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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 5 February 2025

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

Kia ora,

Welcome back to school. We are all very excited to see everyone back having had a really great holiday. Please read the whole of this newsletter carefully as there is a lot of important information contained within it. As it is the first one of the year every family will receive a paper copy. It will also be available on the school website and Facebook page.

As you will notice, our Native Garden is looking fantastic. This is down to the hard work of Pip Edmonds who tirelessly looked after the garden all 2024. Her work is very much appreciated.

Please can all children bring a named hat and a full water bottle to school each day. This is very important as the weather is hot and the children get very thirsty.

Swimming will take place each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. All children will need togs and a towel in a bag, plus goggles if they wear them. Thank you to Emma Moody who will be teaching swimming again this year.

Whilst we are swimming, morning tea and lunch times have changed. Morning tea will now be 10.30 - 10.50 and lunch 12.30 - 1.10. There will be no healthy snack at 10am. These times will ensure that we can meet our legal obligation to teach 1 hour each of reading, writing and maths each day.

Can you please let Val know in writing / email of any changes to your child's emergency contact or medical details. Please remember to update us if your child now wears glasses, has asthma, hay fever, gluten intolerance or allergies etc.

Buses remain unchanged from 2024. Just a reminder, if you have a morning change please notify the driver before 7.15am. For afternoon changes please phone school. If your child will be off the bus on a regular day, please let Val know.

If your child is absent you need to phone or email school and give a reason. We have to put a reason on the roll for all absences. If we don't have a reason it is recorded as truant. Telling us they are not at school does not give a reason. Attendance is collected each day by the Ministry so all reasons must be entered before the end of the school day.

Stationery is all ready at school for your child. Please send in a pencil case (Huia class) to keep small items safe. Invoices will be sent out shortly.

Transport volunteer forms were sent out home yesterday. Please complete for anyone who may transport children by car on a trip or camp this year. If you need more than one form just let the office know.

Towards the end of February Laura will be travelling to Auckland to undertake 2 days PLD led by Writer's Toolbox. This is the writing program which we began using in Huia class in 2024. It proved to make a real difference for our students so we want to learn more so that we can develop the program further.

During the holiday, Laura and I began completing Structured Literacy PLD with Learning Matters. This will continue for the next 2 terms. This will support us in rolling out a comprehensive phonics and spelling program across school.

Over the next few weeks we will be implementing a new maths program - Maths No Problem. This is one of the programs which the Ministry recommended. Whilst I was in the UK on holiday, I spent a morning at a school observing the program in action in Years 4, 5 and 6. I was very impressed with how enthusiastically the children participated in the lessons and

their level of understanding. Our resources are just arriving and we will begin using the program soon.

This year our Year 7 and 8's are taking part in the William Pike Challenge. This involves them taking part in a variety of tramps and an overnight camp, a passion project and community service. Please contact Laura if you would like more information.

Thursday is Waitangi Day and school will be closed.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

Term 1

18th February Year 7 and 8 Walking in the Tararuas William Pike Challenge

19th February Rural Schools Junior Swimming (Years 1 - 3) at Alfredton School

28th February Rural Schools Swimming (Years 4 - 8) Pahiatua pool

7th March Minor Sports (Years 1 - 2) Bush Multisport, Pahiatua

7th March Bush Swimming (Venue to be confirmed)

8th March Agrikids in Masterton (we have 5 teams entered)

9th March Alfredton Hill Country Walk at the McKenzie's

11th / 12th March Year 7 and 8 Overnight walk and camp William Pike Challenge

28th March Ball Sports (Years 5 - 8) Eketahuna

Term 2

15th May Rural Schools Cross Country at Kumeroa

20th May NYLD for Year 7 and 8 in Palmerston North

28th May Bike Ride (Year 7 and 8) William Pike Challenge

6th June Bush Cross Country in Eketahuna (this replaces the road race)

18th June Cultural Festival

Year 7 and 8 Technology

Term 1:

February 13th and 27th, March 13th and 27th, April 10th

All children must wear covered shoes (not crocs) and take morning tea, packed lunch and a full water bottle. Shona will transport them by school bus leaving school by 8.55am and returning in time for the end of the school day.

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 Wednesday 17th December (Closed 27th October)

There will also be two Teacher Only Days: 30th May and one TBC

This information can also be found on our school website.

Schooldocs

Alfredton School Policies and Procedures can be found here:

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

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Alfredton School Board

Next meeting: Monday 17th February starting at 5.30pm.

2025 is a Board election year, we would encourage you to start thinking about joining our Board. Now is a good time to come along to a meeting to see what happens or to have a chat with a current Board member. Everyone is always welcome to come to any of our meetings.

