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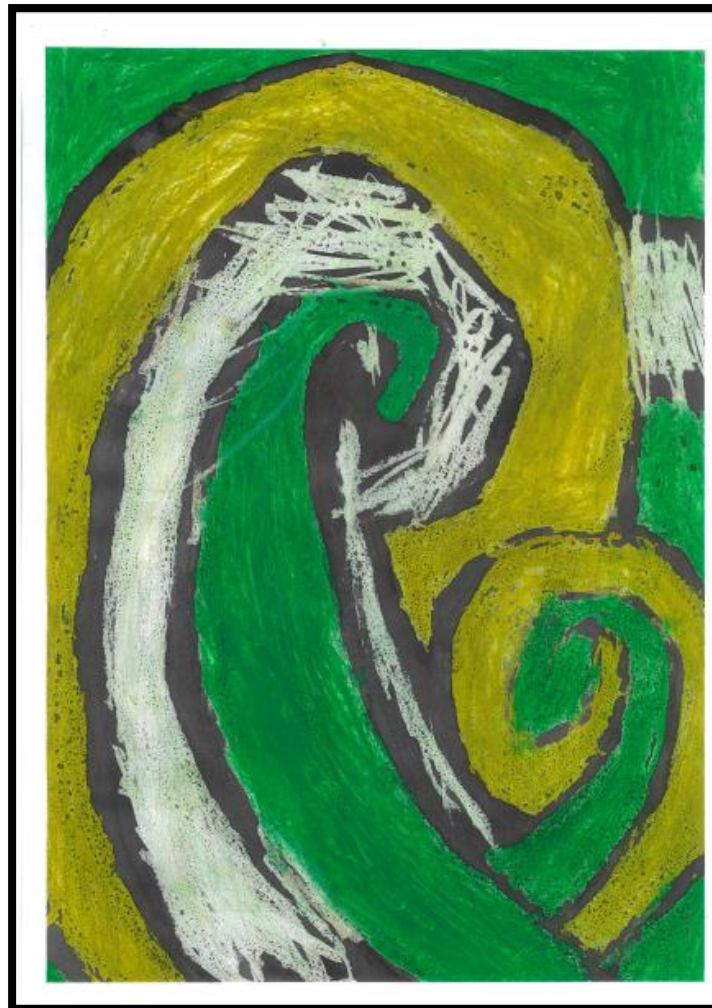
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## Alfredton School

*Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks*

**Newsletter ~ Thursday, 28 November 2024**

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

Kia ora,

Our whakatauki encourages us to share our gifts and our tamariki have definitely excelled over the past week sharing theirs.

Thursday last week 8 of our year 5 and 6 students went to Maidstone Intermediate in Upper Hutt to compete against schools from the wider Wellington region in the EPro8 semi-finals. Although they didn't progress to the finals both teams achieved well and should be very proud of themselves. They learned lots and are looking forward to competing again next year. Well done: Alfredton Lambingtons Hadley, Otto, Rupert and Marshall 200 points, 7th place and Alfredton Engineers Sid, Leo, Kade and Sophie 180 points, 11th Place.

Yesterday it was Rural Schools Athletics. Every child tried their hardest and everyone enjoyed the day. Only children aged 8 and above can go to Bush Athletics tomorrow. Out of 23 eligible children 15 have qualified. This is a fabulous achievement. Well done to James, George, Jorja, Nellie, Olive, Marshall, Tutamou, Rupert, Sophie, Otto, Emily, Hadley, Kade, Harvey and Tova.

Thank you to parents who helped at both of these events. Your support is greatly appreciated.

On Tuesday we hosted a REAP Rural Kids Day for children in Years 5 to 8 from 6 local schools. We had 72 children on site along with adults from Wairarapa REAP and the schools. The children enjoyed getting to know each other as well as tackling tent building, cooking bush kai, bush first aid and taking on a navigation challenge. A touch rugby game at lunchtime also proved very popular. There are similar events planned for next year which will be hosted by one of the rural schools.

Please can all children make sure that they have brought their decorated shoebox to school by Monday. Christmas crafts will be made throughout the next 2 weeks.

Tararua Community Services have asked that instead of making shoeboxes of gifts we simply donate items for them to distribute. These should not be wrapped and can be food or gift items. They have sent an email thanking our community in advance for our donations. Please can any donations be brought to school before the 10th of December. These will then be given to families in our local area by Tararua Community Services.

A reminder that any outstanding stationery invoices and sports subs for 2024 should be paid by tomorrow please.

Laura is still looking for a few volunteers to help out at the Agrikids event for Huia children next Thursday. Thank you to those who have volunteered already. If anyone else is free please contact Laura as soon as possible.

