

Newsletter 2 – Term 1 – April 2018



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Tēna koutou katoa / Greetings to you all

It is hard to believe that term one is coming to a close. The term has been busy with ILP and ITP reviews. We are grateful that most parents/caregivers can attend these meetings to discuss the next steps in their child's learning pathway. In addition, the specialist services team have met with all class teachers to discuss the needs of the students and to consider what supports are needed to enhance student wellbeing and learning.

The board is interviewing for a replacement principal and expect that if an appointment is made that the successful applicant will commence at the beginning of term three. During term two, the senior management team will be; Linda King acting principal, Graeme Eastwood acting deputy principal, Megan Gare acting assistant principal and Chrissy Mansbridge executive officer.

The board will be meeting with the Ministry early in term two to discuss the initial thoughts around the new base school, its location and roll size. I expect that further consultation will occur with the school's community this year.

The new satellite in the Cobham/Burnside rebuild is progressing quickly. It is likely that building of the new collocated schools will commence by the end of this year.

As this is my final week as principal of Allenvale, I wish to take this opportunity to thank the school community for its support of me as principal over the last decade. I have been fortunate to work with boards of trustees that have always kept the students at the centre of their decision-making. In addition, I have had an exceptional team of senior managers and senior staff around me to support our determination to ensure that we do everything possible to offer our young people and their families the very best of opportunities. The school is also fortunate to have dedicated staff who support our learners. Allenvale's strength is its people.

I wish the board and the staff all the very best for the future, a future that will bring changes however, I encourage the board to be resolute in its determination to ensure that parent choice is not forgotten and that Allenvale School is well positioned to remain a leader in the sector.

The rights of students with learning disabilities to learn is what we must protect. This protection is greater than the right to learn alongside their mainstream peers. Such a belief is perceived by inclusion protagonists as an infringement of these students' human rights. However, what is a right may morally be the wrong thing to do.....

Ngā mihi nui

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Graeme H Daniel
Principal