



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4 - 31 October 2025

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Together We Learn and Grow

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Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



Athletic Sports

Our school athletic sports were held last Friday, after being postponed due to high winds last Tuesday. What an enjoyable day it was! 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. Well done to Kākāriki 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. Today we have a team of Year 5 and 6 students competing at the

County Athletics, and we look forward to hearing how they got on.

2026 Term dates

Term dates for 2026 have been published below, along with days when school will be closed for instruction. This will allow staff to be involved in full days of professional development. For 2026, our focus will be on the new Maths curriculum. Schools nationwide are required to be open for a set number of days each year and this varies between primary / intermediate and secondary schools.

Curriculum changes

You may have heard through news and social media about the most recent curriculum changes. Schools finished the second week of this term believing that the current English and Maths curricula that they had spent time learning about and implementing were the final versions, and that their implementation would continue in 2026. Two days later, on Sunday 19 October, schools were made aware of additional changes to the above curricula. These changes are significant and complex and educators across the country are concerned about the timeline available to implement these changes for the start of Term 1, 2026, the cognitive depth of what is expected of children at various age levels and the demands that will be placed on staff. Also of concern is the notion that all children of a particular year group learn in the same way, at the same time, with the curricula designed to follow a year-by-year sequence.

In 2026, in addition to the above, schools are also required to prepare for a Term 1 2027 implementation of the revised curricula in the areas of Science, Social Sciences, Health and Physical Education and for 2028 in the areas of The Arts, Technology and Learning Languages. Drafts of these have been circulated to schools recently.

At Allenton School, we will continue to do our very best for our students, catering for the variety of strengths and needs that they bring to their learning each day. We believe that any curriculum changes need to be fully resourced and in a manner that allows staff the necessary implementation time to become conversant with these changes, so that children have the best chances of success.

Welcome Wednesday

Next Wednesday (5 November) we will be having our twice-yearly Welcome Wednesday morning. This is relevant for parents who will have children starting school between now and the end of the year, or in the first half of 2026. The morning will start at 9:15am in Room 16. Please see the Hero post on 17 October for more information.

Inquiry learning sharing afternoon

On Thursday 6 November from 2-3pm, we will be having an open afternoon where parents and whānau can visit their child's classroom to see what they have been learning about in their Inquiry topics. Parents and whānau are most welcome to call in to the classrooms anytime from 2pm onwards and the children will no doubt be excited to share their learning with you.

Arrival at school

As the weather is improving and mornings are warmer, we are noticing that some students are coming to school earlier - often between 8:00 and 8:15am. This makes for a very long day for them at school. An ideal time to arrive is after 8:30am, but definitely not before 8:20am. I thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi.

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

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!

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| Room 11 | Zahalia, Jeremiah |
| Room 15 | Bhiggie |
| Room 17 | Annabelle |

SHARING OUR LEARNING

Open Afternoon

Thursday 6 November
From 2pm onwards

Allenton School

Parents and whānau, join us to see what we've been learning in our Inquiry topics of 'Who am I' and 'Where we are in Place and Time.' No RSVP needed - Just pop in to your child's class!

New Entrant enrolments for 2026

If any Allenton families, or other families that have children who will be starting as New Entrants at any stage through 2026, please contact the school office for an enrolment pack to enrol as soon as possible. Pre enrolment is important as it helps us to know when individual NE children will be starting, as well as knowing when each NE class will commence. Please note that we will not be accepting out-of-zone enrolments for 2026.

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 2026

We will soon be starting the 2026 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 and are due back to the office by **3pm Friday 7 November**. 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.

Staff carparks

A reminder that the two staff carparks are for the use of staff and are not drop off / pick up zones. There are mobility parks within the staff carparks set aside for those who need to use them. We also respectfully ask that parents don't use carparks as thoroughfares to get to their cars parked on the road. Please use the Allens Road or Harrison Street gates to enter / exit from school.

Board Vacancy

A casual vacancy has occurred on the School Board for an elected parent representative. This will carry through until the next mid term election. The Board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice first being published (on Hero - 28 October), to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Requests for a by-election should be sent to the Presiding Member - Jaclyn Pow, Allenton School Board, 110 Harrison Street, Allenton, Ashburton by 9am Wednesday 26 November.

2025 Term Dates

| Term | Dates | School closed |
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| 4 | Mon 6 Oct to Wed 17 Dec | Strike day (23 Oct) Labour Day (27 Oct) Staff development day (13 Nov) Canterbury Anniversary Day (14 Nov) |

2026 Term Dates

Prior to the start of the school year:

Monday 26 January to Friday 30 January
Friday 30 January

Staff call back days
3 Way Conferences (details to follow later this term)

Term**School closed**

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| 1 Mon 2 Feb to Thurs 2 April | Fri 6 Feb (Waitangi Day) Mon 9 March (staff development) |
| 2 Mon 20 April to Fri 3 July | Mon 27 April (Anzac Day observed) Fri 22 May ((staff development) Mon 1 June (King's Birthday) |
| 3 Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sep | Fri 7 Aug (staff development) |
| 4 Mon 12 Oct to Thurs 17 Dec | Mon 26 Oct (Labour Day) Thurs 12 November (staff development) Fri 13 Nov (Canterbury Anniversary Day) |

