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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 25 September 2024

Tohaina ō painga ki tea o Share your gifts with the world

Kia ora,

It is lovely to be back at school after my week at the NZPF conference. Whilst I was away our Year 7's attended a practice for the Y7/8 Formal Dance. All of Huia class are enjoying learning some of the dances. I am looking forward to seeing our Year 7's on Thursday evening at the dance. Congratulations to Tova Foreman, Jock Falloon and Leo Johnston who represented Alfredton at the annual Tararua Library Quiz. They placed 1st in the competition at Eketahuna library and 7th out of all the schools who entered in the Tararua District. This is an excellent achievement and they should be very proud of themselves.



In order to help our buses run smoothly, please remember to let your driver know if your child will not be on the bus in a morning. If it is a late change, you can phone school and we will radio your driver. There is usually someone at school after 7.45am.

Please ensure that your child brings a hat to school each day during term four. We would encourage children to wear a wide brimmed / bucket hat as these offer the best sun protection. Children who don't have a hat will play under the oak trees or in the sand pit as both of these areas are shaded. All children will also need to continue to bring a full water bottle. Sun screen will be available at school.

Hot lunches will end this week. They will start again in term two 2025.

Today an information leaflet about school photographs will come home. Please read it carefully as it contains instructions for booking sibling photographs and ordering.

This week you will receive information about Pets Day. This will take place on Wednesday 23rd October. This is always a fun day. We will have animal and craft judging in the morning and games organised by our Year 6 and 7's after lunch. As it is earlier than usual we will not be asking for children to make items at home. We do encourage you to enter the family challenge. You can have fun over the holiday planning and making your entry together.

Tomorrow, Huia children will be sharing their learning about Ecosystems. They will begin at 9.30am and you are very welcome to join them. Please head to Kiwi class if you would like to see their presentations.

This coming Friday we would like to invite you to join us at our weekly assembly. This takes place in Tui class. It will begin at 2.20pm. We will be presenting class certificates and the principal's award as well as our reader's of the week certificates.

During term 4 and into 2025 there will be building work taking place around our school. This includes an upgrade of Huia classroom, new roofs on Huia and Tui rooms and an improvement of the swimming pool roof. A fence is also being erected around our school grounds. This will be a fence for rural schools, not one like you see around schools in town. Gladstone school has a similar fence to the one you will see around our school. The current fence boards will be

available for our community to reuse once they have been removed. I will let you know when they will be available.

Have a lovely holiday with your children. Term 4 begins on Monday 14th October.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

26th September Y7/8 Formal Dance (6.30 - 9pm Stadium, Pahiatua)
27th September Term Ends
14th October Term 4 Starts
16th October School Photographs
22nd October EPRO8 Y7/8 9.30 - 12.30, Y 5/6 1 - 4pm (Masterton Intermediate)
23rd October Pets Day
12th November Teacher Only Day
26th November REAP Rural Kids at Alfredton (Y5 - 7)
TBC November Rural Schools Athletics (Stadium, Pahiatua)
29th November Bush Athletics (Stadium, Pahiatua)
12th December Christmas Tree Night and Prizegiving
13th December Last Day of Term

<u>Year 7 Term 4 Technology</u> Oct 17th and 31st, Nov 14th and 28th

This information can also be found on our school website.

2025 School Dates

Term One: Tuesday 4th February to Friday 11th April Closed 6th February Term Two: Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June Closed 2nd and 20th June Term Three: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September Term Four: Monday 6th October to Tuesday 16th December Closed 27th October There will also be two Teacher Only Days

