



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 6 - 6 June 2025

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Together We Learn and Grow

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Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



Talofa Lava!

This past week has been Samoan Language Week and it has been an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the Samoan children and families within our school. Today our Samoan children wore their cultural clothing to school. They look absolutely amazing!

Other language weeks are coming up next term and if parents have an aspect of their culture that they'd like to share with their child's class at any stage, please contact the relevant teacher.



Our school choir has been preparing for the Schools' Music Festival, which takes place next week. They are sounding amazing! The Allenton choir will perform on Tuesday night. We also have five students who have been chosen for the representative choir, which gets to perform each night of the festival - Harper, Zoe, Emma, Amarlie and Maggie. We wish members of our school and representative choirs all the best for next week.

Two weeks ago we had a team of 24 runners representing Allenton at the County Cross Country. They represented our school so well and achieved some great placings!

- * Mila - 1st Year 5 girls
- * Charlotte F - 5th Year 5 girls
- * Luke - 2nd Year 5 boys
- * Angus M - 4th Year 5 boys
- * Annabel - 3rd Year 6 girls
- * Charlie - 4th Year 6 boys

Well done to all competitors for your wonderful efforts and many thanks to parents and staff who attended, managed teams and who were marshals. We appreciate the time that you provided for this event.



In our last newsletter I noted that our 2024 Annual Report is currently being finalised by the school auditors and will soon be available for public viewing through our website. It includes financial reports and analysis of student achievement outcomes for last year. This analysis goes into some detail, and identifies current achievement and future actions in the core areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Our 2024 student achievement, in terms of percentages of students at or above the curriculum expectation were as follows:

Reading	76%
Writing	65%
Mathematics	73%

As a staff, we are highly committed to improving student achievement in these core areas and across the curriculum, ensuring that each child continues to make progress in their learning journey.

As previously noted, school will be closed for instruction on 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 16 Woesel

Middle Area News

Year 3 and 4 Cross Country Writing



On Cross Country Day I was excited and nervous. First the whole school lined up and walked to Argyle Park. Then the teachers explained what to do. Next the Year 4 boys and girls walked to the start with the teachers. Then it was time to run! *By Rehmat R10*

... Mr Hampton said, "On your marks! Get set! Go!" We had to run one and a half laps. I was nervous but I thought about it and I wasn't scared anymore. I ran as fast as I could and I did it! I felt happy and puffed! *By Sophia R10*

...So we walked to the start line with a teacher. Then Mr Hampton said, "3,2,1, GO!". In the first whole lap I was tired and puffed. I saw bright colourful cones and my mum was cheering me on. I felt proud of myself because I came 4th.

By Beau R10

... Now the fitness has begun! We walked all the way to the start line. We made sure we did some warm up exercises for fast running. Ready, set go! We ran super fast! While we were running we saw college kids cheering for us. They looked like tall grown ups. The running was a bit tiring so I knew I had to walk slowly. I couldn't give up so I had to keep running.

By Naya R10



... I did not think I would make it around the track but I did ! Yay!. I felt like collapsing onto the ground but instead we walked back to school. *By Ben R7*

... Finally we walked back to school. I liked Cross Country because I got to watch other runners, but I didn't like the running part. *By Lorayla R7*

... When the Year 4 boys were halfway through running the Year 4 girls were starting to run. When I started running I heard so many people cheering and so many names being yelled out.
By Eliza R7

... At the start I was only jogging so I didn't lose all my energy. It was a ginormous run. I was so puffed but I kept going. My mum said I was in seventh in the first lap then I passed two boys. On the last half of the race I started running. *By Crew R9*

May 13 2025 was school cross country. For me it was hard. We had more than 20 kids in a line. People were rushing, hurrying and scurrying. I didn't know what to do. People pushing and some attitude. Me and my friends were saying Excuse me. *By Laila R9*

Next the Year 3 boys went to the start line. Then they were off. Then the Year 3 girls went to the start line. I was so nervous and excited and we all zoomed off. I had to do 1.5km. I came 5th in Cross Country. *By Charlotte R9*

...I felt nerve wracking, excited, amazed and a little scared to be honest because it was a long way and I didn't know what place I would come. Either way I wouldn't come under sixth but I still gave it a shot and tried anyway. The track was huge and humongous. I think I did my best.
By Harrison R9

