



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2 - 17 October 2025

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Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



It has been really pleasing to note the settled start that our students have made to Term 4. This is observed in classes, as well as at break times and when walking around various parts of the grounds in a calm and respectful manner. Athletics practices have been in full swing since late last term, in preparation for our Athletic Sports next Tuesday. More details about this day have been included later in the newsletter. Our term calendar is again very full, so please check back regularly each newsletter for any updates to various events across the school.

Sunhats and uniform

A reminder that sun hats are required to be worn in Terms 1 and 4. While we don't sell them from the school office, they are available to purchase from Tots to Teens. Many thanks to everyone who has started the term wearing the correct uniform.

Education Review Office (ERO) report

In early Term 3 we were visited by a review team from ERO. ERO visits schools on a regular basis to ensure compliance and assurance to the School Board and community. I was particularly pleased with how the review went, and also with the report that has recently been made available to the wider public, which notes our areas of strength and progress and key priorities for ongoing improvement. The review can be accessed online through the link below. If you have any queries about the report, please feel free to get in contact with me.

<https://www.ero.govt.nz/institution/3274/allenton-school>, or by visiting ERO website - www.ero.govt.nz

Teacher and Support Staff strike action - Thursday 23 October

At the end of last term in a school newsletter, and more recently through Hero and Facebook, parents were notified about the proposed nationwide strike action for primary teachers and support staff union members on Thursday 23 October. Their union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has today provided formal notice to confirm that strike action will occur. On this day, our school won't be able to open for instruction due to the significant number of staff involved in the strike, and will therefore be closed on Thursday 23 October. Children will need to remain at home on this day.

Attendance

Across last term we experienced significant levels of sickness, which in turn saw a dramatic decrease in our overall attendance levels from what we had in terms 1 and 2. I appreciate that there is a fine line between when a student is too unwell to attend school (e.g. vomiting, heavy cold, cough or other medical condition) and when they could possibly attend school (e.g. a slight snuffle, which can be monitored throughout the day). Students should be at school unless there is a genuine reason not to be. For example, they should be at school on their birthday (unless it falls on the weekend or during term break), or if a sibling is sick, but they are well enough to attend school. If a child has 75% attendance or less, they are missing out on at least a term of learning each year. This will inevitably lead to gaps in learning. If families are experiencing any barriers to attending school, and would like to discuss this in confidence, please see either your child's classroom teacher, or myself.

Dyslexia Awareness Day

This past Thursday was Dyslexia Awareness Day and many of our students helped to raise awareness of this by adding something blue to their uniform / hair. A growing number of students are being assessed with dyslexia and schools are becoming more aware of how these students can be best supported in class. If you are driving down East Street in the evening, you will notice that the clock tower has been lit up in blue in support of this day. One of our students, Toby Green, had the honour of flicking the blue switch yesterday afternoon and it was great to be part of this occasion - well done Toby!



Labour Day

A reminder that school is closed for Labour Day on Monday 27 October. I wish all Allenton families a safe and enjoyable long weekend next weekend.

The whakatauki below acknowledges community, collaboration and a strengths-based approach. It acknowledges that everybody has something to offer, everyone has a piece of the puzzle, and by working together we can all flourish.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

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	Declan
Room 9	Kayden
Room 17	Levi, James, Thomas Mc, Olivia, Thomas C, Feleti

School Photos

As you are aware by now the School Photos are being held on Wednesday 22nd October. The sibling photos will be taken between 8.15am - 9.10am in the hall so please be on time. A reminder that the Sibling Photo Request form must be returned by Monday 20th October at the latest if you are requiring any photos.

Staff carparks

A reminder that the two staff carparks are for the use of staff and are not drop off / pick up zones. There are mobility parks within the staff carparks set aside for those who need to use them. We also respectfully ask that parents don't use carparks as thoroughfares to get to their cars parked on the road. Please use the Allens Road or Harrison Street gates to enter / exit from school.

New Entrant enrolments for 2026

If any Allenton families, or other families that have children who will be starting as New Entrants at any stage through 2026, please contact the school office for an enrolment pack to enrol as soon as possible. Pre enrolment is important as it helps us to know when individual NE children will be starting, as well as knowing when each NE class will commence. Please note that we will not be accepting out-of-zone enrolments for 2026.

If you know that your child will not be at Allenton in 2026 (other than current Year 6s), please also let the school office know.

2025 Term Dates

Term	Dates	School closed
4	Mon 6 Oct to Wed 17 Dec	Strike day (23 Oct) Labour Day (27 Oct) Staff development day (13 Nov) Canterbury Anniversary Day (14 Nov)

2026 Term Dates

These will be confirmed in week 3 of this term. The first day of the school year will be Monday 2 February, with 3 Way Conferences occurring on Friday 30 January. Details to follow.

