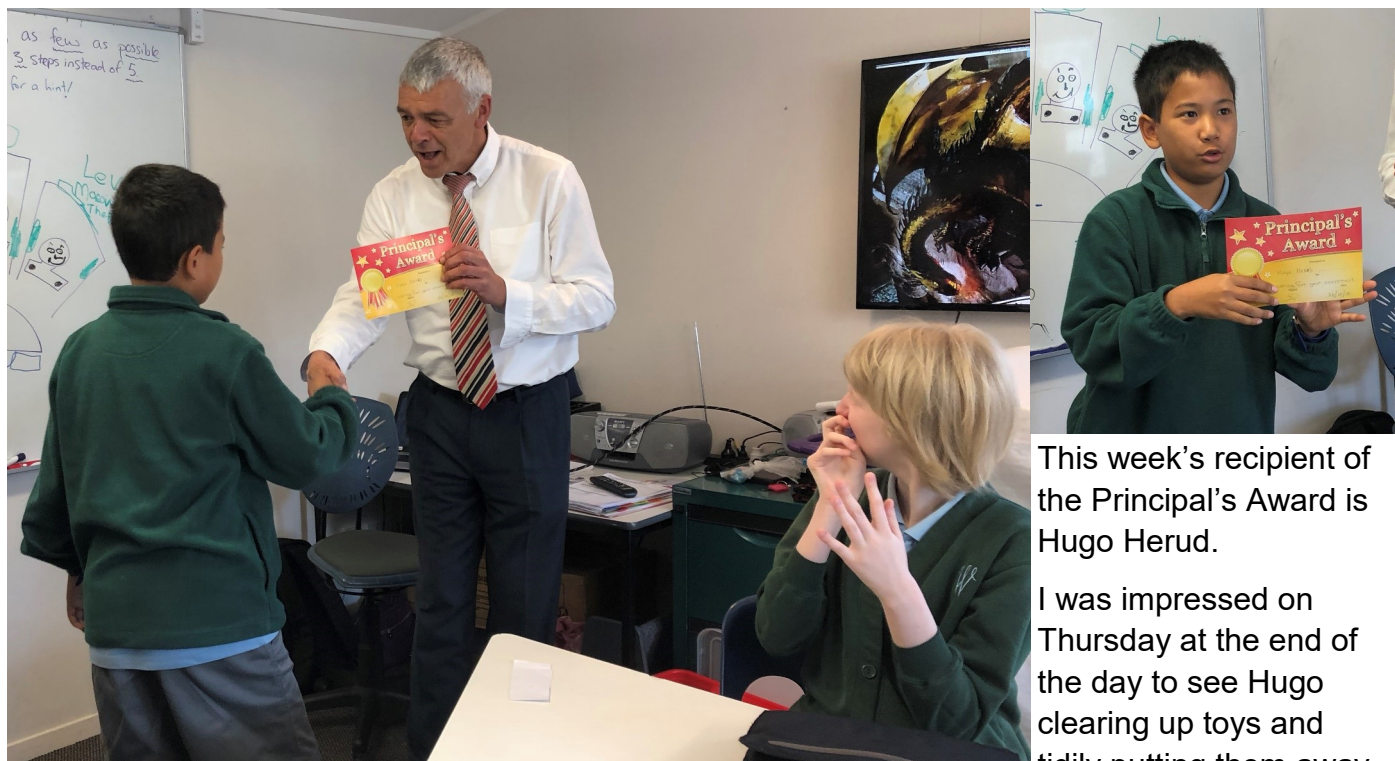


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This week's recipient of the Principal's Award is Hugo Herud.

I was impressed on Thursday at the end of the day to see Hugo clearing up toys and tidily putting them away

in our foyer whilst he was waiting for his transport. Great to see such initiative and respect for our school. Hugo attends our satellite class at Westburn and I know his teacher, Mrs Sanders, is very proud of him. Ka pai Hugo.

By way of my own introduction to the school, I thought it would be a good idea to introduce our large staff team once again to our whānau and wider community, and in so doing, help myself to get to know everyone a little better and understand their role within our wider school. This week I will start with our Specialist Team. Therapists and specialists are intrinsic members of our team here at Allenvale and work hand in hand with teachers to ensure that every ākonga/student receives a highly differentiated and appropriate teaching, learning and/or therapy during their time with us.

Specialist Services Team



Back row: Michelle King, Team Leader & SLT; Devin Brooks, MT; Hamish Allan-Caney, Behaviour Specialist; Cate Desmond, Psych

Sitting: Alysia Cotter, SLT; Robyn Newton, PT; Madison Chilton, OT. **Insert:** Paula Syme, SLT.



I was very impressed on Friday when we had an unexpected Fire Alarm at lunchtime at how well all students responded and managed themselves at what was a stressful time.

Equally impressive was the calm and supportive manner in which the staff



responded as they led their classes to designated areas and ensured everyone stayed calm, relaxed and informed.

Well done everyone, and just so you know, it was nothing serious just burnt toast in our Food Technology room!

Week 3 is already upon us and this is just a reminder that on Friday we will be hosting our Annual Family Picnic at school from 5:00 - 7:00pm. Everyone is invited and it is a great opportunity to meet other whānau/family and staff in a relaxed atmosphere.

Food and drinks will be provided by our wonderful PTA, and as this is my first whānau/family event, I am very much looking forward to introducing myself to you face to face and getting to know you a little.

I intend to do regular updates for parents especially, but also for our students and staff. In these I will hopefully share with you some of the special things that happen at school each week and most especially the wonderful achievements our students make day in, day out.

If there is anything specific you would like to know about or any feedback you have please feel free to contact me or better still arrange to meet with me. I really value and appreciate meeting parents/caregivers and will always make time for you. Just call the office and make an appointment or email me.



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