

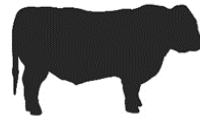


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# Alfredton School

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**Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 3 May 2023**

Kia ora,

Everyone enjoyed spending time with Laura and Harold (Life Education) last week. The children all learned new things and had fun at the same time.



This week children in Huia class took questionnaires home asking for help to discover their own family's migration stories. Please can they be returned Monday, at the latest. If any parents or grandparents would like to share their family migration and settlement stories please contact me. We would love to hear them.

Welcome to Maia Rivers who has joined Huia Class this term.

As part of the Ministry's work to improve school attendance data is being collected about numbers of children who don't have a reason given for their absence. If your child is not going to be at school please contact the school office either via phone or email. Please remember to say why they are absent. If you don't contact us / don't give a reason ? or T is entered on the roll. These are both classed as truant. Persistent truancy will result in a visit from the Attendance Officer.

We are aiming for attendance of 90% or greater. If attendance falls below 80%, unless there is a good reason (usually medical) the Attendance Officer may call to find out why your child is regularly missing school and how they can support them to attend more regularly. We are pleased that 70% of our children have attendance above 85% with 48% above 90%. It would be great to have 80% of our children above 85% attendance by the end of term 2.

We have three events coming up soon. On Wednesday 24th May our Year 8's (with Mr G) will be attending the National Young Leaders' Day in Palmerston North. On Tuesday 30th May the majority of Huia class will be taking part in the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge at Massey University and then on Wednesday 31st the whole school will be taking part in the Rural Schools Road Race at the stadium in Pahiatua. Please look out for letters regarding transport which will be coming home next week.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

### **Dates for your Diary**

**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)

Thursday 21st 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>

### **BOOKCLUB ORDERS**

Issue 3 Booklet was sent home with students yesterday and any orders are due to school by Tuesday 9th of May. If ordering by the LOOP process, please use All Classes (not Tui or Huia)

Issue 2 orders are still pending and will be shipped as soon as the warehouse can.

### **BOT UPDATE**

Next meeting 17th May 2023 @ 4.30pm in the Huia Room.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Alfredton School and Community Association AGM**

**Tuesday 16th May**

**7:30pm in Huia Room**

**This will be followed by an ASCA Term meeting.**

**We are seeking a new Treasurer for the coming year.**

**It would be great to see many parents there.**

**Everyone Welcome.**



## FROM THE CLASSROOM

In the Native Garden I found a leaf that looked like a banana peeling. Me and Nellie found a Rata plant. Why I like the Native Garden is because all the trees are pretty and they shine in the sunlight. There was a cabbage tree. It is a peaceful place to go and a nice place to listen to birds sometimes.

*Jorja*

Alfredton School Native Garden is nice and calm and it is beautiful there.

*Eleri*

Alfredton School has a Native Garden. There are lots of different native plants. Lots of the grownups helped the plants grow and the kids helped too.

*George*

We went to the Native Garden. I saw flax. I saw lots of leaves. I saw a cabbage tree.

*James*

Alfredton School has a Native Garden. It is the best place. It has cool plants.

*Katie*

Alfredton School Native Garden. It is a very peaceful place and it is a very beautiful place. There are limestone paths for you to follow. There are two tables and chairs for you to sit down on.

*Levi*

