



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2

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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

Welcome to the start of term 4. I trust all our Allenton families had an enjoyable term break, and that this term has started positively for you and your child(ren). It's always good to see everyone back at school, refreshed after the break and ready for the term ahead. Our Term 4 calendar is again very full, so please check back regularly each newsletter for any updates to various events across the school, as well as checking the notices that are sent home via our Hero app.

Athletic Sports

What an enjoyable day we had on Tuesday! This was the culmination of weeks of practices as part of school-wide PE lessons. A huge congratulations to all students who participated and put in their best effort throughout the day. It was great to see the determination on their faces! Many thanks to our school whānau who came along to support and to the staff who organised the day and ran the various events. We are also grateful for the Ashburton College students, some of whom were ex-Allenton students, who assisted on the day.

Well done to Whero House who won the house relay and to the parents / staff / preschoolers / College students who ran in the races at the end of the day too. We have selected a team of Year 5 and 6 students to compete at the County Athletics, and we look forward to hearing how they go at this next stage.



Hakaterere Festival

This took place yesterday at the Events Centre and we had a sizable contingent participating in both our kapa haka and multicultural groups. They did so well and it was great to be able to watch their performances and see the pride that they had as they performed. I congratulate all students and staff involved in these groups; they have been practising across the school year and the Hakaterere Festival will certainly have been a highlight for them.



Welcome Wednesday

On Wednesday 4 November we will be having our twice-yearly Welcome Wednesday morning. This is relevant for parents who will have children starting school in 2027. The morning will start at 9:15am in Room 16. Please see the Hero post on 16 October for more information.

Attendance

Last term 68% of our students attended school regularly, that is 90% or more of the time. This was a significant increase from Term 3, 2025 and the staff and I are committed to the ongoing improvement of attendance. I appreciate that there is a fine line between when a student is too unwell to attend school (e.g. vomiting, heavy cold, cough or other medical condition) and when they could possibly attend school (e.g. a slight snuffle, which can be monitored throughout the day). Students should be at school unless there is a genuine reason not to be. For example, they should be at school on their birthday (unless it falls on the weekend or during term break), or if a sibling is sick, but they themselves are well enough to attend school.

If a child has 75% attendance or less, they are missing out on at least a term of learning each year. This will inevitably lead to gaps in their learning. Schools have an expectation that students will attend school at least 90% of the time, so that they have the best possible opportunity to progress their learning and social development. If families are experiencing any barriers to attending school, and would like to discuss this in confidence, please see either your child's classroom teacher, or myself.

Labour Day

A reminder that school is closed for Labour Day on Monday 26 October. I wish all Allenton families a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

He kitenga kanohi, he hokinga mahara. He kawenga mahara, he hāpori kitea.

A familiar face stirs one's memories, a collection of memories is a community seen

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 13	Axcel
Room 15	Nelvana
Room 17	Finn, Isaac, Neala, Bachan, John, Kawi
Room 20	Dhwaneet

School Photos

As you are aware by now the School Photos are being held on Wednesday 28nd October. The sibling photos will be taken between 8.15am - 9.10am in the hall so please be on time. Please also park cars on the road and not in the staff carparks.

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 and returned to the school office by now. 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.

If you know that your child will not be at Allenton in 2026 (other than current Year 6s), please also let the school office know.

Class input for 2027

We will soon be starting the 2027 class formation process. There is an opportunity for parents to have some input into this process. The forms for this input can be collected from the school office from next Tuesday and are due back to the office by **3pm Friday 6 November**. We will provide envelopes for you to put the forms in and these should be addressed to the Principal and labelled "2027 Class Input".

Please note that this is not an opportunity to request or not request a certain teacher, or list your child's friends. It is more about the social / emotional / academic needs of your child. Staff consider very carefully who children should have as a teacher and the composition of each class group.

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 26 October	Labour Day -school closed
Wednesday 28 October	School photos
Friday 30 October	Middle Area assembly, 9:05am Senior Area assembly, 12:45pm 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
Wednesday 11 November	Open Afternoon and opening of accessible playground (times tbc)
Thursday 12 November	Staff Development Day - school closed
Friday 13 November	Canterbury Anniversary Day - school closed
Wednesday 18 November	Mihi Whakatau to welcome new students and families, 2pm
Friday 20 November	Middle Area assembly, 9:05am Junior Area assembly, 2:00pm



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

Vaka Tautua

ASHBURTON HEALTH EVENT

HEALTHY FAMILIES | BRIGHTER FUTURES | STRONGER COMMUNITIES

LAUNCH OF
MALU O KAINGA
A PACIFIC PARENT SUPPORT GROUP
FOR FAMILIES RAISING TĀNGATA SA'ILIMALO
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- HEALTH CHECKS
- VACCINATIONS
- TUPE WISE FINANCIAL LITERACY
- DISABILITY SUPPORT INFORMATION

SAT 31ST OCT
10:30AM – 2:30PM

St Davids Union Church
48 Allens Rd,
Ashburton

VAKA TAUTUA | TANGATA ATUMOTU TRUST | WAITĀHA PRIMARY HEALTH | SCREEN SOUTH

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



Raising Money-Smart Kids

A Conversation for Parents

with:



Katie Hill
Accountant, Farmer,
former teacher,
Mum to 3 boys.