Board Members:

Katie Falloon (Presiding Member)

William Forbes

Kate McKay

Tomas Maggio

Ferinica Hawe Foreman

Dan Edmonds

Alison Hill

Dental Changes

Alfredton School children will no longer be looked after by Mid-Central Dental Services. They will be looked after by the Wairarapa, but will still go to Eketahuna as before. This is due to the huge backlog in Mid-Central. Please complete the form from the Dental Service and return it to school by Monday 10th February. They are planning to start seeing our children towards the end of term.

Pre-school siblings will need a form completing. These should also be returned to school.

Touch - Friday

Bush Touch Rugby starts on February 14th. Draws will be sent home this week. There has been a huge response and this means there will be 7 fields running at 3.30pm (U7 and U9) and 3 fields (U11 and U13) from 4 to 5.30pm. Games will be 13 minute halves.

There will be a sausage sizzle each week - \$3 sausage and \$2 a drink.

We are on duty on March 7th. This means that we help setting up the fields and putting cones away at the end, as well as timing the games etc. We will be asking for volunteers over the next couple of weeks.

Attendance

The Board is responsible for ensuring that children attend school regularly - at least 90% of the time. This year the Ministry is collecting school attendance data on a daily basis, previously it was collected fortnightly.

Attendance above 80% is in the green band. However, students whose attendance falls between 80 - 89% will be monitored by school. We will inform you of this monitoring.

If attendance falls between 60 - 79% students move into the orange band and whanau will be asked to attend a meeting at school to discuss ways to help the student move into the green band. Outside agencies may be asked for support.

Attendance which falls below 60% will be referred to the attendance officer and an action plan will be put in place. The attendance officer will make a home visit and outside agencies will become involved.

Attendance which falls below 50% (annual attendance) will result in a referral to the police. After 10 school days, if there is no improvement, the school will make a Section 19 referral to Oranga Tamariki for a Family Group Conference.

We have a very small minority of children whose attendance falls into the orange band and no children who are in the red band. It is fantastic to see that so many of our children fall into the green band, with many achieving 90% or higher. Check your child's end of 2024 report to see what their attendance was last year.

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, please let me know if we can help.

Term One Learning

This term our topic focus is local stories. We will be learning the history of Alfredton and the stories of our ancestors (our whakapapa). We will begin using the website Wai Ako each day to improve our understanding of Te Reo and tikanga. Our PE focus is swimming. House of Science will continue to be used to teach science. We will spend time each week on KiVa and continue Navigating our Journey with a focus on growing and changing. We will be focusing on our school values in our weekly assemblies. The first value we will unpack will be integrity. Assembly will take place each Friday starting around 2.20pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Behaviour

This term we are introducing a new behaviour rubric. This has our KiVa learning embedded within it and reinforces positive behaviour.

	What might this look like for me.	Possible Actions
	Green behaviour might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helping others ▪ Working hard on a challenge ▪ Being ready to learn ▪ Trying something new ▪ Active listening ▪ Following instructions ▪ Being polite ▪ Showing our school values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tui / Huia Points ▪ Star Token ▪ Certificate ▪ Positive Praise
1	Blue behaviour might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calling out ▪ Off task ▪ Distracting others ▪ Not following instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reminder with a positive statement ▪ Informal warning of next consequence ▪ Reminder of class charter
2	Orange behaviour might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being unkind to others (words or actions) ▪ Disruptive behaviour in class or on the playground / field ▪ Repeated BLUE behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflection sheet to complete during the next break or lunchtime with class teacher ▪ Circle time session
3	Red behaviour might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hurting others ▪ Taking things which don't belong to them ▪ Repeated ORANGE behaviour 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Reflection sheet to complete during the next break or lunchtime with teacher from another class ▪ Letter sent home
4	Purple behaviour might include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Significant disruption to others ▪ Violence or aggression towards others (children or adults) ▪ Deliberate damage to school property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Parent and child meeting with the principal ▪ Fixed term <u>stand down</u> ▪ Suspension if repeated pattern of behaviour

ASCA Update

ASCA Term 1 Meeting - Tuesday 11th February, 7pm staffroom

Hill Country Walk - Sunday 9th March - we really need to get our ticket sales cranking so please encourage friends and family to come along for a wonder through a fantastic hill country farm. Katie Falloon has been excellent on our social media posts, so please share these far and wide also.

Over the next few weeks, the committee team will be in touch to see how you can help on the day (you may elect to walk or run, which is fantastic - so buy that ticket...) We will be after course marshalls, bakers, and event hub helpers.

Liverton Crutching - Thursday 20th February - A few more Crutchers and shed helpers are needed for this fundraiser - if you can spare a couple of hours to help for a bit that would be great. We will confirm the start time on our parents messenger group.



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