



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 2 - 10 May 2024

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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

Welcome to the start of Term 2 everyone (albeit two weeks in). I hope you have all had an enjoyable term break and that our children are refreshed and re-energised for the term ahead. It was great to see everyone back at school last Monday. The staff and I are looking forward to Term 2 and working together with our children and school whānau.

This term we welcome one new staff member and a returning one. Fenella White is the newest member of our staff team and she will be working as a teacher aide. Originally from England, she has been living in Mid Canterbury for the past ten years with her husband and two young children. Sarah Yeoman has started with a group of amazing New Entrant children in Room 14. Last year Sarah held the same position in Room 12. She also takes the school choir, preparing them for the School's Music Festival in mid June.

There has been a lot in the media recently about current and upcoming government announcements for the education sector. One of these is the requirement for an hour a day teaching in the core areas of Reading, Writing and Maths, or five hours across the week in each of these areas across a typical week. We have discussed this in staff teams and parents and whānau can be assured that this requirement is being met at Allenton School.

Another recent government announcement is the requirement for all schools to be implementing a structured approach to the teaching of literacy. In general terms this involves children learning and decoding the specific letter sounds and blends in a structured and systematic way before they develop further reading and spelling fluency. At Allenton structured literacy has been an area of staff development and implementation for the past three to four years with most teaching staff having had some training in it from a nationally-recognised facilitator. Due to the significant investment in our own development, this approach is already being implemented and we are well-positioned for any future development in structured literacy.

A further and ongoing focus for all schools in New Zealand, which has been reaffirmed by the government, has been the lifting of attendance rates and having an “everyday counts” approach to this. Where schools used to submit their attendance data termly to the Ministry

of Education, this now has to be done weekly, so that we are receiving more frequent information on our overall attendance. We do follow up with parents if their child's attendance is particularly low, if there are unexplained absences, or if punctuality is an ongoing concern. Attendance of 90% or no more than five days away from school in a typical ten-week term is deemed to be satisfactory.

Finally, we had two teams competing in the Mid Canterbury schools Rippa tournament on Wednesday at the Showgrounds. Both teams did really well and represented our school superbly. Allenton Maroon finished second in their pool. The Allenton Gold team topped their pool and qualified for the regional finals in Timaru in two weeks time. This will see them compete against the top South Canterbury and North Otago teams for a place in the nationwide tournament. Well done to both teams on their achievements.



Kia kaha, kia toa, kia manawanui
Be strong, be brave, be steadfast

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 an awesome time at our school!

Room 2	Ellie
Room 5	Katie
Room 15	Zac
Room 20	Jesse

Room 3	Daniel
Room 14	Mattie, Claire, Aden, Abel, Nanise, Jonty, Kelsey

Pink Shirt Day

A note from our House Leaders:

Nationwide Pink Shirt Day is Friday 17 May. Students can wear a touch of pink alongside their uniform or they can go full pink if you want too! By taking part in Pink Shirt Day 2024, we will be doing our part to eliminate bullying by celebrating diversity and promoting kindness and inclusion. Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

If families would like to donate to this cause, this is the link:

<https://fundraise.pinkshirtday.org.nz/donate>

We will not be collecting a gold coin donation at school for Pink Shirt Day, just a promotion of the cause and the above link should you wish to make a donation.

Ako Afternoon in the Library

This term we are opening the school library after school on a Thursday, from 3 - 4pm. This is known as Ako (learning) Afternoon. The purpose of this is four-fold: to increase access to literacy experiences for students, to encourage families to share literacy experiences together, to encourage family involvement in our school and to assist students with homework tasks.

Students can attend Ako Afternoon in three ways: by their parents registering them to attend each week through the school office or Miss Barker, by attending with a parent or caregiver, or by bringing a note from a parent to say they can attend on a particular week. This is an opportunity for students to change library books, do some extra reading, share reading together with their family (pre-schoolers welcome too with a parent) and get help with homework activities. The sessions will be fully supervised by school staff.

Hero app

Many thanks to families who have downloaded the Hero app so far. Our use of the Skool Loop app ceased at the start of Term 2. Please download and start to use the Hero app if you are yet doing so, including using it to inform the school about absences. If you have any queries about the Hero app, please get in touch with your child's teacher. For downloading instructions, please see the flyer below.

From the Office

School Photos

Individual and Class photos will be held on Tuesday 14th May. Information has been sent home about this last week.