As you will have seen in the news, as well as in previous newsletters, schools will be teaching the refreshed curriculum in Maths and English from 2025. As part of the changes staff have been undertaking training in structured literacy with Learning Matters (iDeal). Mrs Bond and Mrs McKay have almost completed their PLD and Miss Mabey and myself will begin ours next year. We are conscious that teachers taking time out of class can be disruptive for some children so 2 out of the 3 days will take place during the school holiday in late January. The third day will be in early February. All of our children will be having structured literacy lessons in class from the start of term 1 2025. These lessons will initially focus on phonics - sounds and spelling as well as reading words and grammar. Many of the children will already be familiar with aspects of what they will be learning.

Jane has resigned as our librarian as she has exciting plans for 2025. We therefore need a new librarian. We are looking for someone to work one morning per week, term time. Ideally we can find someone before Jane leaves so that she can show them what is required. If you are interested please contact me as soon as possible.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

### **Dates for your diary**

29th November Bush Athletics (Stadium, Pahiatua)

5th December Huia Class Agrikids at school

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

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.

### **Rural Schools Athletics**





## 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.

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

## Readers of the Week



## Classroom Awards





## Principal Award



A promotional poster for "Around the Bays" with a blue wood-grain background. On the left is a large illustration of a sausage sizzle. In the top right corner is the logo for "YARARUA COLLEGE" with the motto "YANA TU YANA OUA". The menu items and prices are listed in bold yellow and white text:

- SAUSAGE SIZZLE** \$2.50
- ICE BLOCKS** \$2.50
- WATER** \$2.00

The event is scheduled for **FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER** at **@ BUSH SCHOOLS ATHLETICS**.



## ASCA Update

We are excited to announce that our Hill Country Walk will be held on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March** at Patitapu Station. A huge thank-you to Jo and Doug McKenzie for hosting this event.

We will be needing icecream containers to make arrows for marking out the track, so please hold on to any that you have for us!

The poster features a background image of rolling green hills with scattered trees. A white mountain range silhouette is overlaid on the image. The event title is centered within the mountain silhouette. The date is prominently displayed in large blue letters. Below the date, there is a descriptive paragraph, followed by details on route lengths, pricing, and included amenities. The bottom of the poster has a dark green banner with the event website and a Facebook icon.

**ALFREDTON SCHOOL**  
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**WALK** *and run*

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## Community News

Kia Ora Koutou,

If you have families are dealing with children with fears and anxiety or low self-esteem, please let them know about the following free 2-hour Positive Parenting sessions that are coming up:

**Self-Esteem** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30am (an in-person discussion group at ACROSS Offices 294a Church St, Palmerston North).

**Overcoming Fears** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am (a live Zoom discussion group)  
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9:30am (an in-person discussion group at ACROSS Offices 294a Church St, Palmerston North).

Interested parents/caregivers can complete the online form at the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/HrpGuk2EQ8?origin=lprLink> to indicate their interest, topic preferences and consent to participate. They are also welcome to email or phone me for more information, to discuss anything or for help with registering. We will get in touch with them once they have completed the online form at the link to let them know topics, dates and times they can choose from.

Ngā mihi nui

Julie Forman

Kiawhakahaere



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Tararua  
Community Services

# Christmas SHOP

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## Donate A GIFT

Donate a gift and help  
spread the joy of Christmas



GIFT CRITERIA:

- ages 0-16 years
- NEW items only
- unwrapped

Drop off by 10th December

## Donate CASH

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<https://tararuacommunityservices.acw.org.nz/>

BirdCare Aotearoa is NZ's largest wild bird hospital and rehabilitation centre. Our special charity provides life-saving care to around 6,000 rescued wild birds each year, including endangered native and endemic taonga species. It is currently baby bird season, and we urgently need to raise enough funds to cover the significant cost of the specialised care required for raising the thousands of orphaned and injured baby birds we receive in our dedicated nurseries during summertime.

As part of our current fundraising campaign, we have launched 'Move for Good', a peer fundraiser encouraging people of all ages to get out into nature for an event or activity (e.g. running, swimming, cycling, trampolining or bushwalking) or a fun outdoor adventure activity (e.g. Birdie Bingo shown on our website) and invite friends and family to join or sponsor their challenge, to raise funds to help our hospital continue saving rescued baby birds, and become a wild bird champion.

All champions who complete their challenge will receive an eco-friendly, locally-crafted medal, and the school with the most champions will win a Rimu trophy.