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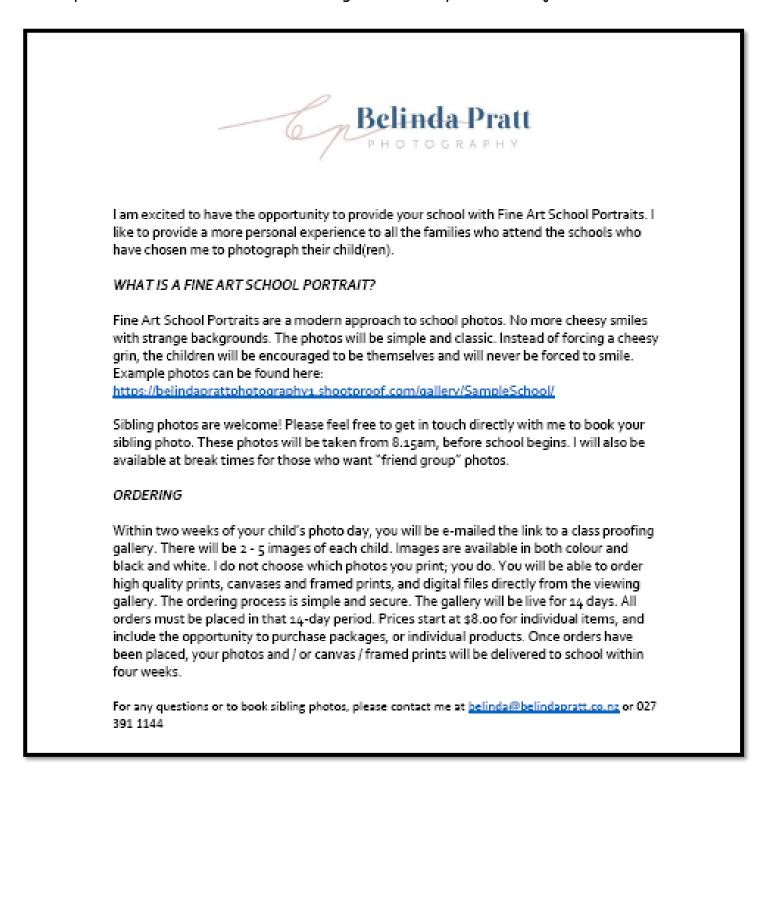
Alfredton School Policies and Procedures can be found here: <u>https://alfredton.schooldocs.co.nz</u> Username: alfredton Password: mighty

Alfredton School Board

Next meeting: Monday 14th October starting at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting. Please let Katie Fallon (Presiding Member) know if you would like to attend.

Huia Class News

The Children of Huia class will be presenting their Ecosystem projects tomorrow, Thursday 26th September from 9.30am. Parents/Caregivers are very welcome to join us in the classroom.



Readers of the Week



Classroom Awards



Principal Awards



ASCA

Quiz Night - A huge thank you to Natasha & Ben Bond for organising and running a very successful quiz the other weekend. Natasha did a stellar job flying solo as quiz master this year. Thank you to everyone from the community that came for what was a very fun and social night. Congratulations to the team from Wairere for taking out the honours this year.

Upcoming ASCA events:

Pet Day BBQ - Wednesday 23rd October - North & East on running BBQ this year. Updated list to come. A list of baking or donations will be posted via messenger.

Christmas Tree Night - Thursday 12th December - South & West on clean up

2025 SAVE THE DATE - Alfredton School Hill Country Walk & Trail Run - **SATURDAY 8th MARCH 2025** - All families will be required to lend a hand, so please pencil in the date.

Aratoi Museum of Art and History joins forces with geologist Chris Hollis to bring you a unique school holiday special focused on Wairarapa geology!

ARATOI WESLEY WING

COLOUR BY NUMBERS: Visitors to Aratoi's Wesley Wing will work collaboratively to colour in a geological map of the Wairarapa. Use the colour key and magnifying glass to identify key features of landmass development during the Holocene, Pleistocene, Pliocene, Miocene and Cretaceous periods. Colour in that area with the correct coloured pencil!

FOSSIL FIND: Try your hand at palaeontology, use a brush to carefully remove soil and reveal oceanic fossils embedded in the rock!

STUDENT ECO-WARRIORS: Touch the interactive sound installation to listen to Wairarapa students sharing their experiences of ecological restoration! Headlining students from Kahutara School, Chanel College, Wairarapa College, Fernridge School, and South End School.

ROCK ART: Use different-sized rocks to create an image of prehistoric life! Take a photo of your artwork and email it to <u>education@aratoi.co.nz</u> to enter the prize draw!

