



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 8

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Together We Learn and Grow

Me akotahi hei oranga mō te katoa

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaiki



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

Update on New Zealand Curriculum Changes

Over the past year, national directives have brought major changes to the New Zealand education system, specifically within English and Mathematics. Alongside these curriculum updates, the Minister of Education has introduced new student assessment requirements for all schools.

While parts of the overall curriculum framework are still being finalised, we want to share what we know so far. Even though we often learn about these proposed changes through the media at the same time as the public, we are committed to keeping you updated as fresh and relevant information arrives.

What is Changing?

- **Year-by-Year Learning:** The new curriculum lays out learning in a fixed, year-by-year format with specific achievement goals for each year level. This is a major structural shift from the previous model, which focused on the idea that children progress at different rates from different starting points, as well as work at different levels.
- **New Progress Descriptors:** The Ministry of Education (MOE) has replaced broad curriculum bands with five distinct progress stages: *Emerging*, *Developing*, *Consolidating*, *Proficient*, and *Exceeding*. We will use these specific terms for our reports to you. Please note that a "Consolidating" mark at the mid-year point can still mean your child is on track to meet their year-level expectations.
- **Higher Achievement Standards:** The new curriculum significantly raises the bar for achievement at every age. Subsequently the milestones required to be considered "Proficient" are higher than what they used to be. As a result, you might notice a shift in how your child's achievement compares to past reports.

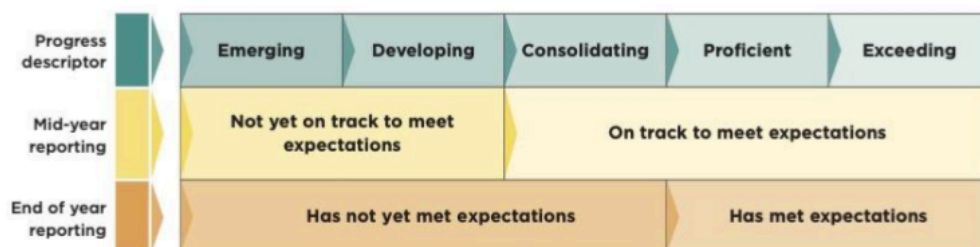
Our Assessment Approach

The national guidelines have refined standardised testing down to two twice-yearly tools: SMART Assessments and PATs. SMART is a new assessment tool this year. While PATs have been used by schools for many years, they are regularly updated and are designed by the NZ Council for Educational Research, which is independent from the MOE and Government.

Currently, our school uses PATs at Years 3 - 6 because it offers years of reliable data on New Zealand students, is norm-referenced and allows for in-depth analysis. We have also trialled the new SMART assessment this term. To get a complete, accurate picture of your child's progress, we combine these PAT results with regular classroom assessments, daily observations, and everyday schoolwork to guide our overall teacher judgments.

Reporting

As previously notified, our mid year reports will be sent home via Hero in the second week of next term - a change from the previous paper format. These will be followed up with 3 Way Conferences in week 3. There will be a change in format this year and we will use the above five progress stages to determine your child's achievement in the core areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics, alongside effort for each of these subjects.



Emerging	Students require support to meet curriculum expectations for their year level and/or goals as described in their personalised learning plan.
Developing	Students are making some progress towards curriculum expectations for their year level.
Consolidating	Students are meeting many curriculum expectations for their year level and are steadily strengthening their understanding across learning areas.
Proficient	Students are meeting curriculum expectations for their year level.
Exceeding	Students are exceeding curriculum expectations for their year level.

Staffing updates

We have some recent staffing news to share with you all. Fenella White has been a Learning Assistant at our school for just over two years. She will finish in this role at the end of this term as she commences her training to be a primary school teacher from the start of term 3. For three days a week she will be based in Room 13 at Allenton. It's great to have Fenella continuing with us in this new capacity and wish her well for her training.

Livvy Sheehan, who teaches in Room 4, and her husband Mitch are expecting their first child later this year. This is wonderful news for the parents-to-be! We congratulate them on their pending arrival to their family. Livvy will teach through until the end of term 3. I will share details as to who will teach in Room 4 for term 4 in due course.

We have recently appointed Jessica Thomson to teach in Room 17, our next New Entrant class, for terms 3 and 4. Jessica brings a wealth of experience at the ECE level, including being the head teacher of an early childhood centre in Christchurch.

We welcome back Jo Rowlands to our team of Learning Assistants - it's great to have Jo back with us. We have also appointed Maggie Conlan to the Learning Assistant team. Maggie will start with us in term 3. We have also appointed Rachel Nixon to the Learning Support team, to start before the end of term. Congratulations to our newest staff - we look forward to welcoming them to the Allention team.

