



# ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5 - 26 May 2023

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## 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 mid point of Term 2; the last five weeks have certainly flown by! I trust the term is going well for your children in their learning and connections with other students. We have seen a number of absences due to sickness and children who are leaving during the day, again due to sickness. Many thanks for your support with this.

As I write this newsletter, schools throughout the country are in somewhat of a holding pattern as we wait for the outcome of collective agreement negotiations between the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the teachers' union - NZ Educational Institute (NZEI). These have been ongoing for many months now. While the two parties have recommenced negotiations this week, if no satisfactory offer can be presented by the MOE, then teachers will be involved in strike action next Wednesday, 31 May. This means that school will be closed for instruction and children will remain at home on this day. Schools will be informed of the outcome of the negotiations hopefully by Monday and we will put updates out through Facebook and Skool Loop as soon as we know. If strike action does go ahead the Pasifika family fono that was planned for next Wednesday will be postponed to a later date to be advised.

Our Middle Area held their cross country at school last Tuesday and it was wonderful to see high levels of parents and whānau support on the sidelines. Congratulations to all students who took part in this event and for the effort they put into completing their race.



We entered three teams in the Mid Canterbury Schools' Rippa Tournament yesterday, held at the Showgrounds. Well done to all teams who had an enjoyable day out and achieved some good results. Jackson and Lachie have written a report of the day below.

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 review topics will be of more relevance to certain reviewers than others. This term the review focus is Education Outside the Classroom. 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".

*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:

Ben	Room 12
Hadley	Room 12

## Rippa Report

On a sunny Thursday afternoon we went to the Ashburton Showgrounds to play in the Regional Rippa Rugby tournament to see if we could qualify for the Subway Cup in Oamaru. Each team had to play 4 games throughout the day with a short turnaround between games. We practised passing the ball and working as a team and made improvements across all areas of our game. We didn't quite make the finals but were very competitive and had a blast!

By Jackson H and Lachie S



## Maori Phrase of the Week

**Week 4: tangata / tāngata**

person / people

**Week 5: wai**

water

### Calendar of School Events

- 31 May - Possible teacher strike day (school closed if strike goes ahead)  
Pasifika fono, 10:00am (if school open)
- 2 June - Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am
- 5 June - King's Birthday, school closed
- 6 June - Junior Area Cross Country (pp 8 June)
- 7 June - Counties Cross Country (for selected Year 5 and 6 students)
- 9 June - Full School Assembly, 10:50am
- 13 June - Allenton choir performs at Schools' Music Festival
- 16 June - Junior Area Assembly, 10:50am
- 23 June - Senior Area Assembly, 9:10am  
Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am
- 30 June - Last day of Term 2

## Term Dates - 2023

### Term 2

26 April to 30 June

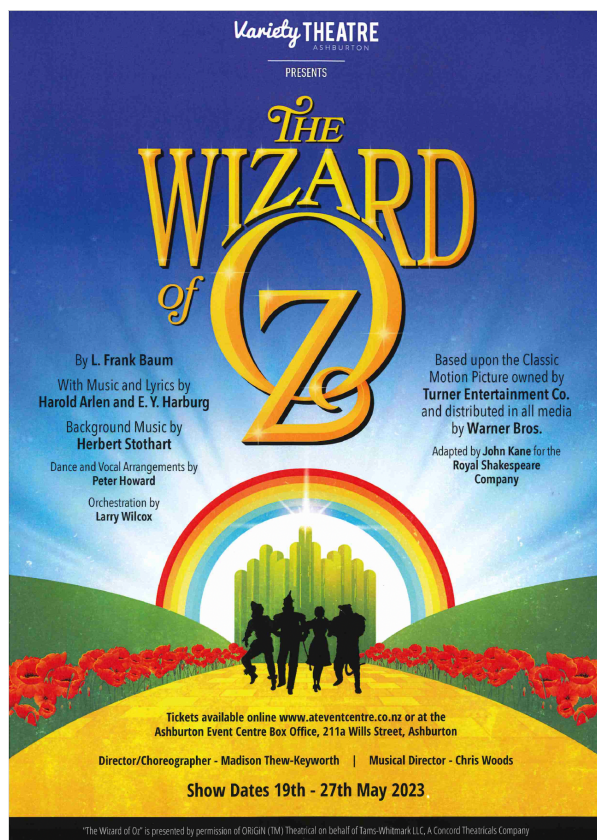
### Term 3

17 July to 22 September

### Term 4

9 October to 15 December

## Community Notices





## MOUNT HUTT COLLEGE

### OPEN DAY

**Thursday 15th June 2023**

Tours commence: 9am, 10am, 11.30am, 12.30pm, 2pm

1 hour programme & refreshments - register now  
03 302 8437 or [office@mthutt.school.nz](mailto:office@mthutt.school.nz)



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# *It's all here*



**YEAR 5/6 3X3**

**STARTING 1st June @ 4pm**



\$20 per player  
Teams of 4 year 5/6  
boys, girls mixed all welcome  
Everyone will play everyone

Register online via the link above.  
Any questions email:  
basketballmidcanterburysecreta@gmail.com

Played at Oxford Street Stadium  
If you are unable to create a team come along at  
4pm on 1st June.

## Join us for a Cultural Awareness Workshop showcasing: Samoa

This is the fourth of our series of workshops for volunteers and managers of volunteers.

We will learn about Samoa, and discuss basic social protocols to help you interact with Samoan clients.

The workshop will be led by Celia Colcord, a Samoan-born New Zealander who has firsthand experience with both cultures.

When: Monday 29th May from 10:30 to 12:00 pm.

Where: Ashburton Art Gallery and Ashburton Museum  
(West Street, Ashburton).

To RSVP or have any other questions, email Dellwyn on  
manager-midc@vmcsc.org.nz by 25th of May.

These workshops are presented by:

