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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 4 December 2024

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

Kia ora,

This is our penultimate newsletter of 2024. We have a very busy end of term ahead of us.

On Monday the Board will meet at 5.30pm. 2025 is a Board election year so now is a perfect time to come along to a Board meeting and see what we do. We meet 9 times a year; if you can't make this meeting please come to one early in 2025. Being on the Board is a great way to be more involved in your child's school and to have your say in the governance going forward. Anyone is welcome to attend our Board meetings and we would love to see you there.

Last Friday 14 of our children took part in Bush athletics. Congratulations to Harvey Tohiariki (3rd in 11 year old boys discus), Olive McKay (3rd in 9 year old girls long jump) and Nellie Blundell (2nd 100m and 3rd 200m 8 year old girls).

Next Wednesday we will be having a Christmas party. Each family will be receiving a request for a shared plate of food. Please look out for the note which will be coming home this week. For example: if you are asked to send chippies / snacks please send enough for about 15 children. We have shared out the food items so that we have enough for a shared lunch for the school. The party will end in time for the children to go home by bus as normal.

On Thursday 12th, starting at 6pm, it will be Christmas Tree night and prize giving. This will be held in the hall. Every child is expected to attend, children should be there no later than 5.55pm. The event will end with a visit from a very special gentleman. This is a time for our school families to gather to celebrate the end of a successful school year. We look forward to seeing parents and grandparents as well as the children on this evening.

All children will be bringing home their books, equipment and Christmas box etc during the week. They will all need a couple of bags to carry things. Please can they bring these to school on Monday. Reports and the Year Book (one per family) will go home towards the end of the week.

Friday the 13th December is our final day of school. Over the holiday a new fence is being put up. The old fencing will be available to anyone in our community who would like it. The fencers will let me know when it can be collected and I will pass this on to you once I hear.

The pool will be available for use from the 14th December. We are currently in the process of changing the entry code. You can contact the school office from Tuesday 11th December if you would like to use the pool over the summer. When you use the pool we ask that you record in a book, which will be near the door, the date you are there and how many people get into the pool. We are required to note how many bathers we have each day.

The school library is now closed. If your child still has library books they must be returned to school before the end of this week as we will be carrying out a stock take next week.

If you are able to donate a new toy or an item of food which can be taken to Tararua Community Services for their Christmas appeal please send the item to school tomorrow or Friday. There is a box in the admin area for all donations.

We still have a few families who are yet to pay for their child's stationery. Payment needs to be made by the end of the week as we need to complete our financials before the end of term.

Tomorrow, Huia class will be taking part in their Agrikids day. A couple of the activities will be taking place outside. All children will need to bring a waterproof as it is forecast to rain. The

event will go ahead as farming doesn't stop when it rains. Thank you to the parents who are helping at the event.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

5th December Huia Class Agrikids at school

9th December Board Meeting 5.30pm

11th December Christmas Party

12th December Christmas Tree Night and Prize giving 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.

Librarian Needed

Alfredton School is looking for a new librarian.
Term time only, 3 hours per week or 6 hours per fortnight.

Contact our school office 06 375 8082 for more information

or

email principal@alfredton.school.nz



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

ASCA Update

We are excited to announce that our Hill Country Walk will be held on **Sunday 9th 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!

Christmas Tree Night:

Can everyone please bring a plate for us to share at the end of the evening.

Savoury – North and West.

Sweet – East and South

South and West groups are on Set up and Clean up.



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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 28th November at 9:30am (an in-person discussion group at ACROSS Offices 294a Church St, Palmerston North).

