



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 5 - 18 August 2023

110 Harrison Street, Ashburton

Phone (03) 308 6495

Email: office@allenton.school.nz

Website: www.allenton.school.nz

School app: search for Skool Loop and select Allenton School
"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.

We are now at the halfway mark for the term and many of you will agree it has certainly gone quickly so far. It's encouraging to see the days are gradually getting longer as we head into spring.

On Tuesday afternoon our junior team hosted a reading information afternoon for parents and whānau. They shared current reading strategies to show progressions as children move from a focus on decoding to comprehending text. Parents then had the opportunity to see these strategies in action as teachers worked with small groups of children. Many thanks to everyone involved and to our whānau who attended.



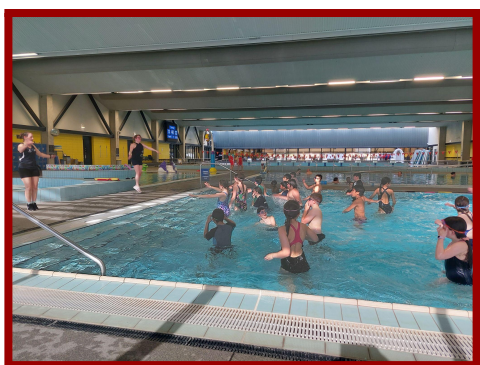
Last week we had groups representing Allenton at the Mid Canterbury Dance Champs on Monday and Tuesday evenings and the Hakatere Festival during the day on Friday, where our kapa haka and multicultural groups performed. This was the culmination of many hours of practice at lunchtimes and even on the weekends! They all had their time to shine on the stage at their respective events and did brilliantly. We are so proud of them. Some students were involved in groups at both ends of the week! Well done and many thanks to all students, staff and parents involved.



Yesterday many of our Year 5 and 6 students competed in the Mid Canterbury Schools Winter Tournament. It was great weather for sport and those who took part had a most excellent time! A huge thank you to all our parent and staff coaches / managers who have spent many weeks preparing the teams, as well as our supporters encouraging the teams from the sidelines. Our teams did very well and achieved results they can be proud of. Our Rugby team and one of our Netball teams qualified for the Canterbury-wide tournament, which is a massive achievement!



With the tournament on yesterday, the seniors who were still at school did an "Aquacise" class instead of the traditional swimming lessons. Feedback from the teachers who went was very positive!



Over the next couple of weeks, we will be asking parents, students and staff some questions to assist with future school direction over the next three years. It will be appreciated if as many parents as possible take part in this to assist with our planning. The questions will come home later next week with the eldest / only child in each family and we ask that these are returned to school by Monday 4 September. They can be handed to your child's teacher or placed in the red lock box, which will be in the office foyer.

The questions will cover the following areas:

- *Skills and abilities you want your child(ren) to have by the time they leave our school*
- *What you see as the greatest challenges and needs that our children will face in the future*
- *How we can work more effectively to cater for your child(ren)'s learning needs*
- *The greatest priorities for our school over the next three years*

Children will do their questions in class, with the support of their teacher.

I'd like to acknowledge one of our Board members, who has recently ended their term on the Board. Liz McCallum was elected to the Board three years ago and has been actively involved in the governance of Allenton School over this time. I have valued working with Liz and wish her all the best for future endeavours. Liz will continue her support of Allenton School as a parent.

Next week is Book Week at Allenton School, with lots of exciting activities planned to promote a love of books - a book character dress up day, reading challenges, teachers reading in other classes and more! Please see the note below for further information.

In speaking with parents / potential parents in recent weeks about our enrolment zone, there may be some confusion about the area bordered by Alford Forest Road, Allens Road, Harrison Street and Oak Grove and how this pertains to New Entrant (5 year old) eligibility to enrol at Allenton School. The Education and Training Act outlines what the criteria are for this area, which has previously been part of our school enrolment zone. If this relates to you, or someone that you know of, please email me - principal@allenton.school.nz or call the office for further information and clarification.

Lastly, I will be hosting an afternoon tea on Thursday 24 August in Room 17 (adjacent to the hall) from 2:15pm to 3:00pm for any interested parents and whānau. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents and have a chat about our school. Preschoolers are most welcome!

