



# ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 5

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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 morning, we held our annual cross-country event at Argyle Park under perfect weather conditions. We were incredibly impressed by the effort and determination displayed by all our students, and we greatly appreciate the wonderful support from our parents and whānau. A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed, and to our staff for their excellent organisation and assistance on the day. Next week, a contingent of 24 Year 5 and 6 runners will represent us at the County Cross Country; we wish them the best of luck and look forward to hearing about their results.

Also last Wednesday we welcomed 22 new children and staff to our school at our termly mihi whakatau, along with their families. 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 had a wonderful turnout for our biannual Welcome Wednesday this past week, drawing in a great mix of both new and returning parents. A special shout-out to our fantastic House Leaders, who did a brilliant job guiding the new students and their families around the school. Welcome Wednesday plays a vital role in our transition process, and we truly value the opportunity it gives us to connect with and welcome our school families.

Our teaching staff have been fully involved in learning about the new curriculum and significant changes in how we are required to report to parents about their child's achievement. Today we are involved in the third maths curriculum development day. There have been many ongoing updates to revised versions of curricula that all schools are coming to terms with. Due to these changes, there will be an amended timeline of when we report to parents in the middle of the year.

Typically reports would go home at the end of term 2. This year, these will be sent out via Hero at the end of the second week of next term. 3 Way Conferences involving the teacher, parents and child will be held in the third week of next term, on 4 and 6 August. Bookings for these will open later in the first week of next term. We will provide further information about the new reporting requirements closer to the end of this term.

*Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamauria 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 8** Evonne  
**Room 13** Bella

**Room 11** Zephaniah, Madi, Anointing, Laura

## School Cross Country results

### Year 0 Girls

1st - Emerson  
2nd - Evanshi  
3rd - Madi

### Year 0 Boys

1st - Jaydis  
2nd - Harry  
3rd - Mac

### Year 1 Girls

1st - Emerie  
2nd - Asana  
3rd - Maggie

### Year 1 Boys

1st - Theo  
2nd - Oliver W  
3rd - Archie E

### Year 2 Girls

1st - Kelsey  
2nd - Nanise  
3rd - Claire

### Year 2 Boys

1st - Johnson  
2nd - Finn  
3rd - Fletcher

### Year 3 Girls

1st - Aroha  
2nd - Lucia  
3rd - Georgina

### Year 3 Boys

1st - Benji  
2nd - Fletcher  
3rd - Angus

### Year 4 Girls

1st - Lauren  
2nd - Finn  
3rd - Ada

### Year 4 Boys

1st - Nafsad  
2nd - Iziah  
3rd - Mason

**Year 5 Girls**

1st - Brooke  
 2nd - Skylah  
 3rd - Alyssa

**Year 5 Boys**

1st - Jack  
 2nd - Archie  
 3rd - Crew

**Year 6 Girls**

1st - Mila  
 2nd - Charlotte  
 3rd - Lottie

**Year 6 Boys**

1st - Luke  
 2nd - Angus M  
 3rd - Ed

**Calendar of school events - Term 2, 2026**

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

Friday 22 May	School closed for staff development
Tuesday 26 May	Mid Canterbury Cross Country (pp 28 May)
Friday 29 May	Middle School assembly, 10:50am
Monday 1 June	School closed - King's Birthday Samoan Language Week commences
Tuesday 2 June	PTA meeting, 7:30pm
Friday 5 June	Senior School assembly, 10:50am Junior School assembly, 2pm
Monday 8 June	Junior School swim week commences (2 weeks) (Rooms 14, 15, 16)
Friday 12 June	School assembly, 10:50am
Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 June	Schools music festival (Allenton night 17 June)
Monday 22 June	School Board meeting, 7pm
Friday 26 June	Middle School assembly, 10:50am PTA Disco (Juniors - 5:45 - 6:45pm, Middles and Seniors 7:00 - 8:00pm)
Wednesday 1 July	Matariki Breakfast, 8am (all school families invited - see previous Hero post for details)
Friday 3 July	Term 2 ends

**2026 Term Dates**

<b>Term</b>	<b>School closed</b>
<b>2</b> Mon 20 April to Fri 3 July	Mon 27 April (Anzac Day observed) Fri 22 May (staff development) Mon 1 June (King's Birthday)
<b>3</b> Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sep	Fri 7 Aug (staff development)



# READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps

## 1 DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP

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## 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.



**GIRLS ONLY TRAINING**

## PRACTICE TO PERFECT

GIRLS ONLY TRAINING PROGRAM

**TUESDAYS:**  
APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>  
MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>  
JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>  
JULY 21<sup>ST</sup>

ASHBURTON A&P  
SHOWGROUNDS  
4:30PM-5:30PM

ALL GIRLS INVITED Y3 - Y8

Build Confidence  
Perfect Skills  
Make Friends



Contact Kirsty for more information: [kirsty@midcanterburyrugby.co.nz](mailto:kirsty@midcanterburyrugby.co.nz)

  

**GIRLS ONLY RUGBY**

## GIRLS RUGBY HUBS

YEAR 3-4 & Y5-6

20MIN FUN SKILLS & TRAINING  
FOLLOWED BY GAME

**MONDAY 5-6PM**

MAY 18<sup>TH</sup> CELTIC  
MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> SOUTHERN  
JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> ALLENTON  
JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> RAKAIA  
JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> HAMPSTEAD  
JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> TINWALD

WHETHER YOUR ALREADY PLAYING OR KEEN  
TO GIVE GO FOR FIRST TIME, SIGN UP

Give it a Go  
Have Fun  
Make Friends



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