



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 7 - 15 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

We have certainly felt the bite of autumn over the past couple of weeks, with the mornings noticeably darker and evenings a bit colder than what we've been accustomed to.

Health Consultation

Our Health programme consultation period has now ended and we had 55 replies, which we were very happy with. Many thanks to everyone who took the time to be involved in the online survey. We are currently looking through the information received and from this will develop a two year Health Education overview to cover the remainder of 2024 and 2025, which we will share with you in due course. Many of the respondents included their name to go in the lucky draw. Congratulations to Lauren Day whose name was drawn out to win a \$50 Produce Pals fruit and vege voucher!

County Swimming

This past week we have had a team of 11 students representing Allenton at the County Swimming. They achieved some very pleasing results (still to be sent to schools) and were wonderful ambassadors of Allenton School. Well done to you all and many thanks to parents and school staff for their support of this event. Special thanks to Tamara Grant for being the team manager and to Marelize Feberwee for coordinating the timers.



Term Calendar

Through the term I have noted the term dates for the year in the newsletter and that days for staff development were to be confirmed. We have recently been able to confirm when this development will occur and that school will be closed for instruction on Friday 31 May (just prior to King's Birthday weekend), Monday 26 August, as well as the previously listed Thursday 14 November (just prior to Canterbury Anniversary weekend).

Covid

Covid seems to be making an appearance in our community once again, with both staff and students being recently affected by this. Please note that the Ministry of Health recommends that those who test positive should isolate for five days from the first sign of symptoms and only return to school when they aren't symptomatic, return a negative test, or after the five day period has ended.

PTA fundraiser

Late last week or early this week you would have received a letter explaining a fundraiser that our wonderful PTA are organising. On Friday 5th April all Allenton School students will take part in a Fun Run as part of this fundraiser.

The following link will take you to students sign ups: <https://allentonschoolfunrun.raiseit.co.nz>

Alternatively you can donate directly to the campaign using this link:

<https://allentonschoolfunrun.raiseit.co.nz/donate>

The PTA will require parents to assist with the running of this event on the day. Please get in touch if you are able to help - pta@allenton.school.nz.

Playgrounds

This reinstallation work is moving along well, and it has been great to see the progress that has been made in a short space of time. We are hoping to have this open again very soon.

Hero app

Many thanks to families who have downloaded the Hero app so far. We are able to see that there has been continued uptake with this over the past few weeks. We look forward to growing this number between now and the end of term as we phase in use of the Hero app and transition away from the Skool Loop app. We will cease to use Skool Loop at the start of Term 2. If you have any queries about the Hero app, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

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 15 - Evelyn, Soraya

Out of school achievements



Angus, Mary-Anne, Evie-Rose and Olivia have recently competed in local and regional competitions and have achieved some very good results. In the local competition, Angus achieved a 3rd place, Mary-Anne - 1st and 2nd placings, Evie-Rose a 1st place and Olivia - 2 x 1st places. All four students also attended the Canterbury Westland Champs. Angus received a gold medal, Mary-Anne and Evie-Rose - silver medals, and Olivia a silver and bronze.



Wyatt, Sarah and Carlos have recently been selected for the Mid Canterbury Year 5 and 6 3x3 representative basketball team. There are four in each team, so it's a great showing from Allenton! They compete in a tournament in the April school holidays and we look forward to hearing how they get on.

Congratulations to all of the above students - we are very proud of you and it's great to share your achievements!

Calendar of school events - Term 1

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, 7:00pm, Coffee Culture
Thursday 28 March	Dress up for Harold day
	Senior Assembly, 2pm
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
	Fun Run Fundraiser on field, 1:30pm
Sunday 7 April	Daylight Saving ends - clocks go back one hour
Friday 12 April	Junior Assembly, 10:50am
	Term 1 ends, 3:00pm

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	Staff development day (31 May) King's Birthday (3 June) Matariki (28 June)
3	Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept	Staff development day (26 August)
4	Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec	Labour Day (28 Oct) Staff development day (14 Nov) Canty Ann Day (15 Nov)

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".

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

We will be having a "Dress Up for Harold" fundraiser day on Thursday the 28th of March 2024.

