



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 1 - 2 February 2024

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“Together We Learn and Grow”

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



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

Welcome back everyone, to another exciting school year! I trust all our Allenton families have had a safe and enjoyable summer break. It was wonderful to see the smiles on the faces of our tamariki this week as we head into the 2024 school year. Many thanks to parents and children who attended the 3 Way Interviews on Wednesday. Teachers reported having high levels of attendance at these, and see them as a valuable way to start the school year. Many thanks for your support in these.

As we embark on the year together, we are thrilled to be partnering with our families to ensure a fulfilling learning experience occurs for our children. At our core, we understand the importance of the connection between home and school in nurturing students' growth and success.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Kim Wall. Kim will be working as a learning support teacher on a part time basis. She brings a wealth of experience across ECE, primary and community-based sectors and we are fortunate in having her on the staff team at Allenton. Welcome Kim! We also welcome 18 new students in Years 2 - 6, as well as 20 children who are transitioning to start school for the first time this week and next.

As we start the new school year, it's important to note the setting of boundaries around teacher availability. While our educators are dedicated to supporting students at school, it's equally important for them to maintain a healthy work-life balance, so that they can engage fully with their own families and interests in order to be fully focused whilst at school. Communications received after normal working hours will, in most cases, be cleared the following working day. It's also important to recognise that when staff are teaching in classes, on duty or in after school meetings, they aren't able to clear messages or emails. If you need to get a note to your child during the day, please do this through the school office.

Newsletters will typically come out each fortnight on a Friday. These are emailed to parents, put on our website and posted through the Skool Loop app. If you have any queries about school events, please see your child's teacher or contact the school office.

The staff and I look forward to the year ahead and our shared commitment to fostering a supportive and exciting learning environment at Allenton School. We look forward to what lies ahead in 2024!

*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

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 all an awesome time at our school!

Rm 1 - Annabel

Rm 3 - Amir, Sioape

Rm 8 - Alissa, Rocco, George

Rm 10 - Charlotte, Oscar, Aunofo

Rm 20 - Ava

Rm 21 - Ashley, Hine, Martin

Rm 2 - Anau

Rm 7 - Adam

Rm 9 - Haniteli

Rm 13 - Ava, Angus

Calendar of school events - Term 1

Monday 5 February	School open as usual
Tuesday 6 February	School closed - Waitangi Day
Tuesday 13 February	PTA meeting - 7:30pm
Monday 19 February	School Board meeting - 7:30pm
Tuesday 20 February	Swimming Sports, Year 4 - 6 (selected students), 1pm
Wednesday 21 February	Mihi Whakatau (welcome) for new / existing families, 2:15pm
Friday 23 February	School Assembly, 10:50am
Friday 1 March	Junior Assembly, 10:50am
Tuesday 5 March	Mid Canterbury Swimming Sports
Friday 8 March	Middle Assembly, 10:50am

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	King's Birthday (3 June) Matariki (28 June)
3	Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept	

In addition to the above, all schools have been granted two Teacher Only Days by the Ministry of Education for curriculum development in 2024. Dates will be advised once confirmed.

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".

Community Notices



Incredible Years® Parenting Programme

Date, Time & Location*

14 week programme
27 February - 11 June 2024
(with 2 week break for school holidays)

Tuesdays - 9.30 am – 11.45 am
Tinwald Plains Function Room
20 Maronan Road, Tinwald, Ashburton

Registration

Erin Sturman - Ministry of Education
incredibleyears.canterbury@education.govt.nz

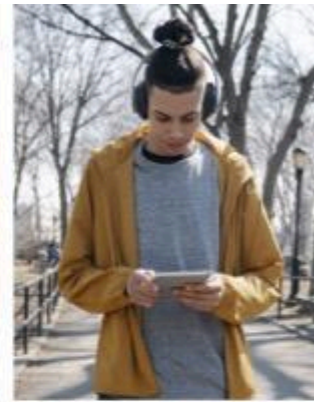
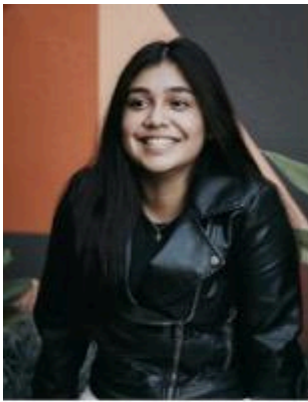
NB: Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Waitlist and referrals are managed by the Ministry of Education.

Course Details

Incredible Years is a parenting programme for parents of 3-8 year old children who would love to connect with other parents and learn some new parenting strategies.

