



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 1 - 31 January 2025

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Together We Learn and Grow

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Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all

Welcome back everyone to another school year at Allenton. I hope you have all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. I hear that areas outside of Canterbury were the places to get some sunny weather! It was wonderful to see our tamariki return to school yesterday or as they transition to school for the first time. A big welcome to families that are new to Allenton - we look forward to getting to know you all and hope your children have had an enjoyable first two days at school.

Many thanks to parents and children who attended the 3 Way Interviews on Wednesday. Teachers reported having high levels of attendance at these, and we see them as a valuable way to start the school year. We appreciate your support with these. As we commence the new school year, we are looking forward to working together with our families to ensure a positive learning experience occurs for our children. At our core, we understand the importance of the connection between home and school in nurturing students' growth and success.



I'd like to introduce two new part time members to the staff team. Mrs Nola Leov will be working with junior students to support their progress in structured literacy as well as being a specialist teacher in the Learning Support team. Mrs Anna Young will be working in the Middle Area in Room 7. I welcome both Nola and Anna to Allenton and we look forward to having them join our school community.

As we start the new school year, it's important to note the setting of boundaries around staff availability. While our staff are dedicated to supporting students at school, it's equally important for them to

maintain a healthy work-life balance, so that they can engage with their own families and interests in order to be fully focused whilst at school. Communications received after normal working hours will, in most cases, be cleared the following working day. It's also important to recognise that when staff are teaching in classes, on duty or in after school meetings, they aren't able to clear messages or emails. If you need to get a note to your child during the day, please do this through the school office.

Newsletters will typically come out each fortnight on a Friday. These are put on our website and posted on the Hero app. If you have any queries about school events, please see your child's teacher or contact the school office. If you would like assistance with downloading Hero, please get in touch with the school office.



Significant curriculum changes commenced in 2024, particularly in the areas of literacy and mathematics and we have made good progress to date as a school in how we respond to these changes. Part of this is focused on the provision of staff development. In mathematics, alongside the new curriculum, there are new teaching and learning resources that staff will need to be familiar with. Please note that our school will be closed for instruction on Friday 7 February for staff development in these maths resources.

The staff and I look forward to the year ahead and our shared commitment to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment at Allenton School.

*Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama.
Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.*

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

New students

We extend a warm welcome to the following children who have started at Allenton School recently. We look forward to getting to know you and wish you an awesome time at our school!

Room 1	Mikyla, Mischa	Room 3	Erastus
Room 7	Nate	Room 9	Crew
Room 10	Toby	Room 12	Sherisse
Room 13	Eric	Room 20	Kaydence
Room 21	Carlton		

We also have a number of children who are transitioning to school and are doing visits in Rooms 15 and 16 at the moment. We will note their names in the next newsletter.

Road Patrol - Parents / Caregivers needed

We are grateful to our parents and caregivers who regularly give up their time to supervise our road patrol monitors each morning and afternoon. We are looking to confirm parents / caregivers for 2025 to ensure that the monitors are able to perform their duties and the pedestrian crossings are safe for all students and whānau at either end of the school day. Many thanks to those who signed up at the 3 Way Conferences earlier this week. If anyone else is able to assist, please contact the school office. The morning shift starts at 8:30am, and finishes at the 8:55am bell, and the afternoon shift starts at 2:55pm and finishes at 3:10pm.

Teaching Staff list - 2025

Junior Area - Year 0 - 2

Area Leader - Mrs Fiona Maw (Deputy Principal)

Room 12	Year 1	Miss Julie Tayles / Mrs Susan Moore (release)
Room 13	Year 2	Mrs Sonya Hurst / Mrs Susan Moore (release)
Room 15	Year 1 / NE	Mrs Maria Allen / Mrs Krystal Elliott (release)
Room 16	Year 1	Mrs Sandra Wright / Mrs Krystal Elliott
Room 20	Year 2	Miss Livvy Sheehan / Mrs Jude McKendry (release)
Room 21	Year 2	Mrs Megan Jansen / Mrs Jude McKendry (release)

Middle Area - Year 3 and 4

Area Leader - Miss Janine Barker (Associate Principal)

