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Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks

Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 1 December 2020

Kia ora koutou,

Our Native Garden is looking wonderful. A huge thank you to everyone who came along to help with one or both of the working bees. You are all truly awesome.

Thank you to the parents who transported our Y6 to 8's to Makahika last Tuesday. They had a wonderful time and certainly challenged themselves on the high ropes course. There will be photographs from all of our trips in the next newsletter.

Our school library is now closed for 2020. If you have any library books at home we would be grateful if they could be returned before Friday as we need to do a stocktake.

Yesterday the children enjoyed spending an hour in the classes they will be in next year. Transition is very important both for the children and their new teacher. They will have a further opportunity to spend time with their new class on Thursday 10th December.

Today Kiwi Class are spending the day at Cobblestones Museum in Greytown discovering what life was like in the past. The Year 8's are spending the day swimming and bowling in Masterton.

On Wednesday, 21 of our Year 5 to 8's will be competing in a Rippa Rugby tournament in Pahiatua. This has been organised by Manawatu Rugby. Thank you to Rob and Alex Foreman for managing these teams.

All of our wonderful children will have had the opportunity to spend time learning outside of the classroom this term. Thank you to ASCA for enabling us to provide these opportunities. It really enriches our curriculum as well as providing lots of fun.

Next week our Year 5 to 8's will be heading off to Forest Lakes, Otaki. We have lots of challenging activities planned for the three days we are away. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Tui Class are our last class to have a visit out this term. On Wednesday 9th they will be spending a day at Castlepoint. I know that they are looking forward to fish and chips and ice-cream.

Last week we had school photographs. The awful weather meant that photographs were taken in the library and we were unable to take a whole school photograph. Orders are due tomorrow.

The next newsletter will be on Friday 11th December. This will be the final newsletter of 2020.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Final Assembly - Thursday 10th December 9.15am Huia Room

At this assembly we will be farewelling children who are leaving, but who are not in Year 8. There will also be the presentation of certificates from Bush Athletics and Bush Ag Day. If you would like to join us you are most welcome.

Christmas Tree Night - Friday 11th December

This will start at 6pm. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the hall. This is our chance to celebrate as well as to farewell our Year 8's. Hopefully Santa will have us on his visiting list too.

Community Christmas Party - Monday 14th December

This will start with a sausage sizzle at 12.30pm and will be followed by family games on our school field. We would like to extend this invitation to all of our families, including grandparents as well as younger siblings. If you know of anyone else who is part of the Alfredton Community who would like to come, please share details of this event with them.

Volunteer and Staff Morning Tea - Tuesday 15th December

If you have volunteered during 2020 please accept this invitation to join us in the staff room at 11am for morning tea. If you could please let the office know by Thursday 3rd December if you are able to come it will greatly help us cater for this event.

This is also the final day of school for 2020.

Calendar for 2021

Term 1

Wednesday 3rd February First day of term 1.

Monday 8th February Waitangi Day observed, school will be closed.

Friday 12th February Year 7 and 8 Technology

Wednesday 17th February Junior (Year 0 to 2) Minor Sports

Monday 22nd February will be a Teacher Only Day. We are joining with several other schools in our Bush Area to take part in Pause, Breathe, Smile training. This is a wellbeing programme developed and run by Southern Cross.

Friday 26th February Year 7 and 8 Technology

Tuesday 2nd March Rural Schools Junior Swimming at Alfredton Friday 5th March Rural Schools Senior Swimming - Pahiatua Pool

Further dates will follow in 2021.

Please look at our school calendar regularly; this can be accessed from our website. https://alfredton.school.nz/

2021 Term Dates

Term 1 Wednesday 3rd February to Friday 16th April

April Easter Break 2nd April to 6th April

Term 2 Monday 3rd May to Friday 9th July

Term 3 Monday 26th July to Friday 1st October

Term 4 Monday 18th October to Wednesday 15th December

2020 Future Events

Please make a note of these dates in your diary. Further events will be added as the term progresses.

Term 4

Wednesday 2nd December Rippa Rugby Tournament Yr 5-8 students (who opted to play)

Mon 7th to Weds 9th December School Camp Y5 - 8

Wednesday 9th December Tui Class Trip to Castlepoint

Friday 11th December Christmas Tree Night

Monday 14th December School and Community Christmas Party

Tuesday 15th December Last Day Term 4 2020

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SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

INVOICES

Invoices for the final stationery and any outstanding sports subs are being sent home today. Please ensure these are all paid before the end of school on the 15th December 2020

2021 STATIONERY

All stationery for the 2021 year will be available from the school and will be invoiced after school commences next year. Any additional items required throughout the year will then be invoiced at the end of each term. Please ensure your 2020 invoices are paid to ensure we can continue supplying your students next year.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Support the Student Council and purchase our last few jars of Snooty Fruit product available at the office - Feijoa Chutney and Kiwifruit and Caper Chutney.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next Meeting: Thursday 10th December 5:30pm

ASCA

ASCA tea towels are available for pick up from the school office.

