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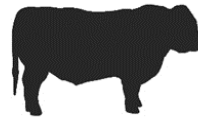
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## Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 7 June 2023

Kia ora,

Despite the weather we managed to complete the Road Race last Thursday. Our children ran magnificently and 27 qualified to represent the Rural Schools at the Bush Road Race in Eketahuna tomorrow. Good luck to all of you.

We are busy practising with Whaea Georgia for the Cultural Festival on June 29th. The children are doing a great job learning both words and actions. Alfredton and Kumeroa are the host schools this year. Please see the note below about help we have been asked to provide for the event.

Next Tuesday at 3pm we will be having our next hui for our Maori whanau. It was wonderful to meet with those who could attend our meeting last term. Hopefully more will come to our next meeting. We will be discussing your aspirations for your tamariki and how we can support them to achieve their best.

As part of our work to improve our understanding of how we can meet the aspirations of all families, staff will be attending a workshop on August 16th in Palmerston North. This will be led by Dr Melanie Riwai-Couch who has written a very readable book 'Niho Taniwhai' which explores culturally responsive practices for educators. This will support us to implement national actions and expectations, and will improve teaching and learning for all our students. This will be a day when the children will be learning at home.

Over the past two terms staff have been working closely with Karen Lethbridge from Evaluation Associates to develop their understanding of student agency and also exploring ways to improve our teaching of reading. This work also completes our PaCT (Progress and Consistency Tool) training. For mid-year reports we will be using PaCT to give you a clear idea of how your child is progressing in maths, writing and reading. Booking forms for our Parent Conversations will be out today. Please make an appointment so that you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

At the end of term we will be ending our SeeSaw subscription and moving to Spotlight, which is part of eTap our school management system. Unfortunately, SeeSaw have increased their subscription prices, which now makes them unaffordable for small schools. Although they have improved what they offer, as an American company, the changes are of no benefit to us. A yearly subscription increase of \$2800 to pay for these improvements is not a good use of our money. Spotlight is free and offers most of the things that SeeSaw does. It also allows parents to inform us of absences, fill in permission slips and make bookings for parent meetings too. I will send home information on how to load the Spotlight app shortly. Staff are currently loading children onto it and exploring how to use it. Next term we will hold a meeting for whanau about using Spotlight.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui  
Alison

## Dates for your Diary

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)

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>)

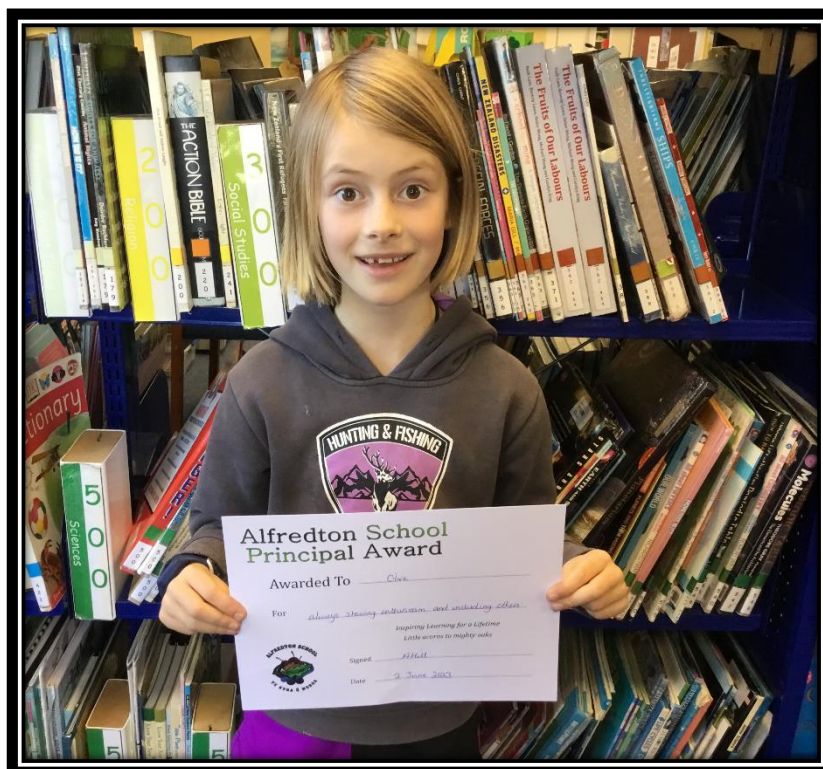
## Cultural Festival

We are responsible for providing tea and coffee at the breaks. It would be ideal to have a couple of parents who could cover morning tea and another couple for lunchtime. If you are able to help please let Val or myself know as soon as possible.

