



Newsletter 1 – Term 2 – June 2020

11 June 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

Welcome back everyone! After our extended lockdown break, we were all happy to get back to school and into our usual programmes and routines. The students have all settled in well and, although exhausted by the end of each week, they are coping extremely well under the circumstances.

This has been a challenging time for our whole community and with continuing economic challenges the impact will be long lasting. Please continue to access community support agencies if required, and if any families need support, we are always available to link you in with the appropriate community organisation.

He Waka Eke Noa - We are all in this together

COVID19

We made it to Alert Level 1! At this alert level our community outings for classes will slowly get back up to speed with continuing vigilance on hand and surface hygiene as well as safe sneezing and coughing protocol. We would like to thank parents for keeping their children at home when they are unwell. If students show any signs of respiratory illness (cold, runny nose, temperature, cough) they should be remaining at home until they are symptom free.

School Donation Scheme

Currently we are part of the School Donations Scheme and in July we need to make the decision to continue our involvement or return to invoicing parents for donations.

'A Budget 19 initiative will see Decile 1-7 state and state integrated Boards of Trustees able to choose to receive a \$150 per student, per year payment instead of seeking donations from parents. Around 1,700 schools will be eligible to join the scheme. Although donations to schools are voluntary, families can feel under pressure to pay them and this can place pressure on household budgets. This initiative is designed to alleviate that pressure and expectation. It also recognises that Decile 1-7 schools can find it difficult to raise funds from their communities. The initiative will see schools receive their additional funding in January 2020, alongside their regular operational funding, if the Boards agree not to ask parents and caregivers to pay donations.' [Education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz)

We are keen on hearing from you on whether we should continue to be part of this scheme or opt out for 2021. A quick survey will be sent out via Seesaw to gain your feedback. Further information can be found at [Education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz) or email Jenny at jenny.gosney@allenvale.school.nz.

New Families and Staff

This term we welcome a new student Summer who will be in the new entrant class.

We will also be welcoming a new Occupational Therapist (OT) - Victoria Tui'i - who will be joining the specialist team at the start of term three. We will be farewelling Madison, our current OT, at the end of term as she heads off on maternity leave.

Liz Herron has resigned from her position as class teacher in Room 2 and Melissa Alleyne will continue as the class teacher until the end of the year. Luckily, we have retained Liz's expertise as she will be working one day per week as part of our outreach service.

We also have a group of new Teacher Assistants: Lewis has returned to us this term and will be based in TEC, Angelena and Tyler have replaced Kathy (Maternity Leave) in Rm 5.

We will be planning a Mihi Whakatau to welcome new staff and students to the school early in term 3. More information to follow.

Property

New Build at West Belfast Site: Over the Lockdown Linda King and I made contact with Sue Elley (principal of Belfast School). Getting our boards and staff together socially is high on our agenda. This will happen once we are in Alert Level 1. The Education briefs of both schools have been shared reciprocally. These documents outline visions, values and aspirational goals - forming a reference point for the architects and design team to gain insight into what is important to both schools and their wider community.

New satellite at the Burnside/Cobham/Allenvale build: Our architect Matt Body from Architectus reports -

The ABC Rebuild project has just completed the developed design stage and is waiting on approval from the Ministry of Education before proceeding to detailed design. This is where the documentation for construction will be compiled. Following detailed design there will be a further approval process that will include contractor procurement with an intent to begin site establishment and enabling works over the coming Christmas period.

Refurbished Satellite at Wairakei School (replacing the satellite at Westburn School): Relocatable buildings have been moved from the old Teachers College site to Wairakei School. Our current class (Room 20 at Westburn) will relocate to Wairakei ready for Term 3, 2020. Our building is currently being refurbished and will offer two teaching spaces with breakout rooms, a large kitchen/wet area, custom designed bathroom and toilet facilities and a wide extensive deck around three sides. The classrooms will have access to the main playground as well as a fenced market garden area, with a planned area for chickens.

Concept Design

We will be situated in the large building





Wairakei Satellite (5th June 2020)

KAHUI AKO Questionnaire

If you have the time, we would really appreciate you completing a 8-question survey. It might take about 5 minutes. More information attached.

PTA Update

The PTA would like to thank everyone for supporting our Easter raffle fundraiser again this year. Considering the raffle was disrupted by a pandemic we had a really good result - \$1,856.00 raised! The funds raised will go towards the annual class grants which the teachers use to purchase 'extras' for the students in their classes. Examples of the ways these grants have been used previously include purchasing new toys for the classroom and taking students on special outings.

We will be holding our PTA AGM at the school on Tuesday 23rd of June at 9am. Anyone is welcome to attend. We would love to have new members join our group so please do come along if you are interested. If you would like more info on joining the PTA, you can call Cushla Boyd on 021 251 8566 or email cushlaboyd@hotmail.com.

Our next fundraiser will be the delicious Naked Baker pies. This will be held in term 3.

Once again, thank you for the ongoing support of our school community, it really is appreciated.

Important Dates:

3rd July End of Term 2
20st July Start of Term 3

Keep safe and warm!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Gosney'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Jenny Gosney
Acting Principal



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Kia ora koutou,

Allenvale is a member of the Waimairi-iri Kāhui Ako/Community of Learning which includes: 16 Early Childhood Centres, 8 Primary Schools, 2 Intermediates, 1 High School and us.

At the moment the Kāhui Ako is collecting information from all kura about their experiences of home-learning and schooling at level 2. The data will be used by the Across Kāhui Ako Leaders to inform the Kāhui Ako of any insights and learnings you have experienced. These findings may go on to potentially inform practice in our kura, schools and ECEs.

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tinyurl.com/learningduringCOVID

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Ngā mihi nui,
Graeme Eastwood
Acting DP / Across Kāhui Ako Leader