



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9 - 28 March 2024

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Together We Learn and Grow

Me akotahi hei oranga mā te katoa”

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



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

We are now into the last part of the term, with just over two weeks to go until the April term break. A reminder that all schools are closed tomorrow (Good Friday), Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday. Typically the Easter break falls in the school holidays, but this year it is during the term. The last time this occurred was in 2021, and over the last 16 years there have been seven times when Easter Tuesday has fallen during the term. Historically, all schools are closed for instruction on the Tuesday following Easter.

Ako Afternoon in the Library

From the start of next term we will be opening the school library after school on a Thursday, from 3 - 4pm. This will be known as Ako (learning) Afternoon. The purpose of this is four-fold: to increase access to literacy experiences for students, to encourage families to share literacy experiences together, to encourage family involvement in our school and to assist students with homework tasks. Students can attend Ako Afternoon in three ways: by their parents registering them to attend each week through the school office or Miss Barker, by attending with a parent or caregiver, or by bringing a note from a parent to say they can attend on a particular week. This is an opportunity for students to change library books, do some extra reading, share reading together with their family (pre-schoolers welcome too with a parent) and get help with homework activities. The sessions will be fully supervised by school staff.

Staffing news

We have recently received news that Huia Campbell will be leaving Allenton at the end of the term. Huia is part of our amazing team of teacher aides and has been at Allenton for just under two years. On behalf of the Allenton staff and community, I thank Huia for her involvement in our school and the difference she has made to children's learning. I wish Huia and her whānau all the best for their future endeavours.

Have a safe and enjoyable Easter weekend everyone.

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

PTA fun run fundraiser

There is just one week to go until the fun run fundraiser, which will be held on Friday 5 April at 1:30pm. Parents and caregivers are most welcome to come and watch this event. We are still in need of adults to assist with the running of the fun run by being around the course at various stations / obstacles. Please get in touch if you are able to help - pta@allenton.school.nz.

The following link will take you to the fundraising sign up page:

<https://allentonschoolfunrun.raiseit.co.nz>

Alternatively you can donate directly to the campaign using this link:

<https://allentonschoolfunrun.raiseit.co.nz/donate>

So far we have received just over \$7,200 in donations. With one week to go, let's see how much more we can raise together as a school! At the time of writing, Kōwhai House had the most donations pledged, narrowly edging Kākāriki. The winning house will receive a bonus play time and a surprise from our PTA!

Senior Area News

We've had a great start to the year so far. We're looking forward to spending the whole year in one space, after all of the moving around last year. Children are fully engaged in their learning programmes now, and the culture from room to room feels really positive.

We've started our learning on our inquiry topic of *How We Express Ourselves*. We've started this term by giving all of our ākonga the opportunity to work with each teacher and explore each of the four areas of *The Arts*.

Visual Arts:

With Mrs Gill, children have been learning about depth in their drawings. Using 3D shapes, children have learnt different shading techniques, how to create texture, and where the vanishing point is. How can we use this to create perspective?

Music:

With Mr Hampton, children have been learning about the different ways we can make music, both digital and physical, including learning a short song on the Ukuleles. How do we represent music and keep in time?

Dance:

With Mrs Woolf, children have been learning about moving their feet in time with a beat. We've also discovered how broad dance can be, and how much movement is already included in our everyday lives. How does dance tell a story?

Drama:

With Mrs Coley, Mrs Maginness and Mr Miller, children have been learning about what we can do with our voice to convey different messages. We've also learned about different terminology used in theatre. How do we portray different emotions?



Earlier in the term, we've also shared with you our new optional Home Learning Challenge. We've designed it in a way that it's achievable for all of our learners - Either at Bronze, Silver or Gold level. We're looking forward to seeing all of the photos and hearing about how your children have gone about rising to this challenge.

As always, please reach out to your child's teacher if you want to know more about what's happening in class or how you can help at home.

Have a great Easter break,

Chris Miller

On behalf of the Senior Area teachers - Andrea, Nicky, Ryan, Porsha, Nichola and Philippa.

Pals

Pals leadership day was an overall great day and really fun for everyone involved. We learnt how to run games and also teach other tamariki skills so they can improve. Thank you Sport Canterbury for an awesome day!



County Swimming results

Allenton School achieved the following results at this event, which was held two weeks ago.