Tasmania Sapi
Mortgage Advisor,
Samoan Dad of 2
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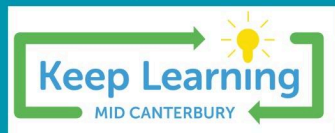
Carolyn Prebble
ASB Community
Banker, Mum of 2 &
grandmother to 2.

Wednesday November 4

7.00 – 8.30pm

Netherby School Hall

A free, practical conversation about
helping our kids become confident
and capable with money.



ALL WELCOME.
Details & register
using the QR code:



In 2 weeks time, on **Wednesday November 4th** Keep Learning Mid Canterbury is holding a FREE event for parents on '**Raising Money-Smart Kids**' from 7pm at Netherby School.

It is for parents/ caregivers of children of all ages... preschool through to university age.

The aim of the panel conversation is to help parents support their kids to build good money habits.

For information about the 3 panelists & to get your free tickets, please head to the event listing: <https://events.humanitix.com/raising-money-smart-kids-a-conversation-for-parents>

Longbeach Coastal Challenge



SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

BIKE IT. RUN IT. WALK IT.

A FAMILY ADVENTURE FOR EVERYONE!

- Fun for all ages and abilities
- Team or individual events
- A range of distances
- Pram-friendly – little ones enter FREE!
- Exciting spot prizes
- Year 5–8 Schools Challenge
- A medal for EVERY finisher!

 SUNDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2026

Get the whānau together and join the fun!

LongbeachCoastalChallenge.COM



Whether you're a speedy little cyclist, a keen runner, a weekend walker or just looking for a fun family adventure, the **Ruralco Longbeach Coastal Challenge** has something for **EVERYONE!**

Bring the whole family! All ages and abilities are welcome.

Bike, run or walk – choose your own adventure!

Team up or go solo – get your mates together or take on the challenge yourself.

Little ones welcome too! Children in prams can join in for **FREE!**

Exciting spot prizes up for grabs!

School Challenge – a special event for Year 5–8 students, with teamwork, fun and a little friendly rivalry!

Every finisher gets a medal! Everyone deserves to celebrate crossing that finish line!



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.psuppersouth.org.nz or
email midcant@psusi.org.nz

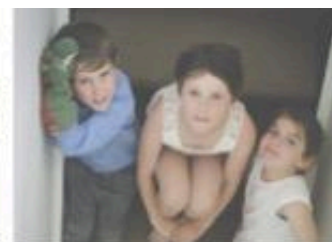
**NB: Changes can occur
depending on registration
numbers.**

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**

REGISTRATION

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

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

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

NB: Changes can occur depending on registration numbers.

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



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Hakatere Haumarū

Together we're safer • Me uru kahikatea



CACTUS

**COMBINED
ADOLESCENT
CHALLENGE TRAINING
UNIT AND SUPPORT**

AGE 10-14

**TERM 4
2026
STARTS
19TH
OCTOBER**



FINDING YOUR STRENGTHS AND ABILITIES •

BECOME FITTER AND STRONGER •

FUN AND MOTIVATING ACTIVITIES •

OVERNIGHT CAMP •

ABSOLUTELY FREE!!!!!! •

TERMS 1, 3, 4

8 WEEK PROGRAME

MANIA-O-ROTO SCOUT PARK

MON & WED 3.30PM-5PM

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Beginner Girls Golf Class 2026

VENUE

Ashburton Golf Club

DATE & TIME

Term 4

5 Sessions

11 Nov 2026 - 09 Dec 2026

Wednesday

16:00 - 17:00

REGISTRATION & COST

Registration cut-off: 31 Oct 2026 11:59 pm NZT

Maximum of 15 participants (15 slots available)

Total Cost \$0.00

Please register with Matt Davis at segagolf01@gmail.com or 0272123931

DESCRIPTION

The Beginner Girls Golf programme is designed for younger girls who would like to learn the very basics of golf by developing some co-ordination skills through chipping and putting.



KAI FOR KIDS

We're asking our wonderful farming community to take **less than a minute** to nominate **Kai for Kids** in the PGG Wrightson Cash for Communities programme. It's free to nominate Kai for Kids.

Your nomination can help us continue providing healthy, nutritious food to children coming to school without food across Mid Canterbury.

It's quick and easy to do! Click on the link below and it will take you directly to the PPG Wrighton Cash for Communities website.

 [**Nominate Kai for Kids here**](#)

You'll need your **PGG Wrightson account number**.

Simply:

1. Enter your PGG Wrightson account number and name.
2. In the first "**Nominate your cause**" box, select **Other**.
3. Select **Mid/South Canterbury** as the region.
4. Select **Kai for Kids** as the recipient.

That's it — it takes less than a minute!

Please nominate Kai for Kids and encourage your **friends, family and farming connections** to do the same.

Every nomination helps us provide nourishing food to children coming to school without food at the **17 schools and kindergartens across Mid Canterbury** we currently support. 

Thank you and we really appreciate your support!



JURASSIC ADVENTURE FUN DAY



Go back in time and experience life sized dinosaurs while playing mini golf course! Hunt for Dinosaur bones in our Dino dig and brave the Raptor Run.

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ Experienced Instructors
- ✓ Fun & Engaging
- ✓ First Aid Trained Instructors
- ✓ Small Group Sizes

12TH NOVEMBER 26

Allenton Primary
110 Harrison Street
Phone 03 423 2270

BOOK ONLINE

www.hitplay.co.nz

