



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 3 - 15 February 2024

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Together We Learn and Grow

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Principal's Comment **Nga Korero o te Tumuaki**



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

I'd like to start off by giving a big shout out to our Road Patrol monitors who have made a great start to the term patrolling out two school crossings. Also to the parents who have volunteered to support the monitors at either end of the day. We've had a keen level of interest this year with parents taking up the challenge of supporting the road patrol, which we are very grateful for. Being out on patrol is somewhat easier on these late summer days, whereas once winter arrives, dealing with the cold mornings and rain is another challenge! Many thanks to all students

and parents on the road patrol roster this year.

Within this newsletter are some introductory details about the Hero app that we have been using successfully at teacher level for the past two years. In 2024 we want to make this more accessible to parents. This will mean a transition away from our Skool Loop app over time, so that we are working off one platform that covers the work of both apps as well as having more features that will be rolled out. This process will take some time and we will be here to assist parents with the transition between the two.

In our reports last year we included a section about your child's attendance, and what category this fitted into under usual circumstances:

Excellent - 95 to 100%

Satisfactory - 90 to 94%

Of Concern - 85 to 89%

Needs Addressing - less than 85%

I'd like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance at school - every day matters. Our 2023 achievement data shows that low levels of attendance is more likely to be matched with lower levels of achievement in core areas of learning. Children will have the best chances of success when they have high levels of regular attendance. This also helps to build positive relationships with their peers and have a strong feeling of belonging at school. If you would like current information about your child's attendance as the term or year progresses, please contact their teacher.

We are about to review our Health Education programmes at school. A survey link will be emailed home to all families next week. I encourage you to take part in this short survey, which should take around five minutes to complete. All named entries received will go in the draw to win a supermarket voucher!

Finally, I draw your attention to the Family Fun Night on Friday 1 March, from 5:30pm. Bring along a picnic and take part in the various games that will be available. Many thanks to our amazing PTA for coordinating this event.

*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!

Room 4 - Myra-Lei

**Room 15 - Freya, Ezra, Harry, Cole,
Billy, Maxine, Xander,
Lucia, Zion-Eve, Ayla**

Room 21 - Iziah

**Room 16 - Willow, Jensen, Ava, Baden
Ellemay, Aarav, Connor,
Charlie, Lucas, Amy,**



Calendar of school events - Term 1

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 Family Fun Night, 5:30pm
Tuesday 5 March	Mid Canterbury Swimming Sports PALs Leadership Day PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Friday 8 March	Middle Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 10 March	Rooms 12, 13, 20,21 swim week commences (2 weeks)

Friday 22 March	School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 25 March	School Board meeting - 7:30pm
Tuesday 26 March	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
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 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	
4	Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec	Labour Day (28 Oct) Teacher Only Day (14 Nov) Canty Ann Day (15 Nov)

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".



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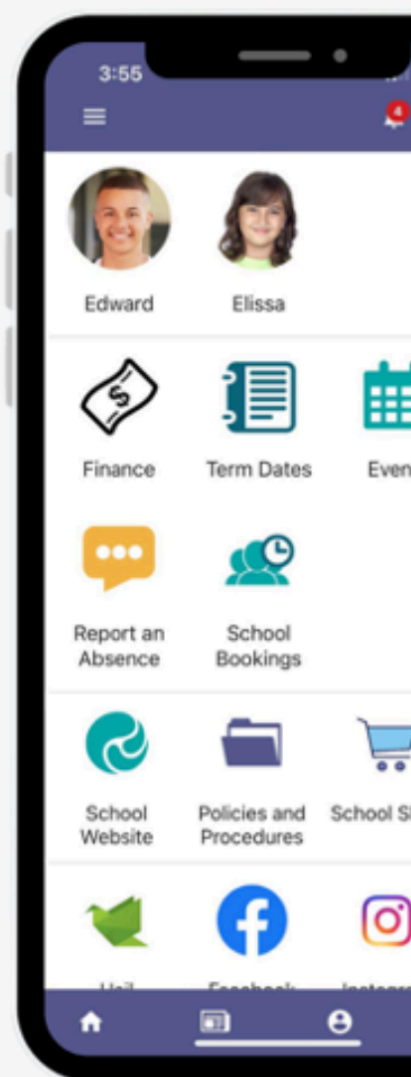
WE'RE PLEASED TO LAUNCH OUR NEW SCHOOL APP - HERO!

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.





READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by
following these steps.

1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

3 SELECT "NEW USER"

Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.

4 SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

5 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

6 FOLLOW THE LINK

This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.



