



Principal's Update

12 November 2018

New Beginnings...

The koru unfurling itself on one of the punga trees in our front garden is a reminder that spring is well and truly here and with it new growth, new beginnings and the joy of seeing our students finish an exciting year at Allenvale.



In our senior school, students are currently following the SPEC programme of work.

Within the programme, modules concentrate on the key competencies and students learn many of the skills which they will need for independent living after school.

One of the models is related to cooking and healthy eating. On Friday, Eden completed this module and treated some of her friends and a few lucky staff members to a delicious lunch in our boardroom.



Mahi nui Lockie!

The very best thing about teaching is of course working with our tamariki and Lockie made sure I felt welcomed when I visited his class last week. He confidently introduced me to all of his class mates and I'm sure his teacher was very proud of him.

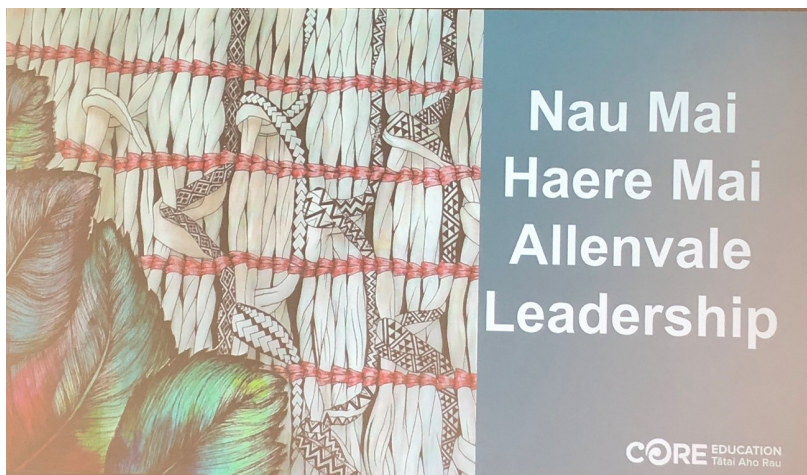


Mahi pai Eden!

Please note there are two school closure days this week

Due to the national strike action by NZEI (primary teachers union) school will be closed on Wednesday 14th November.

Canterbury Anniversary Day is this Friday - Show Day too, so school will be closed.



Throughout 2018, staff have been working with CORE Education developing leadership and team building. The PLD (professional learning and development) has been very warmly embraced by our whole school and on Saturday, our leadership team spent the morning reviewing our progress and identifying some of the next steps we need to incorporate into next year's PLD.

The day was facilitated by Angela Vermeulen, Lead Facilitator and Jacqui Duncan, both from CORE Education.

I am very much looking forward to seeing our wonderful staff build on the great work they have done in respect to leadership and the TEAM Agreement next year. Ka pai everyone.



As the weather settles our students are able to enjoy more of the outside spaces and gardens we have here at school. The flowers are blossoming and adding their own dash of colour and energy to the days at school.

It is also great to see several recycled pallets being put to good use as planters (photo right). These have been planted with carefully raised seedlings, mainly herbs and lettuces so far, which are being looked after by our senior students. In time, they will be used in Food Technology lessons throughout the school bringing the saying "from the garden to the plate" to life here at school. In so doing they keep a 'real life focus' on what the students learn and are taught to understand and do, which is great.



Kai hauora : Healthy eating



At 11am on 11 November this year, Aotearoa New Zealand marked the centenary of the Armistice that ended the First World War in 1918. On that day 100 years ago, after four years of brutal conflict, war finally gave way to peace.

Approximately 10% of the population served overseas, with 18,000 losing their lives. Our thoughts are with them, their whānau and on the hope that this day brought to the world. May it strengthen and inspire our whole community.