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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 20 November 2024

**Tohaina ō painga ki tea o
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Kia ora,

I can't quite believe that we are nearing the end of the school year. Our children have experienced and achieved so much over the year. Christmas Tree night and prize giving will be held on Thursday 12th December, starting at 6pm, in the hall.

This is an opportunity for whanau to join us to celebrate the 2024 school year. We end with a very special visitor for all of our children. Please put this date into your diary. We expect that every child will be there.

We still have lots to look forward to before the end of term. Tomorrow 8 of our Year 5 and 6's will be competing in one of the EPro8 Wellington Regional semi-finals at Maidstone Intermediate School in Upper Hutt. This is a huge achievement for our children. Good luck to them, we are very proud of you. Thank you to Angela, Emma and Tomas for transporting them.

Next Tuesday our Year 5 to 7's will be joined by 60 other children to participate in a REAP rural kids day. If anyone is free to help you would be most welcome. Activities will include tent making, bush first aid, bush kai and navigation. If you have any questions please contact Miss Mabey.

On Wednesday 27th it is rural schools athletics. This will take place at the stadium in Pahiatua. Mrs Bond, Miss Mabey, Rachael and myself are involved in running an event (100 + 200m) so will be unable to provide any child supervision. Thank you to the parents who have said that they can help. We will assign an age group to you so that you can ensure that the children in that group get to their events on time. This is especially important for our younger children. Mrs McKay will be with our 5 year olds. I will be at the finish line so if anyone needs anything they can find me there. There is an event order attached to this newsletter.

We have joined with Makuri, Kumeroa and Ballance schools to form combined Touch teams for term one. There will be teams in each of the grades. U7, U9, U11 and U13. If your child hasn't registered to play there is still time, contact me as soon as possible. Age is taken on the 14th February. Games will be at the stadium in Pahiatua on a Friday after school. It costs \$10 per child. Subs will need to be paid prior to the first game on February 14th.

Soon we'll be asking each child to bring a decorated shoebox to school. The box should be decorated in a Christmas theme. During the last two weeks of school we will be making a variety of Christmas themed items. The children will bring these home in the box. If you have any spare shoeboxes, could you send those to school so that we can give them to children who don't have one.

We will shortly be collecting items which can be donated to Tararua Community Services to be distributed to families in need this Christmas. There are many families who will struggle this Christmas so we are going to play a very small part in making this time happier, especially for the children. There will be further details in the newsletter next week.

Stationery invoices have all been sent home. Just a reminder that these all need to be paid before the end of November.

Mangatainoka School is hosting a disco for children who attend rural schools on Thursday December 5th at the Mangatainoka Hall. Year 0 to 3 - 6 to 7pm, Year 4 to 8 - 7 to 8.30pm. If your child would like to go please let me know as the school would like numbers so that they can organise food.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

21st November EPro8 Semi-finals Maidstone Intermediate

26th November REAP Rural Kids at Alfredton (Y5 - 7)

27th November Rural Schools Athletics (Stadium, Pahiatua)

29th November Bush Athletics (Stadium, Pahiatua)

9th December Board Meeting 5.30pm

11th December Christmas Party

12th December Christmas Tree Night and Prizegiving starting at 6pm in the hall

13th December Last Day of Term

Year 7 Term 4 Technology

Nov 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

Schooldocs

Alfredton School Policies and Procedures can be found here:

<https://alfredton.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: alfredton

Password: mighty

Term 4 Reviews are now open.

Alfredton School Board

Next meeting: Monday 9th December starting at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting.

Lunchtime Fun

Everyone is taking advantage of the sunshine; some have drawn their own Four Square grids which many of our children are enjoying using.



Others are enjoying playing together under the shade of our oak trees.



Position Available - Librarian

We are looking for a new librarian to start from February 2025. This is a part-time position, one morning a week, term time only. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

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Huia Class News

Kia ora all,

Alfredton's Agrikids competition will be on December 5th. The class is split into teams of three or four and will compete in five different categories related to farming.

The day will start at 9:30 am and finish by 1 pm.

To make the day run smoothly, some parents could come and lend a hand, which would be greatly appreciated. If you can help out on the day, please email Laura to let her know.

We also need some equipment for the day. Equipment can be dropped off any time before the event.

We need:

- Some old wool and a wool fadge.
- An old two man's tent

- Round post (deer post would be great)
- Water pipe and connectors (only need two pieces that are no longer than 1m)
- Quad bike (for the kids to put a tyre back on)
- Two reels of electric tape and 20-30 standards.

There will also be an adult team competing if you want to join.

William Pike Challenge

Next year, the years 7 and 8 will participate in the William Pike Challenge. One challenge component is that they must complete 5 hours of community service a term. Therefore, if you have any small jobs around your farm that would suit ten students to complete in one school day, please email Laura about the job and when it can be completed throughout the year.

Thank you all.

Laura Mabey

Lauramabey@alfredton.school.nz



Welcome to Joe McKay who starts school this Friday!

Readers of the Week



Classroom Awards





Bush Ag Day

Congratulations to Tova who placed 1st in the seniors for Romney and 2nd in seniors for best pet.

Tova also received the Wilton Family Ribbon for most loved lamb.



ASCA Update

Hill Country Walk Update - The walk will now be held on SUNDAY 9th MARCH - the organising committee will be in touch to find out how you can help over the next couple of months. So please mark this date on the calendar!!!

Wanted Christmas Tree - we are after a Christmas tree to decorate for the end of year celebrations in the hall. Please touch base with Angela if you're able to help out with sourcing a tree.

Community News

Years 1-3

Rural School Disco

A Rural School Disco is being held on the 5th of December for years 1-3 at the Mangatainoka Hall from 6pm to 7pm

All of the Rural Schools are invited to the disco. The disco is free but the food will cost (bring some money for a drink and some lollies)

All parents are welcome to stay while their children are in the hall. There will be coffee and tea for the parents.

Wear normal clothes.

Please let us know how many people are coming by the 2nd of December.

Thank You

Years 4-8

Rural School Disco

A Rural School Disco is being held on the 5th of December for years 4-8 at the Mangatainoka Hall from 7pm to 8.30pm

All of the Rural Schools are invited to the disco. The disco is free but the food will cost (bring some money for a drink and some lollies)

All parents are welcome to stay while their children are in the hall. There will be coffee and tea for the parents.

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Thank You

ALFREDTON HORSE SPORTS

Alfredton District Sports Club
Alfredton Domain – 15230 Route 52, Alfredton

Saturday 22nd February 2025

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Community Working Bees

Wednesday the 19th of February from 3pm

Friday the 21st of February from 3pm

Please come down and help this event be a success!