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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 19 February 2025

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

Kia ora,

Today we welcomed junior children from Ballance, Mangatainoka, Makuri, Mauriceville and Pongaroa Schools for Junior Swimming Sports. The Year 7 and 8 children from Alfredton and Makuri organised fun games on the field for the children to play. Thank you to Murray

Grimmer (Makuri Principal) and Emma Moody for spending time in the pool with the children. Thank you also to ASCA for running a sausage sizzle.

Yesterday our Year 7 and 8 children challenged themselves to a tramp to the Blue Range Hut in the Tararua Ranges. They all enjoyed themselves as they completed their first William Pike activity. Thank you Laura for organising and leading the day. Next month they will be heading out on an overnight camp.

We will shortly be starting the Keeping Ourselves Safe program with PC Maxine Walshe. We will be holding a parent meeting on Monday 24th at 1.55pm in the library for any parent who would like to find out more about the program. PC Max will be at the meeting to answer your questions. I would encourage you to attend if you are free.

I would like to ask that no one drops their child at school before 8.15am, unless it is an emergency and is by prior arrangement. We cannot guarantee supervision for them before that time, even if staff are at school.

Rural Schools Swimming for Year 4 to 8 will take place on Friday 28th February at Tararua College Pool. I will need a couple of volunteers for time keeping etc for the length races. A letter will come home later this week with more information.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

Term 1

28th February Rural Schools Swimming (Years 4 - 8) Tararua College Pool

6th March Bush Swimming (Venue to be confirmed)

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

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

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

Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page. Photographs, recipes and other information can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443>

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 March starting at 5.45pm.

This is an election year. We would encourage everyone to carefully consider standing for election.

Week 2 Certificates





Our School Values focus is currently being inclusive. Each week the Year 8's will choose a student who they feel has demonstrated this value. The Year 8 award for inclusion this week was awarded to Marshall for including younger students in games.

Tui Class

As part of our Topic work this year relating to our local community – investigating the people, history and land use we visited a local Logging Site. Tui Class used the trip as a starting point for Recount writing:

On Wednesday 12th February we got to go to a logging site. We took the buses to get there. We got to see diggers pushing big trees down and a skidder pulling the trees down the big hill.

By Joe

On Wednesday 12.2.25 the students of Alfredton School went to a logging site on Castle Hill Road. We had some logging guides their names were Tony and Joe and a little dog – Bella. We looked around and watched some trees fall and it made a really nice sound. Then we went to where the logs were. Tony told us that the wood was going to the port at Wellington and then would be going to China. We found out that they would be on the site for another year. Then the Year 4s and up went back to school and the others stayed for about 5 more minutes and then they went back to school.

By Ben

On Wednesday we went to the logging site on Castle Hill Road. The people who showed us around were called Tony and Joe. We saw lots of trees that had fallen down. The noise when the trees were falling down was satisfying. Tony and Joe had a dog called Bella. There were diggers and 1 skidder. We learnt lots about forestry. We sat on a log – it was cool.

By James

Rachael drove us to the logging site on Wednesday 12th February. We watched the diggers cut the trees down. Then we asked questions to Tony. Bella the dog makes sure that she doesn't get in the way.

By Xela



ASCA Update

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 parent's messenger group.

MHT Diabetes Youth and Family Support – Do you know anyone under the age of 24 with Diabetes?

Our mission is to create an environment of support, connection and community for our youth and their family/whānau. Our youth service provides opportunities to enable our rangatahi and tamariki who have diabetes, live their best lives alongside their whānau and those who care for them.

We achieve this through camps, support groups, social events and education workshops, where our community meet and connect with others sharing the same journey, whilst having fun.

Events include:

- Social events for family/whānau – all ages
- Family/whānau camps
- Youth/rangatahi camps – 9 to 13 year olds
- Parent/whānau support groups – meet at local cafes
- Young adult/rangatahi dinners and coffee groups – 18 to 30 year olds
- Young adult/rangatahi Zoom 'Connect and Chat' meetings – 18 years and up
- Education workshops – parents/rangatahi.

For more information visit www.diabetestrust.org.nz or email youth@diabetestrust.org.nz

Junior Indoor Bowls

If you are interested in giving indoor bowls a try, the Bush Ruahine Club are offering lessons every Tuesday from the 29th April - 25th June for ages 10-18. First lesson free then \$2 per week.



Please text Karen 021 266 9793 if your child would like to join in the fun.



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