



# ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8 - 23 June 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.*

Over the past couple of weeks we have welcomed two new staff members to the Allenton School. Raewyn Geddes is our newest member of the teacher aide team and Kathryn Barr has been appointed to the front office position. It's great to have them both on board and trust that their time at Allenton is an enjoyable one.

Another one of our teacher aides has been shining brightly at a national sporting level. Lydia Wilson has been selected as a netball umpire to officiate at the NZ Under 18 netball champs for the second year in a row. This event will be held in Hamilton during the term break. Lydia is also a member of the Netball Mainland High Performance Umpire squad. We wish her well for her umpiring duties over the term break.



Last week our school choir performed at the Mid Canterbury Schools' Music Festival. I was fortunate enough to be in the audience on the night they performed and was treated to some amazing singing from our choir, alongside other schools. Ofa and Maya who were the soloists as part of our school items did exceptionally well as did Peni who was part of the Representative Choir. Special thanks to Mrs Sarah Yeoman who prepared the choir superbly and to everyone who represented Allenton School so well.

This Wednesday we had three girls competing in the Canterbury Zone Cross Country in Christchurch. Year 5 students Aubrey, Sylvie and Year 6 student Sarah qualified through the Mid Canterbury event. Congratulations to all three girls and especially to Aubrey for coming second in her event - a remarkable achievement!

A key focus in education for some time has been on student attendance, due to overall low levels across the country. We will soon again be making contact with parents of students who have had attendance concerns across this term. A day missed here or there doesn't seem a lot, but over time this certainly adds up - every day at school counts. The Ministry of Education defines regular attendance as 90% or more. The table below provides an idea of the effects of irregular attendance on a child's learning.

<i>Attendance percentage</i>	<i>Which means your child misses...</i>	<i>Which equals...</i>	<i>or...</i>	<i>At the end of Year 10...</i>
90%	1 day a fortnight	5 days a term	20 days / 4 school weeks per year	200 days or a full school year missed
80%	1 day a week	10 days a term	40 days / 8 school weeks per year	400 days or a 2 full school years missed
60%	2 days a week	20 days a term	80 days / 16 school weeks a year	4 full school years missed
40%	3 days a week	30 days a term	120 days / 24 school weeks a year	8 full school years missed

This is the time of the year when we think about Matariki, which marks the beginning of the new year in the Māori lunar calendar. 2022 was the first year when Matariki was designated as an official public holiday and this year is celebrated on Friday 14 July, which falls during the term break.

Next Friday, 30 June at 2pm we will be holding a special ceremony for Charlotte McLeod, an Allenton student who passed away two years ago. Charlotte would have been a Year 6 student this year. A memorial bench will be unveiled at the ceremony, which, due to unpredictable weather conditions at this time of year, will take place in the school hall. The bench will later be placed on the far side of the field. All staff and students will join Charlotte's family for the ceremony. Parents and other members of our school whānau should contact the school office by Wednesday 28 June if they wish to attend.

*Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārāma.*

Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened.

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton  
Principal | Tumuaki

## **Samoan Language Week**

In celebration of Samoan Language Week these students wore their Samoan clothing to school. Fa'afetai (Thank you) for sharing your culture and language with us!

**Paul**

*I am proud to be Samoan because I love my grandparents and my family. I feel good wearing my Samoan clothes.*



### Peter

*I am proud to be Samoan because most of my family is in Samoa and it is my home country. It made me feel happy and proud to be representing my culture and family in my clothes.*

### Aitken

*I am proud to be Samoan because it is a beautiful and nice place and it's a nice language to speak. I felt happy in my cultural clothes.*

## New Students

We extend a warm welcome to the following child who has started at Allenton School recently:

Sharmista

Room 12

## Māori Phrase for this week

ngahere - forest

## Māori Phrase for next week

Mānanwatia a Matariki - honour, acknowledge and welcome in Matariki

## 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. The review focus for Term 2 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

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| 26 June      | - Year 5 and 6 Puberty Change parent meeting, 6:30pm |
|              | - Year 6 parent camp meeting, 7:15pm                 |
| 26 - 30 June | - Rooms 12 and 16 swimming lessons                   |
| 30 June      | - Memorial bench ceremony, 2pm                       |
|              | - Last day of Term 2                                 |
| 17 July      | - Term 3 commences                                   |

## Term Dates - 2023

### Term 2

26 April to 30 June

### Term 3

17 July to 22 September

### Term 4

9 October to 15 December

## Road Patrol Helpers

Are there any parents out there that could please help out with Road Patrol for next term, if so could you please email Mr Miller [chris.miller@allenton.school.nz](mailto:chris.miller@allenton.school.nz)

This would be much appreciated to help our children cross the road safely.