Athletics Day



Allenton School Athletics

Tuesday 21st October 2025

(Postponement Friday 25th October)

Dear Whanau and Caregivers,

A reminder that the Allenton School Athletics Day will be held **on Tuesday 21st October** starting at 9:20am (9:55am for Year 0- New Entrant students).

Students are to wear a T-shirt or polo top in their House colour along with black shorts, (no face paint, hair spray or tank tops please). Students may compete in bare feet for running and jumping events (shoes must be worn for throwing events) or wear running shoes/sneakers (no spikes allowed) and will need to wear their school sunhat and sunscreen. Students will also need a big drink bottle of water and a bigger, healthy lunch.

Programme 2025

	Long Distance	Shot	Short Sprint	Discus	Long Jump	Long Sprint	High Jump
9.20am	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3		Year 1	Year 5	Year 2
9.55am	Year 2	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	Year 0	Year 1	Year 5
10.30am - 10.45am Morning Tea break							
10.50am	Year 5	Year 2	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	Year 0	Year 1
11.25am	Year 1	Year 5	Year 2	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3	Year 0
12.00pm	Year 0	Year 1	Year 5	Year 2	Year 6	Year 4	Year 3
12.35pm - 1.10pm Lunch Time							
1.15pm	Year 3	Year 0	Year 1	Year 5	Year 2	Year 6	Year 4
1.50pm	Year 4	Year 3	Year 0	Year 1	Year 5	Year 2	Year 6
2.25pm	Pre Schooler race, House relays, Parent/Teacher/Student relay						

Children will return to their classes with their class teachers at the end of the sports.

Parents/caregivers can meet their children at the classrooms or children will be released as normal at 3pm.

Venue map



Please ensure that all preschoolers are supervised and are kept away from where children are competing in events.

We encourage parents and family members to take photos and videos to document their child's achievements during the Athletics. Please be mindful of where and how you use these photos and videos, and ask permission before posting images of children other than your own on social media platforms such as Facebook or Instagram.

St David's Church will be running a fundraising sausage sizzle at lunchtime. Cost will be \$3.00 per sausage. Please bring your money on the day and purchase your sausages from outside the Senior classrooms. There will also be a coffee cart on-site selling hot drinks.

Toilets for adults are available inside the school Hall- just walk through the Hall and go into the foyer area and the unisex toilets are on your left. You are welcome to use hot water from the staffroom for drinks and we are expecting the coffee van this year.

Lastly, the County Athletics Day is on Friday 31st October. These events are only for Year 5 and 6 students. If your child qualifies from our sports day, you will be advised on Friday 24th October. Parents are required to take their own children to and from Counties.

We are all looking forward to a great day. Please bring this notice along on Sports day so you can follow your children's events.

Calendar of school events - Term 4, 2025

**** Please recheck these events each newsletter, as the dates / times may change ****

Monday 20 October	School Board meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 21 October	School Athletics (pp 24 October - note new pp date)
Wednesday 22 October	School Photos
Thursday 23 October	Teacher and Support Staff strike day - school closed
Monday 27 October	School closed - Labour Day
Friday 31 October	County Athletics (pp 3 November) School Assembly, 10:50am
Tuesday 4 November	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday 5 November	Welcome Wednesday - New Entrant information morning
Thursday 6 November	Inquiry Learning sharing afternoon from 2pm
Friday 7 November	Senior Area assembly, 12:30pm
Monday 10 November	Cultural performance afternoon, 1:50pm
Wednesday 12 November	Top Team (Yr 4 - 6), 12:15pm
Thursday 13 November	School closed - Staff development day
Friday 14 November	School closed - Canterbury Anniversary
Wednesday 19 November	Mihi Whakatau - welcome for new families / students, 2:15pm
Friday 21 November	PTA Disco (note new date)
Wednesday 26 November	ESOL celebration day
Friday 28 November	School Assembly, 10:50am
Tuesday 2 December	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday 3 December	Junior Christmas Concert, 11am
Thursday 4 December	Kotahitanga (Māori cultural) afternoon, from 12:30
Monday 8 December	School Board meeting, 7pm
Thursday 11 December	Middle Christmas Concert, 10:30am
Tuesday 16 December	End of Year Assembly, 11am
Wednesday 17 December	School year ends, 1pm



