



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 4 - 23 May 2025

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Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



Last Tuesday morning we held our annual cross country at Argyle Park. The weather was spot on for the event! We were so impressed by the efforts that our children put into their races, and we appreciated the significant support that parents and whānau provided as well. Many thanks to everyone involved and to our staff who organised the event and assisted on the day. Today we sent a contingent of 24 Year 5 and 6 runners to the County Cross Country and we look forward to hearing how they got on.



Later that day we welcomed over 30 new children and staff to our school at our termly mihi whakatau, along with their families. It was wonderful to formally welcome them to Allenton. Many of the new children were supported by older siblings, which was great to see. In my whaikorero (speech), I referred to our local pepeha, noting local landmarks:

Ko wai matou? (Who are we?)

Ko Opuke (Mt Hutt) te mauka (mountain)

Ko Hakatere (Ashburton) te awa (river)

Ko Arowhenua te marae (marae)



Ko Allenton te kura (school)
Ko Hakatere te whenua (land)



We have experienced a growing degree of staff sickness over the past week. When this occurs, we always attempt to get a reliever to cover the class and ensure as much continuity as possible if the sickness continues for more than a day. It can often be difficult to get a reliever, as they may be booked at another school, and our part time staff are likely to be working in the school already. I thank parents and whānau for their understanding in this matter.

All schools are required to have an audited Annual Report which includes financial accounts and details of student achievement from the previous year. Our 2024 Annual Report is currently being finalised by the school auditors and will soon be available for public viewing on our website. We will let you know when this is available.

Some unsafe behaviour on and around our road crossings has recently been brought to my attention and I had to respond to five such incidences within a 20-minute period yesterday morning. This included drivers stopping to drop off children on the yellow lines next to the pedestrian crossing, which restricts the view of the children on road patrol. Drivers were seen performing U-turns close to the crossing. I witnessed a near car-on-car accident yesterday when this occurred. Some children have also been supported by parents to not use the pedestrian crossing by walking their children across the road reasonably close to the crossing, presumably to save time.

All of the above relates to a small minority, but it does make for an unsafe environment on Allens Road and Harrison Street at key times of the day. Our road patrol monitors and parent volunteers do a great job at the start and end of the day, and we are grateful for what they do, but at times this crucial role is made more challenging than it needs to be. I therefore respectfully request that all parents support student safety by adhering to the road rules and being positive role models for our children.

As previously noted, school will be closed for instruction on Monday 2 June (King's Birthday), Tuesday 3 June (staff development) and Friday 20 June (Matariki).

Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast

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 11 Flynn, Stella
Room 16 Raven

Room 13 Hunter

Junior Area News

The Junior School has had a very busy start to Term 2. We have had 2 new classes start in the New Entrant area. We have had Cross Country, Assemblies, a Mihi Whakatau and this is all on top of the wonderful learning we are doing. We are proud of how well our children are doing in the Junior Area and we want to thank all the parents for your support you do for your children and us. It is very much appreciated.

From the Junior Area Teachers



Room 15 and 16 have been working on making patterned bunnies. We have been learning about different shapes and patterns. We showed perseverance to get them finished and feel very proud of them.

Room 13's Assembly



Last week we had Junior Assembly led by Room 13. It was amazing! We did a dance from Africa. It was called the Amagunijju dance. It was designed to make the king laugh! At our assembly we sang songs, gave out swimming ribbons and cross country certificates. By Nixon Room 13

Mihi Whakatau

Last week we had the Mihi Whakatau. Our whole class stood up at the Mihi Whakatau. The big kids in the Kapa Haka were on the stage and they were doing actions and singing. Our families came to the hall with us. Mr Leverton, Mr Hampton, Mr Bennett and the House Leaders shook our hands to say welcome to Allenton School. Room 14.



Cross Country

"We did one lap which is one kilometre, I was slow at the start and through the race I got faster and faster and at my max speed." Reed Room 21

"It was our turn to race and once the boys had gone it was time for the girls. I do not know who won out of the girls race but I do know who won in the boys race. Do you know who won? It was ME!" Fletcher Room 21

"I watched the big kids run, then the big, big kids run. Then the big, big, big kids run then we went back to school." Daniel Room 21

"I felt happy and hot at the cross country. It was finally a sunny day for the races. We walked back to school and I was very, very, very proud of myself." Aroha Room 21

"I like running. I passed two girls to win." Luna Room 15

"Me and Forrest had a tie. We were running together." Aryan Room 15

"I ran with Evaan. I was faster than Evaan." Dipson Room 15



PTA update

Save the Date... The PTA are holding a quiz night on Saturday 16 August in the school hall to raise money for items for an accessible playground. Get a team of up to six together for a great night out! This event will be restricted to people over the age of 18 years. More information about this will be shared soon on Facebook, Hero and in our school newsletter.