Community Notices

Winter Fashion Parade for Life Ed - Mid and South Canterbury

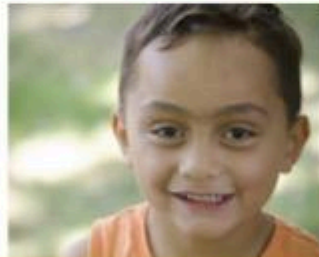
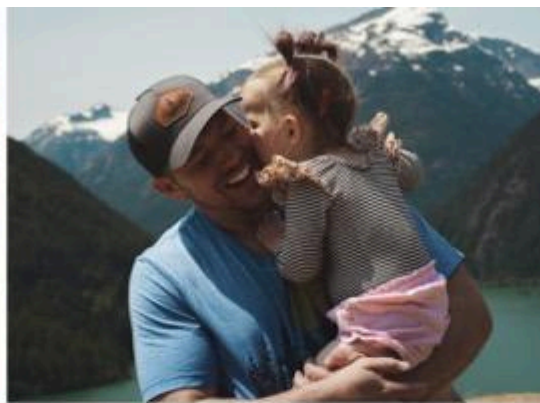
Thursday March 7th at PREEN Ashburton

7pm start

\$20 per ticket

Nibbles, spot prizes and raffles.

Tickets available at either PREEN or Moyra ph 027 203 5991



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.

Please go to the Allenton netball website:

www.sporty.co.nz/allentonnc

Click on registration 2024 to complete registration process"

Allenton Netball

Yr 3-6

Players will be placed into teams

Register by the 15th March 2024

Any questions please contact the Junior

Convenor Ashleigh Robertson on

0276593485



Allenton Netball Junior Trials Yr 7 & 8

Wednesday 13th March 2024

5pm-6.30pm

Allenton Netball Courts
Melrose Rd

Sunday 17th March 2024

4pm-5.30pm

Allenton Netball Courts
Melrose Rd

Register now!

Register by the 8th March



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Allenton Netball Club

allentonnetballclub@gmail.com



ASHBURTON

RIVER TRAIL MARATHON

5km, 10km & 21km

**First Weekend
of March 2024**

**Registrations
Open Now**

5km Events Starts at 5:30pm 01/03/2024

10km & 21km Events Starts at 8:30am 02/03/2024

Allenton Rugby
Football Club Inc

Melrose Rd
Ashburton

5km Corporate Challenge

MORE INFORMATION

✉ ashburtonrivertrailmarathon@gmail.com



Children welcome to enter the 5km on the Friday night. Also we invite any work place to enter in the corporate event on Friday night too.



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To whom it may concern,

Please could this be shared with any potentially interested parties.

As a non-Government funded charitable trust board, we are responsible for ensuring the financial and educational excellence and long-term viability of Life Education Trust Mid and South Canterbury.

We are extremely proud of what a small team of Trustees can accomplish, along with our administrator and two fully qualified teacher-trained Educators. Together we cater for approximately 8000 children per year and take the lessons to over 65 schools around the wider region.

In the previous 18 months we have successfully rebranded the Harold Club to become Friends of Harold (encompassing every type of support we receive), rewrapped the entire mobile classroom, purchased a replacement truck, installed a wheelchair lift (to enable children with disabilities to enter safely) and covered the ever-increasing costs across all functions of the trust. This is achieved by 10 volunteer trustees who represent our region of Glenavy to Rakaia and as far afield as Mt Cook.

Life Education Trust Mid-South Canterbury could not achieve this without the help of our local communities. We are now reaching out to our local schools in the hope of informing interested parties of our need for new trustees to join our board. We are seeking expressions of interest from community-minded individuals that are willing to assist us to ensure that Life Education Trust continues in Mid and South Canterbury for another 30+ years. Ideally, we are looking for candidates with one or more of the following qualities, financial or business acumen, strong community contacts and the desire to assist and participate in events.

If any of your members are interested, please contact Amy via admin@lifeedmsc.org.nz and one of our current trustees will be in contact to explain the who, what and when.

Yours sincerely

Amy Pateman
Funding and Promotions Administrator



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FABRIC AND CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday 23rd March

Time: 9am - 4pm

**Venue: Sinclair Centre,
Park Street, Ashburton**

**Donations of good quality fabric, wool,
and craft supplies accepted**

Items can be dropped off
at: -

Smith and Church

or

Resene Paints



For enquiries and
collection contact: -

Rosemary 0274396793

or

Isabell 0272318911



**An Ashburton Altrusa fund raising project with
proceeds going back into the community**

**SUNDAY 3RD MARCH / 10.30AM - 2.30PM
AT THE TINWALD PLAINS**

FREE

**JOIN US
FOR THE MID CANTERBURY**

FREE

CHILDREN'S DAY



A FUN FREE DAY OUT!

LOTS TO SEE AND LOTS TO DO. BRING A PICNIC AND ENJOY!

HELD IF WET BUT RIDES MAY BE LIMITED.

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