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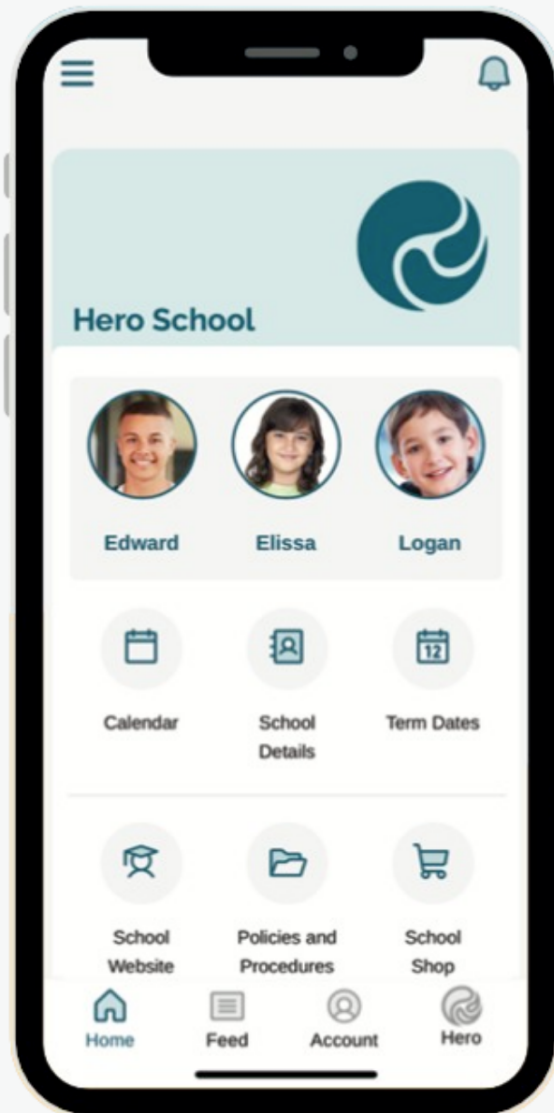
HERO - OUR SCHOOL APP!

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.

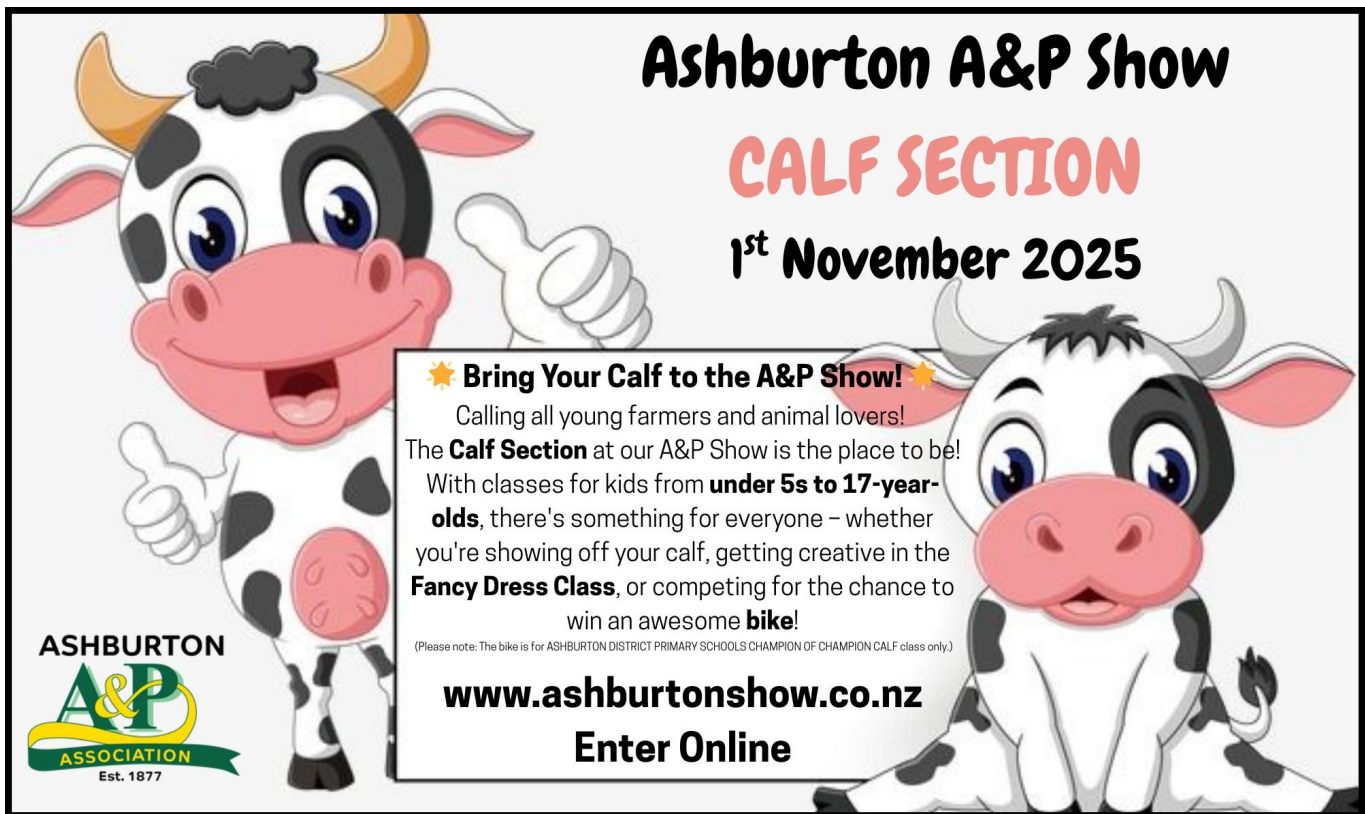
Let your child's teacher know if you would like some help getting set up on Hero, or come and see us in the school office.



