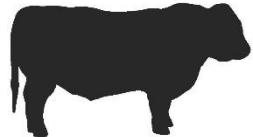


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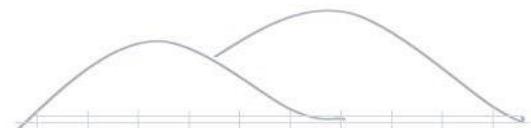
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Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 7 May 2019

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATE

Thursday 16 th May	Pink Shirt Day
Friday 17 th May	Rural Schools Road Race – Bush Multisport Stadium Pahiatua
Monday 20 th May	Year 7 and 8 Technology
Monday 27th May	Book Night. <i>More details next week but please note the date change.</i>
Monday 3 rd June	Queen's Birthday – No School
Monday 10 th June	Year 7 and 8 Technology

*****Wednesday 12th June Teacher Only Day – No School*****

Apologies for the incorrect date in the previous newsletters. School as normal Weds 15th May

Tēnā koutou

Welcome to Mason Lilley who has joined the new entrants in Tui and Bob Cresswell who has moved to the area and is in Huia.

Education Review Office

Last week saw ERO spend three days at our school. They were very impressed with how they were simply included into our school community and how happy and engaged the students were. Thank you to all the parents who demonstrated patience with us as we worked through this time consuming exercise and to the Board members who gave up valuable time to be here for the meetings. The full review will come out in due course and be made available on our website.

Rural Schools Road Race

As per the Facebook notification the Rural Schools Cross Country is now a Rural Schools Road Race. This will be held on Friday 17th May at the Pahiatua Stadium. The following Friday the top Rural School students will take part in the Bush event in Eketahuna. See the attached notice for more details

Seesaw

It is fabulous to see that we now have over half of our families connected to their children's learning through Seesaw. Teachers will be sending out invitations once again to all families not yet connected. This online platform provides you with an insight into your child's classroom and their learning, giving you the opportunity to discuss current learning at home.

Sensory Garden

Do you have any clean soil on your property that could do with a new home? Or, do you know where we could access some? Lime is soon on its way for the path through a generous donation by Hatuma, but we are yet to source soil for the gardens. Can you help?

Absence

Please remember to contact the school, leaving a message if we are unavailable, if your child is absent. It is important that we also are informed for the reason for their absence.

It's a busy term ahead, so remember to keep a lookout for any new notifications in the newsletter and via Facebook. We look forward to seeing you at our school events.

Ngā mihi nui, Claire

Week 1 Principal's Award

Jesse Mitchell

Week 1 School Value certificates for 'To Be Adaptable'

Harvey Tohiariki and Farryn Neioti



Certificates for the tallest poppy plant successfully raised over the holidays.



TRANZIT'S SAFETY MESSAGE TO ALL DRIVERS

With term two underway, Tranzit Coachlines is reminding all drivers of their responsibilities on the roads to ensure school children are safe.

In a special campaign this week, which coincides with Road Safety Week, Tranzit staff will be out on Masterton roads with signs reminding motorists to pass stationary school buses at 20km/ph both ways. Tranzit says it's important to put children's safety first and is reminding all parents, staff and students who drive of their responsibilities. These include:

- When driving past a stationary school bus the speed limit is 20kmph either direction
- When driving through a school zone, the speed limit is 40kmph;
- When driving behind a school bus please note they must come to a complete stop at an uncontrolled railway crossing – so be prepared to stop too;
- All school buses carrying passengers must slow down and be prepared to stop at a controlled railway crossing, so please watch your travelling distance and be prepared to stop too;
- Passengers will load and unload from the front door of a bus, so please pass with caution at the correct speed of 20kmph.

Tranzit has the support of Masterton Police for this initiative.

Scan For Schools Project Donation

Alfredton School would like to acknowledge and say "Thank You" to James and Kate McKay for the recent donation we received from them through their business Ultra-Scan Wairarapa.

Their clients, Campbell Lawrence of Pukerakau Farm, Andy McLachlan of Brooklands Station and Matt and Jody McLachlan used their services this year and nominated Alfredton School to receive 15% of their service fee.