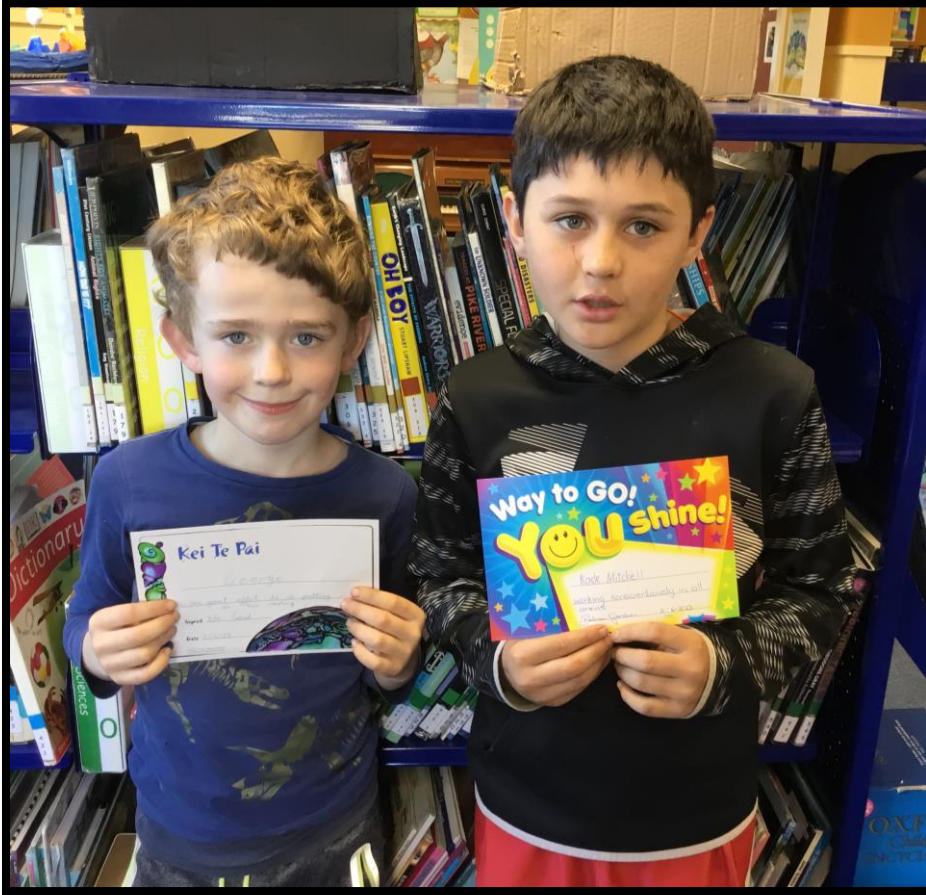
## Invoices

Invoices for Tough Guy and Gal Merchandise and Outstanding Stationery have been sent home today.

## Principal Award



## Classroom Awards



## Readers of the Week



## FROM HUIA CLASS

On Thursday the 1st of June Kumeroa, Mangataioka, Pongaroa, Makuri and Alfredton competed in the road race at the Pahiatua Stadium. It was to get the top 6 people to go to the Bush road race that is where the rural schools race the bigger schools.

The first race was 12 plus we lined up. I was as scared as a cat getting thrown into water. Three two one GO we were off like a dog that has just noticed a rabbit. The 12 plus had to run 3 laps of the lime track around the fields. It felt like my legs were about to fall off by the end. Overall I got fifth place, after that I went to congratulate the other contestants.

After that the 11 year olds went and they had to do 2 laps. They looked exhausted by the end. The ten year olds did the same amount of laps as the 11 year olds. They looked as though they were worn out and droopy like a sloth in the morning. They also looked like they were going to collapse on the finish line.

For the 6 year olds boys I had to be a rabbit. A rabbit is when you run in front of them so they know where they are going at all times. It took them maybe 7 minutes to get around the track. They looked drained by the end.

Finally the 5 year olds went. They ran  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the track. Overall I think it was a good day.

*By Kiera McKenzie*

## Tough Guy Recount

On Tuesday the 30th of May I went to the Tough Guy and Gal Challenge. It was at Massey University in Palmerston North. There were thousands of people. There were kids from as far as Ohakune School. First we had to listen to the instructions which some people were not good at including some people from our school. Then the clown on the stage yelled at us because no one would listen. We had different tags for our age groups. First they started the year 8s then they set the year 5 and 6s off. Then they finally let the year 4s off.

