



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 2 - 25th July 2025

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Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



I hope all Allenton families have had an enjoyable term break and that your children have settled well into the new term. We've had a few frosty starts since we've been back, but generally these lead to nice, clear, sunny days.

Education Review Office visit

Next week we will be hosting school reviewers from the Education Review Office (ERO). ERO visits schools periodically and they will be onsite with us for the first part of the week. The reviewers will spend time talking with the leadership team, staff, Board members and a group of students, as well as spending time in some classes. All this will give them a feel for our

school, in addition to the documentation that has already been provided to them. We look forward to engaging with them whilst they are onsite and working alongside them with the review process.

Board triennial elections

All parents will have been emailed, or received in the post, information about this year's Board elections. This should have been received last Friday from the election Returning Officer - Schooled Election Pilot. Nominations are now open, and they close at 12 noon on Wednesday 6 August. The nomination forms were emailed / posted out, and we have some available at the school office. If you have any queries about the election process, or the workings of the Board in general, please feel free to get in touch.

Mihi Whakatau

We will be welcoming new children and their families to Allenton School at our termly mihi whakatau on Wednesday 30 July at 2:15pm. Information about this has been sent home to new families through Hero three days ago. I would encourage all parents / whānau of new children to attend this welcome if possible.

Attendance and punctuality

All schools are required to track daily attendance and the punctuality of their students. This provides us with real time data on student attendance patterns and the reasons for non-attendance. In Term 2, 74% of our children attended school regularly (at school 90% or more of the time). This was slightly down from Term 1, but up from 63% with regular attendance in Term 2, 2024 - progress that we are pleased with, but recognising there are still some further gains to be made around boosting higher attendance. Mid year reports will have provided parents with their child's attendance across the first two terms of this year. It is also important

that children are at school on time, before the 8:55am bell, so that they are ready to start the day with their class. If parents require support to ensure that their children are at school regularly and also on time, please reach out in the first instance to your child's teacher. As a school we are motivated to reducing barriers to attendance, and supporting parents in this.

New staff

We have several new staff starting at Allenton at the moment. Jo Rowlands has started as a teacher aid this past week and Bill'e O'Brien will also start as a teacher aid on Monday. Anna Brosnahan starts with her New Entrant class in Room 17 (adjacent to the hall) on Monday, and has been doing some day relieving in the school over the past two weeks. We welcome all new staff to Allenton and wish them well for their time here.

Departing staff

We have two staff members who have recently signalled their intention to finish at Allenton at the end of this school year. Bronwyn Hortin currently teaches in Room 7, and has had a 36-year career in teaching, including being at Allenton for the past eight years. Ryan Hampton has had six years teaching, all of which have been at Allenton. Ryan will be relocating to Australia in 2026 and Bronwyn will be looking to take on more of a part-time teaching role. While we will formally farewell both of them at the end of the year, I wish them all the best for their remaining time in their current positions at Allenton.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa

Let us keep close together, not wide apart

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 3	Zanthe	Room 4	Althea
Room 9	Willow	Room 21	Ahaan
Room 11	Flynn, Emerie, Isla, Astrid, Emilia, Carter		

PTA Quiz Night



The PTA have been working hard in preparation for this for this evening, which is now just three weeks away! We have some very generous prize sponsors on board too, which we are grateful for. It promises to be a wonderful evening!

We now have only a handful of available spaces left for teams, so if you'd like to be involved, contact the PTA on the email below.

The PTA is looking for donations of goods or services for prizes and auctions for the quiz night. Please email pta@allenton.school.nz if you are able to assist with this.

Ashburton Writers' Club competition

Towards the end of last term we had five students enter the Ashburton Writers' Club competition. These students were:

Harper C who wrote - Meeting the Governor General

Zoe B who wrote - The King and the Ducks

Quinn Horrell who wrote - Problematic Penny

Sanah who wrote The Crazy Class

Jerry who wrote - The Best 4 Square Player in the World

Harper placed 3rd and Quinn was 4th in their age groups.



Out of school achievements



Evie-Rose Ward competed in the New Zealand National School's Karate Championships, also over the school holidays. She gained silver medals in both the Girls Year 5-6 Premier League and the Girls Year 5-6 Development League.

In the recently held Jion Club Championships, Evie-Rose also won a silver medal in the aged 10-13 yrs old Kata (technique) event.

Quinn Horrell and Harper Clark both competed in the New Zealand Highland and National Dancing Championships in Christchurch over the holidays. There were 230 competitors and the girls both did really well in tough age groups! Quinn got 3rd place in the 9 year old Irish Jig and Harper got Very Highly Commended in the 10 year old Highland Fling.