Room 6	Year 3-4	Miss Carol Efford / Mrs Gaye Leverton (release)
Room 7	Year 3-4	Ms Bronwyn Hortin / Mrs Anna Young (release)
Room 8	Year 3-4	Miss Jacinda Watson / Mrs Krystal Elliott (release)
Room 9	Year 3-4	Miss Janine Barker / Mrs Sarah Yeoman (release - Term 1 Term 2 - 4 release TBC)
Room 10	Year 3-4	Mrs Tania Marshall / Mrs Krystal Elliott (release)

Senior Area - Year 5 and 6

Area Leader - Mr Chris Miller (Associate Principal)

Room 1	Year 5-6	Mr Chris Miller / Mrs Philippa Young (release)
Room 2	Year 5-6	Mrs Nicky Gill / Mrs Kim Wall (release)
Room 3	Year 5-6	Mrs Porsha Coley / Mrs Andrea Woolf (release)
Room 4	Year 5-6	Mrs Nichola Maginness / Mrs Andrea Woolf (release)
Room 5	Year 5-6	Mr Ryan Hampton / Mrs Kim Wall (release)

Learning Support

Learning Support Coordinator	Mrs Trudy Hulme
ESOL coordinator	Mrs Gaye Leverton
Structured Literacy Teacher	Mrs Sarah Yeoman (Term 1 only)
Structured Literacy Teacher	Mrs Nola Leov
Specialist Teachers	Mrs Kim Wall / Mrs Gaye Leverton / Mrs Nola Leov

Calendar of school events - Term 1, 2025

Tuesday 4 February	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Thursday 6 February	School Closed - Waitangi Day
Friday 7 February	School Closed - Staff Development
Tuesday 18 February	Swimming Sports for students at Level 5 or above
Wednesday 19 February	Mihi Whakatau (welcome) for new families, 2 - 3pm
Friday 21 February	School Assembly, 10:50am PTA Family Fun Night, 5:30 - 7pm
Monday 24 February	School Board meeting, 7pm
Friday 28 February	Junior Assembly, 11am
Tuesday 4 March	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Friday 7 March	Middle Assembly, 10:50am Senior Assembly, 12:30pm
Monday 10 March	Staff development - school closed
Friday 14 March	County Swimming Junior Assembly, 11am

Term Dates - 2025

Term	Dates	School closed
1	Thur 30 Jan to Fri 11 April	Waitangi Day (6 Feb) Staff development (7 Feb) Staff development (10 March)
2	Mon 28 April to Fri 27 June	Staff development (30 May) King's Birthday (2 June) Matariki (20 June)
3	Mon 14 July to Fri 19 Sept	Staff development (18 Aug)
4	Mon 6 Oct to Thur 18 Dec	Labour Day (27 Oct) Staff development (13 Nov) Canterbury Anniversary Day (14 Nov)



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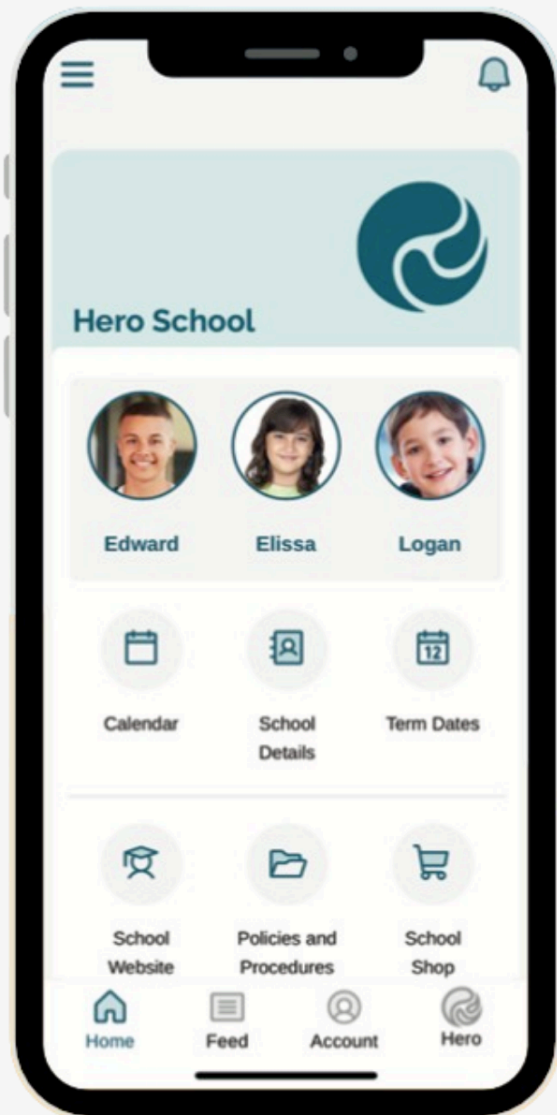
HERO - OUR SCHOOL APP!