We ran about 250 boggy damp meters before the first obstacle. It was a massive 15-meter water slide. There were heaps of collisions on it. Sid and I had a big crash. I also crashed into a bloke with a tutu on the slide. He spun off. After that we went through a couple of sloppy mud crossings. One of the crossings was over my knees! It was absolutely chaotic. Kade fell over in every crossing.

Next we had to go through a swamp that was nothing compared to the one coming up. The swamp was littered with people on their guts in the mud. There were also logs you had to climb over. It was about a 100 meter run to the next obstacle. Which was a pain in soggy shoes.

Eventually we made it to the next obstacle. It was extremely slippery. It was a big thing with brand new fence posts. We had to climb up it and then slide down the other side. We ran 50 meters to the almighty swamp. It was half way up my ribs. It was 10-15 meters long. It was freezing!

We ran about 500 meters to the next couple of obstacles. It was a weird semi circle thing with fence posts on it. It was covered in dishwasher liquid. Pretty much everyone skipped it though. I went over it. After that we went down a muddy track. Then we ran 200 meters to this really muddy boggy wetland. There was a very narrow track. There was a pristine creek running through it but once everyone went though it was very dirty. Then we ran 300 meters to a very tiring steep hill. After that I went to a huge dirt pile which I had to climb over. We ran 400 meters to a pipe. Then we crawled through a net which I got my head stuck in. We finally got to the finish line. I was so tired.

*By Jock Falloon*

On Tuesday the 30th Huia class went to Massey University, Palmerston North to the Tough Guy and Gal challenge. There were a lot of people dressed up wearing tutus with face paint, fairy wings and many other strange and unique costumes. There was a competition for the brightest school. A man dressed up as a clown was giving out spot prizes.

I was so nervous I was shaking even before I got wet. After the year 7 - 8 ran off they called my group. The year 5-6. I was as scared as a cat getting thrown into water. There was such a big group of us like an ambush of mosquitoes rushing to line up. I wanted to stick with the kids from Alfredton, but it was difficult. I tried to stand my ground as they furiously pushed me out of their way. The younger children had about half the length of my course. So I ended up seeing them at the finish line.

For the first 100 metres there were no obstacles and kids kept saying that it was boring. As I came to a slide we all started ramming into each other. It was like everyone was in bumper cars. I came up to the first dam everyone ran through and splashed everywhere. Once I had gone further, it got harder, became colder and my legs ended up going numb. Some of the dams were shallow, some were deep and others really long.

Everyone had to clamber over cross country jumps as big as a 10 wire fence that horses jump over. They were all wet and soggy which made them slippery and difficult. Some of the dams were purposely filled with dirt and wastage from animals that you would find on the farm. No one told me this until after I had finished the competition though. When I came up to a hill that I was going to walk up, I saw my Mum yelling. She looked so proud of me, like I had just cleaned the whole house and made it sparkling. She knew I was trying my very best so I ended up running. I was dying while doing it though.

I ran round the outside of the big field which felt like a whole parking lot into a big shop. As I was running I came up to an obstacle, you had to crawl through a tunnel after that there was a cargo net everyone crawled under. When I came to the finish line I could hear everyone cheering me on and encouraging me to go faster. Once I had finished I saw my Mum. I wanted to hug her but she said that I looked like a dog that was chasing a rabbit into a swamp. I was shivering like a cat that just got thrown into a dam.

I had a shower and got dressed to leave, everyone got a medal so I wore it for the rest of the day. I hope that next year we will have more Huia kids involved and if you like getting wet I recommend it to you.

*By Ally Heynes*

On Tuesday the 30th of May Huia class went to the tough guy and gal challenge in Palmerston North. First we all arrived at Massey university. We had to get a bib on our t-shirts.

The year 8s got sorted into groups of 50 then set off on their run. The year 5 and 6 got sorted into groups of 50. Next the year 3's and 4's. When it was my turn to run the clown said 2 1 go! I ran with Sophie. The first obstacle was a slide with dishwashing liquid. One of the marshals had a hose that he sprayed at us. Then we ran to the creek.

Next we ran into the creek. Then we had to hop over logs then we ran up a hill. We went in a tunnel and under a net and finished.

*By Emily McClean*

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**NEXT MEETING DATE:** Tuesday 20th June at 3.30pm



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Alfredton Community Hall on 19 June 2023 at 9 am

Makuri School Hall on 22 June 2023 at 7 pm

Eketahuna Health Centre on 26 June 2023 at 10.30 am

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Help-n-Hand, Pahiatua

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