



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Together We Learn and Grow"

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all

We are now into the last three weeks of the school year and this term, like many others, seems to have flown by. Since our last newsletter, we've had several events which have engaged different groups of students, parents and whānau. Last Monday saw a Top Team event for Year 4 - 6 run by Sport Canterbury and a similar event run by school staff for Year 2 and 3 students. Both events followed a team building type approach and provided students with the opportunity to work alongside others, be outside and have fun in doing so. Many thanks to parents who assisted and to Sport Canterbury as well for their coordination of Top Team.



The County Athletic Sports were held earlier in the month and we were well-represented by our students at this event. Allenton received seven x 1st placings, two x 2nds, six x 3rds and five x 4ths. This is a wonderful achievement! Congratulations to everyone involved and many thanks to parents and whānau who supported us on the day. More detailed results have been listed later in this newsletter.



This past Wednesday we brought together all the children for whom English is an additional language. It was wonderful to bring nearly a quarter of our school together for this annual occasion. Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who attended and for their contributions to the delicious shared lunch.



School Board mid term elections have recently been held. Many thanks to parents who took the time to vote in this process. On behalf of the Board, I extend a warm welcome to Rachel Cawte and Adi Avnit, who were the two candidates elected to the Board. We are required to post the full results, which can be found later in the newsletter. I would like to acknowledge the contribution of Hamish Tait, who has been on the Board for the past six years, with the last two years as Board Chair. Hamish's children have completed their primary years at Allenton School and he didn't seek re-election. Hamish has brought considerable expertise to the Board and we have appreciated all the time he has given to Allenton School. I wish Hamish and his family all the best for the future.

We are currently finalising class placements for 2024. If there are any further children who expect to enrol at Allenton in 2024, contact should be made with our school office very soon if not done so already, so that we can accommodate them in class placements. Likewise, if current school families are leaving Allenton at the end of the school year, please also contact the office so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Parents may have read an article (see below) in last week's Ashburton Courier about an exciting initiative the local principals' association are looking to launch in Mid Canterbury through a group called House of Science (HOS). Together with HOS, we are aiming for Mid Canterbury schools to be able to access a wide range of science kits to further enable the teaching and learning in this key area of the curriculum. To do this, we are relying on and asking local businesses to support the initiative through annual sponsorship of kits and support for costs relating to a part time administrator. If you are in a position to do this or would just like some further information, please see me at school or email - principal@allenton.school.nz . The HOS website is - <https://houseofscience.nz/>

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

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 9 Logan

School Board election results

Allenton School

School Board Mid-Term Election 2023
For 2 Parent Representatives

DECLARATION OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVE ELECTION RESULTS

Parent Representatives	Votes
CAWTE, Rachel	67
AVNIT, Adi	34
HARRISON, Charli	31
VAEA, Sateki	8
SOUTHON, Patricia	7

I therefore declare the following duly elected:

Adi Avnit and Rachel Cawte.

Wayne Jamieson
Returning Officer - Allenton School
CES

Māori Phrase for this week

Ōtautari Lake Camp

Māori Phrase for next week

Te Moana nui a Kiwa Pacific Ocean

County Athletics Results

Distance - Year 5 Girls	Distance - Year 6 Girls	Discus - Year 5 Girls	Discus - Year 6 Boys
1st - Aubrey Mitchell-Milmine	4th - Sarah Day	1st - Lily Hadley-Chinn	2nd - Beau Spence
Short Sprints - Year 5 Girls	Shot Put - Year 6 Girls	Shot Put - Year 6 Boys	Long Sprints - Year 5 Girls
1st - Aubrey Mitchell-Milmine 4 th - Sylvie McLeod	3rd - Maya Rollinson	3rd - Sione Taufa 4 th - Beau Spence	1st - Aubrey Mitchell-Milmine
High Jump - Year 5 Girls	Short Sprints - Year 6 Boys	Long Jump - Year 5 Girls	Long Sprints - Year 6 Boys
3rd - Aubrey Mitchell-Milmine	1st - Parker Roddick	1st - Aubrey Mitchell-Milmine	1st - Parker Roddick
Long Jump - Year 5 Boys	High Jump - Year 6 Boys	Long Jump - Year 6 Boys	Relay - Year 6 Girls
4th - Charlie Williams	3rd - Hadley Hawes	4th - Parker Roddick	3rd Place
Relay - Year 5 Boys	Relay - Year 5 Girls		
2nd Place	3rd Place		

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 key review focus is Curriculum and Student Achievement and Health Education. There is also a Distance Learning policy. 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".