Roll growth classrooms

Many of you will have seen our Facebook post last Friday to inform our school community that Allenton School will receive two additional classrooms, as part of a wider roll out of 59 new classrooms for schools across Canterbury and the South Island. Our new classrooms are in response to roll growth at Allenton. We are currently working with the Ministry of Education to commence this project and will keep you all up to date with developments.

Ko te pae tawhiti whāia kia tata, ko te pae tata whakamaauakia tina
Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain

Until next time,

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

Canterbury School's Gymnastics competition

Earlier this week 7 girls represented Allenton at the Primary School Artistic Gymnastics competition in Chch. Charley, Brooke, Liana and Millie finished 5th overall in Iron Grade. Freya, Lottie and Mia R finished second overall in Bronze Grade, with Mia R second individual overall also



Year 3-6 Ski Trip 2026

A separate notice for an expression of interest has been sent out on Hero. This optional trip and children attending must have regular attendance and acceptable behaviour to attend. Please return the notice to the School Office by 17 June, no payment required now. Further information and payment details will follow later this term.

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 4	Setara	Room 10	Sara
Room 20	Jeany	Room 21	Atena
Room 11	Kofa, Adaline, Thithli, Dhanish, Foster, Cole, Jordan, Joban, Alexander		

Friday Lunch Price Increases for Term 3

As from Term 3 the lunch prices will increase at the Allenton Dairy. A full updated lunch price list will be published in the next newsletter, along with a post on Hero, going out on the last Friday of this term. As a reminder, please ensure you have the correct money in the envelope as no change will be given. Also please provide a separate envelope for each child's order if you are ordering for more than one child.

National Young Leaders Day

A group of Allenton School Senior students attended the recent National Young Leaders Day held in Christchurch. More photos and a short blurb will be published in the next newsletter at the end of the Term.



Calendar of school events - Term 2, 2026

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

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
Tuesday 23 June	PTA AGM, 7:30pm
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 earlier Hero post for details)
Friday 3 July	Term 2 ends

2026 Term Dates

Term

School closed

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)

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

GIRLS ONLY TRAINING

PRACTICE TO PERFECT

GIRLS ONLY TRAINING PROGRAM


TUESDAYS:

APRIL 21 ST	ASHBURTON A&P
MAY 12 TH	SHOWGROUNDS
JUNE 2 ND	4:30PM-5:30PM
JUNE 23 RD	
JULY 21 ST	

ALL GIRLS INVITED Y3 - Y8

Build Confidence
Perfect Skills
Make Friends







Contact Kirsty for more information: 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 TH	CELTIC
MAY 25 TH	SOUTHERN
JUNE 8 TH	ALLENTON
JUNE 15 TH	RAKAIA
JUNE 22 ND	HAMPSTEAD
JUNE 29 TH	TINWALD

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

Give it a Go
Have Fun
Make Friends







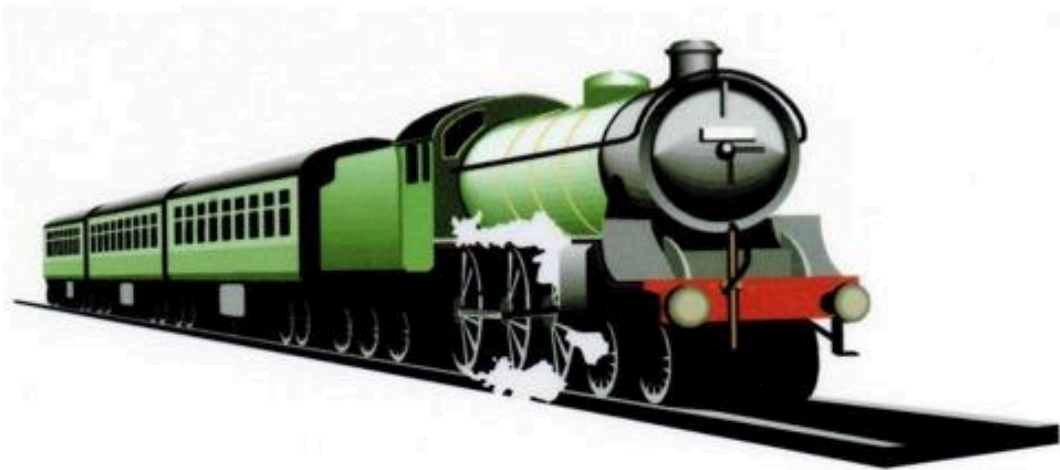




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Ashburton

MODEL TRAIN SHOW



Tinwald Memorial Hall

10 Graham Street, Tinwald

ASHBURTON

4 & 5 JULY 2026

Hours 10:00am to 4:00pm

Admission Adults \$10 Children \$3

Family (2Adults 2 Children) \$20

Food Available

EFTPOS Available

www.ashburtontrainshow.co.nz

July SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

hitplay

Come join us at HitPlay - for the July School Holidays, our team can't wait to see you!
For more information, call 03 423 2270 or 021 222 7770 or email info@hitplay.co.nz
HITPLAY ALLENTON - 110 Harrison Street, Allenton, Ashburton