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

Calendar of school events - Term 2, 2025

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| Monday 26 May | Massed Choir practice |
| Wednesday 28 May | Welcome Wednesday New Entrant information morning, 9:15am Pasifika fono, 5pm |
| Friday 30 May | Senior Area assembly, 9:10am Middle Area assembly, 10:50am |
| Monday 2 June | Samoan Language Week commences School closed - King's Birthday |
| Tuesday 3 June | School closed - Staff Development Day PTA meeting, 7:30pm |
| Tuesday 10 June - Thursday 12 June | Mid Canterbury Music Festival (Allenton evening tbc) |
| Friday 13 June | Junior Area assembly, 10:50am |
| Monday 16 June | Rooms 15 and 16 swim week (2 weeks) |
| Friday 20 June | School closed - Matariki |
| Monday 23 June | School Board meeting, 7pm |
| Wednesday 25 June | School assembly, 10:50am |
| Thursday 26 June | Hakatere Festival, Ashburton Events Centre |
| Friday 27 June | Term 2 ends, 3:00pm |

2025 Term Dates

| Term | Dates | School closed |
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| 2 | Mon 28 April to Fri 27 June | King's Birthday (2 June) Staff development (3 June) Matariki (20 June) |
| 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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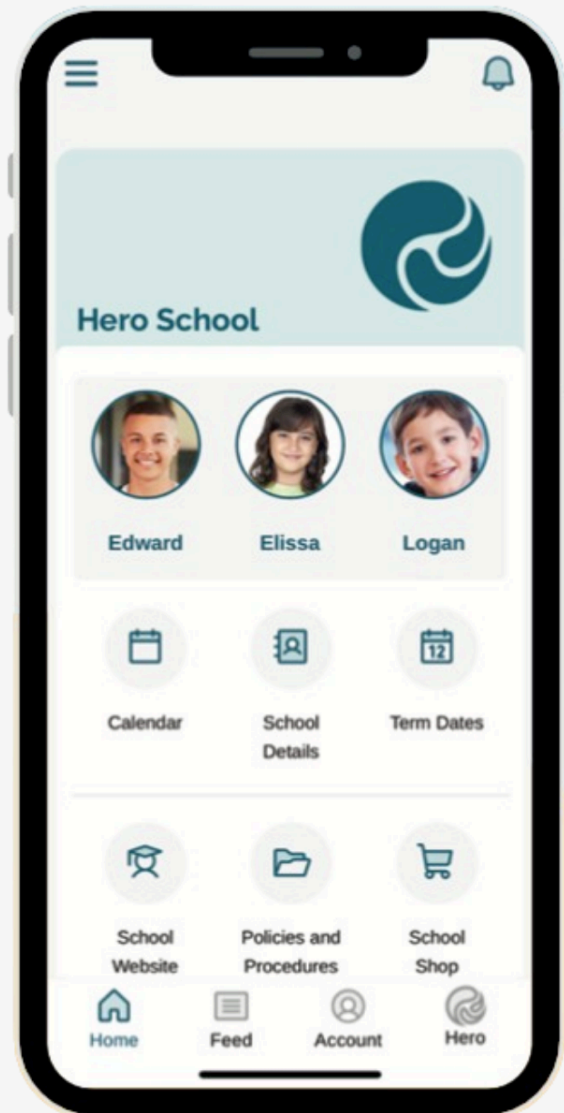
HERO - OUR SCHOOL APP!

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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Community Notices

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FUN ALL DAY...

SCHOOL IS OUT 3RD JUNE

Join the team on an epic adventure to capture your own Pokemon and become a HitPlay Pokemon trainer.

We are making Pokemon plushies, crafts and games with plenty to get involved in!

REGISTER ONLINE

03 423 2270

www.hitplay.co.nz



Tangata Atumotu Immunisation Drive



Date: 30th May, 2025

Time: 12pm - 5pm

Venue: 239 Racecourse Road, 7700,
Ashburton.