



# ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 1 - 21 July 2023

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*"Together We Learn and Grow"*



## Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki

*Kia ora Whānau, ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all.*

Welcome to the start of Term 3 everyone. I hope you have all had an enjoyable term break and that our children are refreshed and re-energised for the term ahead. It was great to see everyone back at school on Monday and also experiencing some spring-like weather in the final weekend of the holidays. The staff and I are looking

forward to the next nine weeks of term and working together with our children and school whānau.

My first term at Allenton was very enjoyable. It was rewarding to meet many of you, as well as learning about Allenton School. I have seen some very good teaching and learning occurring and it's also great to see the students interacting positively with each other and the staff.

A note has recently gone home to parents of children in Year 3 - 6 about 3 Way Conferences. These are scheduled for after school on Wednesday 2 and Thursday 3 August. It is appreciated and important that parents make a time to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the learning that has occurred and to clarify any queries from the mid-year reports.

On Wednesday 26 July we will be holding a Mihi Whakatau (welcome) for new children and their families who started at Allenton through Term 2 and at the start of this term. This will take place in the hall at 2:15pm. It will follow the same format at the Mihi Whakatau that we had at the start of Term 2. Existing parents and whānau are most welcome to attend. A note will come home to new parents shortly. We plan for this to be a termly event on our school calendar, close to the start of each term.

*Me mahi tahi tātou, mō te oranga o te katoa*

We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## New Students

We extend a warm welcome to the following children who started at Allenton School recently:

Neo - Room 3

Sophia - Room 21

## Māori Phrase for this week

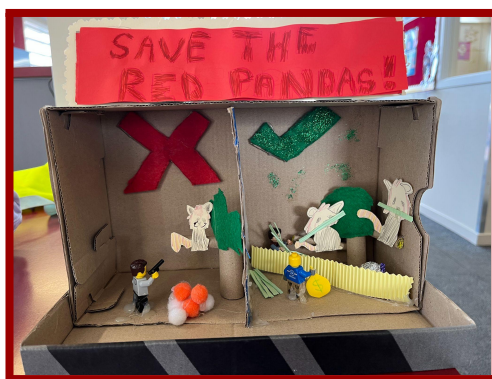
Hakaterere - Ashburton

## Māori Phrase for next week

Aotearoa - New Zealand

## Student work

Our Inquiry last term was 'Sharing the Planet'. As part of this, children researched questions about some of the world's problems. After making a presentation to share their findings, the children decided how they could take action to help solve some of these problems. Our focus was 'Citizenship' - showing what we can do to help. Lorcan (Room 9) created a diorama to teach others how to look after red pandas, which are an endangered species. We are super proud of his efforts!



## Parent Teacher Association (PTA) update

Dear Parents/Caregivers,  
I am writing to invite you to learn more about being part of our PTA.

### What is the PTA?

The PTA is an open community of parent volunteers working alongside the school and teachers to benefit the school and ensure the best educational experience for all our children.

### Why is a PTA important for a school?

1. **It sets a great example for your child** - Being active in the PTA not only improves your child's school but also makes you an excellent role model. When children see us involved in their school and learning, it encourages them to do their best.

2. **It builds trust** - It's a great way to get to know other parents and teachers whilst gaining an insight into the workings of the school. With parents and teachers striving towards the same goals, the parent group is instrumental in making a real difference in the school life of all children.

**3. It raises welcome funds** - Whether it's creating an outdoor learning space, funding a new playground, or contributing to school camp fees, the funds raised from our activities impact massively on the opportunities and experiences of all children at our school.

Are you interested in finding out more... Join us! Why not come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 1 of August at 7:30pm in the school staff room.

Yours faithfully,

Barb O'Connor  
Chairperson

Kia ora koutou,

The PTA and Café Time would like to thank you all for your generous orders that contributed towards the bakery fundraiser. It was a huge success, with your help, the PTA made a profitable amount of funds to deliver to the school and our most important people, the children we serve.

from the PTA team



## Calendar of School Events

Wednesday 26 July	Mihi Whakatau / welcome for new families in the hall, 2:15pm
Tuesday 1 August	Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday 2 August	Middle and Senior 3 Way Conferences, 3:20pm - 7:30pm
Thursday 3 August	Middle and Senior 3 Way Conferences, 3:20pm - 5:30pm
Friday 4 August	School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 7 August	School Board meeting, 7:30pm
Friday 11 August	Hakatere Festival (Kapa haka and Multicultural groups), Events Centre
Monday 14 August	Senior swimming week through to Friday 18 August
Thursday 17 August	Winter Tournament (pp Friday 18 August)

## Term Dates - 2023

### Term 3

17 July to 22 September

### Term 4

9 October to 15 December

School closed:

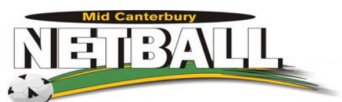
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| • Labour Day             | Monday 23 October    |
| • Staff development      | Thursday 16 November |
| • Canterbury Anniversary | Friday 17 November   |
| • Staff development      | Monday 20 November   |

## Road Patrol Helpers

Are there any parents / grandparents out there that could please help out with Road Patrol? If so could you please email Mr Miller [chris.miller@allenton.school.nz](mailto:chris.miller@allenton.school.nz)

This would be much appreciated to help our children cross the road safely. You can be a parent / caregiver of any aged child, not just of Year 6 children who are on Road Patrol.

## Community Notices



### YEAR 1 & 2

### FUTURE FERNS

Register your future netball star now!  
Thursdays Term 3 (20th July – 21st Sept)  
3.45pm – 4.45pm  
EA Networks Centre, Ashburton

[MCNETBALL.CO.NZ](http://MCNETBALL.CO.NZ)

\$50 per child

### Future Netball Sessions

Our Year 1 & 2 Future Netball sessions will be running on Thursdays in Term 3 (20<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> September) 3.45pm – 4.45pm at the EA Networks Centre.

The sessions are focused on fundamental movement and ball skills, with the emphasis on fun. The sessions consist of a 20 minute skill session followed by a 16 minute game to finish off.

The link below is to register the players – or go on to the MCN website under the

ANZ Future Ferns tab.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/236411>

If you have any questions please contact: Natalie Lucas, Development Officer  
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