



ALLENTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 9

2 April 2026

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Together We Learn and Grow

Me akotahi hei oranga mā te katoa

Principal's Comment Nga Korero o te Tumuaki



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

Today brings Term 1 to a close and the start of a two-week term break. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of the staff across the term and the way they have worked together to make a difference for our children in their learning and co-curricula programmes. Also to our school whānau who have supported their children and various events that have taken place over the past term. The staff and I are grateful for the support that we receive from you in order to provide the experiences that our children can learn from and enjoy.

Last week we had three students representing Allenton School and Mid Canterbury at the Canterbury Schools Swimming Sports at the Parakiore Recreation and Sports Centre in Christchurch - a wonderful new venue with great facilities. Annabel, Charlotte and Leni swam at the event and competed very well against some strong competition. Well done to each of them - they are all swimming stars and have done our school proud!



Over the term break there will be various contractors working around school, particularly exterior painting for Rooms 14, 15 and 16, and painting and building work on the hall exterior. If families are using the school ground over the next two weeks, please be mindful of the work that is occurring in these spaces and keep children away from them as much as possible. There will be restricted access through the hall gate.

A reminder that in Terms 2 and 3 students are required to wear winter uniform. Please refer to our website under the Information section for what the expectations are. When our uniform is worn correctly, our children do look very presentable - many thanks for your support with this. Sunhats are not expected to be worn, but students can certainly continue to wear these if they choose.

I wish all Allenton families a safe and enjoyable break; we look forward to seeing you all next term.

*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 term,

Andrew Leverton
Principal | Tumuaki

Calendar of school events - Term 2, 2026

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

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| Monday 20 April | Term 2 commences Middle School swim week commences |
| Monday 27 April Friday 1 May | School closed - Anzac Day observance Senior School assembly, 2pm |
| Tuesday 5 May Friday 8 May | PTA meeting, 7:30pm Middle School assembly, 10:50am Junior School assembly, 2pm |
| Tuesday 12 May | School Cross Country, Argyle Park, 9:30am (pp Wednesday 13 May) |
| Wednesday 13 May Friday 15 May | Mihi Whakatau (welcome for new students and families) School assembly, 10:50am |
| Monday 18 May Wednesday 20 May Friday 22 May | School Board meeting, 7pm Welcome Wednesday (New Entrant information morning) School closed for staff development |
| Tuesday 26 May Friday 29 May | Mid Canterbury Cross Country (pp 28 May) Middle School assembly, 10:50am |
| Monday 1 June | School closed - King's Birthday Samoan Language Week commences |
| Tuesday 2 June Friday 5 June | PTA meeting, 7:30pm 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 tbc) |
| Monday 22 June Friday 26 June | School Board meeting, 7pm Middle School assembly, 10:50am PTA Disco (time tbc) |

2026 Term Dates

| Term | School closed |
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| 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.



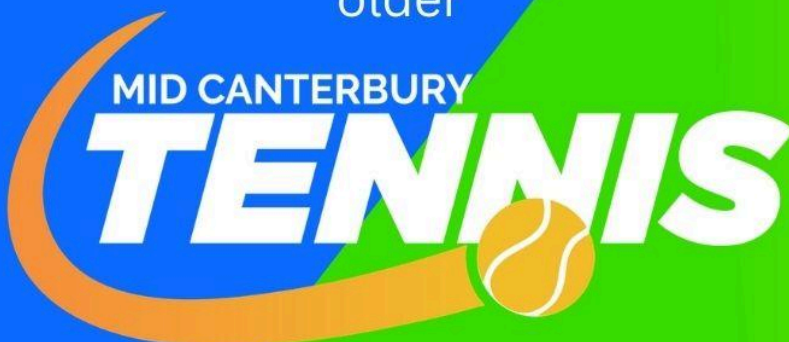


Learn tennis for life

Term 2 lessons start Wed 29th April 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



Mid Canterbury
Rural Women
are pleased to offer our
COOK & EAT
Holiday Programme



Thursday 9th April
9am - 3pm
OPEN to Students Year 6-8
No Charge



*Sponsored By
Ashburton District Council & The
Canterbury Rural Women
Charitable Fund.*



*Registrations Close: 2nd April
Registrations: Jill 021506856
LIMITED NUMBERS
Venue: Mid Canterbury Technology
Centre*



The Big Little Sponsorship

WIN

YOUR SCHOOL A SHARE OF

\$100K

SPORTS GRANTS

Nominate your primary school
at aainsurance.co.nz

Winning takes teamwork, so get the whole community involved by nominating your school. Teachers, students, parents, friends and whānau can all share the love and show their support for your school by nominating [here](#).

[Terms and Conditions apply](#). **Entries close 11:59pm Sunday 19 April 2026**



Methven Scarecrow Trail

Saturday April 4 - Sunday April 19

Awesome school holiday activity
Only \$15 - eftpos or cash please
Info & Maps available from the
Methven ihub & Methven Four Square





ALWAYS WANTED TO PLAY HOCKEY? REGISTER HERE!

If your child is keen to give hockey a go, the next step is joining a local club where they can keep learning, make new friends, and most of all have fun!



Click on the club logos to register

Any new players to hockey this year will receive a free starter pack to get them started on their hockey career.

Starter Packs include:

- Junior Stick
- Junior Ball
- Mouthguard
- Junior Shinpad



NOT SURE WHICH CLUB IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

We're happy to help you find the best fit so please get in touch



Email

admin@mchockey.co.nz



Phone

021 206 4437



Girl Guiding New Zealand

Be part of New Zealand's largest girl only organisation, offering girls and young women opportunities to enjoy a wide range of activities, learn new skills, and get outdoors and encourage leadership roles. There is a variety of meeting times in Ashburton and online options as well.

Te Mata Puna Pippins (ages 5 - 6 yrs) & Brownies (ages 7 - 9 1/2 yrs) Tuesdays 4 - 5.15pm

Tinwald Guides (ages 9 - 12 1/2yrs) Mondays 6 - 8pm

Te Mata Puna Guides - Tuesdays 5.30 - 7pm

Ashburton Rangers (ages 12 - 17yrs) Tuesdays 7 - 9pm

For further information contact Rebecca 0212510021 or www.girlguidingnz.org.nz



Visual Art lessons for students Years 3-8

After school art classes for school aged students Years 3-8.

Monday 3:45-5:15 Years 3-5, Tuesdays 4:30-6pm Years 5-8,

Wednesdays 3:45-5:15 Years 5-8

Situated in Allenton, Ashburton.

Cherie Livingstone, Registered Primary School Teacher.

For more information email; artworxashburton@gmail.com

Allenton Netball Club

To all Parents/Caregivers of Year 4 students whose children are interested in playing netball this year, Allenton Netball Club are looking for more players so it's not too late to register. Any enquiries can be directed to allentonnetballclub@gmail.com