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Alfredton School

Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks



Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 1 March 2023

Kia ora,

We have been having fun in Huia class practising for the swimming sports on Friday. Everyone has been working hard to improve their speed and stamina. All Huia class children will be taking part at this event. Mr Gardner will be the teacher in charge. Thank you to those who have volunteered to time races. There will be no finals, the time taken is the one that will be used to determine places.

Tuesday, next week will be the turn of Tui class. We are hosting the Junior swimming sports for the rural schools. If you can help out, particularly with life guarding, it would be much appreciated. ASCA will be selling sausages and baked goodies to the children taking part. The Year 8's will also be organising some activities on the field.

Both classes have begun the year very well with their home reading. We already have children in both classes who have achieved 25 nights. Tino pai!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising effort today. All monies raised will be given to Tinui School to support them after the recent cyclone. An especial thank you to the mums who baked cupcakes to sell and provided the ice blocks.

Last week a questionnaire was sent home asking for your thoughts about our school vision and values. It would be wonderful if every family could complete and return their form by Friday 10th March. This is the first time since 2016 that they have been reviewed. Please take this opportunity to tell us what you think. Children and staff will also be asked for their views.

Have a lovely week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

Friday 3rd March Y4 to 8 Swimming Sports Pahiatua Pool

Tuesday 7th March Junior (Y1 - 3) Swimming Alfredton

Friday 10th March Bush Swimming Sports - Pahiatua

Thursday 16th March Family Quiz Afternoon

Friday 31st March Tararua Ripa Tournament

Thursday 6th April, Last day of Term 1

Monday 24th April Teacher Only Day for all schools in the Tararua Kahui Ako (Staff will be spending the day at Tararua College learning about the Refreshed Curriculum) - School Closed

Tuesday 25th April ANZAC Day - School Closed

Wednesday 26th April School Starts for Term Two

Wednesday 17th May Teacher Only Day (PaCT - Reading)

Wednesday 24th May Y8 National Young Leaders Day (Palmerston North)

Tuesday 30th May Y4 - 8 Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Palmerston North)

Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June Parent Teacher Conversations

Thursday 29th June Cultural Festival (Pahiatua)

Friday 30th June Last day of Term 2

Term Dates

Term One: 31st January to 6th April

Term Two: 24th April to 30th June

Term Three: 17th July to 22nd September

Term Four: 9th October to 15th December

Technology Dates (Year 8) Term One

2nd, 9th, 23rd March, 6th April.

Please make sure that covered footwear (not gumboots) is worn and long hair is tied back. Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page where you will find more information about what the children are learning and see their successes.

Class Certificates



Readers of the Week



SPORTS UPDATE

Future Ferns Netball has begun in Masterton. Alfredton has 3 teams participating. Alfredton Acorns (Y1-2), Alfredton Oaks Green and Alfredton Oaks Yellow (Y3-4). All the teams were well supported by family and friends for their first game - a massive shout out to Kathleen (Jada's Mum) and Angela (Nellie's Mum) for taking on the role of coach for the Year 3 and 4 teams. We have a number of new players alongside some players from last season. I was impressed by the enthusiasm and effort displayed by all our netballers.

Alfredton Acorns played Gladstone and won 2-1

Alfredton Oaks Green played Eketahuna and lost 2-7

Alfredton Oaks Yellow played Masterton Primary School and won 1-0

Roll on next week!

Eketahuna JAB Rugby

Does your child want to give rugby a go? **Eketahuna JAB Rugby registrations are now open for the 2023 Wairarapa bush season.** Ages 4—12yrs.

Rugby season kicks off Saturday May 13. We will aim to have a training at Eketahuna rugby grounds on Wednesday March 29, from 3pm, before the end of term 1! Please come along.

You can register here:

New players to Eketahuna JAB club – please go to www.sporty.co.nz. Click on Find Your Club or School. Type Eketahuna Rugby Football Club into the search box at top right and click Search.

Click on Eketahuna Rugby Football Club. Click on Online Registrations, then Junior Form.

Complete this form and submit.

Eketahuna JAB AGM: Wed 5th April @ Eketahuna Inn, 7pm. All Welcome.

For more info please contact Kirby: lanceandkirby@inspire.nz.nz



Monday 27th February

To the Alfredton Community,

As you may be aware, Alfredton School have been working hard over the last year establishing a native garden and wetland. Currently, we have just over 400 plants that have settled into the area beautifully. This year, the aim is to bulk up some of the native grasses and add a few mature trees for impact in the area. After consulting with Sarah Falloon from Horizons' Regional Council, we have put together a list of tree species found in our area and likely to do well in our space.

The BOT of Alfredton School are giving the wider community an opportunity to purchase a tree to be planted in the garden. All trees purchased will come with a metal tag on which we will have the family name of the donors and the year it was planted.

