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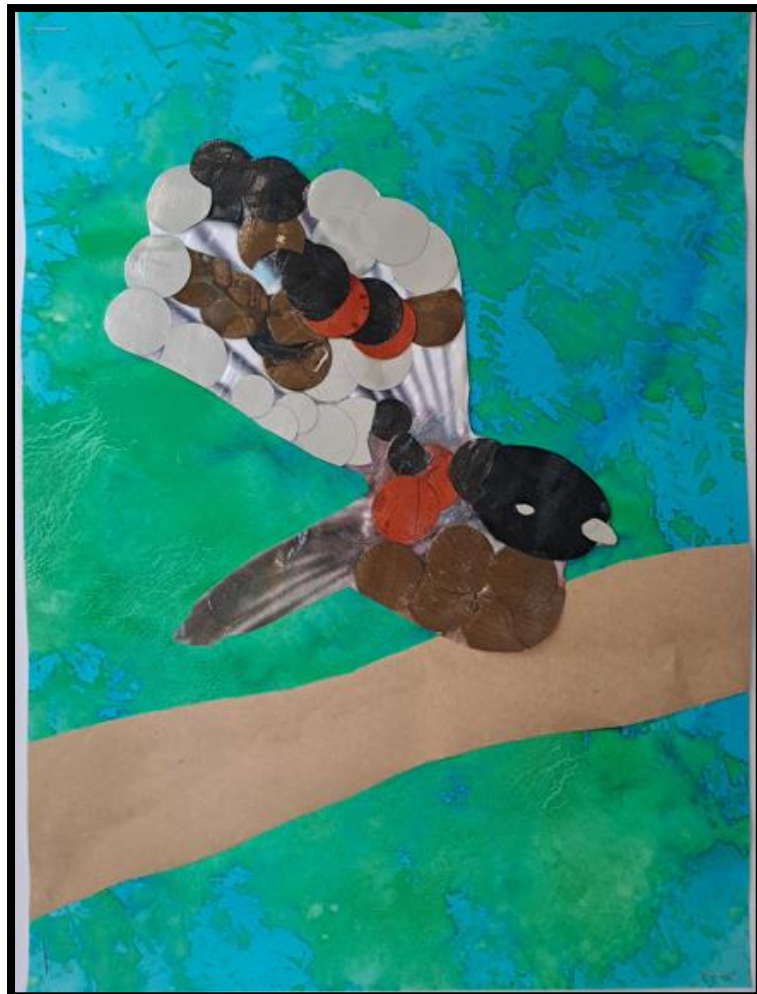


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**Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 11 December 2024**

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

Kia ora,

This is our final newsletter of 2024. This afternoon we have our Christmas party in the hall. Tomorrow the children will bring home their reports and in the evening we will celebrate our successes at Christmas Tree Night and prize giving. Our final day is Friday December the 13th.

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped in any way over the year. This could be with transport, managing a sports team, baking, sharing your expertise etc. All your help is very much appreciated by the staff and children

The 2024 Year Book will be sent home towards the end of the week. This will include photos of every child at events throughout the year. There will be one per family.

This year the Board would like to celebrate the service of two of our longest serving staff. Val Harvey has been our administrator for 11 and a half years and Shona Godfrey a bus driver and more recently our caretaker and gardener for 10 years. We are so lucky to have staff who choose to stay at our school and who do such an amazing job. Thank you Val and Shona.

Next year we will continue to have two classes. Huia class will comprise of Year 5 to 8 students and Tui class of year 1 to 4 students. Teaching staff will remain the same.

Unfortunately, although Wai Build will have completed the upgrade of Huia room by the time we return to school, the new carpet will not have been laid and so Huia class will continue working in Kiwi room until the carpet fitters have been.

A new fence is being installed over the holiday period. The old fencing will be available for community use. Please take care if you come to use the swimming pool.

The swimming pool is open for use from Friday 13th December, key codes can be purchased from the school office. There is a new code and a few changes which need to be followed. These are all explained in the pool contract. The cost remains the same at \$30. As we finish on Friday, pool codes will only be available for purchase until 3pm on the 13th.

Have a wonderful holiday, Meri Kirihimete, Merry Christmas and a very happy 2025. We will see everyone back at school on Tuesday the 4th of February.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

### **Dates for your diary**

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 17th February starting at 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come to the meeting.

