

Alfredton School

Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks



Newsletter - Wednesday 27th July 2022

2022 Term Dates

Term 3: 25th July to 30th September

Term 4: 17th October to 15th December

Kia ora,

Welcome back to school for the start of Term 3. The year just seems to be flying by. We have lots of things planned for this term so please make a note of important dates in your diary.

Nominations for our School Board (Board of Trustees) close at midday on August 3rd. Please consider taking advantage of this opportunity to play a role in the governance of your child's school. It isn't a difficult role and the workload is shared across all Board members. The Board meets twice a term, on a Wednesday at 5.30pm. There are 5 spaces and we currently have 2 nominations; we need 1 more in order to retain governance of our school. It doesn't matter how long you have been a parent at our school or which year group your child is in. You all have skills which can play a part in the governance of our school, please put yourself forward. If you would like more information, contact myself or any current Board member (Katie, Kate, Rob, Jo or Lesley).

Next Wednesday, it is the Tararua Sevens Tournament. The majority of our Year 5 to 8's will be taking part. I will send out transport details etc later this week.

On 9th August, the whole school will be going to Pongaroa for our barn dance which Makuri School has organised. Lisa Hull has been busy practising the dances with our children. Look out for a letter early next week about this event. It would be fantastic to have parents join us.

We are continuing with hot lunches Monday thru Thursday this term. Please remember to write your child's name clearly on the foil.

Have a lovely week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for Term 3

25th July Term 3 Starts

26th July and 2nd August Barn Dance Practice

3rd August Board Nominations Close

3rd August Tararua Seven Aside Tournament Year 5-8

9th August Barn Dance - Pongaroa

10th August Huia Class Planting Day at Kate O'Byrne's

17th August Board Meeting 5.30pm

19th August Bush Volleyball Year 7/8

22nd and 23rd August Food Nutrition with Nova (Huia Class)

31st August and 1st September Learning Conversations

21st September Pahiatua Lions Speech Contest

26th September Formal Dance Practice (Y7/8)

27th September NZSO workshop Year 3 - 5

29th September Formal Dance Bush Multisport Stadium (Y7/8)

30th September Term Ends

Technology

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

Ki o Rahi

5th August, 2nd, 16th, 30th September (Huia Class)

School Bus

If your child is going to be off the bus on a regular basis, please can you let us know. That way you won't need to phone us every week. If they were off last term, e.g for weekly swimming lessons, please tell us if this is going to continue.

Masks

We have been asked by the Ministry to strongly encourage all children from Year 4 upwards to wear a mask in school. This is initially for the first four weeks of term. All children aged 12 and above must continue to wear a mask on our school buses. This includes Technology runs.

Planting Day - Native Garden

On Wednesday 6th July we planted over 400 trees. Thank you, Kate McKay, for all your hard work organising this event, and to Horizons Council for supporting us in developing our Native Garden. We hope that this space will become a place which both our school and our community will be able to use. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents supporting them. Look out for a news article coming soon in the Bush Telegraph.



Reading

We are continuing our home reading programme. This term we are asking every child to ensure that they bring their reading diary to school each day. All children who read a minimum of 40 nights this term will be invited to a morning tea. Well done Tui class who have won term two's morning tea for having the highest average of nights read.

Homework

All children in Huia class will be receiving homework on a Friday. This must be returned to school by Thursday of the following week. The children will need to decide when they will complete their homework and manage their time successfully to ensure that they are able to bring it back by the Thursday deadline. The homework will consist of a piece of maths, English and topic work. If your child needs some help, they should not leave it to the day before it is due in to ask. We hope that this will help them to develop self-organisational skills. If you have any questions about any of the work given, please contact either myself or Robin.

Certificate Winners (Term 2, Week 10)



Rural Schools Cross Country Certificates
(Absent from both photographs - Sophie)



Bush Cross Country Certificates



Readers of the Week



Principal's Award



Class Certificates

Board Meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th August at 5.30pm in Huia class. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Alfredton School Board Elections

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd
August at midday