Me mahi tahi tātou, mō te oranga o te katoa
We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone

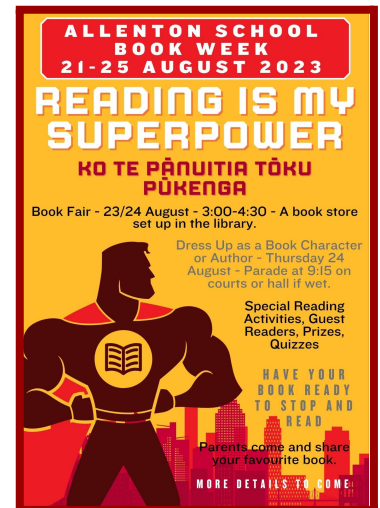
Have a wonderful weekend!

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.

Reed	Room 12	Arlo	Room 11
Navpreet	Room 11	Daniel	Room 11
Max	Room 11	Ma'ake	Room 11



Student achievement outside of school

We have recently had three Allenton students (Brody, Holly and Eden) compete at the Canterbury Schools Trampoline Championships in Rangiora. They achieved the following results:

Blue Badge:

Brody - 1st Double Mini Trampoline (DMT),
4th Trampoline

Holly - 2nd DMT, 6th Trampoline

Junior Elite:

Eden - 7th DMT, 6th Trampoline

Brody and Holly have been involved in trampolining for one term; Eden has been trampolining for two years. Congratulations to you all! Here is a photo of the Allenton trampolinists with their coach Nicci from Dynamic Gymnastic Sports.



Māori Phrase for this week

Te Moana-a Raukawa - Cook Strait

Māori Phrase for next week

Te Ara a Kiwa - Foveaux Strait

Skiing

If you have already registered and paid for skiing please read the link below regarding the School Ski Day

[Ski notice](#)

Daffodil Day Fundraiser

Next week Allenton School will be fundraising for Daffodil Day. There will be a donation box in the office for children to put a gold coin into. They can do this any day of the week with the last day being Friday 25th August. There won't be a dress up day for this fundraiser, just the chance to support this important cause.



Calendar of school events - Term 3

Friday 18 August	PTA disco - see notice below
Monday 21 August	Book Week starts
Thursday 24 August	Principal's afternoon tea, 2:15pm in Room 17
Friday 25 August	Ski trip (optional for Year 3 - 6)
Monday 28 / Tuesday 29 August	Financial Literacy - Year 3 / 4
Friday 1 September	School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 4 September	School Board meeting, 7:30pm
Tuesday 5 September	PTA meeting, 7:30pm, Coffee Culture
Wednesday 6 - Friday 8 September	Year 6 camp at Woodend
Friday 8 September	Middle School Assembly - 10:50am
Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 September	Financial Literacy - Year 5 / 6
Monday 11 September	Māori Language Week starts
Friday 15 September	Senior Assembly - 9:10am Junior Assembly - 10:50am

Term Dates - 2023

Term 3

17 July to 22 September

Term 4

9 October to 15 December

School closed:

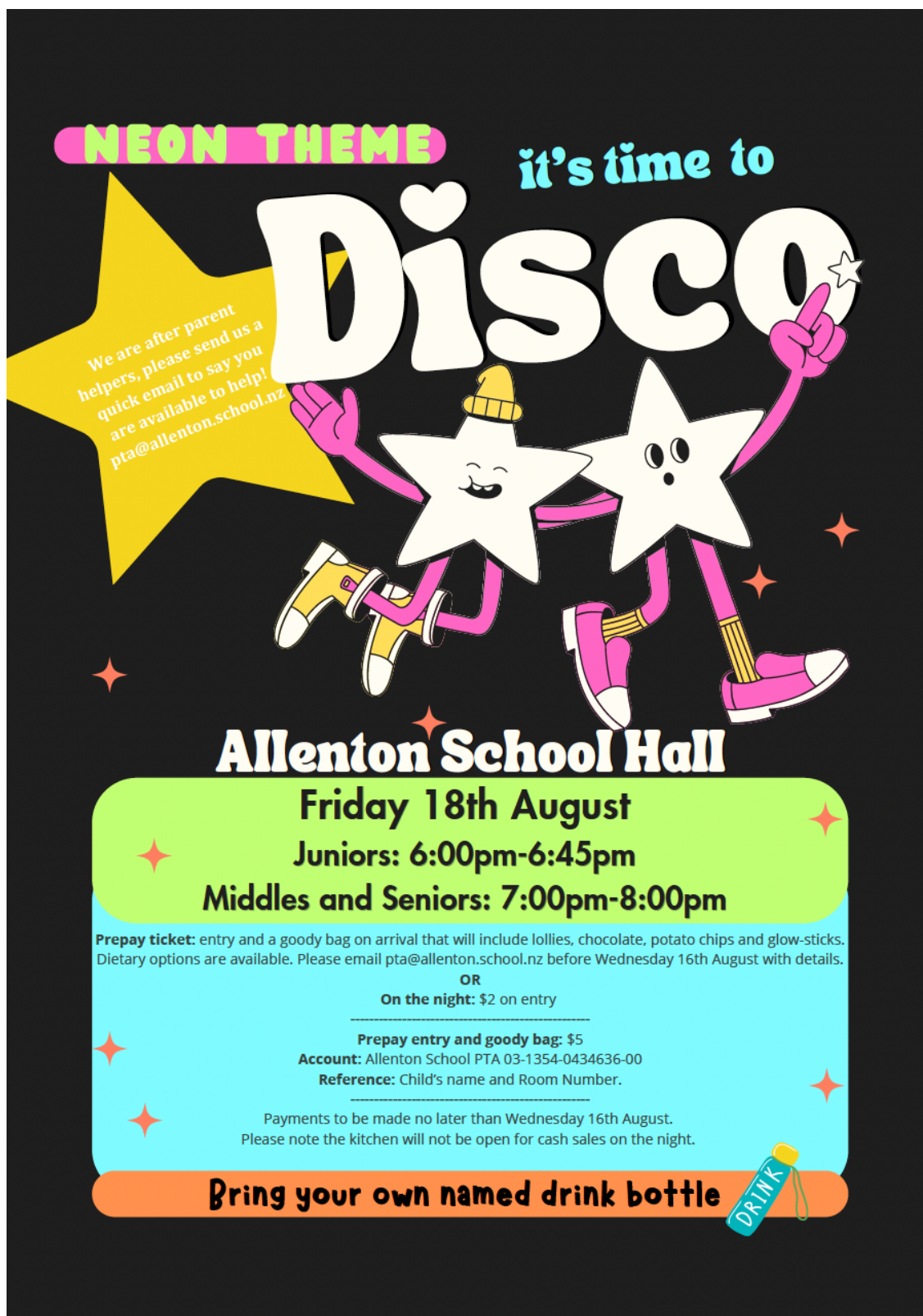
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| • Labour Day | Monday 23 October |
| • Staff development | Thursday 16 November |
| • Canterbury Anniversary | Friday 17 November |
| • Staff development | Monday 20 November |

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, all schools have been granted two Ministry of Education-permitted Teacher Only Days for curriculum development in 2024. Dates will be advised once the date range has been set by the MOE.

**** Tonight! ** Tonight! ** Tonight! ****



The poster features a black background with vibrant neon colors. At the top, a pink bar contains the text 'NEON THEME' in green. To the right, the phrase 'it's time to' is written in a light blue, cursive font. The word 'Disco' is prominently displayed in large, white, bubbly letters. Below the text, two cartoon stars with faces, arms, and legs are dancing. One star is wearing a yellow party hat and yellow shoes, while the other is wearing pink shoes. A large yellow star on the left contains a message about parent helpers. The event details are listed in a green box, and ticket information is in a light blue box. At the bottom, an orange bar encourages bringing a drink bottle, accompanied by a small illustration of a blue bottle with a yellow cap.

NEON THEME it's time to

Disco

We are after parent helpers, please send us a quick email to say you are available to help! pta@allenton.school.nz

Allenton School Hall

Friday 18th August
Juniors: 6:00pm-6:45pm
Middles and Seniors: 7:00pm-8:00pm

Prepay ticket: entry and a goody bag on arrival that will include lollies, chocolate, potato chips and glow-sticks. Dietary options are available. Please email pta@allenton.school.nz before Wednesday 16th August with details.