...Next I got ready to run. We had to run one and a half laps. Then I saw my Mum and Dad at Cross Country. I was fast against my friends. When the race was over I was excited after the race. But I was proud of myself and I feel happy, nervous and excited and I love it.
By Sadie R8



...Now it's time for me, the Year 4 girls were running next. My heart was rushing. I was so nervous. The teacher said "Ready set go!" I was so nervous. I was jogging at first, then I started running. I was huffing and puffing. My legs were sinking. I was half in 1 lap. I started to walk a bit. I was worried people started to go ahead of me, I was now on my first lap. I was getting happier. I was nearly finished but I still was exhausted. I made it to the finish line. *By Mia R8*

...Some parents came to watch us run and we followed Mr Hampton to start my race. I started when I was at halfway. I already had a stitch and I finished my first lap. So I ran faster to do my other lap of running and I keep on getting so many stitches. I had to keep on running faster.

By Max R8

...First when we got there I sat on a comfy tarp. I waited for a long time. Then the Year 4 girls and boys went first. I was very nervous because I had tons and tons of butterflies in my tummy. On your marks get set go! Woosh, off went the Year 4 boys. They vanished off into the distance.

By Harper R8

On Tuesday 13th May the school had to walk to Argyle Park. We had walking buddies. Mine were Millie and Eliza. We finally got there and the races started. First the year 4 boys and the year four girls went. And you would hope you got in the 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 place. I came fourth. I was pretty happy because I raced like 30 kids! Lots of people were cheering me on. It made me feel happy. Then once we had raced we cheered other people on too. I had a good time. All that practice made perfect - it's true! *By Zoe R6*

When the person said "Go!" we ran. I was in second place and Jordie or Varatal was first place. After a while I was in first place! But then.. Flynn passed me so I was in second place again. Aww man I thought I was going to win but back to the story. He passed me and Maso was behind me. Mason said "Good job for running this far!" So then Mason and I ran really fast. When we were close to the end Mason told me to go faster so I went as fast as I could. I couldn't even feel my legs. When I got there I almost passed out! Flynn got first place so he got a stick which had the word 'first' on it and I got one that said second! *By Nafsad R6*

Young Leaders' Day

On Wednesday 14 May the House Leaders went to the Christchurch Town Hall for **NYLD** (National Young Leaders Day). At **NYLD**, the house leaders got to listen to six speakers.

The first speaker was Cam Calkoen who was born with Cerebral Palsy. He spoke about what you look like does not matter, you will always be awesome. Then it was Jase Te Patu. He talked about how to breathe when you feel stressed or in a bad mood and we all got to try. After that we had morning tea. Once we filled up our tummies we had a Dance Academy dance called Heel tap. After that we listened to Elisa Harley. She is the CEO of Enivo pots even though she's only 18. She was really inspirational to listen to.

Then we listened to Amy Scott and she spoke about superpower dots being represented by a colour. Purple dots are for people who like everything done the "right" way, and red dots like everything to be fair. We all decided what colour dots we had to represent ourselves.

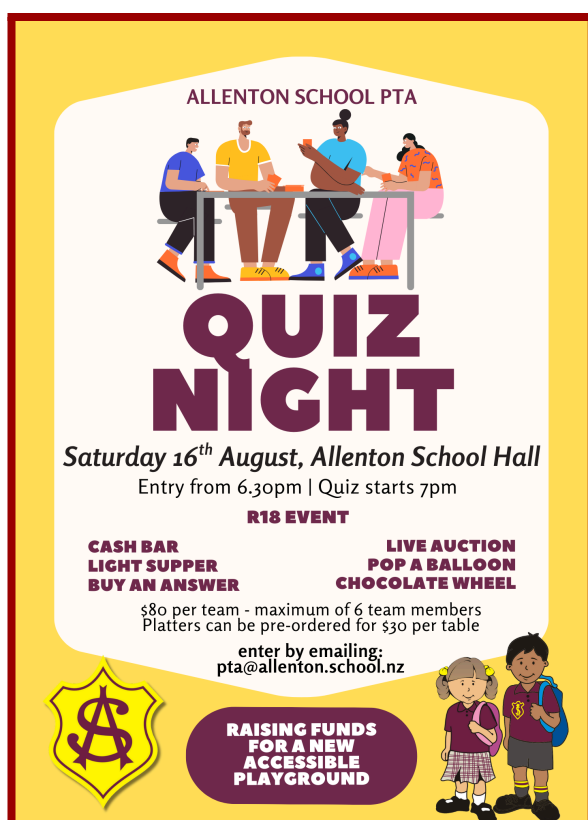
Finally, we listened to Georgia Lines who is a New Zealand singer. She spoke about how she got to where she is now. She sang for us the song "Driver's Licence" and one of her own songs. In between the speakers, we did some friendly competitions - the top level of seating versus the bottom level of seating. It was so fun. We had to pass a blow up pool bed from one side of the hall and back.