Your child is welcome to dress up in their house colour costume on the day of this event. Please don't buy anything, just use the stuff you have at home. Please bring a gold coin donation for Harold. It is fine if you don't want to dress up. We will be having a lunch time picnic in our House colour groups, and parents will be welcome to join us. We'll have a parade too, if the weather is good!

Thank you for your support,

The Allenton School House Leaders



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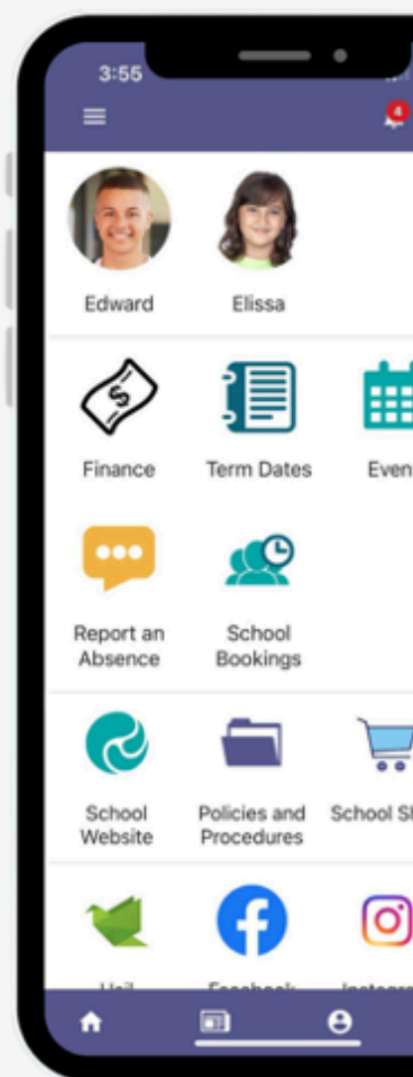
WE'RE PLEASED TO LAUNCH OUR NEW SCHOOL APP - HERO!

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 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.

3 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

4 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

5 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.

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



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PTA

Entertainment Fundraising for the PTA, is still rolling on.

For a limited time, receive a FREE upgrade to Multi City when you purchase a Single City Membership to The Entertainment App. Until 2-4-2024

Experience unbeatable value across Australia and New Zealand with this epic offer! A Multi City Membership gives you thousands of exclusive offers in 20 cities and right now you can unlock access for as little as \$69.99.

2 for 1 offers, special rates and discounts off dining, takeaways, shopping and activities throughout Christchurch, Canterbury, Timaru, Ashburton and Nelson area with the Christchurch area APP. Local businesses include Indian Minar and the Regent Cinema. Still lots of Christchurch restaurants and activities eg. Antarctic Centre.

20% of every Entertainment Membership purchased through us goes directly towards supporting Allenton School's PTA fundraising! Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

www.entertainmentnz.com/orderbooks/934v007



Dear Parent/Guardian,

2024 Allenton School Fun Run - Online Sponsored Fundraiser

Allenton School is running a Fun Run fundraiser to assist us in raising funds for outdoor upgrades for our wonderful school. We are fundraising to landscape and provide finishing touches to our new courts and playground areas. We're passionate about providing an enriching environment for our students, fostering their physical, social, and cognitive development. Our students will come together and participate in our Fun Run. They will be seeking online sponsorship for their efforts, all funds raised will go towards these exciting upgrades.

How will this fundraiser work? This year we have partnered with online fundraising company Go Raise It. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends & family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling cash!

How do I sign my child up to fundraise online? Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship from anyone, anywhere!

Just go to our Fundraising Hub page at: <https://allentonschoolfunrun.raiseit.co.nz/>

Or use the QR Code to visit the hub page:



Click on the **SETUP A FUNDRAISING PAGE** button

If you need any help email
help@raiseitfundraising.com for direct assistance

Multiple children in your family? No problem, all children can sit under the same email address. You'll find a button to set up another page while logged in to the fundraising account you created first.

