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## Newsletter ~ Friday, 11 December 2020

Kia ora koutou,

What a year 2020 has been. I don't think we will ever forget it. I am very proud of the resilience displayed by our students as they coped with learning from home during lockdown and the cancellation of many events. It has also been a huge learning curve for staff. We are so lucky here in New Zealand, when I think of the difficult experiences teacher friends and ex-colleagues of mine are facing in the UK, I am very glad that my family and I are here.

This week our Year 5 to 8's spent 2 nights away at camp. Lots of children challenged themselves to try something new. Every single one of them had an amazing time. It was a real pleasure for Mr Gardner and myself to spend time with your children, thank you for lending them to us for a few days. A massive thank you to Paula, Jenny, Rob, Corey, Salty, Stew, Jo and Sophie. Next week we will send home 'Team' photos.

On Wednesday Tui Class spent the day at Castlepoint. I have been told several times that the ice-cream was fantastic and that they really enjoyed their day out. It has been fabulous that every class has been able to spend time outside of the classroom away from school. Thank you ASCA for your support in funding our experiences. We really appreciate it.

Over the past few weeks we have experienced success in Athletics, Rippa Rugby and Summer Hockey. The Y5/6 Team and the Y7/8 Team both won their sections in the Rippa Tournament.

We entered 2 teams in the U13 Bush Outdoor Summer Hockey Competition. Both teams had players who should have played at the U11 grade. Alfredton 2 (joint team with Ballance School) placed 2nd in the grade. This is a fabulous achievement. Well done to both teams.

At assembly this morning we presented 40 Bush Athletics Certificates. 14 of these were for 1st place! We have lots of successful sportsmen and women at our school.

Congratulations to Jessica Monk and Roree McGrath who received a Certificate of Achievement and a \$100 voucher from Resene for 'Best Mural Design - designed but not yet painted' in a National competition.

On Tuesday we will farewell Miss O'Donnell. She will be greatly missed by our community; we wish her every success in her new post. We will be advertising for a new teacher shortly.

We will miss our Year 8's who have given so much to our school during their time with us. We hope that they will make the most of all the amazing opportunities which will be placed before them as they head off to College. Good luck to other students who are also leaving us to head to pastures new. Remember to take our MIGHTY values with you and to continue to follow them wherever you go.

Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday February 3rd, the first day of Term 1 2021.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

### **Christmas Tree Night - Friday 11th December**

This will start at 6pm. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the hall. This is our chance to celebrate as well as to farewell our Year 8's. Hopefully Santa will have us on his visiting list too.

### **Community Christmas Party - Monday 14th December**

This will start with a sausage sizzle at 12.30pm and will be followed by family games on our school field. We would like to extend this invitation to all of our families, including grandparents as well as younger siblings. If you know of anyone else who is part of the Alfredton Community who would like to come, please share details of this event with them.

### **Volunteer and Staff Morning Tea - Tuesday 15th December**

If you have volunteered during 2020 please accept this invitation to join us in the staff room at 11am for morning tea. This is also the final day of school for 2020.

### **Calendar for 2021**

#### **Term 1**

Wednesday 3rd February - first day of term 1.

Monday 8th February - Waitangi Day observed, school will be closed.

Friday 12th February Year 7 and 8 Technology

Wednesday 17th February - Junior (Year 0 to 2) Minor Sports

Monday 22nd February will be a Teacher Only Day. We are joining with several other schools in our Bush Area to take part in Pause, Breathe, Smile training. This is a wellbeing programme developed and run by Southern Cross.

Friday 26th February - Year 7 and 8 Technology

Tuesday 2nd March - Rural Schools Junior Swimming at Alfredton

Friday 5th March - Rural Schools Senior Swimming - Pahiatua Pool

Further dates will follow in 2021.

Please look at our school calendar regularly; this can be accessed from our website.