The trees will be ordered via Leaf Land nursery in Palmerston North. I will see that the native garden will be prepared for their planting and in the winter, we hope to organise a small planting day in which anyone who would like to be involved can be.

If you are viewing this letter digitally, the blue scientific names on the form are links to the Leaf Land profile of each tree. Over the next few years, we are aiming to plant 15 trees, and probably no more than 20. A variety would be ideal. Feel free to get in touch if you would like some guidance of which species to choose.

If you know of anyone who you think would like to purchase a tree, feel free to let them know and pass on this letter. It could be a good option to include extended family in your tree order. One tree could be donated by multiple generations within a family if preferred.

As we would like to give ourselves the best chance of fulfilling the order to suit everyone's preferences, please return your order form to the Alfredton School office, or to myself by **Friday 10th March**. You are welcome to email these directly to kate@alfredton.school.nz. Apologies for the short notice period!

We would appreciate payment at the time of the order and the school payment details are below.

This is a big expense for donors so please do not feel any pressure to purchase a tree, and if it doesn't suit this year, know that this is likely to be offered again in years to come. There are many other ways you can, and already have contributed to the Native Garden and Wetland.

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing support with this project.

Regards,

Kate McKay



NATIVE TREE ORDER FORM – Return by Friday 10th March

Name: _____ Contact phone number: _____

** The following prices include the cost of a personalised iodised aluminium tag and staking materials that will stand up to the Alfredton winds!

Please tick which tree you would like to order.

	Pot size	Price incl GST	Current Height (m)	✓	Name for tag
<i>Metrosideros robusta</i>	15L	\$114	0.5-1.2		
Northern Rata	25L	\$155	1.3-1.5		
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	15L	\$103	1.2-1.7		
Titoki	25L	\$134	1.5-2		
<i>Knightia excelsa</i>	15L	-	-		
Rewarewa	25L	\$124	1.2-1.4		
<i>Beilschmiedia</i>	15L	-	-		
Tawa	25L	\$134	1.2		
<i>Prumnopitys taxifolia</i>	15L	\$124	1		
Matai	25L	\$176	1-1.2		
<i>Fuscospora fusca</i>	15L	-	-		
Red Beech, Tāwhairauriki	45L	\$214	2.5		

Please deposit payment with the following details into:

Alfredton School BOT – BNZ - 02-0724-0093396-000

Particulars: Tree

Reference: Family name

A receipt for your donation is available on request.

Alfredton Social Club presents:

Fun'raiser BBQ and games

Raising money for the Tinui Floods

Thursday 9th March, 5pm onwards

Alfredton Domain (Hall in bad weather)

Alfredton Playgroup will be selling BBQ items, as well as treats and non-alcoholic drinks.

Games – gold coin to play

- Tug of war – enter a mixed team of 5.
- Gumboot throw
- Wood and nail competition
- Raffle
- Silent auction

Bring CASH to buy some yummy BBQ dinner, raffle tickets, and play the games so we can help the Tinui community out.

BYO alcoholic drinks



BISSET HONDA MINI RIDE SPECIAL EVENT

**CHARITY RIDE TO RAISE MONEY
FOR FLOOD RELIEF FUND**

Friday, 3 March 2023

Sign in from 5pm, riding starts 6pm
\$20 entry fee per rider – 100% of this will be donated
Free burger and chips with entry!
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or phone 021 1338 289

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Takahangi iti

Small steps

Educational Coffee Groups

2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month 10am – 12pm

Eketāhuna Community Centre

Haswell Street

- Tamariki aged 0-5 welcome!
- Support from Plunket Kaiāwhina
- Health focus resources will be available
- Last session – 2nd Wednesday of December
- Starting again – 4th Wednesday of January
- Plunket Kaiāwhina – Jamie Holm 027 230 6323



Hey Folks

We are having this ball to raise money for our awesome Health Centre.

They require our help with funding, every little bit helps to keep them afloat.

Come along and have a fabulous night

Live band, cash bar, lots of enjoyment.

Get behind us and have a ball!

Contact me at the Information Centre for tickets.

Thank you for your support!



The Great Eketāhuna Pre-loved Ball

*Dust off your finest pre-loved outfit and dance the night away
with live music by local band The Renegades!*

Proceeds go to the wonderful Eketāhuna Medical Centre

When: 11th March 2023

Where: Community Centre

Time: 7 pm - Midnight

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Cash Bar: Beer & Wine Available

On going Grazing Table

Tickets: \$60 Single \$100 Double

V.I.P: \$100 Per Ticket

*This includes: V.I.P Area with
Grazing Table & Complimentary
bottle of Wine*

*Contact: Eketāhuna Information Centre
eketahunakiwicountry@xtra.co.nz*

