



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 11

3 July 2026

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Together We Learn and Grow

Me akotahi hei oranga mō te katoa

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



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

Several weeks ago was Music Festival week in Mid Canterbury. School choirs performed on one of three nights, with the Representative Choir performing each night. On the Wednesday night, after months of practice, it was Allenton's turn to shine!

They did so well, singing "Somewhere Only We Know" and "Life is a Highway", as well as the Massed Choir items. Adam, Kyson and Anthea were soloists for "Somewhere Only We Know", Piper sang a solo in the Representative Choir song "What it Sounds Like" and Olivia recited her own pepeha for the Massed Choir item "Pepeha."



This year we had significant interest in being part of our choir, which was amazing to see. Special mention to our Representative Choir members - Piper, Olivia, Evie, Quinn and Charley and the many ex-Allenton students in the Intermediate choir.

Well done to you all; you have done Allenton proud!

Our disco last Friday night was a wonderful occasion! Many thanks to the PTA who did all the organising prior to the disco to make it such an enjoyable time and for being present on the night. Thanks to our staff who attended and also to the Ashburton Astronomy Group who brought telescopes so that we could see the moon and stars up close. The enjoyment that the students got from the evening was obvious!



Many thanks to everyone who was able to attend our breakfast yesterday to celebrate Matariki. The turn out was amazing and it was great to be able to connect with families. A huge thank you to our PTA and staff team for their organisation and mahi on the day and for the support from our families who were there. Matariki is a time to remember those who have passed, be grateful for and strengthen the connections we have with others, as well as our food and environment. It is also a time to reflect, refresh and set goals for the year ahead.



Mid year reports will be sent home via the Hero app on Friday 31 July. The following week on Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 August we will have 3 Way Conferences, where students, parents and teachers meet to discuss learning, achievement and progress. 3 Way Conferences are for children and families in all classes. In order to ensure we can accommodate everyone, school will be closing at 2pm on Thursday 6th August. Limited supervision from staff will be available from 2 - 3pm and buses will run as normal.

We'll ask you to let us know of your intentions for your children on this afternoon closer to the time. More information about the 3WC booking process will be shared with you in the first week of next term.

I wish all Allenton families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable term break. The staff and I look forward to seeing you again next term.

Ka Mahuta a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta ō tātou tūmanako ki te tau.

When Matariki rises above the horizon, our aspirations rise to the year ahead.

Until next time,

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 11 Ezra, Madeline, Laurens

Friday Lunch Allenton Dairy Price Increases for Term 3

ALLENTON DAIRY (FRIDAYS ONLY)

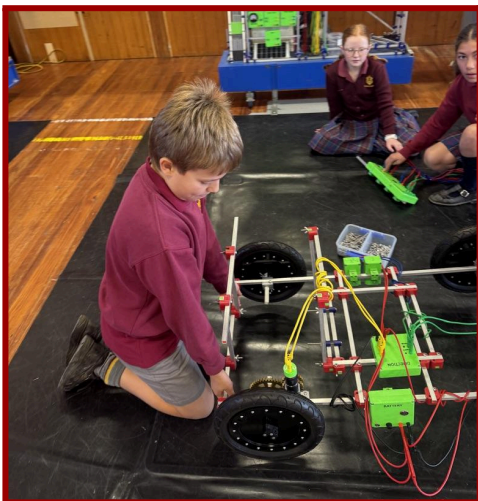
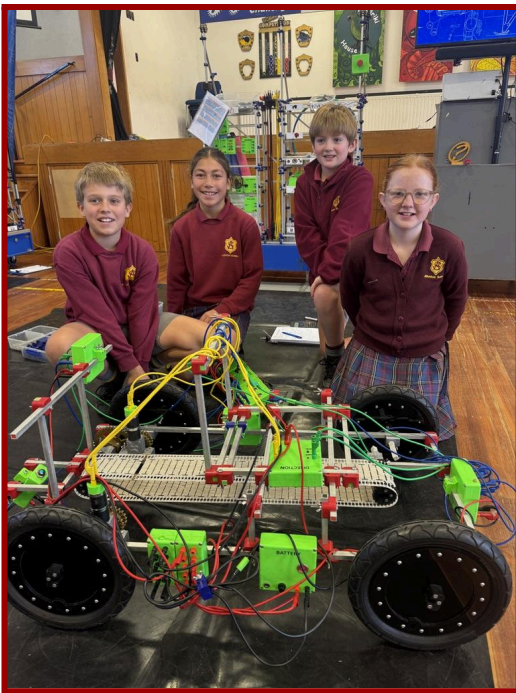
Sim's Mince/Mince & Cheese Pie	\$5.50	1 Chicken thigh & fries	\$8.20
Sim's Steak/Steak & Cheese Pie	\$5.50	Bread rolls (variety of meats)	\$7.50
Sim's Pastie	\$5.50	Snack pack	\$4.50
Sim's Sausage Roll	\$5.50	Sandwich, small cookie & juice	\$7.50
Sim's Mince/Mince & Cheese Savouries	\$2.00	Cookie Time Brownie	\$3.80
Hot Dog	\$5.00	Large Cookie/Bumper Bar	\$3.80
1 Hot Dog & Chips	\$7.50	Sandwiches - single filling	\$5.80
Scoop of chips	\$3.50	Calci Yum - variety of flavours	\$3.00
Small tomato sauce	\$0.50	Small juice	\$3.50
1 Chicken drum & fries	\$7.00		