<https://alfredton.school.nz/>

#### **2021 Term Dates**

Term 1 Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 16th

April Easter Break 2nd April to 6th April

Term 2 Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July

Term 3 Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October

Term 4 Monday 18th October to Wednesday 15th December

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## **SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS**

### **INVOICES**

Please ensure all outstanding invoices are paid before the end of Term 4 on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## **POOL KEYS**

Pool Keys are now available for purchase from the school office.

The cost remains at \$20 for the season so please support us by purchasing your own key for the summer, this helps with the cost of maintaining the pool throughout the school holidays.

The "Pool Use" form needs to be signed and returned with payment prior to any keys being issued.

## **Leavers' Memorable Moments**

My most memorable was my first Pets' Day because I got first and I was so happy. The opportunities that I have had at Alfredton School are playing for the school hockey teams and being able to go to sports events for Alfredton. I also enjoyed being part of the production.

Emma Heathcote

My most memorable moment at Alfredton School was when my mum came to pick me up in the afternoon and she showed all my friends embarrassing photos of when we were at Playgroup. One of the opportunities that I am very grateful for is that a group of girls and I were able to form an Alfredton School netball – the first team that Alfredton had in a very long time.

Amelia Caseley

My most memorable moment was when we took a trip to the Lido. We got to the Lido on a very hot day. I was busting with excitement. I got into my togs and jump into the pool. There was a donut floatie and you had to pay extra to have it. So I just grabbed it because nobody was with it. It's mine now, I thought!

Some opportunities that I was able to participate in at Alfredton school include: the 7 aside where we came third and being able to attend Athletics every year. We have also been very lucky with all the school trips we have done over the years.

Cruiz Evans

My most memorable is when I first started school and I had someone looking after for the day. I want to thank the teachers for getting us to places and Mrs Harvey for keeping the school running nice and smoothly (after all we all she is the real boss!) One of the opportunities I had was to play in the Alfredton Hinds. I loved it. Thank you so much – I will miss Alfredton School very much!

Charlotte Kennedy

One of my most memorable moments was when I first walked into the school grounds and into the classroom to see Mrs Phillips smiley face. I have had many opportunities here – including how a Year 5, 6, 7 girls formed the very first full Alfredton school Netball team in ten years, being able to attend the National Young Leaders Day, going on camps, all the Pets Days and of course playing the Alfredton Hinds hockey team. I have loved it here at Alfredton School and will look forward to coming back next year and helping out.

Maddie McKenzie

One of the most memorable moments at Alfredton School was when it was my first time doing Bex McKay's long run and I was running with Annabel. When we got to the bottom of the hill, we didn't know where to go and there were two big bulls in the paddock. So some of the big kids had to run back and get us!

I am so thankful for all the opportunities I have had at Alfredton school like: ice skating, the production, Pets Days, Athletics, Swimming sports, Cross country, Pyjama Day, Crazy Hair Day and of course playing for Alfredton Hinds hockey team. Of course, I have had so many other opportunities - far too many to write!!!

Simone Kittow

I'd like to thank all the teachers for supporting me for the last two terms, even though I haven't been her for long. One of my favourite times at Alfredton School was the Rippa rugby tournament and Bush Athletics and so much more. I've enjoyed every day so much and Huia class has been so supportive.

Audrey Hall

# Tui Class Trip to Castlepoint



We had fun!

# Kiwi Class Trip to Cobblestone Museum



Cooper printing a card with Tony the printer.



Gemma & Farryn dressed up.



Ally in the fire engine.



Year 3s & 4s at school in the 1900s.



Year 5s at school in the 1900s.



Amy dressed up.



Daniel is the teacher.



Cooper in trouble!!



Kiera at the cottage.



Quinn printing a card.



Tova and Quinn racing along in the spoon and chestnut race.



Jesse, Pippa & Kitana trying out the old fire engine.



Kiwi class try their hand at horseshoe throwing.