Overcoming Fears - Friday 6th December at 9:30am (a live Zoom discussion group)

- Tuesday 17th 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

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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:

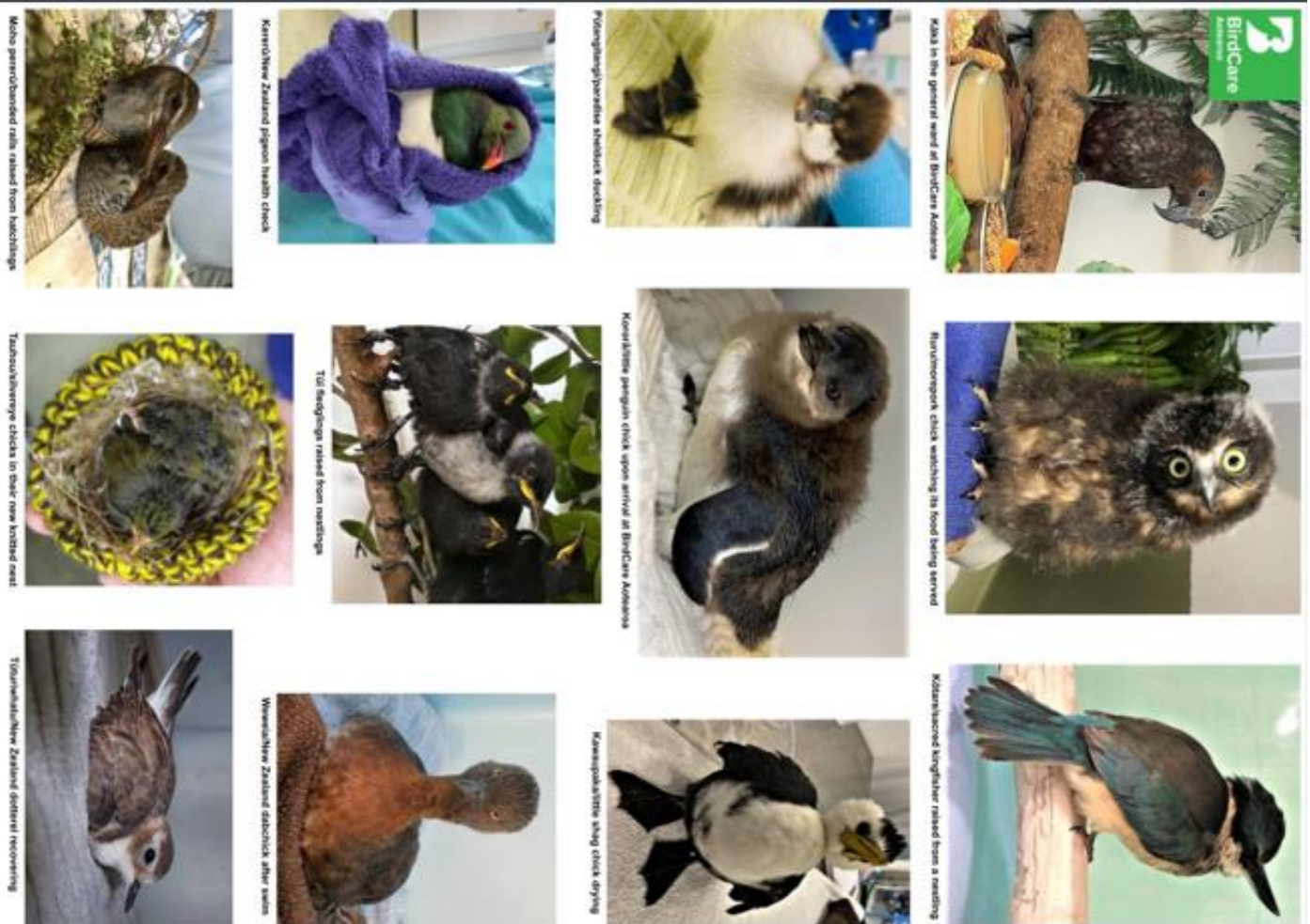
Scoop news story - <https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK2411/S00491/move-for-good-save-rescued-orphaned-wild-birds.htm>

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>



ALFREDTON HORSE SPORTS



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

Saturday 22nd February 2025

Entries open 1st of January, entries close 20th February at 11:59pm
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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!