Congratulations to the above students on these wonderful achievements.

3 Way Learning Conferences

On Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 August we will be holding 3 Way Learning Conferences (3WLCs) where teachers, parents and children meet to discuss your child's learning. These will be 15 minute sessions, held in your child's classroom.

The Tuesday 3WLCs will be scheduled from 3:15pm to 8:00pm, with the Wednesday times between 3:15pm and 6:00pm.

Bookings will be done through our Hero app, which can be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play. We have been using Hero throughout the past year. Bookings are now open. If you have any difficulties installing the Hero app, or with the booking process, please contact the school office.

If you have more than one child attending the 3WLCs, it is important that you complete this process early, so you can book your desired times close to each other. Please book only one 15 minute appointment time per child.

For those families where parents do not live together, we ask that if you both wish to attend the 3WLC, that you attend at the same time.

Calendar of school events - Term 3, 2025

Tuesday 29 July	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday 30 July	Mihi Whakatau (welcome) for new students and whānau 2:15pm, school hall
Friday 1 August	Junior Area Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 4 August	Cook Islands Language Week starts School Board meeting, 7:00pm
Tuesday 5 August	3 Way Conferences, 3:15pm - 8:00pm
Wednesday 6 August	3 Way Conferences, 3:15pm - 6:00pm
Friday 8 August	School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 11 August	Mid Canterbury Dance Champs Senior Area Swim Week
Tuesday 12 August	Mid Canterbury Dance Champs
Friday 15 August	Senior Area Assembly, 9:15am Middle Area Assembly, 1:50pm
Saturday 16 August	PTA Quiz Night, 6:30pm
Monday 18 August	Tongan Language Week starts
Friday 22 August	Mid Canterbury Schools Winter Tournament (pp 25 August, hockey 1 September)
Monday 25 August	Book Week starts
Friday 29 August	Ski Day
Monday 1 September	School Board meeting, 7:00pm
Tuesday 2 September	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Friday 5 September	School Assembly, 10:50am

2025 Term Dates

Term	Dates	School closed
3	Mon 14 July to Fri 19 Sept	
4	Mon 6 Oct to Wed 17 Dec	Labour Day (27 Oct) Staff development (13 Nov) Canterbury Anniversary Day (14 Nov)



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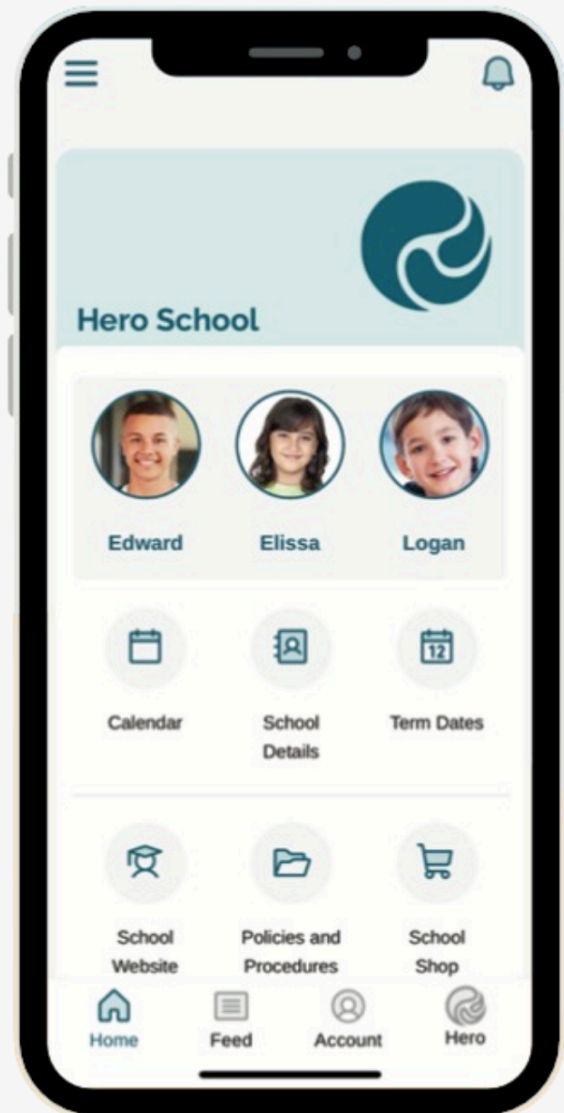
HERO - OUR SCHOOL APP!