# Some highlights from Makahika



**Huia**

**Room**



**Camp 2020 – Forest Lakes, Otaki**



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Support the Student Council and purchase our last few jars of Snooty Fruit product available at the office - Feijoa Chutney and Kiwifruit and Caper Chutney.

## SPORTS NEWS

Eketahuna Cricket started this year with two teams in the hardball championship grade and we managed to play the whole term before lockdown. Term four saw us drop down to one team and unfavourable weather meant we only played 4 games. Overall we had a great year and finished the season top of the table. At prize giving the following trophies were given out:

Best bowler - Jess Monk

Best batter - Marshall Anderson

Most improved - Arth Patel

Sportsmanship award - Johnny Fowler

Throughout the season we also had players selected to play in invitational and pathway teams

Jimmy Olds, Lachie Redington, Marshall Anderson, Sophie White, Gus, Harry and Jess Monk.

Four of our players are off to college next year Jess Monk, Harry Dickson, Henry Johnston and Harrison Mackisack. Good luck for your college years. Well done to all the players and thank you to the parents for supporting Eketahuna cricket. Huge thank you to our coaches Hamish Monk and Brad Anderson.



## ASCA

# STOCK DRIVE

Alfredton School and Community Association (ASCA) is running a fundraising Stock Drive over the summer months. We are asking Alfredton farmers to kindly donate stock to ASCA next time they are sending stock to the works. It's as simple as marking the stock being donated on the head with spray and loading them last as a separate line. A separate ASD form also needs to be filled out. Any number and class of stock (**i.e lambs, cull ewes etc**) are gratefully received. Below is a list of meat companies that have ASCA accounts, if your meat company isn't on the list please contact Angela Blundell 3750676 to arrange. **Please help spread the news to neighbours, friends and family as anyone who supplies the following meat companies can donate.**

- AFFCO
- ALLIANCE
- ANZCO
- CARRFIELDS
- OVATION
- SILVER FERN FARMS

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please inform your stock agent you want to donate when booking in stock

### ASD form information

Owner/Trade Name : Alfredton School and Community Association (ASCA)

Owner's postal address: 15207 Route 52, RD3, Eketahuna

Description: 2 lambs (**example**) donated to ASCA

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Staff Changes

2021 will bring about some changes in staffing at our school.

It is with great sadness that we will be farewelling Brenda O'Donnell at the end of this year. Brenda will be heading to a new position at Mangatainoka School for 2021.

We want to express our gratitude to Brenda for all that she has done in her time at Alfredton School. Brenda has not only been an incredible teacher but has contributed greatly to school life in all areas continually supporting our students and school community through leadership, in academic, cultural, sporting, and fundraising opportunities.

Brenda will be very missed by the students, staff and school community and we wish her every success in her new position.



## Alfredton School Board of Trustees

Would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to  
our wonderful school community for their  
ongoing support in 2020!

We hope everyone enjoys a safe and Happy  
Holidays!

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Alfredton Christmas Carols**

**Monday 21st December**

**7pm.**

**Get into the festive spirit and come along to sing some Carols  
at Alfredton's Church - St Aidan's on Castlehill Rd.**

**If anyone is keen to help decorate the Church or if you'd like to join as  
musician please call Jo McKenzie 06 375 0522.**

**Christmas Crafts Day**

**St Peter's Church**

**Albert Street, Pahiatua**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December-10am-2pm**

**5-13yr olds, \$2 entry, lunch provided**

**Registrations:**

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# **FAMILY GOLF OPEN DAY: EKETAHUNA GOLF CLUB**

**Join us for a fun family open day.**

**Families, parents & children all  
invited to come along to give golf a go.**

There will be fun golf activities, Team  
Golf on the course, & BBQ afterward.

**10AM - 12 NOON  
SUNDAY  
13TH  
DECEMBER**

Equipment provided, or bring your own if you have them.

Enquiries: Jenny Anderson 0212546614 or Francie Duffy 0273319348