



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 5

6 March 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

Last Wednesday we welcomed 37 new children along with their families and four new staff to our school at our termly mihi whakatau. It was wonderful to formally welcome them to Allenton. Many of the new children were supported by older siblings, which was great to see. In my whaikorero (speech), I referred to our local pepeha, noting local landmarks:

*Ko wai matou? (Who are we?)
Ko Opuke (Mt Hutt) te mauka (mountain)
Ko Hakatere (Ashburton) te awa (river)
Ko Arowhenua te marae (marae)
Ko Allenton te kura (school)
Ko Hakatere te whenua (land)*



We sent 23 children to compete in this event earlier in the week and achieved some very commendable results. Congratulations to all involved. The following students were placed in their events:

Annabel	1st Yr 5 girls 50m freestyle 1st Yr 5 girls 50m breaststroke 1st Open girls 25m backstroke
Leni	1st Yr 5 girls 50m backstroke
Charlotte	3rd Yr 6 girls 50m breaststroke
Luke	1st Yr 6 boys 50m breaststroke 2nd Yr 6 boys 50m backstroke 3rd Yr 6 boys 50m freestyle

Logan	3rd Open boys 25m backstroke 3rd Open boys 25m freestyle
Jack B	2nd Open boys 25m backstroke
Austen C	2nd Open boys 25m freestyle
Harper	2nd Open girls 25m backstroke 2nd Open girls 25 freestyle
Evie	3rd Open girls 25m backstroke
Georgia	1st Open girls 25m freestyle
Millie	3rd Open girls 25m freestyle

A big congratulations to Luke, Annabel and Leni who have qualified for the Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Championships in Christchurch.



We have recently had a group of senior students audition for the Mid Canterbury Representative Choir, which is made up of Year 6 - 8 children from our local schools. We are thrilled to announce the following students have been selected for this choir: Quinn, Piper, Charley, Evie, and Olivia P. It is also pleasing to see 11 ex-Allenton students (now at Intermediate) being selected as well. Congratulations to you all!

Throughout the second half of 2023 and early 2024 we reinstated and upgraded our playground area. This was the first phase of the playground upgrade with the second phase now focusing on features that are accessible for all students. Late last year we applied for a Lotteries grant to fund the next phase and I am delighted to announce that we have recently been notified that we have been successful with this application. This will enable the project to proceed with the accessible features and safety matting. Construction is scheduled to occur mid year. We are very grateful to Rowan O'Connor and Adi Avnit who led the application process.

Our annual Family Fun Night is this evening from 5:30 - 7:00pm. Bring along a picnic dinner and enjoy time spent together. I look forward to seeing our families there if they are able to make it.

Lastly, a reminder that school is closed on Monday 9 March for staff development. This is the second day that we will be having development in the new Maths curriculum that was released last October.

Allenton School PTA
**FAMILY
FUN NIGHT**
Friday 6th March 2026
5:30-7:00pm
Allenton School Field
Come and join us for an evening of games and fun. Lemonade ice-blocks for children.
Bring your own picnic dinner.
-alcohol-free event
pta@allenton.school.nz

*Mā te kimi ka kite, Mā te kite ka mōhio, Mā te mōhio ka mārama.
Seek and discover. Discover and know. Know and become enlightened*

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 15 **Nia, Sameem, Adalyn**
Room 16 **Arya**

Term 1 policy review

Parents and caregivers are able to be involved in the review of various school policies throughout the year. This term's policies for review are:

- *Alcohol, Drugs, and Other Harmful Substances Policy*
- *Sun Protection*
- *Digital Technology and Online Safety*
- *Cellphones and Other Personal Digital Devices*

Our School Docs policy portal can be accessed through our school website <https://www.allenton.school.nz/information/procedures/> then by clicking the Current Review tab.

Calendar of school events - Term 1, 2026

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

Friday 6 March	PTA Family Fun Night, 5:30pm
Monday 9 March	School Closed - Staff Development
Tuesday 10 March	Swimming lessons commence Rm 12, 13, 20, 21
Friday 13 March	Senior School Assembly, 2pm
Friday 20 March	Middle School Assembly, 10:50am
Friday 27 March	Whole School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 30 March	Board meeting, 7pm
Tuesday 31 March	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Thursday 2 April	Term 1 ends

2026 Term Dates

Term

School closed

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)



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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.



Allenton Hockey Club

Closes 25th March 2026

Be in quick

Registration is now open

Juniors: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/b8b072>

Seniors: <https://www.playhq.com/hockey-new-zealand/register/37612d>

For further information please contact
Caryn at
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Deferred payment option
available

FABRIC AND CRAFT BAZAAR

Date: Saturday 11th April

Time: 9am - 3pm

Venue: Old Ashburton Library

**Cnr: Havelock & West Street,
Ashburton**

**Donations of good-quality fabric, wool,
and craft supplies are accepted.**

Items can be dropped off at:
Smith and Church
or
Resene Paints



For enquiries and
collection contact:

Rosemary - 0274396793

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Ashburton Altrusa fundraising
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9 MARCH 2026

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