## Huia Class News

### 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 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!

### 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.



ALFREDTON SCHOOL

**HILL  
COUNTRY  
WALK**

*and run*

**9 MARCH 2025**

**Set in the heart of Alfredton, join us for a hill country farm walk or run featuring spectacular views & rural hospitality at its finest!**

11km Short Walk/Run - 17km Long Walk/Run

**Adults \$55 per person      Youth \$30 per person**  
Catered Lunch Included

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

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# Pahiatua Amateur Swim Club Learn to Swim 2025 20 Jan - 27 Jan


**\$30**


**REGISTER NOW**


Contact: Katrina 021 706 270  
Location: Pahiatua Town Pool




## Learn to Swim Classes – Back for 2025!

The **Pahiatua Amateur Swimming Club** is excited to bring back our popular **Learn to Swim** classes for 2025! 

Starting **Monday, 20th January** and running **daily until Monday, 27th January**, these 15-minute, one-on-one lessons at the **Pahiatua Town Pool** are perfect for young swimmers looking to build confidence in the water. 

 **Times:** Available between 5:00pm – 7:00pm (your timeslot will be confirmed once the roster is arranged)

 **Cost:** \$30.00 per swimmer (payment required upon confirmation)

 **Ages:** 4 years and up

 **Limited spots available!**

To register, call or text **Katrina on 021 706 270** with your child's name, age, basic swimming ability, and your contact details. Let's get your little swimmers ready for the water!  

#LearnToSwim #PahiatuaSwimClub #SwimmingSkills



# Pahiatua Amateur Swim Club Starts 28 Jan from 4.00pm

**\$30**

**REGISTER NOW**

Contact: Katrina 021 706 270  
Location: Tararua College Pool





 **Pahiatua Amateur Swim Club – 2025 Season is Nearly Here!** 


We're excited to announce that the 2025 season will kick off on **Tuesday, 28th January**, and will run every **Tuesday and Thursday** through to March! 🌞

Sessions will be held at the **Tararua College Pool**:

- **Buckets 1 & 2:** 4:00 - 4:30pm
- **Buckets 3 & 4:** 4:30 - 5:00pm
- **Squads:** 5:00 - 6:00pm

 **Season fees:** \$30.00 per swimmer

 To register, contact Katrina on **021 706 270** with your child's name, age, basic swimming ability or which Bucket they were in last season, and your contact details.

 **Season Info**

**Race Night #1** Tuesday 4th of February

**Race Night #2** Thursday 27th February

**Swim-a-thon** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March (more info to come)

Don't miss out on a fun-filled swimming season – see you at the pool!  

#PahiatuaSwimClub #2025Season #SwimFun

## **The Star of Christmas: WIN \$1000 to spend at JB Hi-Fi**

This Christmas morning on Newstalk ZB – it's *The Star of Christmas* singing competition on *The Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show!* The grand prize? **\$1000** in JB Hi-Fi gift cards!

If you can sing, and are under 13, email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to [christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz](mailto:christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz) before the 18th December. Then tune into Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 8am to see if you've won!

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact me via email ([malorie@loveit.nz](mailto:malorie@loveit.nz)) or call on 027 464 8159.

# TOTS TO TEENS

## CHILDHOOD IN AOTEAROA

FOR YOUR PARENTS

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### **MŌRENA,**

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents [issue2412.totstoteens.co.nz](http://issue2412.totstoteens.co.nz)

#### **What's in this issue for parents?**

- » Navigating sibling rivalry
- » Cool camping spots (north and south island)
- » Is strength training ok for kids?
- » What's on near you
- » DIY snowman ornaments
- » Christmas cookies
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



Thank you to everyone for supporting our digital magazine, it means we are able to share our magazine with more kiwi parents and whānau, 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.

#### **Stay in touch!**

Have we sent our digital version of Tots to Teens Magazine to the right person in your school/ECE? If not, please let us know by emailing [digital@totstoteens.co.nz](mailto:digital@totstoteens.co.nz)

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**



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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>



Moko greatwhiskered rails raised from hatchlings



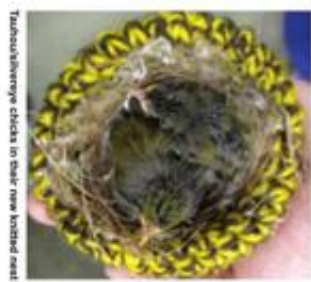
Kereiti/New Zealand pigeon health check



Poukangapoukangāwehe Auckland duckling



Kaka in the general ward at BirdCare Aotearoa



Tairāwharangi chicks in their new hatched nest



Tūi fledglings raised from nestlings



Kororākau penguin chick upon arrival at BirdCare Aotearoa



Murumonga chick watching its food being served



Tōtūwhānau New Zealand dotterel recovering



Whenua New Zealand duck after swim



Mānawhāteke baby chick drying



Kōwhirihaone kingfisher raised from a nestling

# 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  
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**Marshall:** Andrew Falloon

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**Life Members:** W.G. Smith, N.F. Braddick, R.A. Monson, E.J. Edmonds, C.E. Rattray & C. Wingate

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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!