Hero is our "one stop shop" for communication with family and whānau. It has quick links to our school website, policies and social media.

Like our previous app, you can report an absence and receive newsletters, book your School Interviews, and receive other important messages from Allenton School.

Our Community Calendar will be fully integrated in 2025, and Hero continuously develops new features for us.

Let your child's teacher know if you would like some help getting set up on Hero, or come and see us in the school office.





MELODYMAKERS MUSIC LESSONS 2025

ALLENTON SCHOOL

Enrolments are now open for private music lessons at Allenton School 2025. We offer Piano, Guitar, Ukulele and Singing Lessons during school and after school.

Please contact us to enquire.

Debbie Hawkes

Ph 0221-221-950

debz.hawkes@gmail.com

Ladybank Learning School of Music

Barbara Thomas A.T.C.L

Qualified Primary Teacher

Reading Recovery Trained

Author of Music Tutor Books

Individual Music Lessons starting in School time.

Children can come out of class for music lessons

Mondays or Tuesdays -

Keyboard- Piano- Guitar- Ukulele- Singing

To ring Barbara 0274 742 003

for info re- prices- times and requirements

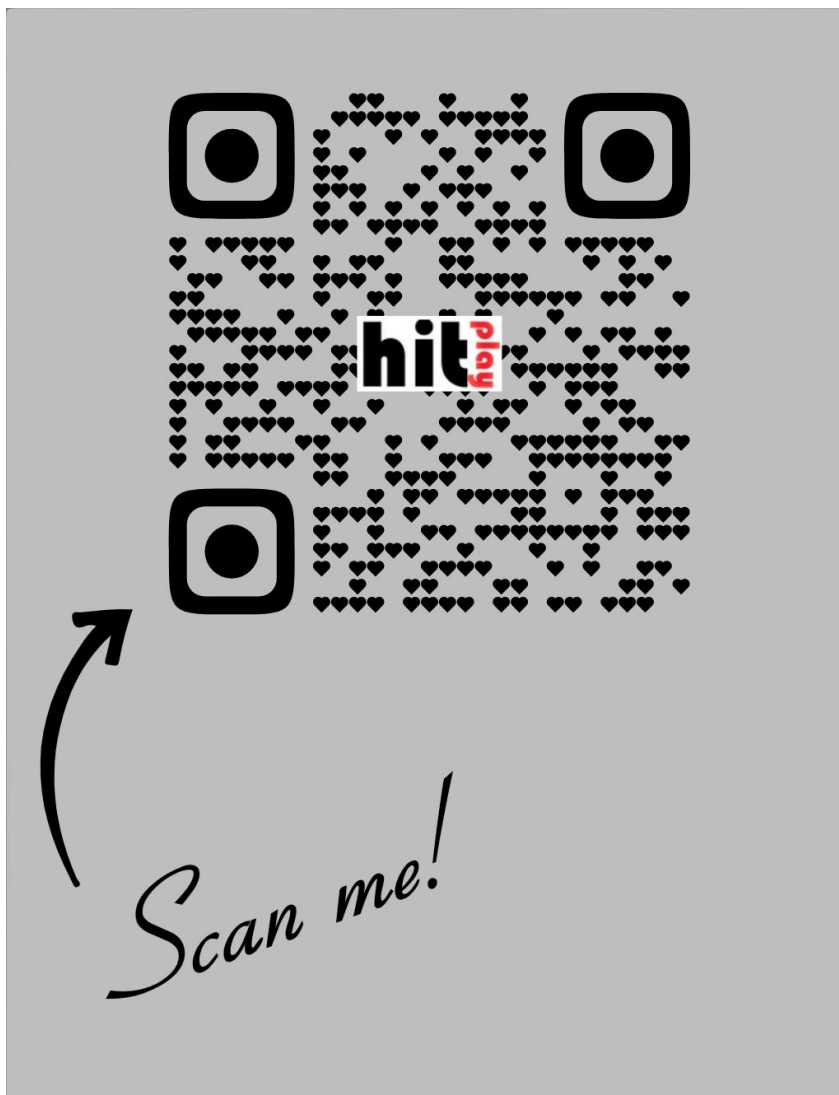
HIT PLAY

LEGO Creative Studio - Sessions are available between 7am and 6pm

Here is a link for parents that has all program and session information on it:

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Below is the Ashburton QR code which has all programs currently on offer to Ashburton families.



Allenton Netball

Junior Trials Yr 7 & 8

Sunday 23rd February 2025

3pm

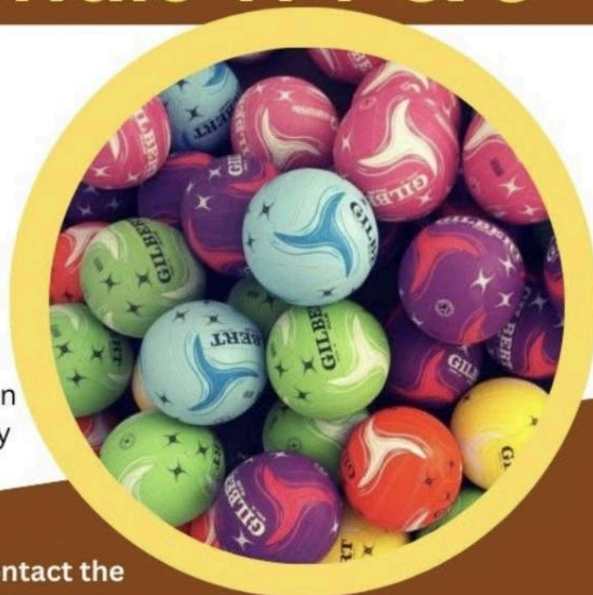
Allenton Netball Courts
Melrose Rd

Saturday 1st March 2025

10am

Allenton Netball Courts
Melrose Rd

Please register online at Allenton
Netball Club's facebook page by
20th Feb 2025



Any questions please contact the
Junior convenor



Ashleigh Robertson on
0276593485

Or

Allenton Netball Club
allentonnetballclub@gmail.com

Allenton Netball Club

~ Wanted ~

Coaches, Managers & Umpires

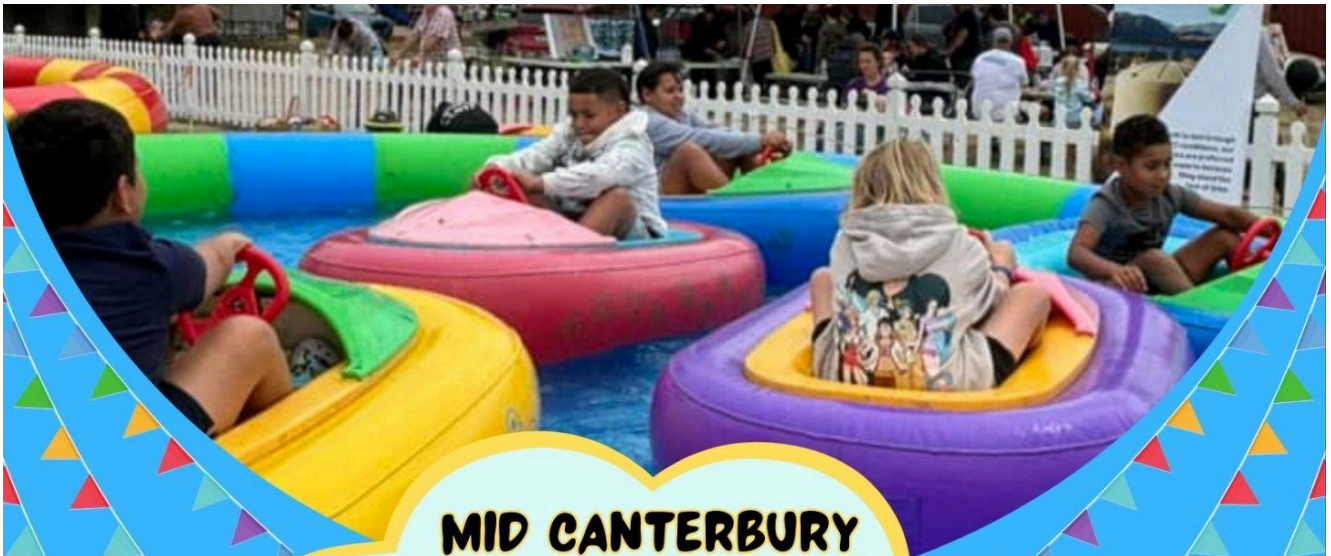
for Senior/ Secondary school
& Junior netball teams for the 2025 season.

