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KEY DATES

WEEK SIX

Wednesday 8th March

School Camp "Think Tank"

Friday 10th March

*School Athletics Sports

WEEK SEVEN

Monday 13th March

Public Holiday – No school

Tuesday 14th March

*Parents' Club – AGM @ 7.30

*Parents' Club – Meeting @ 7.45

Wednesday 15th March

NAPLAN Testing

Thursday 16th March

NAPLAN Testing

WEEK EIGHT

Tuesday 21st March

*School Photographs

*School Council – AGM @ 7.30

*School Council – Meeting @ 8.00

WEEK TEN

Thursday 6th April

*Final Day of Term 1

RESILIENCE
RIGHTS &
RESPECTFUL
RELATIONSHIPS

ALLANSFORD ALIVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL CHATTER

Next Wednesday 8th March, parents are invited to a "Think Tank" on reimagining school camps in 2023 and beyond. We have had one meeting toward the end of last year.

The main objective is to create a SURVEY for our parents, with the intention of seeking feedback on a number of scenarios.

The majority of parents in a previous survey philosophically agreed that camps are a good thing.

They are beneficial for relationship building and complementing classroom learning.

However, we all need to understand that the new agreement has impacted the financial viability of camps, and changes to the excursions and camping policy has meant many activities we have done previously now require additional adjustments that include student to staff ratios and associated risk management plans.

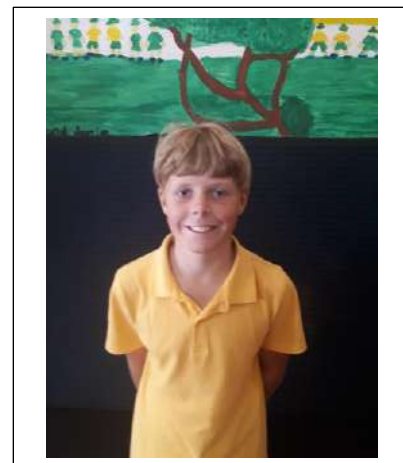
Camps have to be financially viable for the majority and that a financial burden cannot fall on the school to cover any additional camp costs from our limited budgets.

We also need to know that staff participation is voluntary.

Currently, we have NO camps booked for this year. The outcome of these discussions and survey feedback will determine the next steps.

STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to Cameron (Year 6) for facilitating this week's assembly. Cameron was extremely focused and driven to provide a well-balanced assembly that included a blend of showcases. He also had his presentation delayed due to the heat last Friday. Well done!



PRINCIPAL CHATTER

A reminder that **Parent Payment** is due this term. Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a payment plan or require further information.



We believe in promoting and modelling **respectful behaviours** and positive attitudes. We have welcomed Miss Turland – Rhook to our school, who works with our students every second week to build skills around forming healthy relationships, coping mechanisms, problem solving and resilience.

THE MELO AWARD

The "Melo Award" is presented to a child or group who models our school values, and as result, often helps those around them. Last week's "Melo Award" was presented to Max (Year 2). Max has been noticed by teachers in the classroom, specialists, and staff on yard duty, for setting an excellent example to his peers through his positive attitude, behaviours and actions. In doing so, Max has demonstrated what it means to be a good learner.



SHOWCASE - GRAPHS

Thanks to Harry, Lexi, Ewan, Timmy and Billy (Year 5-6) for presenting and sharing their Bar Graph. The students used a Bar Graph to display the height of all students in the class. They then calculated the range, the median, the mode and finally the mean height of their class.



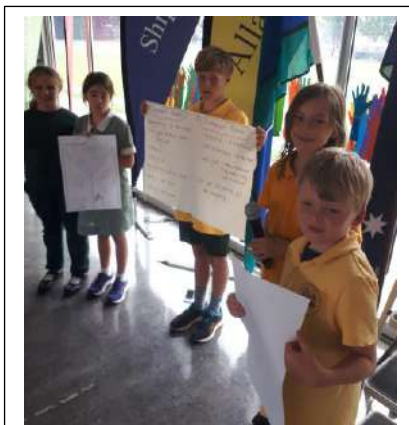
THE VALUES AWARD

The "Values Award" is selected by our student leaders and presented to a child who has demonstrated the behaviours that model our school values. Last week's 'Values Award' was presented to Remi (Foundation). This student was recognised for helping a friend when she fell over and also for her amazing work in the classroom. In doing so, Remi demonstrated great respect for others and showed what it means to be a good learner.



SHOWCASE – ENGAGED READER

Thanks to Darcy D, Darci F, Jordy and Indigo (Year 3-4) for showcasing what it means to be an engaged reader. They spoke about what it looks like and what it feels like.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



SHOWCASE – PANCAKE DAY

Thanks to Billy, Vivien and Mia (Foundation) for showcasing their pancake pictures. They shared their favourite pancake toppings and the best part of Pancake Day.



HOUSE CAPTAINS

This week, student leaders presented their House Captain speeches to their house groups. Speeches from all leaders were of an exceptionally high quality. House groups voted for their Captain and Vice – Captain. All leaders will play an important role in encouraging and supporting their house buddies.

House leaders led their groups around a lap of the school as they chanted their house song. We wish every house the very best with the up-coming sports.

As part of student leadership, we endeavour to give all student leaders the opportunity to lead an event or activity across the course of the year.





INTRODUCING OUR HOUSE LEADERS 2023





Tennis Stars

Year 5/6 students, Harley and Cameron represented our school at the District Tennis Competition on Monday.

These students did a great job, displaying our school values throughout the day.

We are very proud of the way they represented our school. Thanks to the families of the students for volunteering their time to supervise and support!



Japanese News

Setsubun is a Japanese festival celebrated on the 3rd of February, when Winter turns to Spring. Families celebrate by throwing roasted soybeans outside the door of their homes to chase out Oni (the naughty ogres or spirits) or by throwing soybeans at Dad dressed up like an Oni!

When the beans are thrown, the children (and adults) shout, "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!" which means 'Oni out! Happiness in!'

The beans are thrown to chase the bad spirits out of the home and bring happiness or good luck for the following year.

Foundation students were greeted by Oni in the playground. Lucky for them, they knew how to drive Oni away. "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!"





Last week, our Foundation students explored **The Invisible String**. They also created their very own masterpiece to hang in their classroom, with help from their Big Buddies!

In this relatable and reassuring contemporary classic picture story book, a mother tells her two children that they are all connected by an invisible string... "That's impossible!" the children insist, but still they want to know more: "What kind of string?" The answer is the simple truth that binds us all: An Invisible String made of love. Even though you can't see it with your eyes, you can feel it deep in your heart, and know that you are always connected to the ones you love. Does everybody have an Invisible String? How far does it reach? Does it ever go away?

This heartwarming picture book for all ages explores questions about the intangible yet unbreakable connections between us, and opens up deeper conversations about love.