Calendar of school events - Term 4

Wednesday 29 November	Canterbury Schools Athletic Sports - Chch
Thursday 30 November	Junior Area carols and picnic, 11am
Monday 4 December	School Board meeting, 7:30pm
Tuesday 5 December	Room 12 visit to Allenton Kindy and Best Start Preschool PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Thursday 6 December	Middle area Christmas concert and picnic, 11am
Friday 8 December	Senior area assembly, 9:10am
Monday 11 December	Year 6 end of year treat
Wednesday 13 December	End of Year reports sent home
Thursday 14 December	End of year assembly for Year 6 students
Friday 15 December	School year ends 12.30pm

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.

Science investment sought

TONI WILLIAMS

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Principals in Mid Canterbury are seeking business funding to increase scientific literacy in their pupils.

It will help them bring House of Science resources to primary and intermediate schools in the district.

House of Science, run by a charitable trust, supplies schools with science kits covering all topics on the science curriculum as well as lesson plans and resources. The initiative requires \$50k to set up and includes a part-time worker and 10 kits.

Principals Andrew Leverton of Allenton, and Claire Maria of Chertsey have been in talks with House of Science business manager Sandra Kirikiri from Tauranga.

She spoke recently at the Mid Canterbury principal's hui in Ashburton.

Her talk garnered plenty of interest with many schools already aware of the value in the programme.

Leverton said for a lot of primary school teachers, unless they had a strong science interest, found science lessons difficult to run.

"Often schools don't have the resource allocation to go out and buy, or they have got some science resources that are in the back cupboard," he said.

"The good thing about House of Science is the kits are delivered, they're fully stocked ready to go, teachers do the lessons which are inside the kits and that will take a barrier away from the teaching of science.

"To get it off the ground in Mid Canterbury what we do need is funding from local businesses."

He said Mid Canterbury had plenty of industries working in fields of science so hopefully there was some interest from businesses.

The learning encompassed STEM - science, technology, engineering and



STEM SUPPORT: Financial investment from Mid Canterbury businesses is being sought to help pupils with science learning.

mathematics - which all fuels Mid Canterbury, he said.

There were 40 different kits available but schools need local businesses on board to support the programme. Nationwide sponsors DairyNZ and Genesis Energy were already on board, he said.

"It's only a goer if we can get local (business) interest," he said.

Businesses can either make a donation to go towards the start up fund or they can sponsor a single kit for \$3000 a year with naming rights on the kit.

Maria said the resource was a game

changer for teaching and learning in science, a topic often neglected because it was difficult to resource.

"This initiative however relies on donations from businesses in our community. We need \$50k, to set this up and we would like to have it up and running for next year," she said.

Each kits contain at least five hands-on experiments for pupils in years 0-8.

Any business, or individuals, in a position to help can contact Leverton or Maria directly through their schools or check out the House of Science website at houseofscience.nz

Community Notices



Help Make the Holidays Bright for Kids at Christchurch Hospital

Calling all kind-hearted community members! We have two extraordinary 8-year-old girls who are on a mission to spread joy and cheer this Christmas season. Our superstar daughters have a desire to make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

This year, they would like to collect Christmas gifts for kids in Christchurch hospitals high care, some of Canterbury's sickest kiddies.

Imagine the smiles on their faces when they receive a surprise gift Christmas morning, bringing a glimmer of hope and happiness to their day.

We kindly ask for your support in making this heart warming initiative a success. We would love to deliver 8 Santa sacks, one for each room.

Whether you have a new toy, a pack of cards, a cozy blanket, coloured pencils or a heartfelt note of encouragement, every contribution will make a tremendous impact.

Let's come together as a community and show these brave kids that they are not alone during this festive season.

Please join Poppy and Willow in spreading the magic of Christmas by donating to our cause.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us make a difference in the lives of some awesome kids. May your kindness be rewarded with the warmest of holiday blessings!

Donations can be dropped at Allenton School Office in the labelled box



Nanogirl Live 2023! Little Bang Big Bang Sun 26 November 2023

Isaac Theatre Royal
BUY TICKETS

Nanogirl, and her trusty lab assistant, **Boris**, along with their **Constantly Learning Artificial Intelligence Repository (CLAIR)** are back for a brand new action-packed adventure, bringing you science and engineering as you have never seen them before!

Filled with experiments, explosions and music—**Little Bang, Big Bang** brings science and engineering to life in the coolest ways possible, right before your eyes! This interactive show gives lots of opportunities for young scientists to step on stage, collaborate with **Nanogirl**, and put science to the test! This performance is surprising, filled with mind-bending science and is guaranteed to be both entertaining and educational for the whole family!

Upcoming performances

Sun 26 November 2023
3:00 pm