



10 March 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,



Picnic Night

What a fabulous evening we had, the weather was perfect and we had a large number of our school community attend. Many thanks to the PTA for their hard work and funding the evening. Thank you to everyone who filled out our Picnic Night Parent Survey, it has been a great way for us to gather data to assist with planning for our new build, annual plan and also for the Specialist Service Team. If you did not get a chance to complete the survey please use the QR code (attached) to access it on your device. We will close it off on Monday 16th March.

Specialist Services Team

We are currently reviewing our clinical/medical eating/drinking/feeding plans.

Please ensure the class teacher has your child's up to date documentation on eating and drinking from your most recent medical appointment so that these can be displayed and referred to by the staff supporting your son/daughter at school. These will likely be letters or reports from medical practitioners such as dieticians, the enteral feeding clinic and Paediatricians. These may include enteral feeding plans, recommendations around thickened liquids, prescribed specific textures, liquid supplements, feeding positions and special diets.

Staff will continue to work to the last written plan (letter) from your medical team until new documentation is received with any changes. It is the parent/caregiver's responsibility to provide this to the teaching staff so safe eating and drinking can be supported at Allenvale School.

If your young person does not have written information from their medical team, but there are things you feel we need to know about how you are supporting safe eating/drinking at home, please write these down for the class teacher. We will follow up with you as needed.

We appreciate your prompt response in supporting this review.

Relay for Life



Relay for life is an inspiring community event that gives everyone a chance to celebrate cancer survivors and carers; remember loved ones lost to cancer; and fight back by raising awareness and funds to support the work of the Cancer Society.

Our staff are keen to give back to the community and with the support of our sponsor **SHARP** we have entered a team of 20 to participate in the Relay for life on the 28th March. If families would like to support our fundraising effort please follow this link:

<https://relayforlifefootautahi2020.everydayhero.com/nz/allenvale-sharpies>

COVID-19

The Ministry of Health's current advice is that with continued vigilance, the chance of a widespread community outbreak is expected to remain low. Therefore, we all have a role here to minimise the spread of COVID-19.

Our school staff and leadership remain well prepared for the possibility there might be a case in our community. If that were to occur we are confident we can put our plans in place and know, regional health authorities and the Ministry of Education will support us.

I am sure you are all keen to do what you can to prevent risk of infection. The best preventative steps are:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the a covered rubbish bin
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

*****A reminder that anyone who is ill should not be attending school*****

The COVID-19 symptoms are fever, coughing and difficulty breathing. If anyone has these symptoms and has recently been to a [country or area of concern](#), or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with COVID-19, please encourage them to contact Healthline (for free) on [0800 358 5453](#) or their doctor immediately.

Uniforms

Allenvale School Uniforms can be purchased from the school office. We have samples on site to try if you want to check sizing. Please call Alex (03) 351 6743 for more information or to order.

Pupil Details Form

A few weeks ago, pupil details forms were sent home to be updated. Please ensure that these forms are completed and returned to school. It is important that these forms are updated and have correct contact details so we can contact families in case of illness or emergency. If you need a new form for your child, please contact the school office (03) 351 6743.

Seesaw



We have had a great start to our Seesaw experience! Last week we had 146 new items posted with 162 parents visits to posts. We also had 100 comments made on posts, we love reading the comments from families so keep them coming.

If you are having any difficulties accessing your student's Seesaw account please get in touch with the class teacher.

Thank you to the entire school community for your support over the last 6 weeks. After a somewhat challenging start to the year, the school remained strong and stood together as a team. We stayed focused on our wonderful students and are now forging strongly ahead into the school's exciting future.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jenny Gosney".

Jenny Gosney
Acting Principal

Allenvale Picnic Night Parent/Whānau Survey

Got a few minutes? Please help us out by completing our brief online survey regarding our Specialist Services and our New Build.

Thank you!



To access the survey, please scan the above QR Code with your device camera, or go to: **<http://bit.ly/PicSurvey>**