Winter Uniform

All students are required to wear their winter uniform from the start of Term 2. Please refer to our website if you are unsure of your child's uniform requirements. Please ensure that your child's uniform is in good condition and that the school uniform requirements are adhered to, particularly regarding wearing the correct black shoes.

Medication

Just a reminder to parents and whānau that if your child requires medication to be taken during the school day, a Medication Authority Form must be completed at the office and all medication will be safely stored on site. It is not advisable to allow your child to keep any medication in their bags due to health and safety reasons.

PTA News

Our PTA will be holding a Matariki disco on Friday 21 June.

Year 1 and 2 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Year 3 - 6 7:15pm - 8:15pm

On Saturday 14 September there will be a car boot sale in the school car park, starting in the morning. There will be a charge for each car park, with sellers keeping proceeds from their own sale. This will be a good opportunity to clear out garages, sheds and bedrooms of items that are no longer needed!

More details will follow about these two events.

ENTERTAINMENT APP –

For a limited time, **until 1:59pm NZST, Friday 31st May 2024.**

Purchase a 12 or 24 month Single City Membership and receive a Bonus Countdown eGift Card valued at \$20.

Purchase a 12 or 24 month Multi City Membership and receive a Bonus Countdown eGift Card valued at \$40.

A Single City 1 year Membership costs as little as \$69.99. Multi 1 year, \$119.99.

2 for 1 offers, special rates and discounts off dining, takeaways, shopping and activities throughout Christchurch, Canterbury, Timaru, Ashburton and Nelson area with the Christchurch area APP. Local businesses include Indian Minar and the Regent Cinema. Still lots of Christchurch restaurants and activities eg. Antarctic Centre.

20% of every Entertainment Membership purchased through us goes directly towards supporting Allenton School's PTA fundraising! Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so it's perfect for sharing with friends/family.

www.entertainmentnz.com/orderbooks/934v007

Calendar of school events - Term 2

Sunday 12 May	Mothers' Day
Tuesday 14 May	School Photos
Wednesday 15 May	Mihi Whakatau to welcome new families - all existing families are welcome to join us
Thursday 16 May	Senior School assembly, 2pm
Friday 17 May	Pink Shirt Day
Monday 20 May	Board meeting, 7pm Year 5 and 6 visit to Events Centre
Tuesday 21 May	School Cross Country - Argyle Park from 12:45pm (see newsletter on Hero)
Friday 24 May	Full School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 27 May	Samoan Language Week
Friday 31 May	School closed - staff development
Monday 3 June	School closed - King's Birthday
Monday 4 June	PTA meeting, 7:30pm in the staffroom
Wednesday 5 June	Young Leaders Day - Christchurch
Thursday 6 June	EPro 8 Challenge Day - Ashburton Intermediate Senior School assembly, 2pm
Friday 7 June	County Cross Country Middle School assembly, 10:50am

Friday 14 June	Junior School assembly, 10:50am
Monday 17 June	Senior School swimming week commences
Friday 21 June	Full School Assembly, 10:50am Matariki disco

Term Dates - 2024

Term	Dates	School closed
2	Mon 29 April to Fri 5 July	Staff development day (31 May) King's Birthday (3 June) Matariki (28 June)
3	Mon 22 July to Fri 27 Sept	Staff development day (26 August)
4	Mon 14 Oct to Wed 18 Dec	Labour Day (28 Oct) Staff development day (14 Nov) Canterbury Anniversary Day (15 Nov)

ALLENTON LIBRARY AKO AFTERNOON

3:00 - 4:00 EVERY THURSDAY

Starts
Term 2
2024

Come along and...

- change your books
- do some extra reading
- share some reading with your family (pre-schoolers too!)
- get some help with your homework

Light
afternoon
tea
provided

Who can come?

- students with a note from their parents
- students and families with an adult can pop in anytime
- students whose parents have organised with the school office or Miss Barker that they will be there every time.

Who will be there?