1st placings:

- Year 6 Girls 50m Breaststroke - Zara
- Year 6 Girls 50m Backstroke - Zara

2nd placings:

- Mixed 200m Freestyle Year 6 relay - Zara, Eden, Kyosuke, William
- Year 6 Girls 50m Freestyle - Zara
- Year 5 Girls 50m Backstroke - Annabel

3rd placings:

- Open Mixed 200m Medley relay - Zara, Maja, William, Kyosuke
- Year 6 Girls 50m Freestyle - Eden
- Year 5 Boys 50m Freestyle - Bryn
- Girls 100m Individual Medley - Zara

Congratulations to Walter, Una, Zoe and Eli who also competed and were wonderful representatives of Allenton School at the swimming.

Zara and Annabel qualified for the Canterbury Schools Swimming, which was held yesterday.



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!

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Rm 10 Mia Que

Hero app

Many thanks to families who have downloaded the Hero app so far; this is progressing each week. We are looking to grow the uptake between now and the end of term as we phase in use of the Hero app and transition away from the Skool Loop app. We will cease to use Skool Loop at the start of Term 2. If you have any queries about the Hero app, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

ALLENTON LIBRARY AKO AFTERNOON

3:00 - 4:00 EVERY THURSDAY

Starts
Term 2
2024

Come along and...

- change your books
- do some extra reading
- share some reading with your family (pre-schoolers too!)
- get some help with your homework

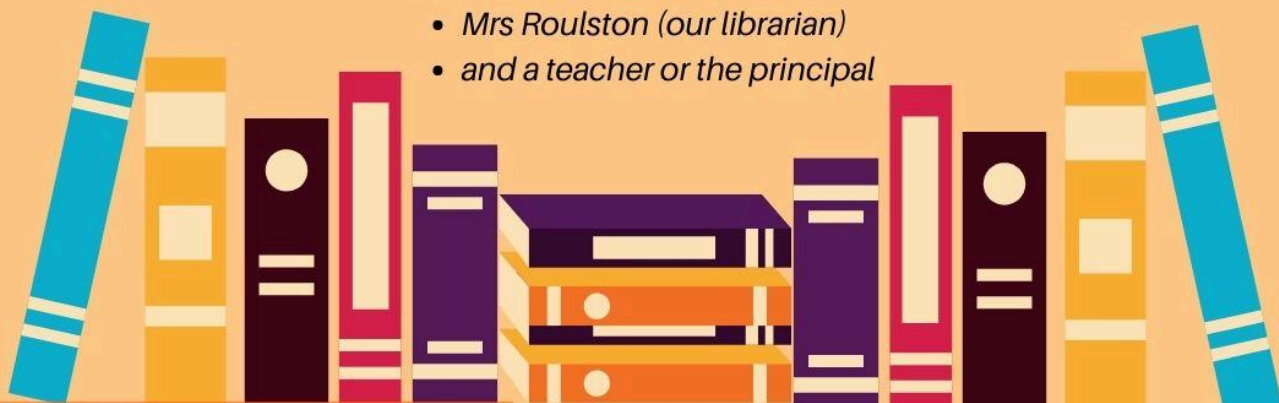
Light
afternoon
tea
provided

Who can come?

- students with a note from their parents
- students and families with an adult can pop in anytime
- students whose parents have organised with the school office or Miss Barker that they will be there every time.

Who will be there?

- Mrs Roulston (our librarian)
- and a teacher or the principal



Calendar of school events - Term 1

Friday 29 March	School Closed - Good Friday
Monday 1 April	School Closed - Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 April	School Closed - Easter Tuesday
Friday 5 April	Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am Fun Run Fundraiser on field, 1:30pm
Sunday 7 April	Daylight Saving ends - clocks go back one hour
Friday 12 April	Junior Area Assembly, 10:50am Term 1 ends, 3:00pm

Term Dates - 2024

Term	Dates	School closed
1	Wed 31 Jan to Fri 12 April	Waitangi Day (6 Feb) Easter Friday (29 March) Easter Monday (1 April) Easter Tuesday (2 April)
2	Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July	Staff development day (31 May) King's Birthday (3 June) Matariki (28 June)
3	Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept	Staff development day (26 August)
4	Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec	Labour Day (28 Oct) Staff development day (14 Nov) Canty Ann Day (15 Nov)

Policy review

Our School has an online portal called School Docs that houses all our policies and procedures. Each term certain policies are able to be reviewed online and our school community is able to take

part in the review process. Some topics will be of more relevance to certain reviewers than others. If you have any queries about these policies, please feel free to see our Principal - Andrew Leverton, or email principal@allenton.school.nz.