Please ensure correct change is provided as the office does not handle the money and no change will be given.

EPro8

Every year, Year 5 and 6 children are given the opportunity to take part in an Engineering Challenge known as EPro8. We give everyone in the Senior part of the school an opportunity to have a go, with the top 8 students forming two teams to represent Allenton School at an interschool competition.

This year, students had the choice to create a Scissor Lift, a Mario Kart, a Balloon obstacle course or a solar powered machine. Our two teams did exceptionally well, with the competition getting harder every year. While they didn't get through to the next round, the teams worked incredibly well together and should be proud of what they accomplished.



Calendar of school events - Term 3, 2026

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

Monday 20 July	Term 3 commences
Thursday 23 July	3 Way Conference bookings open
Friday 31 July	Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am Senior Area Assembly, 12:45pm Mid year reports sent home via Hero
Monday 3 August	Cook Islands Language Week commences
Tuesday 4 August	3 Way Conferences, 3:15pm to 8pm
Wednesday 5 August	Mihi Whakatau, 2:15pm
Thursday 6 August	3 Way Conferences, 2:15pm to 6pm (note early start time)
Friday 7 August	School closed for Maths staff development
Monday 10 August	Maths Week commences School Dance Champs - continues Tuesday 11th School Board meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 11 August	Hoshino students from Japan visiting
Friday 14 August	School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 17 August	Tongan Language Week
Thursday 20 August	Pasifika Fono, 5pm
Friday 21 August	Mid Canterbury Winter Tournament (pp 24 August) Junior Area Assembly, 2pm
Friday 28 August	Ski Day Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am

2026 Term Dates

<u>Term</u>	<u>School closed</u>
3	
Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sep	Fri 7 Aug (staff development)
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Mon 12 Oct to Thurs 17 Dec	Mon 26 Oct (Labour Day) Thurs 12 November (staff development) Fri 13 Nov (Canterbury Anniversary Day)



READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps

1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'

2 ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Select "Next"

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.

4 SELECT "SUBMIT"

Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.

5 CHECK YOUR EMAIL

You should receive an email within five minutes.

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



**EMPOWERING
THE VILLAGE
WITH ANDREA GREER**

Parenting Through Big Bursting Behaviours

Understanding the “why” behind meltdowns, overwhelm and big emotions.

A practical, down-to-earth workshop for parents and caregivers supporting children with emotional regulation, sensory or neurodivergent challenges.

You'll walk away with practical ideas, greater understanding, and strategies you can use in everyday life.



WORKSHOP FACILITATOR


Andrea Greer

Registered Social Worker
Master's endorsed
in Mental Health


Andrea blends professional expertise with real-world lived experience supporting children and families navigating emotional and behavioural challenges.