Full support given from experienced coaches

~If interested contact~

- **Trudy 022 600 7144**
(Senior/Secondary teams)
- **Ashleigh 027 659 3485**
(Junior teams)





MID CANTERBURY

CHILDREN'S



DAY 2025



Te Rā O Ngā Tamariki

Sunday 02 March

10.30AM - 2.30PM

Food, Bouncy Castles, Paintball, Dino Dig, Mini Golf, Go Carts, Paddle Boats, Tug of War, Fire Museum, Under 5's area, Emergency Services, Music, Trains, Games, Magician, Face Painting, Lego, and so much more! Come and join the fun!

At the Tinwald Plains, 20 Maronan Rd, Tinwald

Kindly Supported by the Ashburton Community and



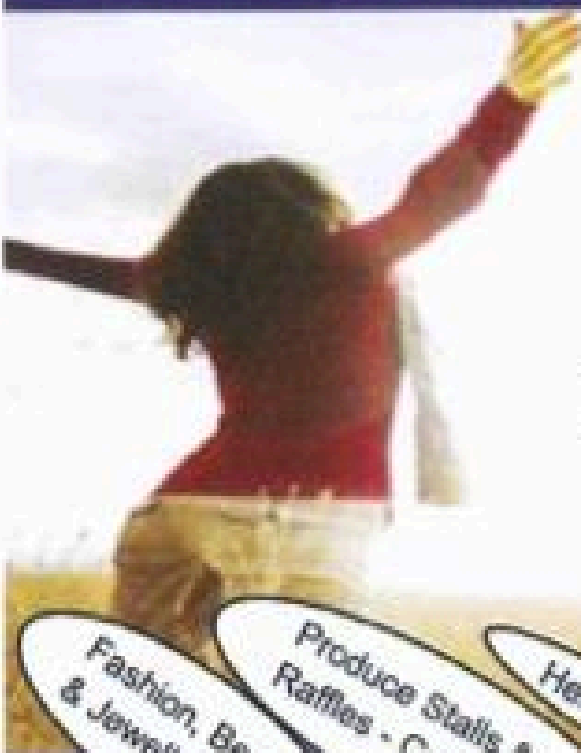
Women's Health Expo

Sunday 2nd March 2025

at Trott's Garden 10am - 4pm

Expo & Garden \$20 - 2 Seminars \$5 each

Tickets available from St Johns Shop (Tancred St)
also from Annette Beeston 0274209820 and
Gate Sales on the day



Seminar 1
Endometriosis &
Premenstrual tension

Seminar 2
Peri Menopause &
menopause
By Dr Tara King

Limited Eftpos available.
Mostly cash sales

Food & Drink available
to purchase

Fashion, Beauty
& Jewellery

Produce Stalls &
Raffles - Cash sales

Health & Fitness

Health Promoters



Lions Club of Ashburton County Charitable Trust with
support of Trott's Gardens. Proceeds to St Johns Mic
Canterbury & other charities



