and Whaea Karla. For those who want to stay updated, check out our school's Facebook page.



Thank you

Thank you to the Whakatane District Council for providing all of our tamariki with a reusable bag. It's a great time to have a kōrero about other ways you can help reduce the plastic you and your whānau use.



School Attendance

Regular attendance is defined as attending school greater than 90 percent of class time or missing no more than one day each fortnight.

It is important that you let us know if your tamariki is going to be absent and the reason. Either call the school office on 07 308 7645 and leave a message or text through to our school cell phone number on **021 0856 1133**.



House and Sports T-Shirts

These can be purchased from the front office. All new students will receive their first house t-shirt for free however replacement t-shirts cost \$20. Sports t-shirts cost \$18.

Puppet Show

Hearing Support Bay of Plenty, in collaboration with Puppet Vision, has developed a programme focused on Dangerous Decibels. This morning, the junior and middle teams were able to enjoy the puppet show.



Wheels

All students with wheels under their feet (scooters, bikes, skateboards, heelys, roller skates, etc) during school hours have to wear a helmet on their head. Students without a helmet will be asked to put their wheels away while they are at school.

Head Lice

Head lice has been going around the school. Please check your tamariki's hair to prevent the spread of head lice. If you need any head lice products, please feel free to come into the office as we have products available.

Ka Pai Kai Menu for Weeks 5,6

We are very fortunate to be part of the Free Lunches in Schools programme. Ka Pai Kai delivers delicious lunches every day.

Monday - Pasta Bolognese

Tuesday - Sweet & Sour chicken with rice

Wednesday - Ham lunch box

Thursday - Honey soy chicken chow mein

Friday - Chilli con carne with rice

Vegetarian and other dietary requirements are also catered for.