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.



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App Store



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Google Play

Community Notices



Safer Mid Canterbury
Hakatere Haumaru
Together we're safer • Me uru kahikatea



CACTUS

**COMBINED
ADOLESCENT
CHALLENGE TRAINING
UNIT AND SUPPORT**

AGE 10-14

**TERM 3
2025
STARTS
28TH JULY**



FINDING YOUR STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES •

BECOME FITTER AND STRONGER •

FUN AND MOTIVATING ACTIVITIES •

OVERNIGHT CAMP •

ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!!!! •

TERMS 1, 3, 4

8 WEEK PROGRAME

MANIA-O-ROTO SCOUT PARK

MON & TUES 3.30PM-5PM

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MO TETAHI
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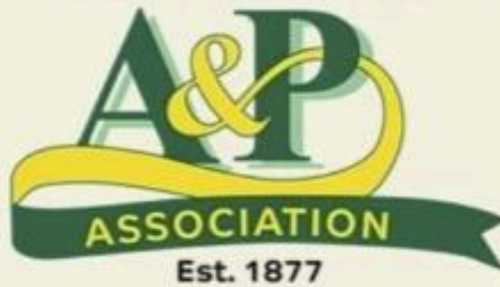


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ASHBURTON



FREE

STUDENT ART COMPETITION

2025

FOR STUDENTS IN YEARS 1-8

ENTRIES CLOSE
WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
AT 5:30PM

School entries can be picked up with prior arrangement
email: ashburtonaandpshowstudentart@gmail.com

Individual entries can be delivered to the A and P show grounds - Home
Industries Pavilion, on Wednesday 29th October between the hours of 3:30pm
till 5:30pm.



ASHBURTON



This years theme is:

CULTIVATING COMMUNITY

Years 1-2

Painting- My pet and I (max. size A3)

Mixed media- My friend and I (max. size A3)

Years 1-4

Painting of a community of animals (max. size A3)

A handmade A5 size 'Friendship' card

Years 4-6

A4 size painting of a community of people

Mask making- cultures in our community (max. size A2)

Years 5-8

Celebrating a cultural festival- handmade A5 size invitation

Mixed media- cultivating kindness in our community (max. size A3)

Years 7-8

A4 size sketch of a community of friends

Framed, portrait painting of a face in our community (max. size A3)



Free Support

Group Programmes



Presbyterian
Support
Upper South Island

Tuning in to Teens

Tuesday 29th July - 2nd September

10 am - 12 pm

This programme will provide you with a greater understanding of your teen's developmental needs and emotional experiences. Using an emotion coaching framework, you will learn to respond to your teen in a supportive, empathetic and connected way.

Parenting Through Separation

Thursday 17th July

9 am - 1 pm

The Parenting Through Separation programme provides you with practical advice to help you and your Tamariki cope. You'll learn tips on how to better communicate with the other parent and how to plan for your Tamariki once you are legally separated.

Tuning in to Kids (Online)

Thursday 17th July - 21st August

6 pm - 1 pm

Tuning in to kids is a programme that provides participants guidance to help you teach your child emotional intelligence skills. It offers practical ways to support your child's emotional development.



Seasons for Growth

Now taking enrolments
3.30pm - 4.30pm

Change and loss are part of life and grief is a normal response to these losses.

For young people aged 6-12 years

Uses imagery of the seasons to illustrate the experience of grief

Helps young people deal with death, separation and divorce.



To Join:

Online: Referral Forms
psuppersouth.org.nz

Email: midcant@psusi.org.nz or

Phone: 03 261 6907



Incredible Years® Parenting Programme

Date, Time & Location*

14 week programme
5 August - 18 November
(with 2 week break for school holidays)
Tuesdays - 10 am - 12.15 pm
Location: TBC

Registration

Erin Sturman - Ministry of Education
incredibleyears.canterbury@education.govt.nz

NB: Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Waitlist and referrals are managed by the Ministry of Education.

Course Details

Incredible Years is a parenting programme for parents of 3-8 year old children who would love to connect with other parents and learn some new parenting strategies.

Outcomes you should expect:

- » Building a closer bond between you and your child/children.
- » Growing your child's social and emotional skills so that they can make friends and manage those BIG emotions!
- » Understand your child's learning and help them persist with challenging tasks.



Y1-2 NETBALL

THURSDAYS

Term 3

EA Networks Centre

\$60 per player

Every Thursday in term 3

3.45 to 4.45pm

Starts 17th July



REGISTER NOW



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