The instructions for being involved in a review are as follows:

1. Visit the website <https://allenton.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username - allenton and password - 7700.
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the **Start your review** button at the top right-hand corner of the page.

6. Select the reviewer type.
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Follow the prompts to show that you've read the topic and enter your feedback if you'd like to comment.
9. Agree to the privacy statement and click "Submit review".



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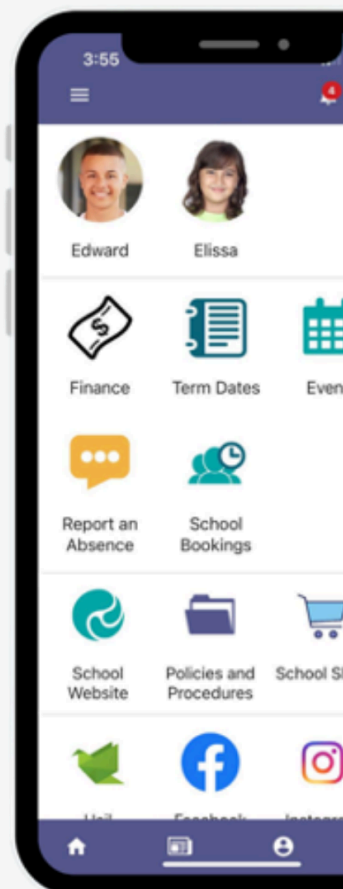
WE'RE PLEASED TO LAUNCH OUR NEW SCHOOL APP - HERO!

Hero does everything that the current SkoolLoop does, and so much more! We're aiming to make it our "one stop shop" for communication with family and whānau. It has quick links to our school website, policies and social media.

Like SkoolLoop, you can report an absence and receive newsletters and notifications. Coming soon, you'll be able to view our Community Calendar and later in the year, our school interview bookings will be available here too.

Let your child's teacher know if you would like some help getting set up on Hero.

Please note that we will be retiring the SkoolLoop app early in Term 2.





Dear Parent/Guardian,

2024 Allenton School Fun Run - Online Sponsored Fundraiser

Allenton School is running a Fun Run fundraiser to assist us in raising funds for outdoor upgrades for our wonderful school. We are fundraising to landscape and provide finishing touches to our new courts and playground areas. We're passionate about providing an enriching environment for our students, fostering their physical, social, and cognitive development. Our students will come together and participate in our Fun Run. They will be seeking online sponsorship for their efforts, all funds raised will go towards these exciting upgrades.

How will this fundraiser work? This year we have partnered with online fundraising company Go Raise It. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends & family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://allentonschoolfunrun.raiseit.co.nz/>

Or use the QR Code to visit the hub page:



Click on the **SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE** button

If you need any help email help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance

Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

Do I have to sign up for an online account to fundraise? We would love everyone to have an online account as this allows the school to significantly reduce administration overheads. Go Raise It adhere to strict cyber safe guidelines and this is built into our fundraising website. If you really do not want an online fundraising page, and still want to participate please check with the school office to see if you can collect cash.

Prizes:

We have a great range of spot prizes and two prizes for speedy sign ups (Bluetooth Karaoke Microphone with Speaker and Wireless Earpods). The school house that raises the most will receive a prize at school.

Event Details: Friday 5th April, Allenton School Field, 1.30pm onwards.

All Allenton School students will participate in the Fun Run. On the day students will bring their house colour t-shirt to get changed into.

We will require parent help from 12pm on the day to set up. Please email the Allenton School PTA if you are available: pta@allenton.school.nz

Kindest regards,

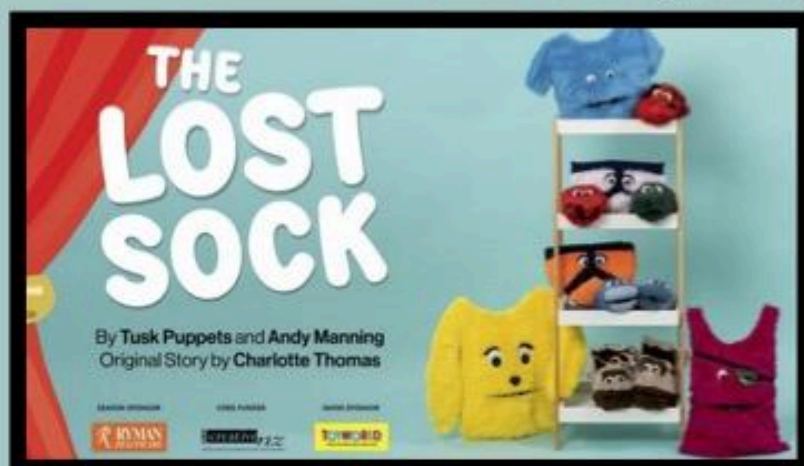
Allenton School PTA and Allenton School Health and PE Committee

Join us for some School holiday FUN!

