

5 November 2018

This week's recipient of the Principal's Award is Kingston - mahi nui / great work Kingston.

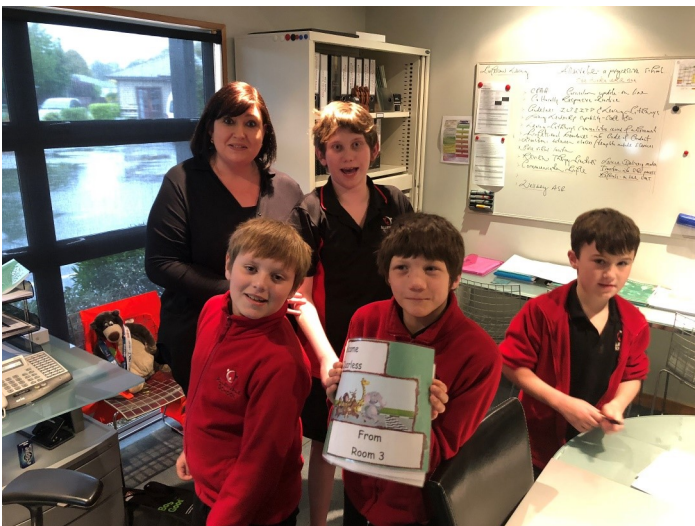
Ms Sparke was so excited to nominate Kingston as he had worked consistently hard all week and achieved some great outcomes.

As we all know, the key competencies for learning are essential building blocks not just for learning but for life in general. This week's recipient showed extreme competency in 'Managing Self', so once again, well done Kingston. I am especially delighted to see students being real role models for each other and it is always good to see some of our younger students stepping up.



One of the nice things about starting any new job is getting to know the students and staff.

Last week Ms Sparke's class came to see me with a very thoughtful welcome booklet. It showed some great literacy skills as well as giving me an introduction to some of the personal interest these students have. This is always useful as a way of starting more personal conversations, so thank you for your thoughtfulness boys.



Please note:

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

I apologise in advance for any inconvenience this causes our community.

Whānau / Family Picnic

Many thanks to our wonderful PTA for once again putting on a great picnic. So good to see so many of our whānau here at school and begin to get to know our community.

Special thanks to Shane and Amanda and to Jonty's wonderful grandparents for generously bringing along their Mr Whippy ice cream van - a sure hit with children and adults alike!



Above: a very thoughtful gesture from our PTA which I was especially touched by. Kia ora.

Left: Kate Summerton read the school whakataukī and explained its meaning to everyone.

Below: everyone joined in singing our school song.



And of course, the big hit of the evening ... a good old **Sausage Sizzle**. Many thanks to all of the staff who organised and served this.



Up coming dates and events for your diary:

- Wed 14 Nov - School closed - Strike
- Fri 16 Nov - School closed - Canterbury Show day
- Tue 11 Dec - Prize Giving
- Fri 14 Dec - Last day of term - School closes at 12:00

Please check out our website and Facebook pages for many more photographs of last Friday's evening event:

www.allenvale.school.nz

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Gary Quarless, Tumuaki / Principal