## Community Notices

**YEAR 5/6 3X3**

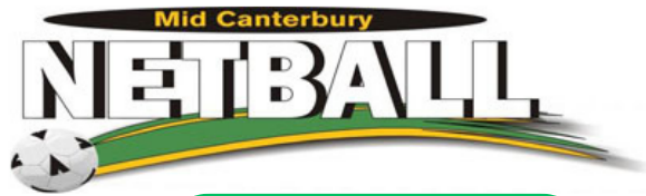
**STARTING 1st June @ 4pm**



\$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](mailto:basketballmidcanterburysecreta@gmail.com)

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



# YEAR 1 & 2

## FUTURE FERNS

Register your future netball star now!  
Thursdays Term 3 (20th July - 21st Sept)  
3.45pm - 4.45pm  
EA Networks Centre, Ashburton

**MCNETBALL.CO.NZ**

\$50 per child

# Lost in Space

Craft sessions run from 10:30 - 11:30am

Wed 5th: Fizzing Moon Rock Bath Bombs

Fri 7th: Funny Alien Flip Books

Mon 10th: Recycled Rockets

Mon 3rd: Ashburton Astronomy Group

+ Wool Star Craft

Wed 12th: Matariki Kites with Peter Lynn Kites

PLUS Family Fun Matariki Escape Room,  
available 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday to Friday during the holidays(excludes Friday 14th).

Bookings essential | phone 03 308 7192

**July SchoolHolidays Ages 5 - 12**



# *Hakatere Kahui Ako*

## *Science Fair 2023*

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



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*When: Week 10 Term 3 2023*

*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September-Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.*

*Sinclair Centre Ashburton.*

*Entries Close: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The entry link will be emailed to all schools by week 4 of term 3. Entries set up: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September after school.*

*Judging: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September*

*Prize Giving: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> evening at the Sinclair Centre*

*Any queries please contact Liz*

*[liz@wakanui.school.nz](mailto:liz@wakanui.school.nz)*

### **Future Netball Sessions**

Our Year 1 & 2 Future Netball sessions will be running on Thursdays in Term 3 (20<sup>th</sup> July – 21<sup>st</sup> September) 3.45pm – 4.45pm at the EA Networks Centre.

Attached is a poster for you to put in your school notices.

The sessions are focused on fundamental movement and ball skills, with the emphasis on FUN. The sessions consist of a 20min skill session followed by a 16min game to finish off.

The link below is to register the players – or go on to the MCN website under the ANZ Future Ferns tab.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/236411>

If you have any questions please let me know

Regards

Natalie Lucas

Development Officer

Mid Canterbury Netball

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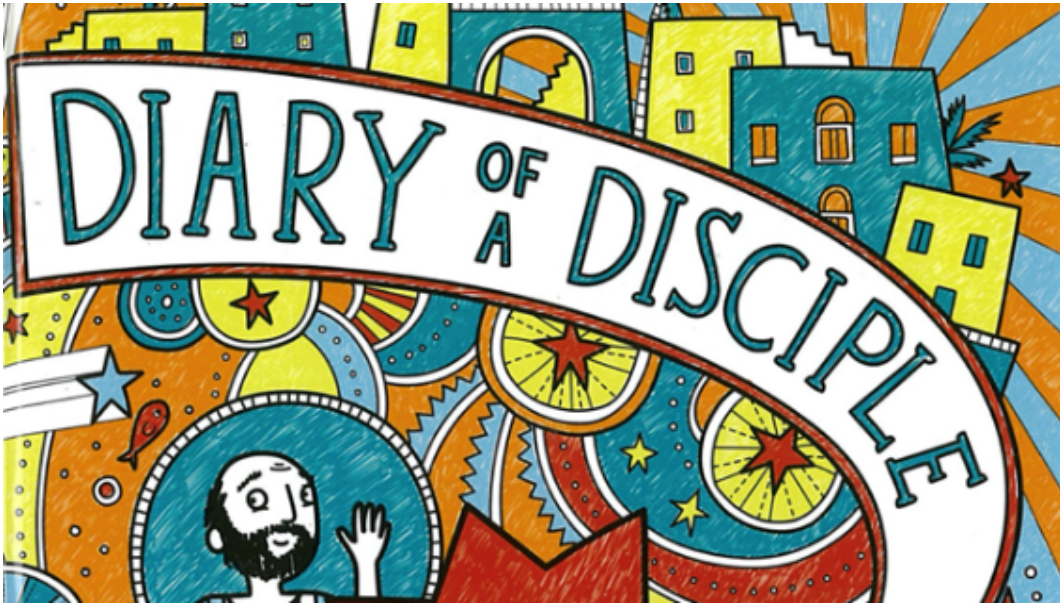
[ndo@mcnetball.co.nz](mailto:ndo@mcnetball.co.nz)



**Come and join the fun**  
**At St. David's Children's Holiday**  
**programme**  
**For 5–12-year-olds**

**Contact St. David's- 308 5174**

**(Situated at 48 Allens Road, around the corner from the  
Allenton Shopping Centre)**



**DATES: Tue- July 11 to Thur- July 13**

**9.00 to 12noon**

**Coin donation-**

**No booking required.**