Tuesday
23rd
April

Grab the kids or grandkids, jump on the bus
and lets head to Christchurch for a fun,
musical adventure at The Court Theatre!

This show is for ages 5-9 years



**Maximum 3 children per
adult**

**Call now for more info or to book
027 265 6883**

\$85

THIS INCLUDES

- Bus travel for 1 adult & 1 child
- Show ticket for 1 adult & 1 child
- Goodie bag for 1 child

****Extra children \$35 each**

All children **MUST** be accompanied by a responsible adult. Beckley Coachlines does not accept responsibility for the supervision of any children, at any time



Allenton Hockey Club



Keen to give HOCKEY a try this year?

2024 Hockey season starts May (Term 2 only)

Fun Sticks (Yr 0-2) Saturday Morning

Mini Sticks (Yr 3-4) Saturday Morning

Kiwi Sticks (Yr 5-6) Friday Afternoon/Evening

Kwik Sticks (Yr 7-8) Wednesday Afternoon/Evening

Register now with Allenton Hockey Club

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5bee19>

For further information please contact the club

FB: Allenton Hockey Club

Email: allentonhockey@gmail.com

Registrations due by 9th April



Registrations are now open for the 2024 Rugby Season. Come and join us for an action packed winter. See our website to register.

www.allentonrfc.co.nz



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Melrose Rd, Ashburton, New Zealand

HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOCKEY FOR YOUR CHILD?



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Mini Sticks (Yr 3-4) Saturday Morning
Kiwi Sticks (Yr 5-6) Friday Afternoon/Evening
Kwik Sticks (Yr 7-8) Wednesday Afternoon/Evening



Registrations are now open for all ages.

The hockey season runs during Term 2 starting in the first week of May



Register via [PlayHQ.com](https://www.playhq.com)

Search 'Wakanui Hockey' to sign up.



Search for Wakanui Hockey on Facebook



OR...contact Kim 0224642797
wakanuihockey@gmail.com

Methven Scarecrow Trail: Saturday April 13 – Sunday April 28, 2024

The Methven Scarecrow Trail is a hugely popular and fun family event run in the April school holidays. It is suitable for all ages!

Every year, members of the Methven community build scarecrows to a particular theme and these scarecrows, usually around 30+ in number, are scattered around the town for families to find and try to identify the name of the character.

This year's theme is Children's Movie - Animated Characters.

Families or small groups purchase a Trail Map/Entry form from the iHub Information Centre and there are sponsored prizes for the most correct entries and for the most popular scarecrows.

Don't forget to like the Scarecrow Trail FB page if possible - this is where we post messages and the results - <https://www.facebook.com/MethvenScarecrowTrail/>



Methven Scarecrow Trail **Saturday April 13 - Sunday April 28**

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$10 - cash only please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square

New to Hockey?

THANKS TO MID-CANTERBURY HOCKEY
PICK UP YOUR

FREE STARTER PACK

Any new players to hockey this year will receive a free starter pack to get them started on their hockey career.

Starter Packs

include:

- Junior Stick
- Junior Ball
- Mouthguard
- Junior Shinpad



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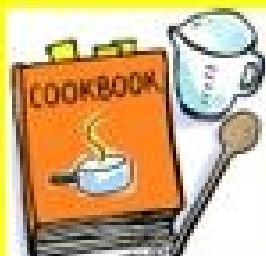
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Here is the link for the Allenton Club sign up:

<https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/5bee19>



**MID CANTERBURY
RURAL WOMEN**
ARE PLEASED TO OFFER OUR

COOK AND EAT
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 10AM - 2.30PM
AT ASHBURTON COLLEGE.

OPEN TO STUDENTS' YEAR 6 - YEAR 8

NO CHARGE

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THURSDAY 11TH APRIL
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LIMITED TO 28 STUDENTS

