

### ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.

Our Senior Area upgrade is well underway now, with a lot of demolition and stripping of walls occurring in the last couple of weeks. It's great to see this project getting off the ground. While all

the work will be "hidden from view," we'll endeavour to keep you up to date with how the work is progressing. I know Room 1 - 4 students and staff will be eagerly awaiting the completion of this project!







Our Junior Area held their cross country at school this past week, which was again well-attended by parents and other family members. Many thanks for your support of this event! Congratulations to all tamariki who took part as well - for many it will have been their first cross country too!

We had a team of Year 5 and 6 students representing Allenton at the County cross country on Wednesday. The level of



competition is a further step up from our school event and it provides a good opportunity for our runners to see how they go against students from other schools across Mid Canterbury. Well done to all runners and special congratulations to Aubrey and Sylvie who placed 1st and 6th respectively in the Year 5 girls event, and to Sarah who placed 4th in the Year 6 girls. These three girls will represent both Allenton and Mid Canterbury at the Canterbury Zone event in Christchurch in two weeks time and we wish them all the best.

Last Friday we had two teams competing in the local EPro8 competition. EPro8 is an inter-school science, engineering and problem solving competition that attracts thousands of participants throughout New Zealand. Events are held in school before selected students go on to represent the school at a local competition. Of our two teams, one finished second (Kimberley, Addie, Hadley and Lachie) and the other finished third (Jackson, Alana, Beau and Jarrod). This is another amazing achievement by our Allenton students - well done to you all!





Next Tuesday our school choir will perform at the Mid Canterbury Music Festival. They have been practising regularly under the guidance of Mrs Sarah Yeoman and are sounding amazing! They proudly performed for us at assembly this morning and it was wonderful to see these talented individuals shine. Special mention goes to Peni, who has been selected for the Representative Choir this year, which is made up of Year 6 - 8 students - a great achievement for someone still at primary school.





Finally, a note about our two staff car parks. These are for staff use only, as well as several families who have mobility dispensation permits. I respectfully ask that these are not used for parent parking or as student drop off points. Many thanks in advance for your understanding in this matter.

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:

Liam Room 14 Tivan Room 21 Cora Room 12 Stevie-Rose Room 12

### Maori Phrase for this week

whenua - land

#### Maori Phrase for next week

kararehe - animal

## **National Young Leaders' Day report**

First we met at school then we drove up to Christchurch and we got to the Town Hall and met up again. We talked for a bit while the parents paid for parking. After that we went in. Then this nice lady gave us some books and pens. We didn't know where to sit so this kind lady showed us to the best seats in the hall.

Then the two hosts came out to introduce the first person who was **Brad Smeele.** Here is his short story: He was a wakeboarder who just landed the first 380 flip in the whole world. Then he tried it again and crashed into a jump head first. His friends dragged him out of the water. These were his words "just leave me to die" He woke up in the hospital not able to move from his shoulders down.

Next we had Julia Grace. She talked about anxiety and jelly

buddies and breathing. After Julia Grace we had **Graci Kim,** who talked about her life and having eye surgery, trying out new jobs. She has also written heaps of books.



Next we had **Tammy Wells** AKA the Briscoes Lady! She talked about acting and performing for ads!

Then it was really funny because Mr Miller went on stage and played a game, he had to put up a pop-up tent and put a onesie on and the

first one to do that got a prize and even though Mr Miller didn't win he still got a NYLD hat!



They saved the best for last, **Georgia Lines**. Georgia Lines was an amazing singer who was too scared to present her work to the public. Once she did, it blew up. At the end Georgia Lines sang for us. She sang an original song called My Love and then she sang a popular song called Flowers. She was amazing!

At the very end we went back to the cars and went back to school!

By Harrison G, Charlotte M & Bibek



## **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 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".

### **Calendar of School Events**

12 - 16 June - Senior area swimming lessons

13 June - Allenton Choir performs at Schools' Music Festival

June - Junior Area Assembly, 10:50am
June - Orana Park trip, Rooms 13, 20, 21
Rooms 12 and 16 swimming lessons
June - Orana Park trip, Rooms 14 and 15

21 June - Canterbury Schools' Cross Country (pp 28 June)

23 June - Senior Area Assembly, 9:10am

Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am

26 - 30 June - Rooms 12 and 16 swimming lessons

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**

