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Alfredton School

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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 10 May 2023

Kia ora,

As you will be aware, the Ministry of Education is very concerned about school attendance throughout NZ. In order to improve attendance, schools have been given a sum of money from the Regional Response Fund to encourage better attendance. Following consultation with other schools and our Attendance Officer we have decided that part of this money will be used to reward those children who have attended school regularly as they are often overlooked. This week we celebrated those children who achieved 90% and above attendance during Term One. Congratulations to Sid Blundell for 100% attendance. This is a fabulous achievement.

We have reset all children to 100% for the start of Term Two so that everyone has an opportunity to be rewarded at the end of this term. Children who are attending a Year 8 open day or interview will be classed as present. We have 47 days at school this term so in order to achieve 90% attendance they will need to be present for 42 days.

At the end of Term One we had 15 children who had attended less than 85% of the time and 4 children who had less than 75% attendance. This is a concern and cannot be attributed to Covid as we have children, who despite having Covid, attended at least 85% of the time.

Next Wednesday is a Teacher Only Day. Staff will be working with Karen Lethbridge (Evaluation Associates) on reading. This will include student agency as well as learning progressions. The newsletter will come out on Tuesday next week.

Please look out for letters coming home today about the Y8 National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North and the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge and next week for the Rural Schools Road Race.

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)

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

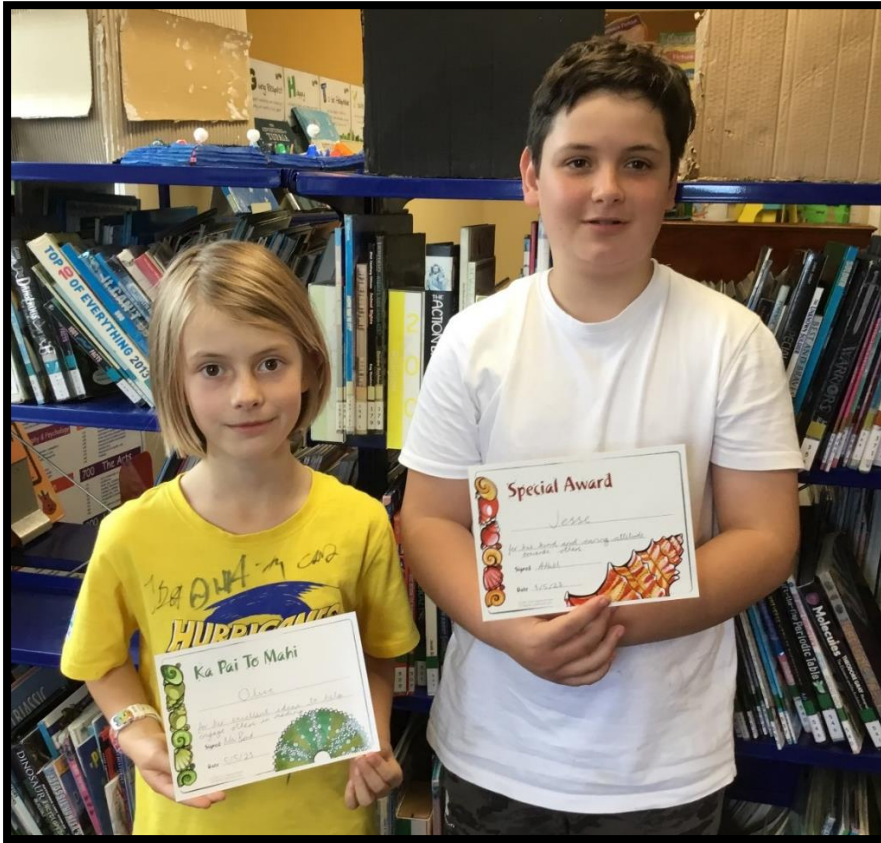
Please make sure that covered footwear (not gumboots) is worn and long hair is tied back. Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page where you will find more information about what the children are learning and see their successes.

