



# ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 5 - 1 March 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*

Our mihi whakatau was held last Wednesday to welcome our new students and their whānau to Allenton School. There were a lot of them, with some of the group starting in Term 4 last year after the previous mihi whakatau was held. Many thanks to all families who were able to support their children at this event. It was great to be able to have older siblings supporting their younger brothers and sisters too. We do a mihi whakatau each term, normally around three weeks into the term.

At various times I get to supervise the road patrol monitors. This is mostly very enjoyable - greeting and farewelling children and their family members as they enter or leave school and talking to the patrol monitors. From time to time I have noticed that the yellow lines adjacent to the crossing are used as parking spaces by drivers for a convenient, quick and easy drop off. As drivers, we all know that yellow lines can't be used as a parking space, even if it is for a quick drop off. Please take the time to park legally further away from the crossings as this makes the crossing area much safer. Your assistance in this aspect of safety is much appreciated.

As noted in the last newsletter, we are currently reviewing our Health Education programmes at school. A survey link was emailed home to all families last week and this will be live until Monday 4 March. I encourage you to take part in this short survey, which should take around five minutes to complete. Many thanks to everyone who has completed the survey so far. All named entries received will go in the draw to win a supermarket voucher!

Many thanks to families who have downloaded the Hero app. We are able to see that there has been a good, early uptake on this and we look forward to growing this number across the term as we phase in use of the Hero app and transition away from Skool Loop. If you have any queries, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

A final reminder about the Family Fun Night tonight 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

## Junior Syndicate Sharing Time

The entire school has been doing a “6C Launch” these first weeks back at school. This is to remind the children of each of our 6 global competencies as well as have some fun using them.

The programme was:

Week 2 - 1 day this week for the 3 C's we are not focussing on specifically in 2024- Creativity, Citizenship and Collaboration

Then 1 day each week on the focus C's in 2024

Week 3- **Communication / Whakawhitiwhiti kōrero**

Communicating effectively with a variety of styles, modes, and tools (including digital tools), tailored for a range of audiences.

Week 4- **Character / Mana āhuatanga**

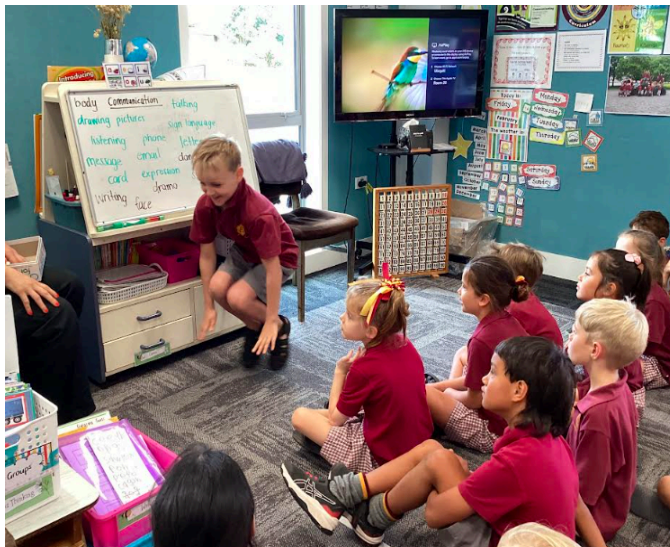
Learning to deep learn, armed with the essential character traits of grit, tenacity, perseverance, resilience; and the ability to make learning an integral part of living.

Week 5- **Critical Thinking / Kirirarautanga**

Critically evaluating information and arguments, seeing patterns and connections, constructing meaningful knowledge, and applying it in the real world.

Here are some images of our Junior Syndicate children in action during the 6C launch.





We have loved getting to have a wee taster of each of them before we begin focussing hard on specific aspects of each to develop in over the year.

The Junior School has a great feeling in each of its rooms and most children have settled back into the school routine well. Please ensure your child has everything they need ready for each day including warm, named clothing, enough food and plenty of sleep the night before.

We know that children thrive on praise - so the positive comments you are writing in their yellow reading logs after you have done reading at home with them, make such a difference to the way they see themselves as a learner - keep it up! Many children have already made leaps in their reading ability in the short time we have been back so far this year which is a direct result of the effort we are all putting in. You as the caregivers, your child and their teacher all working together can make learning a joy of a ride. Thanks so much for your ongoing support and enthusiasm in this area.

Looking forward to continuing to see you all around school,  
Fiona Maw

Deputy Principal / Junior Syndicate Leader

## 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 10 - Myla

Room 12 - Jasper, Kawa

Room 15 - Annelina, Zander,  
Oliver, Nixon



## Calendar of school events - Term 1

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](mailto: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".



# Allenton School

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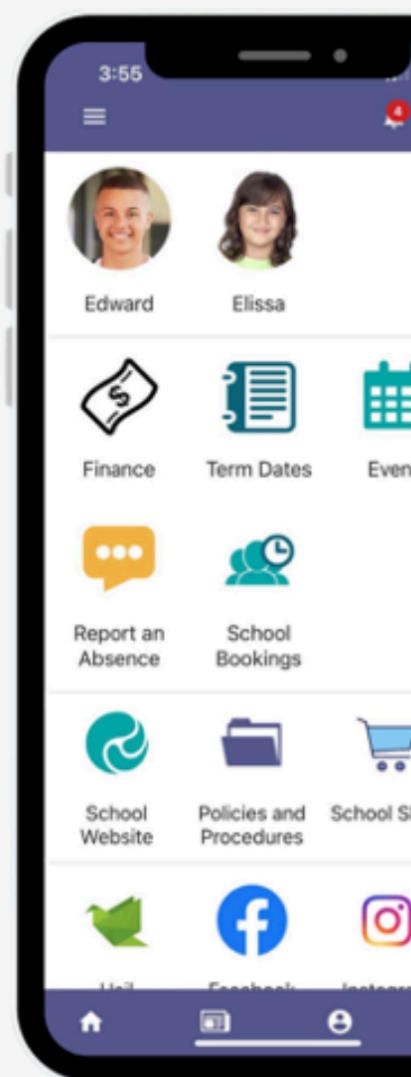
## WE'RE PLEASED TO LAUNCH OUR NEW SCHOOL APP - HERO!