At the end everyone got to write to their future self and then write what speaker we liked most. We wrote down what inspired us and what we wanted to do with our lives after listening to every speech and giving us ideas.

Overall, we had a great day. We all got a badge each to remember the day by. They look so cool and are different from other years because they are a special 25th year one. We also got a cool wristband each. We all loved it. Overall **NYLD** was the best. Thank you from all the House Leaders. 😊

Written by Aaliyah, Sione, Lincoln, Lorcan, Charlotte, Maggie and Margo

PTA Quiz Night



We advise getting in early to secure your team's participation in the quiz, as tables are limited and some have sold already.

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.

Allenton School Entertainment Fundraising

ENTERTAINMENT APP: The Allenton School Entertainment fundraising has stopped but you can still purchase a membership from Ashburton Intermediate School's fundraising (or from any other fundraising school etc that is listed when visiting the Entertainment Book website and pressing JOIN).

Single City Membership \$70 per year and Multi city membership is \$120 per year

The local Christchurch APP area (single city) includes Christchurch, Canterbury, Timaru, Ashburton and Nelson areas. Some Ashburton deals and lots of Christchurch restaurants and activities. Heaps of exclusive offers you can unlock access for as little as \$70. 2 for 1 offers, special rates and discounts off dining, takeaways, shopping and activities.

20% of every Entertainment Membership purchased through us goes directly towards supporting Ashburton Intermediate's PTA fundraising. Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with family.

Use the link: www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/941j005

Calendar of school events - Term 2, 2025

Tuesday 10 June -	
Thursday 12 June	Mid Canterbury Music Festival (Allenton evening 10 June)
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
Tuesday 24 June	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
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
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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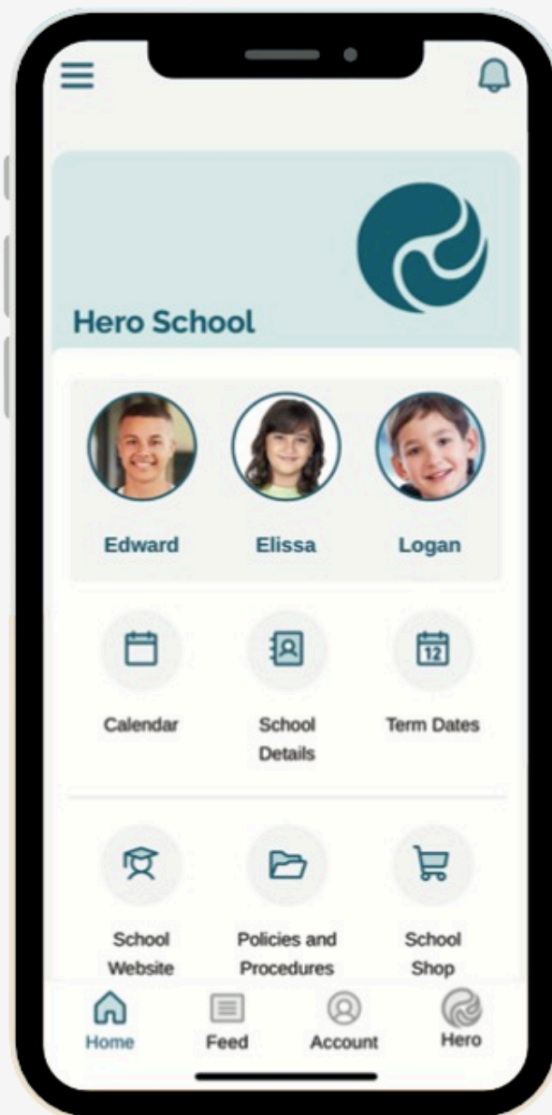
HERO - OUR SCHOOL APP!

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.

