



The highlight of any school week is acknowledging and celebrating the achievements of our students. Each week I will be awarding a Principal's Award whose achievements have stood out either for their teachers or myself during the preceding week. The manner in which the Student Leaders, Wiremu and Ami led the kapahaka group at the opening Mihi Whakatau impressed both our manuhiri (visitors) and staff alike, and it was a pleasure to visit them at TEC n Friday morning to present them with their awards. Ka pai.



Ko te kura, ko te hāpori, ko tātou Towards community inclusion

Kia ora koutou

Week 1 has been a week of new beginnings for myself and indeed everyone at Allenvale and I would like to thank everyone in our school community for the warmth and hospitality they have shown both myself throughout the week and most especially to the people who travelled down from Paeroa to 'gift' me to the school - very humbling indeed.

As we enter Term 4 and the springs moves in proper, it is an exciting time at school. A year of learning will come to fruition for our students and lots of celebrations will ensue, - for the students themselves, the staff at school who have designed and taught so many programmes both educationally and therapeutically and of course for whānau/family who will their tamariki/children reach and surpass ever more milestones.

For myself, entering a new school is of course exciting and over the coming term I look forward to getting to know everyone and learning the ebb and flow of our school and community, as we look forward to planning for the new year. Of course, the 'new school build' is also at the forefront of future planning and I look forward to ensuring that our whole parent-body and school community have a strong involvement in this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity.

**Nāku i roto i ngā mihi, nā
Gary Quarless
Tumuaki/Principal**





On Monday morning I was very moved to welcomed to Allenvale by the whole school at a Mihi Whakatau. The event, a first for Allenvale, was coordinated by Mrs King and Mrs Mansbridge, with support from the Waimairi-iri Kahui Ako Lead Teachers, Nathan Riki and Viola Kalauta.

A mihi whakatau is an informal welcome to a new member of staff or visitors. The manuhiri (visitors) were called on to the school grounds by our student Kapahaka group and Mrs King delivered the whaikōrero (welcome speech) for the tangata whenua, whilst Turaukawa Bartlett, a parent from Goldfields School, where I have come from, spoke on behalf of the manuhiri. Each speech was followed by a waiata/song.

The manuhiri are then invited to to hariu/hongi (shake hands, kiss or hongi) with the leaders of the tangata whenua, in this case school leaders.

The final gesture of the mihi whakatau is the koha, which is placed on the ground in front of the kaumatua or lead person at the event.

Guests are then invited to share some kai/food and a karakia/prayer is said prior to eating to break the tapu/sacredness of the event.

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A new era has begun in Ōtautahi as we formally handed over Mr Quarless to Allenvale School as their new tumuaki. Ngā mihi aroha Allenvale for the moving haka pōwhiri and the manaakitanga shown to us at your kura today. Whāia te iti kahurangi ki te tuohu koe me he maunga teitei - Be brave and stay true to the vision for our rangatahi



L-R: Matua Turaukawa Barlett (parent); Miss Nadia Rolleston (Professional Leader); myself; Mrs Putere Koia-Hamling (Professional Leader) and Lisa Rapana (Lead Facilitator, University of Waikato)