OR
On the night: \$2 on entry

Prepay entry and goody bag: \$5
Account: Allenton School PTA 03-1354-0434636-00
Reference: Child's name and Room Number.

Payments to be made no later than Wednesday 16th August.
Please note the kitchen will not be open for cash sales on the night.

Bring your own named drink bottle

ALLENTON SCHOOL BOOK WEEK 21-25 AUGUST 2023

READING IS MY KO TE PĀNUITIA SUPERPOWER TŌKU PŪKENGĀ

17 August 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Please read below further information about next week's Book Week.

Book Fair:

23-24 August, 3:00-4:30

Students will have class time on Monday and Tuesday to see books that they may be interested in. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon, the library will be opened up like a shop and parents and students may come and purchase new books from Scholastic. Eftpos and Cash Sales are available, please bring the correct cash if possible. *In previous years, we have had some problems with overcrowding at the Book Fair, especially in the first half an hour after school finishes. Due to this we are asking that Junior students, their siblings and families come on Wednesday afternoon and all other students wait until Thursday afternoon.* The most popular titles can be ordered at the Book Fair, and delivered to school later, a bit like online shopping. There is time set aside during the school day on Thursday for students who can shop by themselves to visit the Book Fair.

Invitation to Parents

From 2:30 on Monday to Thursday of Book Week, we are inviting parents to come to school and share their favourite children's book with their child/ren and their classmates. Please contact your child's teacher to organise a day and let us know your preference of whether to share to a whole class or smaller group.

Dress Up for Book Week!

We love a good dress up day at Allenton School. On Thursday 24, children come to school as a book character or an author. They could also choose to dress in a costume to go with a Non-fiction book. We will have a parade of all students at 9:15 on the School Courts which parents are welcome to attend. If it is wet, we will make other arrangements for students to have an indoor parade for each other.

Reading Challenge

Students will come home with a Reading Challenge on Friday that they can start working on over the weekend and complete over Book Week. They complete the number of challenges that match their age, eg. 7 year olds do 7 challenges. Please sign them off for your children. Bring the sheet back to school each day so teachers can sign off their reading efforts at school too. Completed Reading Challenges need to be delivered to the labelled box in the school office by 9:00 on Friday 25 August.

Other Events

During the school day, there will be guest readers, special reading activities, prizes and quizzes. Students need to have a book ready to stop and read for 5 minutes when they hear "The Superman Theme" over the speakers. Keep an eye on Facebook and Seesaw for updates on all the fun!





OPEN EVENING

We welcome all parents/caregivers and prospective pupils for 2024 to join us on our Open Night on **Tuesday 19 September 2023**.

This gives an opportunity to see what our school has to offer as well as the chance to meet the Principal, staff and other members of the school community.

Please meet in the School Hall at 7:00pm to be welcomed.

Hot Shots coaching Term 3 2023

**Braided Rivers Community Trust Ashburton Tennis Centre
Oak Grove, Ashburton**

Starts week of Monday 21st August 2023 for 4 weeks [fees below cover all four lessons]

Red Group – 45 mins	Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm
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	Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$40 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$75 [save \$5]
Orange Group – 45 mins	Monday & Wednesday 3.30 pm & 4.15 pm
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	Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$40 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$75 [save \$5]
Green Group – 1 hr	Monday & Wednesday at 4.15 pm
For players ten years or older who would like to play interclub tennis this season, the focus is on all aspects of tennis including footwork, basic tactics & point play	Option 1: 1 lesson per week - \$50 Option 2: 2 lessons per week - \$90 [save \$10]
Hitting Squad – 45 mins [Orange & Green]	Friday 4.15 pm
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 learning basic hitting patterns, all of which are important when playing competitive matches.	\$20 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	[plse circle]
Email:	Date of Birth:		
Address:			
School:			
Emergency contact name & mobile:			
[Plse circle]	Red	Orange	Green
[Plse 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 [plse circle]	Amount due: \$		Hot Shots T3 -23