- Mrs Roulston (our librarian)
- and a teacher or the principal





Allenton School

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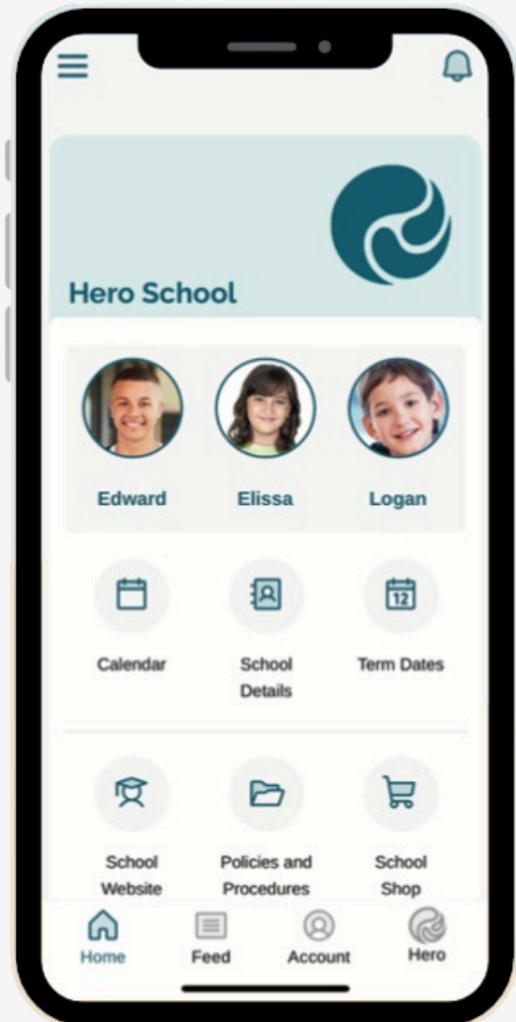
OUR NEW SCHOOL APP - HERO!

As of Term 2, 2024, we no longer use the SkoolLoop platform as our main communication tool. Read on to find out more about Hero, our replacement app!

Hero is our "one stop shop" for communication with family and whānau. It has quick links to our school website, policies and social media.

Like our previous app, you can report an absence and receive newsletters and other important messages from Allenton School. Coming soon, you'll be able to view our Community Calendar, and later in the year, our school interview bookings will be available here too.

Let your child's teacher know if you would like some help getting set up on Hero.



**ASHBURTON COLLEGE DRAMA
FUNDRAISER**

**SCARED
SCRIPTLESS**

**LIVE COMEDY WITH THE
COURT THEATRE JESTERS!**

**THURSDAY MAY 23
7PM
ASHCOLL AUDITORIUM**

**TICKETS \$20 FROM ASH COLL
OFFICE 03 308 4193**

**RAISING FUNDS TO TRAVEL TO THE
NATIONAL FINALS OF THE SHEILAH
WINN SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL**



Parenting Through Separation

DATE, TIME & LOCATION*

Thursday 16th May
9am-1pm
Presbyterian Support
215 Tancred Street

REGISTRATION

Email midcant@psusi.org.nz or
phone 03 261 6907 to enroll

NB: Changes can occur depending on
registration numbers.

The programme is not suitable for
children to attend.

COURSE DETAILS

Practical advice and tips for
parents and children to cope during
separation, including better
communication.

- » How separation affects children.
- » How to talk to children about separation.
- » What your children need during separation.
- » How to make a parenting plan.

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

DIGITAL WAITAHA

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PRESENT

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Expo



SAT 15 JUNE '24

YOUTH PERFORMANCES -
WORKSHOPS - GUEST SPEAKERS

Prizes!

TE WHARE
WHAKATERE
Ashburton
Library

SPECIAL GUESTS

Child Development Experts
Digital Citizenship Experts
Digital Waitaha Youth
Ambassadors / Rangatahi

Free
Stuff!

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LOTTO FUNDS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Whānau Tautoko

Empowering Whānau with the tools and confidence to navigate everyday situations with their Tamariki.

Every Wednesday / 111 Tancred Street Ashburton / 10am-12pm

Taha Hinengaro

Taha Whānau

Taha Wairua

Taha Tinana

TE WHARE
TAPA WHĀ

Whenua

SESSIONS

1. Better Parenting
2. Knowing your Whakapapa
3. Creating Boundaries
4. Te Whare Tapa Whā
5. Waka Kōrero
6. Engaging with Services
7. Who walks alongside us

A seven session group *open to everyone.*

HE WAKA TAPU

ASHBURTON COLLEGIATE SQUASH CLUB

JUNIOR CLUB COACHING

WEDNESDAYS FROM 4.30PM-5.30PM
TERMS 2 AND 3

We are excited to have the opportunity to use new Midlands District Coach George Thomas to run our junior club coaching programme.

George has had experience coaching all levels of juniors both in Wales and Australia.

Perfect for all abilities - Ages 5 to 18 years

1 Chalmers Avenue, Ashburton
\$50 per child per term

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