



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 5

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Together We Learn and Grow

Me akotahi hei oranga mō te katoa

Acting Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki

Ka nui te mihi ki a koutou - greetings to you all



There has been a lot happening around school over the past few weeks:

It was great to connect with many of you as part of your child's **Three Way Conferences**. As you know, there have been changes to the way we share information about your child's learning, and having the opportunity to work together in person is very beneficial. If you didn't get the opportunity to connect with your child's teacher, please reach out to them. They will be happy to discuss your child's learning with you!

In Week 4, we welcomed a number of our new students and families as part of our termly **Mihi Whakatau**. Many of our children have had younger siblings, cousins or friends join our school as part of this, and we enjoy welcoming them into the Allenton School community.



We were fortunate to welcome students from **Hoshino High School** in Japan to join us for a morning. They provided a number of different games and activities to give our senior students an opportunity to engage in elements of Japanese Culture. ありがとうございます - Thank you for sharing your culture with us!



Author and artist **Bruce Potter** joined us for a day to share his stories with our students. Bruce is a talented artist too, and had students captivated listening to him share with us all.

Last week, we celebrated **Maths Week**, where we took part in all things maths! Miss Efford and the Maths team posed a series of brainteasers home to get families talking about how maths applies in the “real world.” We celebrated with a dress up day on Thursday.



Three teams of students took part in the **Mid Canterbury Dance Champ's** at the Ashburton Event Centre. Spread out over two nights, and including students in Year 3-6, our students performed with pride and energy. Our teachers were celebrated for their contribution too! A massive thank you to Mrs Woolf and Mrs Marshall for all their hard work in getting the teams ready - they looked amazing!

Earlier this month, we celebrated **Cook Island Language Week**, followed closely this week by **Tongan Language Week**. It's fantastic to celebrate our children from different cultures, and having them share back with their classes and other children about how New Zealand is different from where they are from. We also held our **Pasifika Fono** last night, and it was great to talanoa with our parent community. We were fortunate to have Betsy Ramalasou from Tangata Atumotu Trust as our keynote speaker, where she shared some of the resources and support that our Pasifika families can tap into.



Our Senior children have been working on **Allenton Senior's Got Talent**, where they showcased some of their learning from our inquiry topic of *How we Express Ourselves*. Last week they shared their performances over three afternoons with parents, their peers and a large number of children from around school. There was a lot of time and dedication that went into this from all children and their teachers, and it was great to celebrate all of the different elements of The Arts.



In the property space, work has been progressing steadily on the addition of our **accessible playground**, and it's *almost* ready to use! Check it out through the fences next time you are at school. We're also currently working with the Ministry of Education to finalise details around our two **new classrooms**. We hope to have some more information to share with you about this in the next newsletter.

Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamauiakia tina

Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain

Until next time,

Chris Miller
Deputy Principal | Tumuaki Tuarua

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 5	Belle	Room 13	Praise
Room 16	Eiao	Room 17	Mia, Dante, Henri

2027 New Enrolments

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, even if you have an older child currently at Allenton. 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.

End of day arrangements

If parents need to get in touch with their child regarding end of day arrangements, a reminder that this needs to be done through the school office as teachers don't clear emails or Seesaw during the school day when they are teaching.

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 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

Term	School closed
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Mon 20 July to Fri 25 Sep	Fri 7 Aug (staff development)
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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 2 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)

Calendar of school events - Term 3, 2026

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

Friday 28 August	Ski Day
Wednesday 2 September	Life Education on site (until 14 September)
Thursday 3 September	Arowhenua Wananga - Dr Toni Torepe, 4pm
Friday 4 September	Middle Area Assembly, 10:50am Senior Area Assembly, 2pm
Monday 7 September	Board meeting, 7pm
Thursday 10 September	School Assembly, 10:50am
Monday 14 September	Year 6 Camp (until 16 September)



READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by
following these steps

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.



Community Notices

Hakatere Kapa Haka group for children

Tēnā koutou kātoa!

I am spreading the word about our Community Kapa Haka rōpu. Ngā Tamariki o Hakatere aims to be a group that allows younger performers to partake in community celebrations such as Matariki, Multicultural Night, Waitangi Day, etc.

As such, we would like to invite new members to come along. Our rōpu aims to offer tamariki the chance to build confidence and connections with tamariki from other schools across Hakatere, learn new waiata and celebrate Te Ao Māori with us!

Our practices are on Sunday from 10 am to 12 pm at Ashburton Borough School. However, we are looking at potentially also having Wednesday practices as well!

You can send a message to: ngatamarikiohakatere@gmail.com or phone: 0212499088

Would love to hear from you soon!

Nga mihi nui,

Ngāhuia Maeva



BRUNCH ON US *2026*

Free barista coffee • Free BBQ lunch
Connection • Community

*Everyone
connected
to farming
is welcome!*



TUESDAY
25 AUGUST

📍 Lowcliffe Hall
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

1267 Isleworth Road,
Lowcliffe



THURSDAY
27 AUGUST

📍 Dorie Hall
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

1356 Mainwarings Road



TUESDAY
1 SEPTEMBER

📍 Clucas's Corner
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

1221 Lismore
Mayfield Road



THURSDAY
3 SEPTEMBER

📍 Lauriston Hall
11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Coleridge Street,
Lauriston



FREE
BARISTA
COFFEE



FREE
BBQ
LUNCH



CATCH UP
WITH NEIGHBOURS
AND FRIENDS



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LOCAL RURAL
ORGANISATIONS



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Bring your farm team, neighbours and family.*



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Handbags & Gladrags 2026



SEPT MSA 6.30PM
18 MYSTERY HANDBAG AUCTION
SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLES
MUSIC & DANCING

Tickets \$35pp (tables of 6) includes glass of bubbles on arrival and table platter

**Tickets from Anna Arrowsmith 027 722 3204
annaarrowsmith@hotmail.co.nz**



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Proceeds for Ashburton Safe Families



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Mid Canterbury
Together we're safer

Parenting in the Digital Age



Wednesday August 26th
6.00 – 7.30pm
Ashburton Library

Raising children in today's digital world can feel overwhelming – this session will help!

Free workshop for parents & caregivers of children age 0 – 18.

Helpful tips, practical tools, free resources and even a light supper provided!

For all the details & free tickets, scan the QR code.

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