



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10

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Together We Learn and Grow

Me akotahi hei oranga mā te katoa

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



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

The end of the term has come around very quickly, and I know that many of you will be looking forward to the term break.

Our PTA Fun Run yesterday was a massive success and was enjoyed by both children and adults alike. It was great to see so many parents and family members turn out to support the event. A big well done to our PTA for all the planning that went into the afternoon. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new sports uniforms.



Last Friday, we had three teams competing in the Canterbury Primary Schools' Winter Tournament - hockey, rugby and netball. All three teams did very well indeed and were extremely competitive against schools from across Canterbury. Hockey finished 5th, rugby came 4th, and the Gold netball team were undefeated to come 1st in their tournament. Amazing results for all Allenton teams - well done to you all! We'd also like to acknowledge the coaches of each team for their guidance through the winter season, the teachers who went to the tournament, and parents and whānau who provided transport and support on the sidelines.



Over the past week we have also had students at Year 6 camp, Year 5 activities week, kapa haka performance at Ashburton College, and a visit from the Court Theatre. It's certainly been a busy time!



Congratulations to Mia and Lottie who were Allenton School's entry at the Midlands Science Fair last Thursday. They came away with 1st in Year 5 and 6 category, The NZ Baking Research Trust Award and 4th overall - well done girls, a great team effort!

Over the term break there will be various contractors at school doing roofing, guttering, electrical and playground works. If you are using the grounds, please be mindful of their work areas. I wish all Allenton families a safe and enjoyable term break. The staff and I look forward to seeing you all again at the start of next term.

Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamauakia tina

Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain.

Until next term,

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki



New students

We extend a warm welcome to the following children and their families, who have recently started at Allenton. We hope your time with us is a positive and rewarding one.

Room 6

Teina

Room 21

Ariki

End of day arrangements

If parents need to get in touch with their child regarding end of day arrangements, a reminder that this needs to be done through the school office as teachers don't clear emails or Seesaw during the school day when they are teaching.

Cohort entry from the start of 2027

Cohort entry is where children start school for the first time on set dates through the year, rather than on or after their fifth birthday. There are eight set dates throughout the year - the start of each term, or at a midpoint in the term. Other than the first day of the school year, the dates are determined by the Ministry of Education. Once a child turns five, parents can start them on one of the dates following their fifth birthday. Following consultation, the School Board has elected to proceed with Cohort Entry from 2027. The Cohort Entry start dates for 2027 are listed below.

More information will be shared at the New Entrant Welcome Wednesday information morning in early November, but if parents have any queries about Cohort Entry in the meantime, please feel free to see either Andrew Leverton - Principal, or Julie Tayles - the Team Leader of the Junior Area.

New Entrant enrolment for 2027

If you have a child who is starting at Allenton in 2027 as a New Entrant, or you know of someone who has a child in this situation, their 2027 enrolment should have been completed by now, or early next term. It is important for our planning that we know who will be enrolling throughout the year, as this enables us to determine when classes will start. This is particularly important with Cohort Entry as noted above. It is also important to remember that we have an enrolment zone and that parts of Allenton that were in our zone several years ago, are no longer zoned for our school. Please contact the school office for details about this if you are unsure.

E-scooters

E-scooters are not to be brought onto the school premises from this point on. Due to the speeds that they can go, this poses a potential risk for users of our grounds. In addition to this, they can cause damage to school property, which is expensive to fix.

2026 Term Dates

Term	School closed
4 Mon 12 Oct to Thurs 17 Dec	Mon 26 Oct (Labour Day) Thurs 12 November (staff development) Fri 13 Nov (Canterbury Anniversary Day)

2027 Term Dates

In addition to the dates below, there are two Staff Development days which are yet to be scheduled. These are likely to be in the second half of the year

Term	School closed
1 Tues 2 February to Fri 9 April	Mon 8 Feb (Waitangi Day observed) Fri 26 March (Good Friday) Mon 29 March (Easter Monday) Tues 30 March (Easter Tuesday)
2 Tues 27 April to Fri 2 July	Mon 7 June (King's Birthday) Friday 25 June (Matariki)
3 Mon 19 July to Fri 24 Sept	
4 Mon 11 October to Fri 17 Dec	Mon 25 October (Labour Day) Fri 12 November (Canterbury Anniversary Day)

2027 Cohort Entry Dates

Term 1	2 February and 8 March
Term 2	27 April and 31 May
Term 3	19 July and 23 August
Term 4	11 October and 15 November

Calendar of school events - Term 4, 2026

**** Please recheck these events each newsletter for any additions or changes ****

Monday 12 October	Term 4 commences, 8:55am
Tuesday 20 October	School Athletics Day (pp 21 October)
Thursday 22 October	Hakatere Festival (Yr 5 & 6 kapa haka / multicultural performance groups)
Monday 26 October	Labour Day (school closed)
Wednesday 28 October	School photos
Friday 30 October	Middle Area assembly, 10:50am Junior Area assembly, 2:00pm
Monday 2 November	Board meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 3 November	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Wednesday 4 November	Welcome Wednesday New Entrant parent information morning Mid Canterbury Schools Athletics (pp 6 November)
Friday 6 November	School assembly, 10:50am



READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by
following these steps

1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

3 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.