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Ashburton A&P Show
CALF SECTION
1st November 2025

★ **Bring Your Calf to the A&P Show!** ★
Calling all young farmers and animal lovers!
The **Calf Section** at our A&P Show is the place to be!
With classes for kids from **under 5s to 17-year-olds**, there's something for everyone – whether you're showing off your calf, getting creative in the **Fancy Dress Class**, or competing for the chance to win an awesome **bike!**
(Please note: The bike is for ASHBURTON DISTRICT PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHAMPION OF CHAMPION CALF class only.)

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ST DAVID'S CHURCH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

We would like to advise that we are running a Children's After School Club, a safe and welcoming space for kids to unwind, learn, and grow together in faith and friendship.
When: Every Friday during the school term. Time: 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM. Where: St David's Church Hall. Ages: 5–12 years
Any enquiries please contact the St David's Church office 0221669712



Calling all school-aged adventurers! Join us for an exciting event designed to inspire camaraderie, fitness, and fun on our scenic coastal/farmland trails. The Schools Challenge at the Ruralco Longbeach Coastal Challenge is for students Years 5-8 to get active and take on the challenge of our rugged trails... all while competing for the prize of our 'Longbeach Tile' trophy... last year taken out by a mixed team!

Details

Year 5-8 students only (can be mixed year group team e.g. consisting of x2 Year 5s and x2 Year 8s)

12km course

Maximum of 5 students per team

To be entered under one school name e.g. Longbeach School

Can be a composite team, but must be entered under one school name e.g. a Longbeach School and Hinds School composite team would be named Longbeach School

Time will be recorded digitally through Training Splitz

Official time will be taken by the first three in the team to cross the line

Appropriate cycling equipment is essential- a mountain bike suited to uneven terrain with both uphill and downhill sections, multiple gears for climbing, and a well-fitted helmet.

PRIZES

1st Place: Winner of the School Challenge trophy, a certificate and bragging rights!

2nd Place: 2nd place certificate for each team member & medals

3rd Place: 2nd place certificate for each team member & medals

Race Day: Sunday 30th November 2024

Entry Fee: \$20 per person (maximum of 5 team members)

Distance: 12km

There are events for the whole family with a great range of categories and distances!

<http://www.longbeachcoastalchallenge.com/enter.html>



Cultural Whānau Fun Day!

18 October 2025 | From 11 to 3 pm | Hampstead Sports Club
44 Bridge Street

A day of free and fun activities for the whole family!
Come along and learn about the services available in our
community, and connect with our emergency services!

Free BBQ and other Ethnic Food | Prizes | Games

Thanks to the support of the Ministry for Ethnic Communities





SCULPT IT FUN DAY

Welcome to our Kids Sculpt it FUN DAY! where we turn imagination into wonder and passion! A true sensory experience.

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- ✓ Hands-On Learning
- ✓ Fun & Engaging
- ✓ Small Class Sizes

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Hampstead Primary
55 Wellington Street
Phone 03 423 2270

BOOK ONLINE

www.hitplay.co.nz



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Saturday Morning – Softball/Machine Pitch



This will be for under 13s (13 and under for girls).

Kids must be at least 9 years old.

Competition runs term 4 and term 1. starting 11th of October through to 12th of December 12th(term 1 dates to be confirmed). It will be played as a transitional league, from machine pitch to softball.

- Making games more exciting, as the ball is in play more.
- Giving players time to learn the game.
- Teaching Juniors how to connect with the ball.
- Giving pitchers the time needed to learn how to pitch.

Other Key factors to help everyone learn is –

- After 6 runners get home, it is side away, so one team does not end up fielding all game.
- The Home plate is bigger for the under 13s. Making it easier on pitchers learning to pitch.



How a transitional league works

- Machine Pitch is played first 2 weeks.
- Week 3 and 4 - Machine pitch 3 innings 1 innings is pitched
- Week 5 and 6 - Machine pitch 2 innings. 2 innings are pitched.
- Week 7 - Machine pitch 1 innings. 3 innings are pitched.
- Week 8 All innings pitched.

Note – no games are played Labour weekend or Canterbury Anniversary weekend.

Games are not played during school holidays.

Games are 1 hour long.

Any Allenton children interested to play in this age group, contact Hampstead Softball club at: hampsteadsoftball@gmail.com