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'

## 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.

## 5 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

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

## 2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

## 4 SELECT "SUBMIT"

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

## 6 FOLLOW THE LINK

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



## 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



The poster features a white background with yellow sunburst graphics on the left and right sides. The text is centered and reads: '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'. At the bottom, there is a photograph of several colorful netballs (pink, blue, green, and purple) with the 'GILBERT' brand name visible.

Please go to the Allenton netball website:

[www.sporty.co.nz/allentonnc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/allentonnc)

Click on registration 2024 to complete the registration process.

#### MID CANTERBURY RUGBY

Below is a link to a short questionnaire (8 questions). Mid Canterbury Rugby are wanting to get an overall picture from all girls. If playing, why not or if thinking about it. What other ideas or things would they like?

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# 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

Any questions please contact the Junior  
convenor



Ashleigh Robertson on  
0276593485



Allenton Netball Club

[allentonnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:allentonnetballclub@gmail.com)



## 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

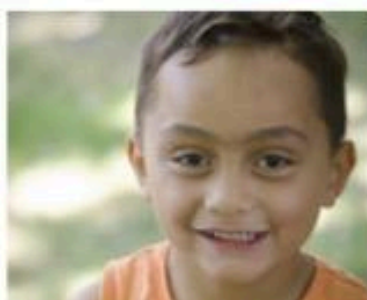
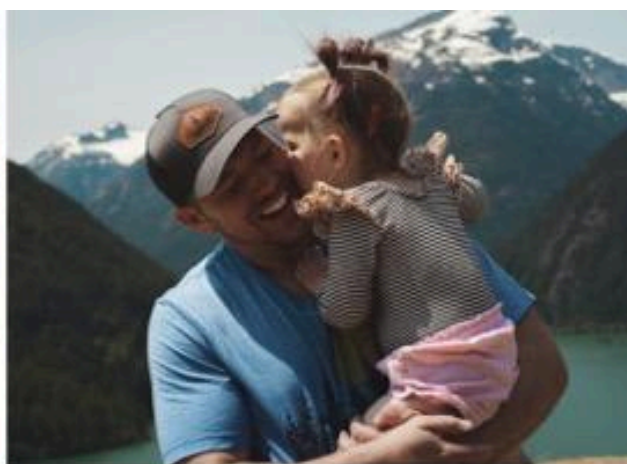
**5km Corporate Challenge**

**MORE INFORMATION**

[ashburtonrivertrailmarathon@gmail.com](mailto: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.



Presbyterian  
Support  
Upper South Island

## Incredible Years® Parenting Programme

### Date, Time & Location\*

14 week programme  
12 March - 25 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](mailto: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.



## "ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE"

Boys' Brigade seeks to mentor boys to prepare them for the challenge of life.

We are a team of dedicated individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of boys across New Zealand and are committed to seeing lives enriched by supporting boys and young men to reach their full potential. We see the need for strong male role models mentoring these boys, as well as a need for fun, adventure, respect and self-discipline. There's something for every young boy whether it's camping or kayaking, first aid or touch rugby.

The Boys' Brigade engages with boys and young men right across New Zealand providing age appropriate holistic programs that provide a range of fun and developmental activities and seek to develop boys into men who are constructive, active, caring, resilient, innovative young leaders and contributing citizens.



**The Centennial Sports Hall, 33 Tancred St, Ashburton**

[bbnz.org.nz](http://bbnz.org.nz)

[bbcanterbury.org.nz](http://bbcanterbury.org.nz)

[facebook.com/iconzbbnz](https://facebook.com/iconzbbnz)

Contact: 027 201 2667 [ashboysbrigade@gmail.com](mailto:ashboysbrigade@gmail.com)

# 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

## Hakaterere Kahui Ako Science Fair 2024

Open to all Year 6,7,8,9 & 10 Students from any  
Mid Canterbury School.



TE KĀHUI AKO  
O HAKATERERE

COLLECTIVE PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

[hakatererecommunitylearning.co.nz](http://hakatererecommunitylearning.co.nz)

When: Week 9 Term 3 2024

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September-Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September.  
Sinclair Centre Ashburton.

Entries Close: **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024.**

The entry link will be emailed to all schools by Week 4 of  
Term 3.

More details to come

Any queries please contact Liz Wells  
[liz@wakanui.school.nz](mailto:liz@wakanui.school.nz)



## 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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# Join ST JOHN YOUTH

Young people developing their potential through leadership, hauora and engaging in their communities.

St John Youth is for all young people aged 5 to 18 years, so come and learn, connect and grow with us.

*Methven Division*



Tuesday



6:30 - 8:00pm



St John Methven  
56 Forest Drive, Methven

[youth@stjohn.org.nz](mailto:youth@stjohn.org.nz) | 0800 ST JOHN | [youth.stjohn.org.nz](http://youth.stjohn.org.nz)



Hato Hone  
**St John**