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Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 13 February 2018

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 20 th February	Small Schools Swimming Sports
Monday 26 th February	Year 7 & 8 Technology
Monday 12 th March	Year 7 & 8 Technology
Monday 26 th March	Year 7 & 8 Technology
Friday 2 nd March	Bush Swimming
Friday 30 th March	Good Friday - no school
Monday 2 nd April	Easter Monday - no school
Tuesday 3 rd April	Easter Tuesday - no school
Friday 13 th April	Last Day of Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a busy and fantastic start to 2018! I'm really excited to be here as Acting Principal for term 1 and I am enjoying meeting all the fabulous Alfredton learners and their families. I look forward to meeting more of you in the coming weeks. The staff have really made me welcome and I can see Alfredton School is really lucky to have such a great team of teachers and support staff to provide excellent educational opportunities for your children. On the note of staff I would like to welcome Ms Brenda O'Donnell to Alfredton School. I know she has enjoyed the start of the year with her class and many of you have called in to say hi.

We also welcome the McGrath family: Trinity (year 7), Roree (year 5) and Kitana (year 1). I am sure they will love learning at Alfredton School.

Trish

STUDENT VOICE

Finally swimming has started and I love it. But school has started and I don't like it. Tech has started and there are 12 children going, that is too many!! On Friday last week Mrs Fryer taught us and it was good to have a new teacher teach us.

Phoebe

SCHOOL NEWS

SMALL SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS

This event is on next Tuesday 20th February. Please see the attached notice and the school uniforms will be issued before this event.

KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE

This term we are doing the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme, please see the attached note for more information.

EMERGENCY KITS

All student emergency kits were sent home at the end of last term, to enable these to be updated. Please return these to school as soon as possible.

We have containers available at school for all the families who have previously not had an emergency kit held on site. Please call in to the office and see Val (Mon, Tues or Weds) to get your container and the information sheet on this.

SUN SAFETY

Our hot summer days are here for a while so we require everyone to wear a sunhat, every day, while playing outside. If your child does not have one at school they will need to stay in a shaded area at school. It is highly recommended that children arrive at school having had sunscreen applied.

BUSES

The 4 buses are very busy and many of the runs are very full. This means that there is no guarantee that children can be switched on to another bus to go to a different home destination. Please advise us as soon as possible if your child will not be on the bus as this may mean further changes can occur.

The notice for any permanent changes to the afternoon bus routine for Term 1 is attached to the newsletter. Please return if you have any changes for us to be aware of.

ASSEMBLY

This term assembly will be held at 9am on Wednesday mornings. Please feel free to join us in celebrating our learning achievements.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

MARS

Feathers

It felt like a feather storm as soon as the pillow opened. Once it stopped it looked like it snowed white feathers.

Jack

We ripped up the pillow and we fought to get the feathers. We all grabbed enough feathers and had a feather fight. There were people throwing feathers, stuffing them down peoples backs and afterwards the feathers were spread out in a big circle. Then we went back inside. What fun!

Henry

Whoosh, a shower of feathers fell on me. Suddenly I went crazy and threw them everywhere. The feathers spun around and covered everyone. Soon everyone went crazy and nearly got showered, so did Mrs Phillips.

Charlotte

Today on Alfredton News. An explosion happened at Alfredton School on the playing field. This was a tragic event. The kids were all screaming. Feathers flying through the air. Kids saying the explosion was like being in a cloud with all the feathers floating in the air. No kids killed but a lot of them were sneezing. Police have found the pillow murderer was the children's teacher Mrs Annie Phillips. Thank you for listening to Alfredton News!

Emma

Someone grabs me out of the pillow. "Ow be careful" I screech. Then I get chucked in the air. I can smell fresh air, I hear laughing children, I feel Free!. I giggle in delight as I get pushed down someone's t-shirt and then I'm quickly brushed out. I float to the ground and then everyone settles down, then someone sits on me. "Oww" I scream. I try to wiggle out. Then the someone stands up. This is much more fun than that stinky pillow. I think I'm on the field doing nothing, again!

James

WOOSH!!

A wave of feathers erupted from the old, ugly, smelly pillow. The whole thing felt stupid!. The feathers felt softer and smoother than I imagined. Henry and Nixon put some feathers down my back! It was weird but heaps of fun.

Blair



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

BOT NEWS

The first week at school went well with new staff and students settled in. Trish our acting principal is doing a great job of running the school with the rest of the staff supporting her very well. We have a BOT meeting on the 20th for a more detailed look at the new year.

Applications for the new principal job for term two have now closed. We have shortlisted and have an interview date of Sunday 25th of February. I will let you know how we got on in the first week of March. Thanks to the community for your support during this transition stage of the year.

Russ Smith

BOT Chair.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th February 2018, 6:30pm

ASCA

Next meeting: Wednesday 21st February, 6.30pm at school.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALFREDTON DISTRICT SPORTS CLUB

Affiliated to Wairarapa Horse Sports Federation

Annual Sports Meeting Alfredton Domain

SH 52, Opposite the Alfredton Golf Club

Saturday 24th February 2018

Commencing 9am Sharp

Admission \$2 per person or \$5 per vehicle

Refreshments & BBQ available for

Purchase, Free BBQ at 5pm

Secretary : Mrs Kathryn Percy 14781 Route 52, RD 3,
Eketahuna. (06) 375 0577 , Email : salty.kathryn@xtra.co.nz

ALFREDTON HORSE SPORTS

WORKING BEE

Wednesday 21st

1pm

Alfredton Domain

All welcome

Buzz 06 3767550

Junior Cricket starts again next week. First game is the 10th February, first practice and registration day at bush stadium next Thursday at 4pm.

Contact details: Keri Lindsay 02040067967.

Thanks very much

Hopefully you have all seen the community notice board at the hall. This board is for the all community events, so if you have an event to advertise please get in contact with James McKay 375 8432.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Sign Factory in Masterton for sponsoring a huge part of this sign. So for all your sign writing needs please support them. Also thanks to the Alfredton Domain Board and the Alfredton Social Club for their contributions.



TIRAUMEA HORSE SPORTS

March 10th 2018

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