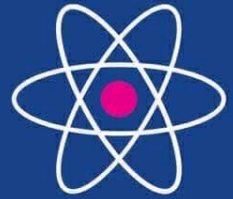


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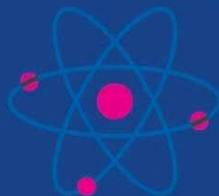
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FUN FRIENDSHIP and ADVENTURE



Te Matapuna Pippins have space for girls aged 5-6 to join us from Term 2.

- Tuesdays 4.00-5.00pm
- Mania-O-Roto, Chalmers Avenue



Join Pippins today!

Contact Marion Brown
021 294 1171

marionbrown@hotmail.co.nz



Girl Guiding
New Zealand

ROTARY CANS FOR A CAUSE CAMPAIGN

3rd - 18th June 2025

Can you help us make a difference?

Local food banks are sounding the alarm — the need for food support has never been greater. One in five families across New Zealand are facing food insecurity as economic pressures continue to rise.

Rotary Clubs across Aotearoa New Zealand are stepping up, aiming to collect one million food items to support our communities.

*All donations of non-perishable food items in Ashburton will be collected and distributed by
Rotary Club of Ashburton Plains
to local food banks in our Ashburton community.*

Collection Points for Rotary Cans for a Cause in Ashburton:

Allenton Pharmacy - 67 Harrison Street

Blacklows Tradezone Ashburton - 146 South Street

Advance Ashburton - Level 2 Somerset House, 161 Burnett Street

Or contact **Carolyn Clough** - 027 221 7143

Together, we can work to make a difference.

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

30 JUNE-11 JULY

GET INVOLVED!

WE OFFER FAMILIES A SAFE, ORGANISED AND AFFORDABLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CARE OPTION, WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO "GET INVOLVED" AND TRY NEW EXCITING ACTIVITIES IN A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.

BOOKINGS/ ENQUIRIES

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20 RIVER TERRACE, ASHBURTON

WHAT TO BRING

DRINK BOTTLE, MORNING TEA SNACK, LUNCH, SUN HAT, APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR, SWIMMING TOGS ON ALLOCATED DAYS AND WET WEATHER GEAR.

PRICE

AGES: 5 - 13 YEARS.
DAILY: \$40 - DAY SESSION
\$50 - FULL DAY/FIELD TRIP
PRICES ARE PER DAY, PER CHILD.



SIGN IN

8AM-9AM

SIGN OUT

DAY SESSION: 3PM-3.30PM
FULL DAY SESSION/
FIELD TRIPS: 5PM-5.30PM



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MONDAY 30	TUESDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 2	THURSDAY 3	FRIDAY 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ULTIMATE FRISBEE • ORIGAMI/ PAPER PLANES • CRICKET • NERF WAR • TAG GAMES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NETBALL/ BASKETBALL • SCAVENGER HUNT • SWIMMING • MOVIE  <p><i>Bring your togs!</i></p>	<p>STAVELEY FIELD TRIP</p> <p>STAVELEY CAMP REGENT CINEMA</p> <p><small>*NO SUBWAY AVAILABLE *POPCORN/DRINK COMBO \$6.50 PP *PICK-UP FROM 4PM-5.30PM</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEAM CHALLENGES • ACTIVITY CIRCUIT • SWIMMING • DODGEBALL  <p><i>Bring your togs!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRAFTS • MULTISPORT • WHEELS DAY! • MOVIE  <p><small>Bring wheels of your choice (bike, scooter etc.) and helmet!</small></p>
MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • QUIZ • T-BALL • GYM CIRCUIT • SENSORY PLAY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNIHOC • TUMBLE TIME • BADMINTON • MINUTE TO WIN IT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NERF WAR • STEM CHALLENGE • AQUAFIT CLASS • BINGO • BOARD GAMES  <p><i>Bring your togs!</i></p>	<p>CHRISTCHURCH FIELD TRIP</p> <p>IMAGINATION STATION CLIP N CLIMB</p> <p><small>*NO SUBWAY AVAILABLE *PICK-UP FROM 4PM-5.30PM</small></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TABLE TENNIS • MAGIC TRICKS • SWIMMING • MOVIE  <p><i>Bring your togs!</i></p>

*ACTIVITIES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Learn tennis for life

Term 3 lessons start Monday 21st July 2025

Tennis lessons designed for
children of all abilities & those
new to the game aged 5 years or
older

**For more info
& to register**



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