PARENTS WILL LEARN:

-  What may be driving the behaviour underneath the meltdown
-  How to respond in the moment without escalating things further
-  Practical strategies to support emotional regulation at home
-  Ways to better understand sensory overwhelm and neurodivergent behaviours
-  How to move from surviving... to feeling more confident and connected

 **THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026**

 **6:30PM – 8:00PM**

 **DUNSANDEL COMMUNITY CENTRE**

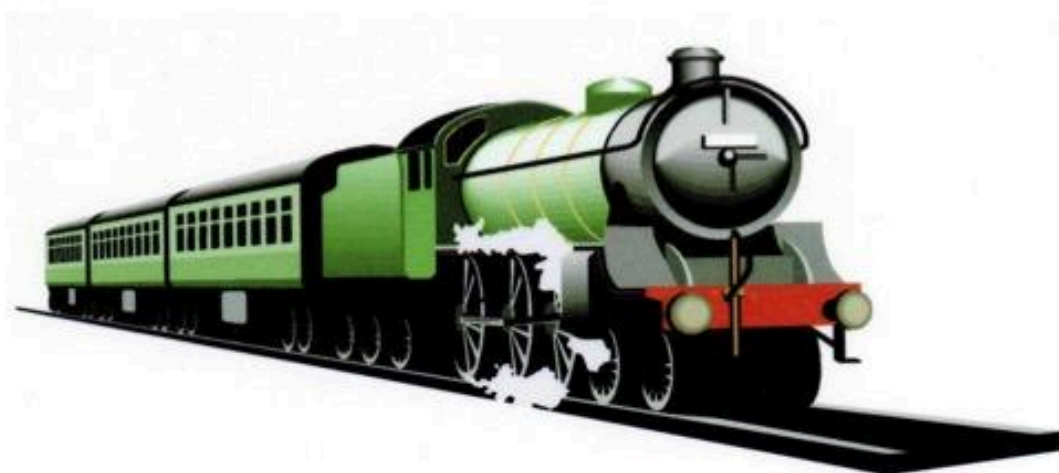
 **FREE EVENT**
Registrations essential

Register now via Humanitix



Ashburton

MODEL TRAIN SHOW



Tinwald Memorial Hall

10 Graham Street, Tinwald

ASHBURTON

4 & 5 JULY 2026

Hours 10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission Adults \$10 Children \$3

Family (2Adults 2 Children) \$20

Food Available

EFTPOS Available

www.ashburtontrainshow.co.nz

July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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Come join us at HitPlay - for the July School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!
For more information, call 03 423 2270 or 021 222 7770 or email info@hitplay.co.nz
HITPLAY ALLENTON - 110 Harrison Street, Allenton, Ashburton

**LET'S
HAVE FUN**

Lunch options Wed, Thus & Fri

06 July



Challenge Day

07 July



Wonderland

08 July



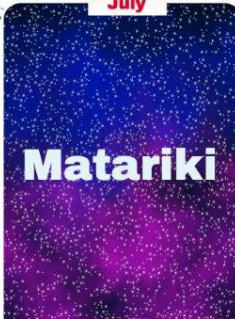
MineCraft

09 July



Under the Sea

10 July



Matariki

Closed

13 July



Slime & Magic

14 July



Circus

15 July



Decendants

16 July



PJ Party

17 July



Build It

Bikes & Wheels



Bikes, scooters and all wheel related things are welcome. All children **MUST** have a helmet. Please keep wheels home on trip days or if expected to be wet.

What to Pack



Food for the day and a drink bottle with water
We are happy to refill water bottles



Outside - a warm jacket and sun hat
Inside - the kids are welcome to bring slippers or spare socks



Medicine - This must be signed in and in a labled zip lock bag. Sunblock - only if your child is unable to use ours.



The Cost

Standard Day 8:00am - 5:00pm \$50.00
School Day 8:00am - 3:00pm \$40.00

Transport fees as advertised online (also collecting in Chertsey)

Excursion costs as advertised online

Talk to our team about a WINZ subsidy - the care you need maybe free.
Early Drop Off from 7:00am grab breakfast with us or late pick up by 6pm

Book now hitplay.co.nz

FEELING UNWELL? PLEASE STAY HOME!



KIDS JULY FUN TRIPS



CLIP N CLIMB

Leap of Faith and Vertical Drop
7th July 2026

Get your climb on, can you reach the top? Feeling BRAVE try the leap of faith or the vertical drop for a wee thrill.