Outcomes you should expect:

- » Building a closer bond between you and your child/children.
- » Growing your child's social and emotional skills so that they can make friends and manage those BIG emotions!
- » Understand your child's learning and help them persist with challenging tasks.



Tuning in to Teens™

DATE, TIME & LOCATION*

20 February - 26 March - TBC
10 am - 12 pm

Presbyterian Support
215 Tancred Street, Ashburton

REGISTRATION

Please refer through
www.psuppersouth.org.nz or email
midcant@psusi.org.nz

NB: Changes can occur depending on registration numbers.

* *Spaces are limited, however, you can request to be placed on the waitlist*

COURSE DETAILS

Parents and carers learn emotion coaching skills for use with young people aged 10-18 years.

- » Focus on developmental needs of teenagers
- » Integrates greater focus on acceptance and empathy
- » Improved parent/teen relationships and adolescent mental health

Hot Shots coaching Term 1 2024

Braided Rivers Community Trust Ashburton Tennis Centre Oak Grove, Ashburton

Starts week of Monday 12th February 2024 for 6 weeks [fees below cover all six lessons]

Red Group – 45 mins The focus of these lessons is on developing fundamental motor skills and hand eye co-ordination through fun games & ball/racquet exercises. For players 5 – 8 yrs	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$60 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$110 [save \$10] Please note: Monday 3.30 pm - FULL
Orange Group – 45 mins Structured for graduates of the Red group & other 8 - 10 yr olds new to tennis, these lessons introduce players to basic stroke technique & ball/racquet control through target hitting, drills & fun games	Monday & Wednesday 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$60 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$110 [save \$10]
Green Group – 1 hr For graduates of the Orange Group & others new to tennis [11 yrs +], the focus is on all aspects of tennis including footwork, basic tactics & point play with an emphasis on having fun	Monday & Wednesday at 4.15 pm Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$75 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$140 [save \$10] Please note: Wednesday 4.15 - cancelled
Hitting Squad – 45 mins [Orange & Green] This group helps our Orange & Green players fast track their skills towards playing Interclub tennis, putting into practice what they have learnt mid week. The emphasis is on serving, scoring and leaning basic hitting patterns, all of which are important when playing competitive matches.	Friday 4.15 pm \$30 per player

Please Note: Full payment MUST be received at time of registration. You are not registered until you have received a confirmation email.

Refund Policy: No refunds will be made for any sessions not attended

Please complete the form below and email to: admin@midcanterburytennis.co.nz or register online at <https://clubspark.kiwi/MidCanterburyTennis/CoachingOption/HotShots>

Internet banking: 03-1351-0448178-00 Please use Surname & Hot Shots as reference

Name:	Male	Female	[pise circle]
Email:	Date of Birth:		
Address:	School:		
Emergency contact name & mobile:			
[Pise circle]	Red	Orange	Green
[Pise circle]	Option 1	Option 2	
Please write your selected day/s & time/s: Eg: If you have selected Orange option 2 & wish to attend Mondays at 3.30 pm & Wednesdays at 4.15 pm, please write Mon 3.30 pm & Wed 4.15 pm in this box			
Cash/Internet Banking [pise circle]	Amount due: \$	Hot Shots T1-24	

A promotional poster for StarJam. The background is a solid orange color. On the left, there are three circular inset photos: the top one shows a young man with a disability and a woman looking at a tablet; the middle one shows a group of young people performing on stage, with one wearing a red mask and a red shirt with a yellow lightning bolt; the bottom one shows three young people in blue StarJam t-shirts. On the right side, there are several musical icons: a silhouette of a person dancing with musical notes, a treble clef, and several individual musical notes. At the top right, the text '@starjamnz' is written. In the center, the text 'Join us at StarJam' is written in white, with 'StarJam' in a larger font. At the bottom left, there is a drawing of a microphone. At the bottom right, there is a silhouette of a person singing into a microphone. The website 'starjam.org' is written at the bottom center.

@starjamnz

Join us at
StarJam

StarJam is a not-for-profit organisation that provides music workshops to young people (Jammers) with disabilities. We are changing the way people view disabilities by helping helping Jammers unleash their potential through music and performance.

Come be part of the fun and join our StarJam whanau!

E: christchurch@starjam.org
M: 021 782 766

starjam.org

My name is Gabrielle and I am the Coordinator here at StarJam. We provide music workshops for young people with disabilities and I am currently looking for some more people to join our Ashburton area.

We run the Ashburton workshops on Wednesday nights between 6pm – 7.30pm at the Ashburton Baptist Church.