Many thanks to everyone involved for the kind donation to our school.

Pink Shirt Day

We will be supporting Pink Shirt Day again this year on Thursday 16th May to build awareness of this campaign. All students are encouraged to wear something pink on this day
Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

Swimming Pool

A reminder that all pool keys need to be returned to school.

2019 Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

A reminder that all entry forms need to be back at school by 10th May.

Heated Lunches

The heating of lunches starts from today. This will follow the same format as last year and each house group has been allocated one day for heating lunch. Please ensure food is wrapped in tinfoil and named. Students can bring the food to the staffroom during the first break and it will be ready heated for second break.

Tuesdays – Rata

Wednesdays – Kowhai

Thursdays – Rimu.

FROM THE CLASSROOM

In Tui Class we have been learning about the Maori story of Creation.

We have retold the story in our own words:

In the beginning the brothers were squished because the mother and father were hugging each other. So the brothers made a plan and Tangaroa tried first to push the mother and father apart. Tane was on his back and he pressed his feet up and the father went up in to the sky.

Hadley

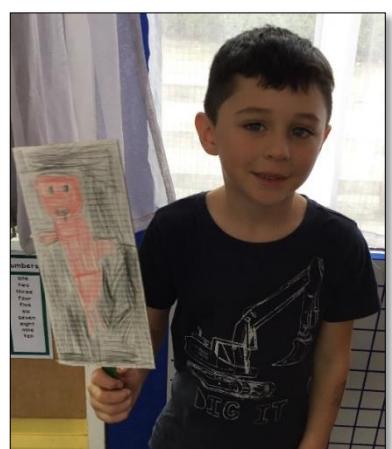
It was dark and they were squished together. Tu wanted to kill their parents. One of them wanted to leave them alone. They wanted to break their parents apart. One of them sat and watched. In the end they were pushed apart.

Lachie

In the beginning there was darkness. They were scared and pushed the father.

Leo

We made puppets of the different characters to tell the story:



At the end of Term 1, Huia Room were fortunate to have a visiting writer, Karen Wrigglesworth, come in and talk about non-fiction writing. She asked that the students do some research work before she came in on a structure in their area. Karen is a mechanical engineer and told the class about when she had to go down to Christchurch after the quakes and write reports for other engineers about the structural damage. Most of the students did some great research on their chosen structure, which made the learning easier when Karen arrived. Below is a piece from Jada Evans.

Pahiatua Town Bridge

- In 1931 the Tane Hemp Company commissioned Joseph Dawson of Pahiatua to design and build a suspension bridge.
The Bridge was one of 15 suspension bridges designed by Dawson. The bridge was constructed between 1931-1932 during the great depression.

- Once the Tane Hemp Company had finally decided that the suspension bridge would be the most suitable and affordable option, since they could build it safely and it would last, they decided to see what would be the best materials available.
- The bridge was to be built where it was because of the stable ground, which was free from erosion and on a straight stretch of river. The river banks there had equal height and stability. There was firm ground to anchoring the cables to hold the bridge to the ground.
- Over time, the bridge has had a work done on it to reinforce and keep it safe for traffic.

Jada Evans
Alfredton School

Copy of email reply from Karen Wrigglesworth to Jada

Hi Jada

I'm so glad I've found it now to read - you have done such a great job! What I really like about what you've written is that you've included a lot of interesting detail. You've thought about WHY the bridge was built where it is, and how COST was an important thing to consider with the design. I also like that you've told us a bit about Joseph Dawson - he seems to have really liked designing and building suspension bridges, doesn't he? My advice is to keep going with this story - you have made such a wonderful start, and you've now got some great information here to weave together into what I call a tidy draft. You might like to tell us where this bridge is - when I think of Pahiatua I think of the concrete bridge. Maybe you could compare the two bridges, or add some thoughts about why you chose the suspension bridge to write about? Do you like suspension bridges for any special reason? I really like suspension bridges - I think they're more exciting to use, and also often more beautiful to look at, than lots of other types of bridges. Keep up the writing, Jada. This is great work!