LET'S HAVE FUN

Lunch options Wed, Thus & Fri

06 July



Challenge Day

07 July



Wonderland

08 July



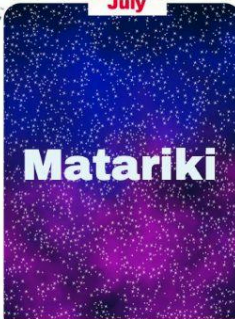
MineCraft

09 July



Under the Sea

10 July



Matariki

Closed

13 July



Slime & Magic

14 July



Circus

15 July



Decendants

16 July



PJ Party

17 July



Build It

Bikes & Wheels



Bikes, scooters and all wheel related things are welcome. All children **MUST** have a helmet. Please keep wheels home on trip days or if expected to be wet.

What to Pack



Food for the day and a drink bottle with water
We are happy to refill water bottles



Outside - a warm jacket and sun hat
Inside - the kids are welcome to bring slippers or spare socks



Medicine - This must be signed in and in a labled zip lock bag. Sunblock - only if your child is unable to use ours.



The Cost

Standard Day 8:00am - 5:00pm \$50.00
School Day 8:00am - 3:00pm \$40.00

Transport fees as advertised online (also collecting in Chertsey)

Excursion costs as advertised online

Talk to our team about a WINZ subsidy - the care you need maybe free.
Early Drop Off from 7:00am grab breakfast with us or late pick up by 6pm

Book now hitplay.co.nz

FEELING UNWELL? PLEASE STAY HOME!



KIDS JULY FUN TRIPS



CLIP N CLIMB

Leap of Faith and Vertical Drop
7th July 2026

Get your climb on, can you reach the top? Feeling BRAVE try the leap of faith or the vertical drop for a wee thrill.

PACK: Food and water for the day, a warm layer and sun hat. Suitable shoes are needed here too!

AIR FORCE MUSEUM

14th July 2026

Come see all the planes with us! Join the kiwi hunt and win a prize. This is a fun interactive educational trip suited to all students.

PACK: Food and water for the day, suitable footwear and a warm layer

CBAY SWIM & SLIDE

9th July 2026

Get your swim on with us at CBay pool. We will be hydrosleding and making use of the inflatables!

PACK: Food and water for the day, togs and towel

MOVIES + POPCORN

16th July 2026

MOVIE: Minions & Monsters

The minions conquer hollywood and release monsters. Join us on thier journey to save the world.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/zluNg9UG2sA>

PACK: Suitable shoes and clothing

HITPLAY - ALLENTON

110 Harrison Street
03 423 2270

Trip Times

Sign In - by 9am

Sign Out - after 4:30pm

Register Online

www.hitplay.co.nz





Learn tennis for life

Term 3 lessons start Mon 27th July 2026

Tennis lessons designed for
children of all abilities & those
new to the game aged 5 years or
older

For more info
& to register



clubspark.kiwi/MidCanterburyTennis

RAUTAKI ORA LIFE SKILLS PROGRAMME

2 DAY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO LEARN SKILLS TO SUPPORT THEM IN LIFE

- Tuesday 7th July 9.00am - 3.00pm and Thursday 9th July 2026
9.00am - 3.00pm (Children to attend both days)
- Parent session prior to the group to help you support your child
to put learning into practice at home
- Free - all materials supplied
- Maximum 12 children, will be working in smaller groups
throughout the day
- Children aged 8 - 12 years

WHAT GROUP PARTICIPANTS WILL LEARN

- ✓ Build a vege patch
- ✓ How to maintain a bike
- ✓ Hygiene and hair care
- ✓ Making food for school lunches
- ✓ Make shower steamers and soap
- ✓ Being active in creative ways
- ✓ Enjoying and being safe in the outdoors




REGISTER AT

midcant@psusi.org.nz

All topics will be taught in fun and
creative ways to help children learn
through play

COVERS THE 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BEADING WORKSHOP

Come along and enjoy
two hours of beading
fun creating stretchy
bracelets and bag tags.



Monday 6 July
1.00pm – 3.00pm
Community House
\$15 per child

Workshop for children aged 7–12 years.
Parent/Guardian must be present for
duration of workshop.

To register please email:
charlene@caninspire.org.nz


CanBead
create - support - inspire