5 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

4 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.



Community Notices

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with their service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email the Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays (between 28 September to Friday 05 October). If your child requires urgent dental care during the time they are closed, please contact your family dentist.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Kaiapoi Clinic**, 65 Raven Quay, Kaiapoi – from **Monday 28 September to Friday 09 October**
- **Woolston Clinic**, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston, From **Monday 28 September to Friday 09 October**
- **Burnside Clinic**, 96A Memorial Ave, Burnside - From **Monday 28 September to Friday 09 October**
- **Northcote Clinic**, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook – From **Monday 28 September to Friday 02 October**
- **Rolleston Clinic**, Selwyn Health Hub, Rolleston - From **Monday 28 September to Friday 02 October**
- **Timaru Clinic**, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru – **30th & 31st September and 02 October**
- **Aranui Clinic**, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui - From **Monday 05 October to Friday 09 October**
- **Hornby Clinic**, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby - from **Monday 05 October to Friday 09 October**
- **Ashburton Clinic**, 38 Elizabeth Street, Ashburton - From **Monday 05 October to Friday 09 October**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of the clinics please:

call 0800 846 983

Or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

YEAR 0-2 MINIBALL

TERM 4

Scan to Register



Wednesdays

21 October
28 October
4 November
11 November



\$25 per player

\$20 to BMC
\$5 BBNZ Levy



45-minute sessions

Session times:

4pm, 5pm or 6pm



NBS Oxford Street Stadium

52 Oxford Street





Hot Shots lessons are designed for children of all abilities & those new to the game aged 5 years or older. Hot Shots is played over lower nets, across the court using small racquets and special balls.

Emphasis is on ball skills/rally situations & learning to serve overarm.

Junior coaches run the sessions. Our Junior Coaches are all very experienced tennis players who play Open Grade or A Reserve Interclub and play representative tennis for Mid Canterbury.

All equipment is supplied. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear and bring a sunhat & drink bottle.

Lessons are held at the Braided Rivers Community Trust Ashburton Tennis Centre, Oak Grove, Ashburton.

There is a Hot Shots noticeboard in the pavilion with information on Hot Shots, coaches & Hot Shots player of the week. You are all encouraged to check this out regularly.

Registration Information for Term 4 2026

Lessons start the week of Monday 19th October 2026 and are for six weeks.

Please contact www.midcanterburytennis.co.nz for more information and prices.



DRIVE FOR FIVE

Attend your local Mitey
Community Event for your
chance to be part of the
Mitey Match, the Bledisloe Cup[®]
curtain raiser.



- Meet Sir John Kirwan
- See the Bledisloe Cup[®]
- Get involved

A winner at every event!



Ashburton A&P Showgrounds

66 Brucefield Avenue, Netherby, Ashburton 7700



Sunday 27th September 12.00pm



Tuning in to Teens™

DATE, TIME & LOCATION*

Thursdays, 22 Oct - 26 Nov

6 pm - 8 pm

**Presbyterian Support
215 Tancred Street,
Ashburton**

REGISTRATION

Please refer through
www.psuffersouth.org.nz or
email midcant@psusi.org.nz

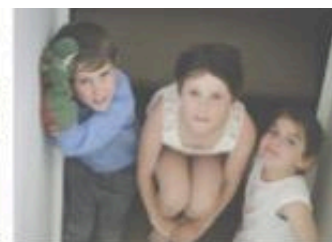
**NB: Changes can occur
depending on registration
numbers.**

COURSE DETAILS

Parents and carers learn
emotion coaching skills for use
with young people aged 10-18
years.

- » Focus on developmental needs of teenagers
- » Integrates greater focus on acceptance and empathy
- » Improved parent/teen relationships and adolescent mental health

* *Spaces are limited, however, you can request to be placed on the waitlist*



Tuning in to Kids™

DATE , TIME & LOCATION*

NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS

**Thursdays, 29 Oct - 3 December
10 - 12 pm**

**Presbyterian Support
215 Tancred Street, Ashburton**

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www.psupsouth.org.nz or email
midcant@psusi.org.nz to enrol.**

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COURSE DETAILS

Tuning in to Kids™ is an evidence based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- » Awareness and regulation of their own emotions
- » Awareness of their children's emotions
- » To use their children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching
- » Skills to assist children with problem solving, and labelling and managing their emotions
- » To guide children's behaviours with appropriate limits

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Sessions include:

- » Group discussions and exercises
- » Participants sharing their own experiences
- » Practices of new learning
- » Watching video material
- » Home activities to practice responding to children's emotions