STOCK DRIVE

Alfredton School and Community Association (ASCA) is running a fundraising Stock Drive over the summer months. We are asking Alfredton farmers to kindly donate stock to ASCA next time they are sending stock to the works. It's as simple as marking the stock being donated on the head with spray and loading them last as a separate line. A separate ASD form also needs to be filled out. Any number and class of stock (i.e lambs, cull ewes etc) are gratefully received. Below is a list of meat companies that have ASCA accounts, if your meat company isn't on the list please contact Angela Blundell 3750676 to arrange. Please help spread the news to neighbours, friends and family as anyone who supplies the following meat companies can donate.

- AFFCO
- ALLIANCE
- ANZCO
- CARRFIELDS
- OVATION
- SILVER FERN FARMS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please inform your stock agent you want to donate when booking in stock

ASD form information

Owner/Trade Name: Alfredton School and Community Association (ASCA)

Owner's postal address: 15207 Route 52, RD3, Eketahuna

Descripion: 2 lambs (example) donated to ASCA

COMMUNITY NEWS

Northfuels supports our school with sports gear and technology, they now have a local rep too! In 2020 we received 2 Acer Chromebooks from this scheme. Many thanks!!



Information gives Choice for the Future

By joining one of the following free personal finance or small business management courses in 2021 you are setting your life up for the future, e.g. working when you want to.

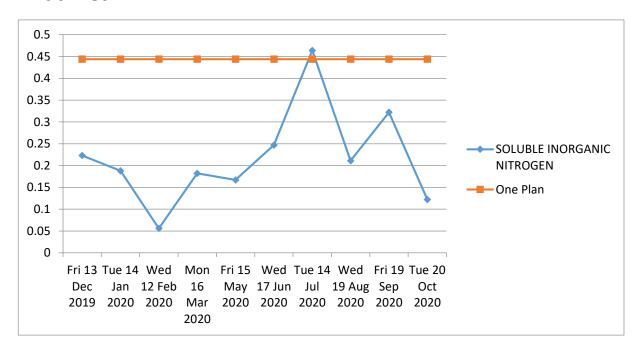
20 week Certificate in Money Management (make your money work for you) Mondays 6-9pm or Tuesday 9am-12pm 36 week Certificate in Small Business Management (business success needs knowledge and tips) Tuesdays 6-9pm, or Wednesdays 9am-12pm.

You will gain numerous ideas for personal and/or business growth – and have fun while doing it. These courses are tutored in Masterton and start in March 2021. Email jeanette@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 377 3378 immediately.

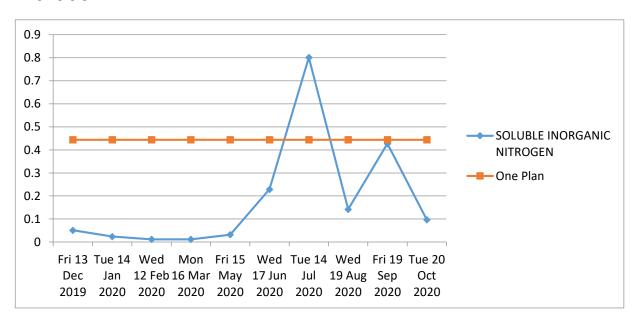
Just a bit of an update on what the **Upper Tiraumea Ihuraua Catchment Group** has been up to. We have been testing two sites in our catchment for the past 12 months, one site at Pa Valley road (Ihuraua) and another at Patricks bridge(Tiraumea). The two graphs below show results from the test for Soluble Inorganic Nitrogen in the water. As you can see we are well below the target for our region. This is just one of 5 things we have been testing for. We will be sharing more results across on our Facebook page jump online and join the group. https://www.facebook.com/IhurauaUpperTiraumeaCatchmentGroup/

If you would like to be involved with the catchment group and help out with testing please contact James McKay 06 375 8432.

Tiraumea



Ihuraua





MULTI-SPORT HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

18 - 21 JANUARY

8.30AM - 3PM

Massey Sport & Recreation Centre

Students between the ages of 7-18 can come along and try out 12 different sports. \$80 for 4 days

CONTACT Emma Carey Regional Sport Advisor emmac@sportmanawatu.org.nz

SPORTMANAWATU.ORG.NZ/MULTISPORT



Join us for a fun family open day.

Families, parents & children all invited to come along to give golf a go.

There will be fun golf activities, Team Golf on the course, & BBQ afterward.

SUNDAY
SUNDAY
13TH
DECEMBER

Equipment provided, or bring your own if you have them. Enquiries: Jenny Anderson 0212546614 or Francie Duffy 0273319348



Bush SuperGrans
42 Main Street

Free Photo

With Father Christmas



Bring your children along to Help-n-Hand 42 Main Street, Pahiatua

Between 10am – 12pm Saturday 5th December 2020

Explore Christmas Market Day

Meet with Santa and have a free photo taken which will be posted to you

Santa may also have a small gift for you

For more information Phone 06 376 6759

Compliments of the season to all families from Bush SuperGrans