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

Principal Award



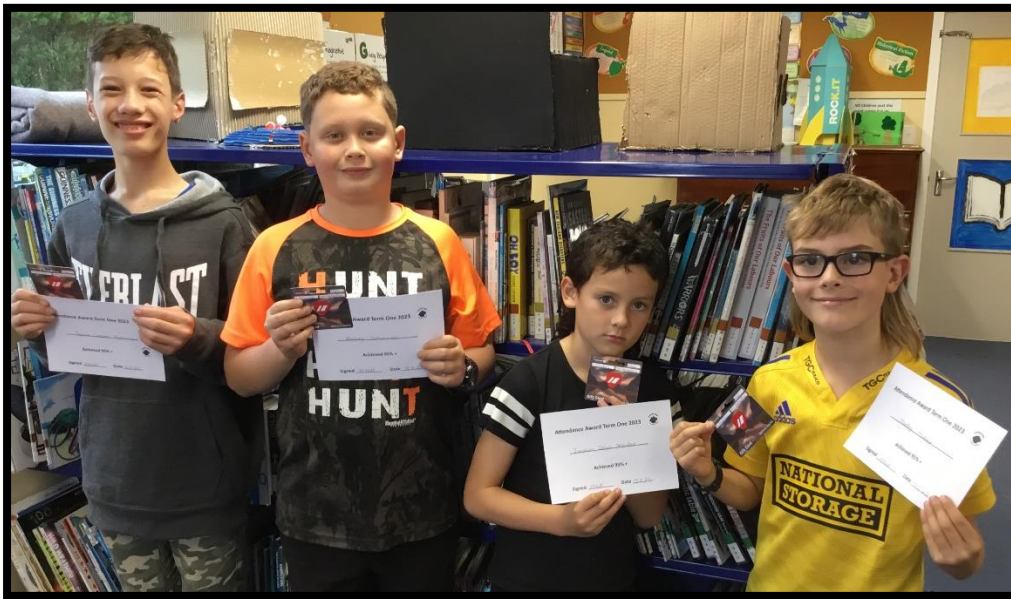
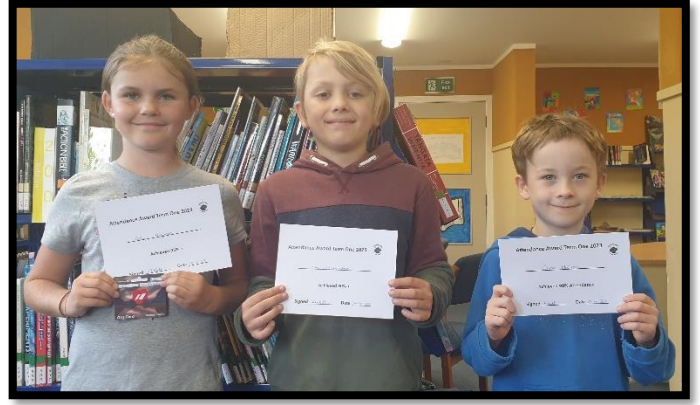
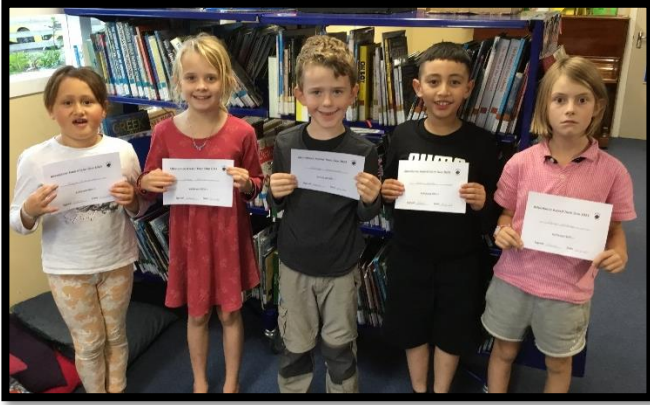
Classroom Awards



Welcome to Alfredton School



Attendance Certificates



From Huia Class

Playing Castles in P.E. It's a fun, fast paced, teamwork based game that anyone can win. It was really fun getting in the circle and celebrating when we won a point because we knew it could still be anyone's game at any time. The 'quirk' with this game is that even though the teams were perfectly fair, team A still won by 4 points because team B was having trouble with teamwork. The whole point of the game is to develop teamwork skills and that's a lot better for people like me who have trouble with the speed and strength parts. It's a nice switch up from the usual RUN FAST BOWL EVERYONE OVER sort of games like Rugby.

I really enjoy it overall.

Zephyr

I liked it when we learnt about our family history. It was interesting because I learnt my history and others.

I liked it when Whaea Georgia came to teach us Kapa Haka. It's fun.

Rupert

I have enjoyed learning about my family's histories. (but mainly giving our parents homework) I learnt that my family came to NZ from the UK in the 1800's. I have also enjoyed playing castles in P.E.

Amy T

One Tuesday morning as I got ready for school I thought I saw a witch riding my bike down the street. Then I remembered my Grans words.

"witches don't exist!" My gran's words echoed around my head as the horrific image looked at me through my bedroom window from the road. I was scared! Then Gran walked in the room and said are you ready for school? I said to Gran that I saw a witch who stole my bike so you'll have to take me to school in the car. Gran said I'm not going to drive you to school because I can't afford to drive you so you cannot go to school today. I cheered with excitement! Then I remembered I had to take some cheese to my teacher! OH NO! Next minute there was a knock on the door. I scurried down the stairs and opened the door..... I was shocked that the witch that stole my bike was standing at the doorstep! A sneer rose across her face as she said "I'll take that cheese to your teacher for you dear". She said that she would take very good care of that piece of cheese. I said if you give my bike back I'll give the cheese to you. "No" said the witch. So I slammed the door shut and locked it tight. "Good job" said Grandma. "That is a nasty witch" said nan.

"Yes it was" I said to gran. Next morning my bike was on the doorstep! The witch said she was sorry and that she would have to go, so I said goodbye to the witch and I had to go to. I was very late for school. I dashed down the path as I walked on and I saw the witch going home.

Sophie

BOT UPDATE

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

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.

A poster for Tararua College Community Hui. At the top is the Tararua College logo, a circular emblem with 'TARARUA COLLEGE' at the top, 'TAMA TŪ TAMA ORA' at the bottom, and 'EXCELLENCE INVOLVEMENT RESPECT' around the inner circle. Below the logo, the text 'Tararua College Community Hui' is written in large blue font. Underneath that, 'Wednesday 17th May at Bush Stadium 5-7pm' is written in blue. A paragraph of blue text describes the event: 'Come along and listen to our guest speakers, staff and board members discuss keeping your children safe. Topics will include school/parent responsibility, vaping, attendance, wellbeing, sexual health and anxiety/mental health.' At the bottom, 'Nau mai, haere mai!' is written in blue. The background of the poster is a photograph of a building with a red roof and green trees.

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**JUNE &
JULY**

TRIPLE P PARENTING

Wednesday 14th June, 10-12pm - Hassle free Shopping

Wednesday 21st June, 10-12pm - Dealing with Disobedience

Wednesday 28th June, 10-12pm Managing Fighting and Aggression

Wednesday 19th July, 10-12pm - Hassle free Mealtimes

Wednesday 26th July, 10-12pm - Developing Good Bedtime Routines



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