GIVE AND TAKE / 30th Sept - 13th Oct: Support Masterton Food Bank's Christmas appeal by bringing nonperishable food items into Aratoi to exchange for student artwork! Recommended food items include; Lunch box fillers, reduced cream and onion soup mix, cereals, chips, Christmas puddings and pies, gravy sachets, stuffing mixes, chocolate bars, canned fruit, UHT milk and cream, crackers, lollies, tea and coffee etc.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT: AN AFTERNOON WITH CHRIS HOLLIS

Join Chris Hollis and Aratoi staff for an afternoon of fossils, fault lines, rivers and swamps! Use magnifying glasses and microscopes to examine fossils, and try your hand at fossil finding, sand sculpting and ecological printmaking.

Maximum of 15 participants. Parent Supervision Required. Bookings essential.

Date: Wednesday 2nd October 2024

Meeting Point: Aratoi Foyer - 12 Bruce Street, Masterton

Time: 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm

Ages: 7 - 18

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT: A RIVER FIELD TRIP WITH CHRIS HOLLIS

Join Chris Hollis and Aratoi staff on an outdoor field trip to the Waingawa River. Learn how to identify rocks from different geological periods and the history of the Wairarapa floodplain!

Maximum of 15 participants. Parent Supervision Required. Bookings essential. Sturdy Shoes required.

Date: Wednesday 9th October 2024

Meeting Point: The southern end of South Road, Masterton, includes a 50m walk to the river.

Time: 1.00 pm - 2.00 pm

Ages: 7 -18

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT BOOKINGS:

Email: education@aratoi.co.nz

INFORMATION REQUIRED: Names of Tamariki (Children), Ages, No. of Adults, allergies, learning needs, chosen event - An Afternoon with Chris Hollis / River Field Trip with Chris Hollis, Contact Phone Number, Contact Email.



TELES

MANAWATŮ TOUCH JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

MUSTER DATE: WHEN: SATURDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2024 WHERE: CORONATION PARK TIME:

- U10'S: 9.00AM TO 10.30AM
- U12'S: 11AM-12:30PM
- U14: 1:00PM-2:30PM





This fund offers 10 grants of \$1,000 each to support projects that enhance local communities and drive positive social impact. If your project is related to education, innovation, sports, or hobbies, we encourage you to apply!

Applications are open now until October 31 via: <u>https://pulseenergy.co.nz/powering-your-community-fund/</u>

Pulse Energy, which supplies electricity, gas and broadband to New Zealand homes, launched the Powering Your Community Fund to provide financial support for not-for-profit organisations, local projects, and schools.

The previous round of funding supported a range of community groups, including an Auckland programme helping to feed homeless people in Onehunga, and a community hub in Otago who help residents in need.

We hope you'll consider applying and will be in touch with a reminder before the submissions close, so mark your diaries!

Please also feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui, Georgia

Georgia Green <Georgia@boydpr.co.nz>

WE NEED YOU

FOR BUSH CHILDREN'S DAY IN PAHIATUA TO CARRY ON OPERATING, WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS ON THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Please send us a message via FB or text 0211450551 to find out more if you're interested We would love to hear from you!



YOUNG STARS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMME

7-18 Years

WOODVILLE:

October 2nd-October 4th 2024

Performance Showcase October 4th 2024

Woodville Primary School

BUNNYTHORPE:

9th-11th October 2024 - Bunnythorpe Community Centre

9am-3pm with a Performance Showcase on the 11th October 2024 at 6pm (Entry is a donation).

After an awesome Young Stars in April, we are thrilled to be offering the ultimate Performing Arts Holiday Programme again these September School Holidays.

Just \$95 for three days, this is the perfect opportunity for kids to grow confidence in the performing arts and develop performance skills leading towards a showcase performance on the final day.

To register simply click on the link below:

https://forms.gle/Azu8tA9ZG4stbKLC9

Pay online at <u>www.newstageproductions.com</u> or via internet banking

Spread the word! This is going to be epic! Limited Spaces



Please note workshop prices do not include entry to the reserve

BUSH DISRICTS BOYS & GIRLS AGRICULTURAL CLUB

To all Schools

I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone to come along to our Bush Agricultural Day to be held at Mangamaire Hall on Thursday 14th November 2024.

We are well sponsored for this day, and so have many prizes to give away to all the children that attend, enough for every child. Each child is also given a Chocolate bar and flavored milk and will receive a ribbon of one kind or another.

The children all have a wonderful time, even if the weather is not on our side.

We have lots of ribbons, with many classes, Champion and Reserve Champion for each age group. We hope this will put more smiles on the children's faces that receive these.