Further details included here:

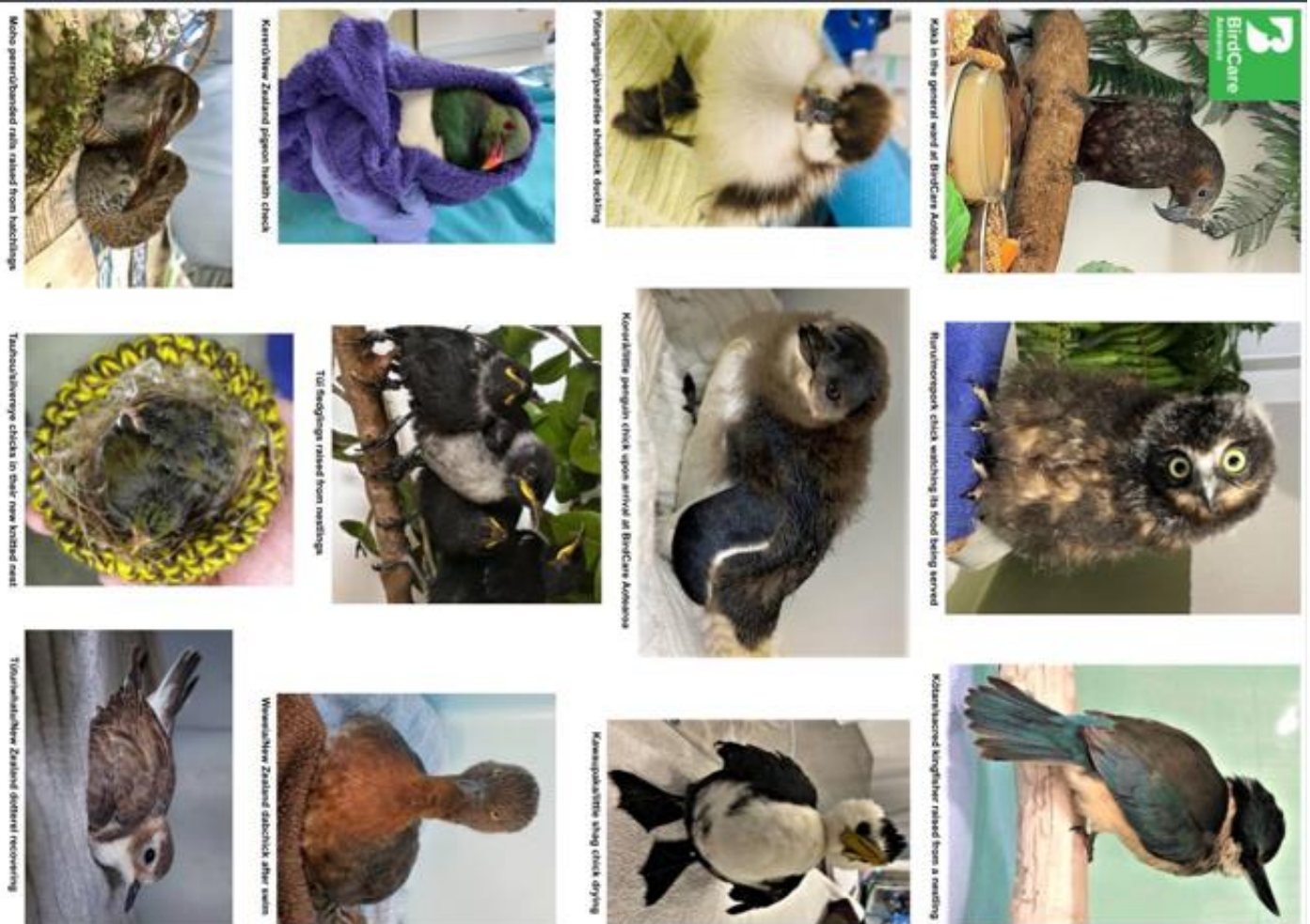
Scoop news story - <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK2411/S00491/move-for-good-save-rescued-orphaned-wild-birds.htm>

Facebook video for sharing - <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/17tLhqTmdl/>

Move for Good page on our website - <https://birdcareaotearoa.org.nz/move-for-good> (contains registration form which can be completed either by individuals or as a school group if preferred)

Givealittle page for creating a Move for Good fundraising page, or donating directly to our baby bird campaign -

<https://givealittle.co.nz/org/birdcareaotearoa>



## 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.

Wear normal clothes.

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

Thank You

# ALFREDTON HORSE SPORTS

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**

Entries open 1st of January, entries close 20<sup>th</sup> February at 11:59pm  
Email Secretary to enter – hannahmyschofield@gmail.com  
General Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per vehicle

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## **Community Working Bees**

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**Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February from 3pm**

**Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of February from 3pm**

Please come down and help this event be a success!