



# ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Term 3 Week 2**

**31 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*

I hope all Allenton families have had an enjoyable term break and that your children have settled into the term well.

Reports will go home this afternoon through the Hero app. Details about these and next week's 3 Way Conferences (3WCs) have been shared through Hero yesterday. If you haven't booked your 3WC yet, please do so as soon as possible. The 3WCs are next Tuesday 4 August from 3:15pm and on Thursday 6 August from 2:15pm. Please note that we will be having supervision only at school on Thursday from 2 - 3pm and a note

has been sent home earlier about this, along with a return slip to tell your child's teacher what they will be doing between 2 - 3pm. This needs to be returned to school if this hasn't already occurred.

On Friday 7 August, as previously advised, school will be closed for instruction for staff development in the new maths curriculum.

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, then please make contact with the school office as soon as possible to enrol. 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. It is also important to remember that we do 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.

Our most recent New Entrant class has opened in Room 17. Mrs Jessica Thomson is teaching in this class, currently with six children. This will grow over the next two terms.

You will be aware that attendance is a major focus for schools around the country as we collectively aim to make improvements in this area. In term 2 68% of our students had regular attendance, which means that 68% of our students were present at school at least 90% of the time. There are often justifiable and genuine reasons for absence, e.g. bereavement leave, or for sickness or medical reasons. We recognise that sickness will increase in the middle two

terms of the year, and beyond this students should attend school with a high level of frequency and be punctual in their arrival at school each day.

Many thanks to everyone who is ensuring that their children are wearing the correct uniform to school each day. It is quite okay to wear a winter jacket on top of sweatshirts or polar fleeces to and from school, or at break times. A reminder that shoes should be plain black, with no additional colours.

Finally, I wish our Dance Champs teams all the very best for their event in just over two weeks time. They have been practicing at lunch times and are now meeting on Sunday afternoons to polish their routines ahead of their performance nights. They are looking very sharp and we wish them well!



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

Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain

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 17**     **Ali, Fletcher, Jamie, Kadin, Luke, Sina**

## Policy Review

Parents and whānau are able to have input into the policy review process. This term's policy review focuses on school community engagement and the specific policies are in the adjacent box. Our policy portal - School Docs, can be accessed through our website - [allenton.school.nz](http://allenton.school.nz) and by clicking on the Policies and Procedures tab further down the front page, which will in turn take you to the School Board page.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

#### TERM 3

School Community Engagement Policy (board)

Inclusive School Culture (board)

Enrolment

Student Attendance (board)

Student Uniform / Student Dress Expectations

Concerns and Complaints Policy (board)

A community user name and password is noted on this page. Click on the School Docs icon then the Current Review tab on the following page to start the review process. Alternatively, go to <https://allenton.schooldocs.co.nz/> to get started, using the Username allenton and Password 7700.

## 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.

## 2026 Term Dates

| <u>Term</u>                | <u>School closed</u>                                                                                        |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>3</b>                   |                                                                                                             |
| Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sep  | Fri 7 Aug (staff development)                                                                               |
| <b>4</b>                   |                                                                                                             |
| Mon 12 Oct to Thurs 17 Dec | Mon 26 Oct (Labour Day)<br>Thurs 12 November (staff development)<br>Fri 13 Nov (Canterbury Anniversary Day) |

## Calendar of school events - Term 3, 2026

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

|                       |                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday 31 July        | 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<br>School Dance Champs - continues Tuesday 11th<br>School Board meeting, 7pm |
| Tuesday 11 August     | Hoshino students from Japan visiting                                                              |
| Wednesday 12 August   | Bruce Potter (illustrator) visit                                                                  |
| Friday 14 August      | School Assembly, 10:50am                                                                          |
| Monday 17 August      | Tongan Language Week                                                                              |
| Tuesday 18 August     | PTA meeting, 7:30pm                                                                               |
| Thursday 20 August    | Pasifika Fono, 5pm (details to follow)                                                            |
| Friday 21 August      | Mid Canterbury Winter Tournament (pp 24 August)<br>Junior Area Assembly, 2pm                      |
| Friday 28 August      | Ski Day<br>Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am                                                          |
| Wednesday 2 September | Life Education on site (until 14 September)                                                       |
| Monday 7 September    | Board meeting, 7pm                                                                                |
| Thursday 10 September | 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



**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.

### 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



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.



THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026



6:30PM – 8:00PM



DUNSANDEL COMMUNITY CENTRE



FREE EVENT

Registrations essential

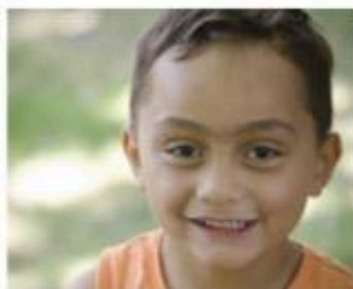
Register now via Humanitix







**Family  
works**  
Presbyterian Support  
Upper South Island



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## 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](mailto: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.

# UNDERSTANDING ME, AS A PARENT

Birthright Canterbury invites anyone  
parenting on their own to attend a 10-session  
parenting course in Ashburton

Build a realistic, individual parenting style based on who you are and  
what your children need. At the same time grow in confidence and  
self-belief that you are the parent that each of your children needs.

**Tuesday mornings from 10.00am to 12.00pm  
At Community House, 44 Cass St, Ashburton**

Parenting on your own takes 'all of you',  
every different part, whether you are aware  
of it or not. Sometimes we don't understand  
why some things are so hard for us, or why  
we can't copy other parents and be like them.

The parts of ourselves that we have kept  
hidden suddenly show up when we parent,  
along with the ways we were parented.



For more info, or to register, contact:

Dawn: 022 043 5006 or  
[manager@birthrightcanterbury.org.nz](mailto:manager@birthrightcanterbury.org.nz)





summit  
**KIDS**

# **NERF & NACHOS**

**A FREE  
SUMMIT KIDS  
EVENT**

**6.00PM - 7.30PM**  
**FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH**

**ASHBURTON NEW LIFE**  
**58 MELCOMBE ST, TINWALD**

- ★ An evening of fun!
- ★ For kids in years 0 - 6
- ★ Dinner provided
- ★ Faith based elements

**REGISTRATIONS  
ARE ESSENTIAL  
CLOSE AUG 3RD**

For all the details & to complete the registration form:

📱 **Scan the QR Code**  
using your phone camera or QR app

📘 **Find us on Facebook**  
Summit Kids Ashburton

✉ **Email Us**  
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