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# Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 5 July 2022

### 2022 Term Dates

Term 2: 2nd May to 8th July Term 3: 25th July to 30th September Term 4: 17th October to 15th December

# SCHOOL NEWS AND REMINDERS

Kia ora,

Everyone had a very exciting time last week.

On 23rd June the children had a great time celebrating Matariki. They enjoyed baking Rewena bread and making vegetable soup. It was wonderful to have playgroup join us for our celebrations.

Our Year 5 to 8's had a wonderful time at camp, thank you to all of the parents who accompanied them. They made lots of memories and were full of stories when they arrived back at school.

The Year 1 to 4's had a great time on Friday baking food from around the world. We made biscuits from the Philippines and Argentina and a beautiful Hawaiian cake. These are all countries which are represented at Alfredton.

Tomorrow is our planting day in the Native Garden. All children will be helping so will need to bring gumboots and a waterproof coat to school. If you are free, please come along and help us. It would be great to see as many of you as possible. Thank you to Kate McKay for all of your hard work organising the day.

On Thursday we have the Ministry of Education Wellbeing event from 1.45 - 2.45pm. It would be really good to have as many parents as possible here to take part in the discussion. We will meet in Kiwi Room. If you are unable to come, I can send you a survey link.

This is our final week before we finish on Friday. Term 3 begins on Monday 25th July. Have a lovely break with your children.

Alison

# Dates for Term 3

25th July Term 3 Starts 26th July and 2nd August Barn Dance Practice 3rd August Tararua Seven Aside Tournament 9th August Barn Dance - Pongaroa 10th August Huia Class Planting Day at Kate O'Byrne's
19th August Bush Volleyball
22nd August Food Nutrition with Nova (Huia Class)
21st September Pahiatua Lions Speech Contest
26th September Formal Dance Practice (Y7/8)
29th September Formal Dance Bush Multisport Stadium (Y7/8)
30th September Term Ends

## Technology

4th, 18th August 1st, 15th, 29th September

#### MATARIKI

We had a great day celebrating Matariki on June 24th. Throughout the day the children completed a variety of art activities. We also took the time to reflect on what we have done over the first half of the school year and formulated goals for the 2nd half. We made Rewena bread and everyone had the opportunity to help prepare some warming soup which we shared at lunchtime (a big thanks to the adults who helped us with this). Our day was made extra special by the visit of our Alfredton Playgroup friends and whanau as well as Shirley from REAP who brought some Matariki themed crafts and games.













# Camp Highlights

My favourite parts of camp were Adrenalin Forest, and H2O Xtreme. In H2O Extreme, There were waves, a lazy river that worked REALLY well, and slides that were, unfortunately, closed at the time. We spent an hour in H2O Extreme and time flew by really fast. They had multiple pools, but we stayed in the biggest pool the whole time.

really fun too. We started with a lesson on how to put on harnesses and how to clip on our hooks to the wires connected to everything, so we didn't fall off. There were 6 levels, but the highest anyone completed was level 4. I got to level 3 myself, but that was where it got a lot harder. It included very wobbly and unstable obstacles and pushed me pretty hard. I was EXHAUSTED when I finished it. Only 6 people completed level 4, two of which were adults.

Overall, these two activities were extremely fun, and everyone had a great time Zephyr

I loved doing the Hangdog indoor climbing. As you got higher it got harder. I almost got to the top but my nerves took over. **Ally** 

Camp was so much fun. I wish it had never ended. My favourite part was ice skating. Falling over hurts a lot but I got used to it. **Ella** 

My first memory was the Hangdog climbing centre. It was really fun but pretty hard and I got tired quickly.

My second favourite memory was Adrenalin Forest. I got to level three and stopped because level four looked very hard. I enjoyed my two hours there and would like to go back. I felt very nervous at the start but then I felt more confident. **Mac** 

Adrenaline forest was my most favourite. The zipline was most exciting. On level four the tight ropes were so hard and long. By the end of each tight rope my legs were shaking. At one point I got stuck and the instructor didn't really care, but Doug helped me. **Hunter** 

My highlight of camp was swimming in the Upper Hutt pools because the lazy river kept making you go in circles and it was really hard to get out of the lazy river. I enjoyed The Hangdog Rock Climbing. It was really scary and frightening trying to climb to the top of the wall. I liked riding on the trains because you had a good view and sometimes they sped up the train and then it would go really fast. **Kitana** 

One of my favourite things I did at camp was swimming at the Porirua Swimming Pool. My favourite thing was the hydro slide. It was so fast.

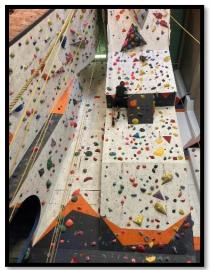
I also liked trampolining at Daytona Park and playing at the Queen Elizabeth Park in Masterton. It was when we saw the eel and swan and the deer park. It was really cool too. It was quite cool going on a train to Wellington station and back. I never thought that I would see platform nine and three quarters at Wellington station. **Daniel** 













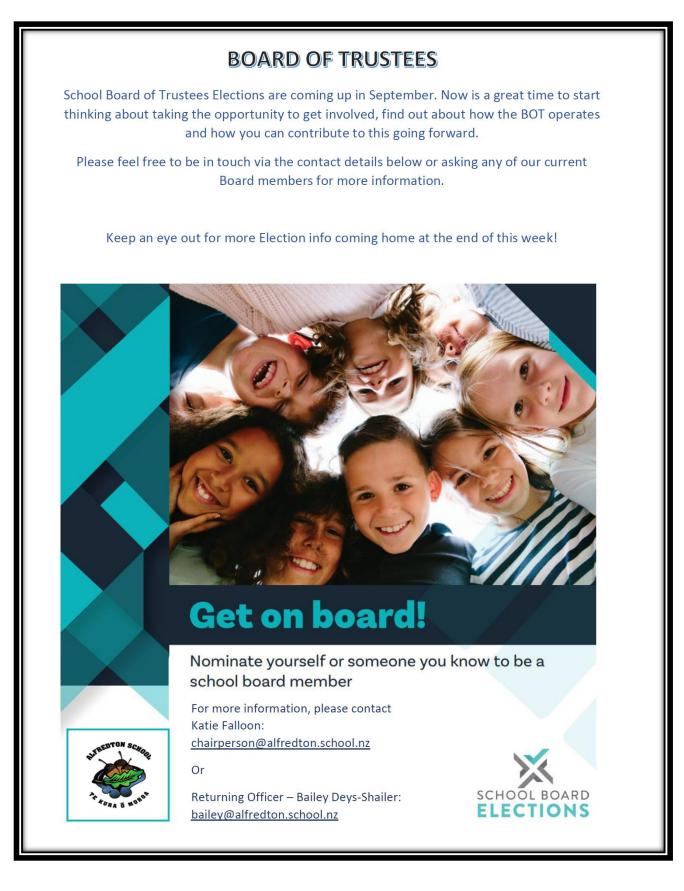






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Next Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> August at 5.30pm



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