Calendar of school events - Term 4, 2025

**** Please recheck these events each newsletter, as the dates / times may change ****

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| Friday 31 October | County Athletics (pp 3 November) School Assembly, 10:50am |
| Tuesday 4 November | PTA meeting, 7:30pm |
| Wednesday 5 November | Welcome Wednesday - New Entrant information morning |
| Thursday 6 November | Inquiry Learning sharing afternoon from 2pm |
| Friday 7 November | Senior Area assembly, 12:30pm |
| Monday 10 November | Cultural performance afternoon, 1:50pm |
| Wednesday 12 November | Top Team (Yr 4 - 6), 12:15pm |
| Thursday 13 November | School closed - Staff development day |
| Friday 14 November | School closed - Canterbury Anniversary |
| Wednesday 19 November | Mihi Whakatau - welcome for new families / students, 2:15pm |
| Friday 21 November | PTA Disco (note new date) |
| Wednesday 26 November | ESOL celebration day |
| Friday 28 November | School Assembly, 10:50am |
| Tuesday 2 December | PTA meeting, 7:30pm |
| Wednesday 3 December | Junior Christmas Concert, 11am |
| Thursday 4 December | Kotahitanga (Māori cultural) afternoon, from 12:30pm |
| Monday 8 December | School Board meeting, 7pm |
| Thursday 11 December | Middle Area Christmas Concert, 10:30am |
| Tuesday 16 December | End of Year Assembly, 11am |
| Wednesday 17 December | School year ends, 1pm |



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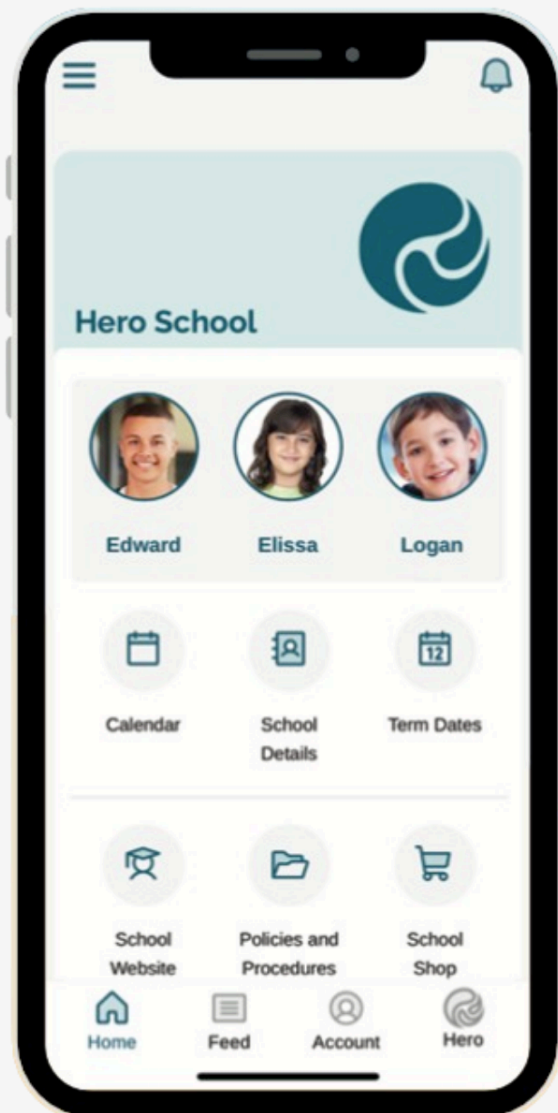
HERO - OUR SCHOOL APP!

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, book your School Interviews, and receive other important messages from Allenton School.

Our Community Calendar will be fully integrated in 2025, and Hero continuously develops new features for us.

Let your child's teacher know if you would like some help getting set up on Hero, or come and see us in the school office.



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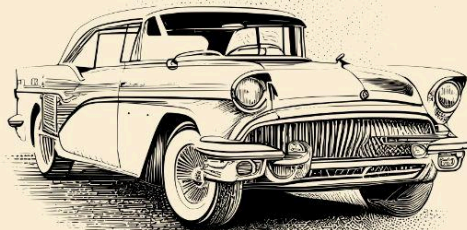
FUNDRAISER

THE RAKAIA SCHOOL AUTO FAIR

Entry \$5 per adult, \$2 per child or \$10 per family.

Stalls, fun for the kids, live music and food.

**GATES OPEN AT 8AM FOR PARKING OF DISPLAY
VEHICLES, AND VENDORS.**



\$15 PER VEHICLE ENTERED

SUNDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2025

RAIN, HAIL OR SHINE

10AM – 3PM

Contact: autofair@rakaia.school.nz

Join our Facebook Group @ Rakaia School Auto Fair

It's Our **SHOW!**

FRI & SAT 31 OCT - 1 NOV

- Ash Vegas CHILLI COMP!
- Clash of the COLLEGES
- 1000 BURGER Giveaways
- TRACTORS & Machinery
- first ever BARK UP!
- HORSE Events
- FACE Painting
- WHACKY Show characters!
- Free stirfry
- Trans Tasman DOG TRIALS
- BAR & Foodcourt
- FAMILY Fun!
- Spinning & Felting DEMOS
- Celebrity SHEARING
- PET Parade
- Grand PARADE
- PET Shed
- Free HANGI
- CARNIVAL & Sideshows
- MARKET & Trade Sites
- Crazy BIKES
- PONY Rides

FREE FRIDAY

Free gate entry to food and carnival, 5-8pm

ASHBURTON SHOW

Cultivating Communities



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**VARIETY THEATRE
ASHBURTON**



JINGO

**BINGO TO MUSIC
CHRISTMAS EDITION**

21ST NOVEMBER



VTA ROOMS: 212 WILLS STREET

DOORS OPEN: 7:00 PM

FIRST ROUND STARTS: 7:30

\$20 PER PERSON WITH RSVP

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Why Choose Us?

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- ✓ Hands-On Learning
- ✓ Fun & Engaging
- ✓ Small Class Sizes

13TH NOVEMBER 25

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