We have the usual sections:

- Care & Attention	Lambs	- Best Pet	
- Туре			- Blackface
- Leading		- Romney	
- Best Friesian			- Other long wool breed
- Best Jersey			
- Best Other Breeds	- Best White Face		
- Best Crossbred			Short Wool
- Best Beef		- Best Export	
- School Groups of 3		- School Group of 3	

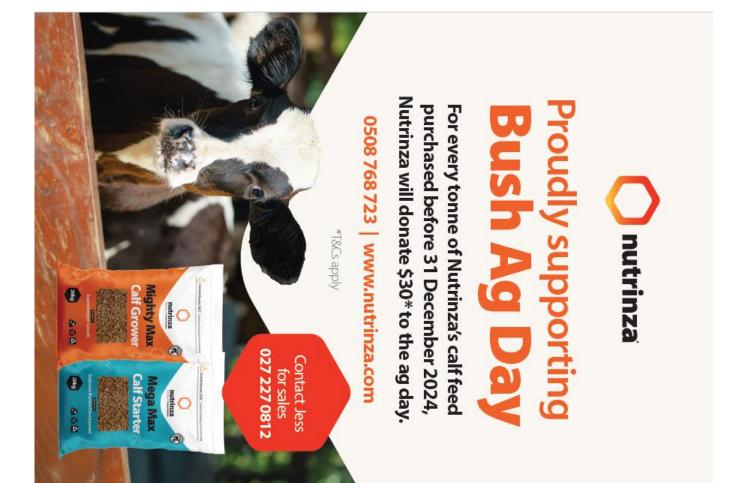
We will have a Sausage Sizzle available on the day, which we sell with a bag of chippies and a drink

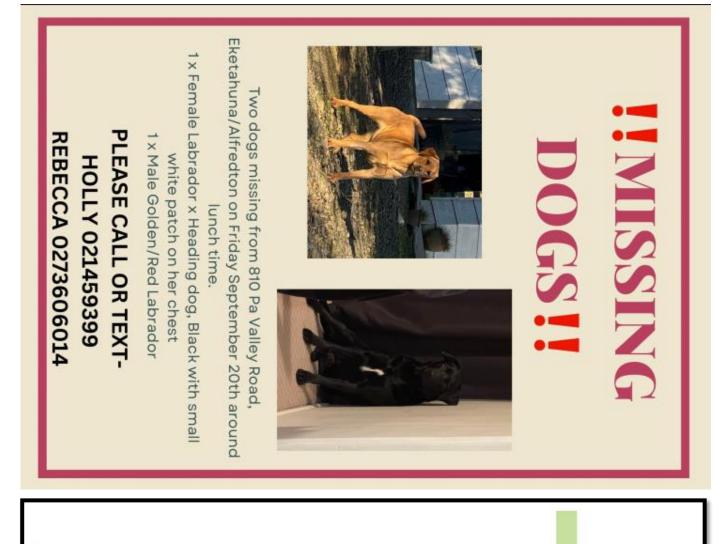
We also run a Raffle which prizes are donated from our many wonderful sponsors'

I hope to see as many of you as possible. Please come and enjoy this wonderful day.

Yours truly,

Hazel Schroder





TOTS TO TEENS

ON LOOP LAND

MORENA,

Spring is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents <u>issue2409.totstoteens.co.nz/</u>

What's in this issue for parents?

» Are you school ready?
» How to parent the 4 types of children
» Reversing reading reluctance
» Smart and simple online safety tips
» What's on near you
» What's on near you
» What's on near yourny, kid-approved recipes from Buddy Oliver
» Solutions for nits, knots and other nasties!
» Cet creative with painted plant pots



» PLUS awesome giveaways

Ask your tamariki to find this issue's Te Reo Māori words including: hari, akomanga, pukapuka, and hukarere,

Thank you to everyone for supporting our digital magazine, it means we are able to share our magazine with more kiwi parents and whanau, in a format that is super visual and user friendly (75% of your parents will be reading on their phone!).

We are proud to be Aotearoa's favourite parenting magazine, with 275,000 free magazines distributed for free each year nationwide.

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We'd love to hear your feedback, so please keep in touch and let us know what you think

Thank you from all of us at Tots To Teens xx