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# **Alfredton School**



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# Newsletter ~ Thursday, 27 April 2023

Kia ora,

Welcome back to Term 2, I hope that you all had a good holiday with your children.

This week we have the Life Education mobile classroom visiting us. Ask your children when they come home what they have learned from Laura and Harold.

We are very excited to welcome Whaea Georgia Whiunui as our Kapa Haka and Te Reo Maori kaiako. Whaea Georgia will be teaching the children every Friday afternoon. This term our focus will be on preparation for the Cultural Festival in June.

This term our topic focus is Whakapapa me te whanaungatanga | Culture and identity: Origins, Voyaging and Adaptation.

Tui class will be investigating the following questions:

What stories do hapū and iwi tell about their origins?

Where do people in our community come from?

Do they have connections to the places that they come from?

How do they keep up those connections?

Huia class will be exploring:

What stories do different groups of people tell about their experiences of migration?

When did they come, who did they come with, and why did they come?

How did these stories shape who they are now?

Your children will be coming home and asking for information about their family's history, their whakapapa. Please help them to answer the questions as they will be using what they learn at school. If you have any migration / settlement stories that you are happy to share please let me know. We would love to have parents or grandparents come into school to share their whanau's stories.

If there are regular days that your child will not be on the bus after school, please let Val know as soon as possible so that we can mark it on the bus board lists. Remember, that all afternoon changes must be notified to school, preferably by phone before 1pm. Your bus driver should be told of all morning changes.

It would be a really big help if you could please name your child's clothing (especially hoodies, jerseys and coats). Everyday children leave their clothes on the field and court. Rarely are they named and most of the children don't seem to recognise their own clothing, even though they wore it to school that day. This means that our lost property box gets full pretty quickly. If the clothing is named it is easily returned to its owner.

Hot lunches will start from week 2 (Monday 1st May), Monday to Thursday only. If your child would like to bring food to be heated in the oven it should be wrapped in foil and clearly named. Examples of food to bring are: pizza slice, sausage rolls, toasted sandwich, pie. Noodles or items which need heating in the microwave should not be brought. If you have any questions, please phone the office.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26th and Friday 28th April Life Education (Harold)

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)

Wednesday 31st May Rural Schools Road Race (Pahiatua, Bush Multisport)

Thursday 8th June Bush Road Race (Eketahuna)

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 Two: 26th April to 30th June

Term Three: 17th July to 22nd September Term Four: 9th October to 15th December

## Technology Dates (Year 8)

11th, 25th May, 8th, 22nd June

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.

(https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443)

#### **BOT UPDATE**

Next meeting 17th May 2022 @ 4.30pm in the Huia Room.

#### **ASCA**

Alfredton School and Community Association AGM
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May
7:30pm in Huia Room
This will be followed by ASCA Term meeting.
We are seeking a new Treasurer for the coming year.
It would be great to see many parents there.
Everyone Welcome

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

# Saturday 6 May 2023

International Female Riders Day (IFRD) is a day where women from over 120 countries worldwide show their unity by getting on their motorbikes to Just Ride!

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual IFRD Just Ride day and this year it is being held in your neighbourhood.

There will be over 200 motorbikes ridden by women from all over New Zealand travelling along this route. We have planned the route in conjunction with Masterton District Council, NZ Police and ACC and with consideration to safety for all concerned with ride marshals and signage at intersections to ensure our riders don't get lost.

We hope we don't cause too much disruption to the people that live and work in your neighbourhood, but would just like to give you the heads up that we will be coming through and with the large number of bikes there will be some noise.

#### In consideration to you and your neighbourhood may we suggest a few ideas:

- Perhaps any animals that may be spooked could be moved temporarily from paddocks that are next to the route
- Perhaps stock movements on the road could be done outside these hours

Of course, we would love your support and encouragement if you were to cheer us along too!

#### Morning route:

Leave Masterton approx. 11 am, Arrive Mangatainoka approx. 12:30 pm



#### Afternoon Route:

Leave Mangatainoka approx. 2:30 pm, Arrive Masterton approx. 3:30 pm



For more information on the event visit www.facebook.com/events/714149143238969