PACK: Food and water for the day, a warm layer and sun hat. Suitable shoes are needed here too!

AIR FORCE MUSEUM

14th July 2026

Come see all the planes with us! Join the kiwi hunt and win a prize. This is a fun interactive educational trip suited to all students.

PACK: Food and water for the day, suitable footwear and a warm layer

CBAY SWIM & SLIDE

9th July 2026

Get your swim on with us at CBay pool. We will be hydrosleding and making use of the inflatables!

PACK: Food and water for the day, togs and towel

MOVIES + POPCORN

16th July 2026

MOVIE: Minions & Monsters

The minions conquer hollywood and release monsters. Join us on thier journey to save the world.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/zluNg9UG2sA>

PACK: Suitable shoes and clothing

HITPLAY - ALLENTON

110 Harrision Street
03 423 2270

Trip Times

Sign In - by 9am

Sign Out - after 4:30pm

Register Online

www.hitplay.co.nz





Learn tennis for life

Term 3 lessons start Mon 27th July 2026

Tennis lessons designed for children of all abilities & those new to the game aged 5 years or older

For more info & to register



clubspark.kiwi/MidCanterburyTennis

RAUTAKI ORA LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME

2 DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO LEARN SKILLS TO SUPPORT THEM IN LIFE

- Tuesday 7th July 9.00am - 3.00pm and Thursday 9th July 2026
9.00am - 3.00pm (Children to attend both days)
- Parent session prior to the group to help you support your child
to put learning into practice at home
- Free - all materials supplied
- Maximum 12 children, will be working in smaller groups
throughout the day
- Children aged 8 - 12 years

WHAT GROUP PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN

- ✓ Build a vege patch
- ✓ How to maintain a bike
- ✓ Hygiene and hair care
- ✓ Making food for school lunches
- ✓ Make shower steamers and soap
- ✓ Being active in creative ways
- ✓ Enjoying and being safe in the outdoors




REGISTER AT

midcant@psusi.org.nz

All topics will be taught in fun and
creative ways to help children learn
through play

COVERS THE 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BEADING WORKSHOP

Come along and enjoy
two hours of beading
fun creating stretchy
bracelets and bag tags.

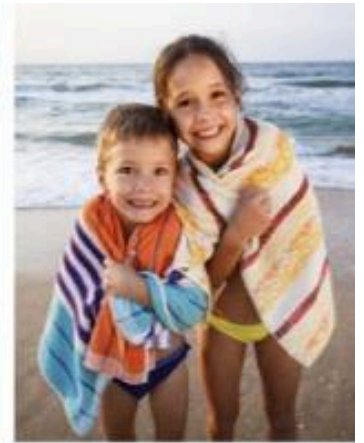


Monday 6 July
1.00pm – 3.00pm
Community House
\$15 per child

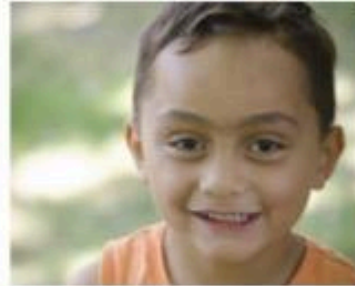
Workshop for children aged 7–12 years.
Parent/Guardian must be present for
duration of workshop.

To register please email:
charlene@caninspire.org.nz

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**Family
works**
Presbyterian Support
Upper South Island



**Presbyterian
Support**
Upper South Island

Incredible Years® Parenting Programme

Date, Time & Location*

14 week programme
10 August - 23 November
(with 2 week break for school holidays)

Monday evenings, 6 - 8.30pm
Community House,
44 Cass Street, Ashburton

Registration

Please email Erin Sturman -
Ministry of Education
Email: incredibleyears.canterbury@education.govt.nz

NB: Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Waitlist and referrals are managed by the Ministry of Education.

Course Details

Incredible Years is a parenting programme for parents of 3-8 year old children who would love to connect with other parents and learn some new parenting strategies.

Outcomes:

- » Building a closer bond between you and your child/children.
- » Growing your child's social and emotional skills so that they can make friends and manage those BIG emotions!
- » Understand your child's learning and help them persist with challenging tasks.