SPORTS NEWS

Hockey

Alfredton Hinds vs Kia Kaha - won 5-0. Player of the Day - Aston Smith

Bush (Division 2) played Ashurst and won 11-1. Jess got 2nd in the points player of the day.

Rugby

Bush U9's vs Te Kawa - won 12 tries to 9

Bush Int vs Freyberg lost 15-51

Rippa Bush vs College Old Boys - lost 11-12. Tova Foreman was Player of the Day

Soccer

Pah vs Dvk - won 9-0

Netball

Eke vs Pah - won 20-1

Duck shooting - Shona, Mac, Kiera, Grace, Taylor, Ally, Charlotte, Maddie, Angus, Harry, Eden, Kingston, Aston, Damien and Jack

Last term I played for a Wairarapa Girls Development cricket team and it was my first year playing for that team. We won all of our games except 2. There were two girl development teams and I played in the team green but we wore pink t-shirts. At the end of the season we had a prize giving and a shared lunch, I won MVP of the season! Over all I really enjoyed the season because I met heaps of new girls and learnt lots of great cricket skills. Hopefully I will play next year.

Jess



EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY 2019

Thanks to everyone who came along to training and also a big thanks to our volunteer coaches this year. It's an important job and we really appreciate you taking it on.

COMPETITION STARTS – Saturday 11th May 2018. Uniforms and mouth guards will go out at training on Wednesday 8th May – 4.30pm. Please ensure you are there (rain or shine). There will also be a boot and hoodie swap so bring along any unwanted boots and JAB hoodies. See you there!

One or two still have not paid (\$15 per child) please pay into the bank account number below including your child's name(s) as ref or bring to training.

EKETAHUNA JAB RUGBY - BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER - 02-0724-0103953-00

JAB rugby trainings will be 4.30pm Wednesdays. Uniforms and mouth guards distributed at training to all paid up players. Your own black shorts and Eke socks required.

facebook – Eketahuna JAB Rugby

ASCA

PIE ORDERS : Please note that the delivery has been pushed out to the 21st May.

BOT UPDATE

Alfredton School Board of Trustee Election.

The time is now to put forward nominations for the school board. Please get talking amongst yourselves and get this process underway. Of the five current members two have indicated they will be re-standing so it is time to step forward and get involved.

It is a great opportunity to be part of the community and to be involved in the education of your children. There is plenty of training and assistance available to get you started and if you have any questions please talk to Claire or me and we can help you.

Thanks for supporting your school.

Russ Smith

Parent Election Notice

Alfredton School Board of Trustees' Election

Nominations are invited for the election of five parent representatives to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed. Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on Friday 24th May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on Friday 7th June 2019.

Signed: Valerie Harvey,

Returning Officer.

Next BOT Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 5:30pm.

All welcome to attend

COMMUNITY NEWS

ALFREDTON DOMAIN BOARD MEETING

Thursday 9th May

7:00pm at the Hall

Everyone welcome to attend.



Tararua College Open Evening

Tuesday 11th June

6pm

We are opening our doors and want to show you around.

Come to the TC Open Evening & hear about the great opportunities on offer at Tararua College.

Programme:

6pm: Principal's welcome

6.30pm: Student led tours of the school and interactive activities

8.00pm: Mix with student leaders and teachers over supper in the cafe

All welcome



NEW CENTRAL OPEN HUNT

JUNE 13TH-14TH-15TH 2019

Weigh in on 15th June from 1pm to 3pm at the
New Central Motor Inn and Hotel, Woodville

SCRUTINEERING AREA IS BEHIND WOODVILLE FIRE STATION, ENTRY IS OFF ATKINSON STREET

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Fallow Stag Heaviest (1st 2nd) Average weight and best head

Paradise Duck Average weight

Junior under 16 years \$10

Heaviest Opossum (1st 2nd 3rd) Most weighed

Heaviest Rabbit (1st 2nd 3rd)

Heaviest Hare (1st 2nd 3rd)

Mallard Duck Average weight

For more details contact Brett (06)3764611

Or New Central Open Hunt Facebook page



For more information or entry forms contact the school office