Do I have to sign up for an online account to fundraise? We would love everyone to have an online account as this allows the school to significantly reduce administration overheads. Go Raise It adhere to strict cyber safe guidelines and this is built into our fundraising website. If you really do not want an online fundraising page, and still want to participate please check with the school office to see if you can collect cash.

Prizes:

We have a great range of spot prizes and two prizes for speedy sign ups (Bluetooth Karaoke Microphone with Speaker and Wireless Earpods). The school house that raises the most will receive a prize at school.

Event Details: Friday 5th April, Allenton School Field, 1.30pm onwards.

All Allenton School students will participate in the Fun Run. On the day students will bring their house colour t-shirt to get changed into.

We will require parent help from 12pm on the day to set up. Please email the Allenton School PTA if you are available: pta@allenton.school.nz

Kindest regards,

Allenton School PTA and Allenton School Health and PE Committee

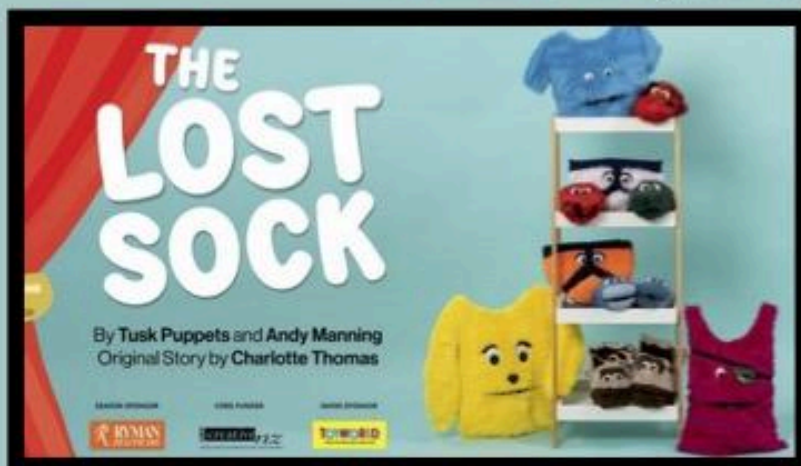
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Join us for some School holiday FUN!

**Tuesday
23rd
April**

**Grab the kids or grandkids, jump on the bus
and lets head to Christchurch for a fun,
musical adventure at The Court Theatre!**

This show is for ages 5-9 years



**Maximum 3 children per
adult**

**Call now for more info or to book
027 265 6883**

\$85

THIS INCLUDES

- Bus travel for 1 adult & 1 child
- Show ticket for 1 adult & 1 child
- Goodie bag for 1 child

****Extra children \$35 each**

**All children MUST be accompanied by a
responsible adult. Beckley Coachlines does not
accept responsibility for the supervision of any
children, at any time**



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**

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



Mid-Canterbury Cricket

Gala Day

Saturday 23 March

12pm - 3pm

Ashburton Domain - Oval

Let's celebrate the cricket season!

Head along to watch the
Williamson Grade final played on
the Oval.

Canterbury &
Mid-Canterbury
Cricket will have
activities for
spectators

BBQ, food &
drink for sale

Girls Teenage Touch



EVERYONE WELCOME

AGE: 11 - 18

TUESDAY NIGHTS- 6PM- 7PM
MARCH 12, 19, 26, APRIL 9
ASHBURTON A&P SHOWGROUNDS

GIRLS ONLY FIELD



Kirsty@midcanterburyrugby.co.nz
0276258055



ALLENTON NETBALL

If anyone wants an Allenton Netball hoodie this 2024 season, they will be available to try on and order on the below dates/venues.

Kids Size - \$67.00

Adults Size - \$70.00

Orders close Sunday 17th March. If you can't make any of the below dates, please email your order to mverrall@xtra.co.nz or contact Mandy at 027 221 3889

All hoodies must be paid for via Internet banking by Sunday, 17th March

Allenton Netball Club Inc

02-0836-0082819-00

- **SATURDAY 9 March, 10 am-11 am at the Allenton Netball Courts, Melrose Road**
- **TUESDAY 6 pm-7 pm at EA Networks (VetEnt Court)**
- **WEDNESDAY 13 March, 5 pm-6.30 pm at the Allenton Netball Courts, Melrose Road**