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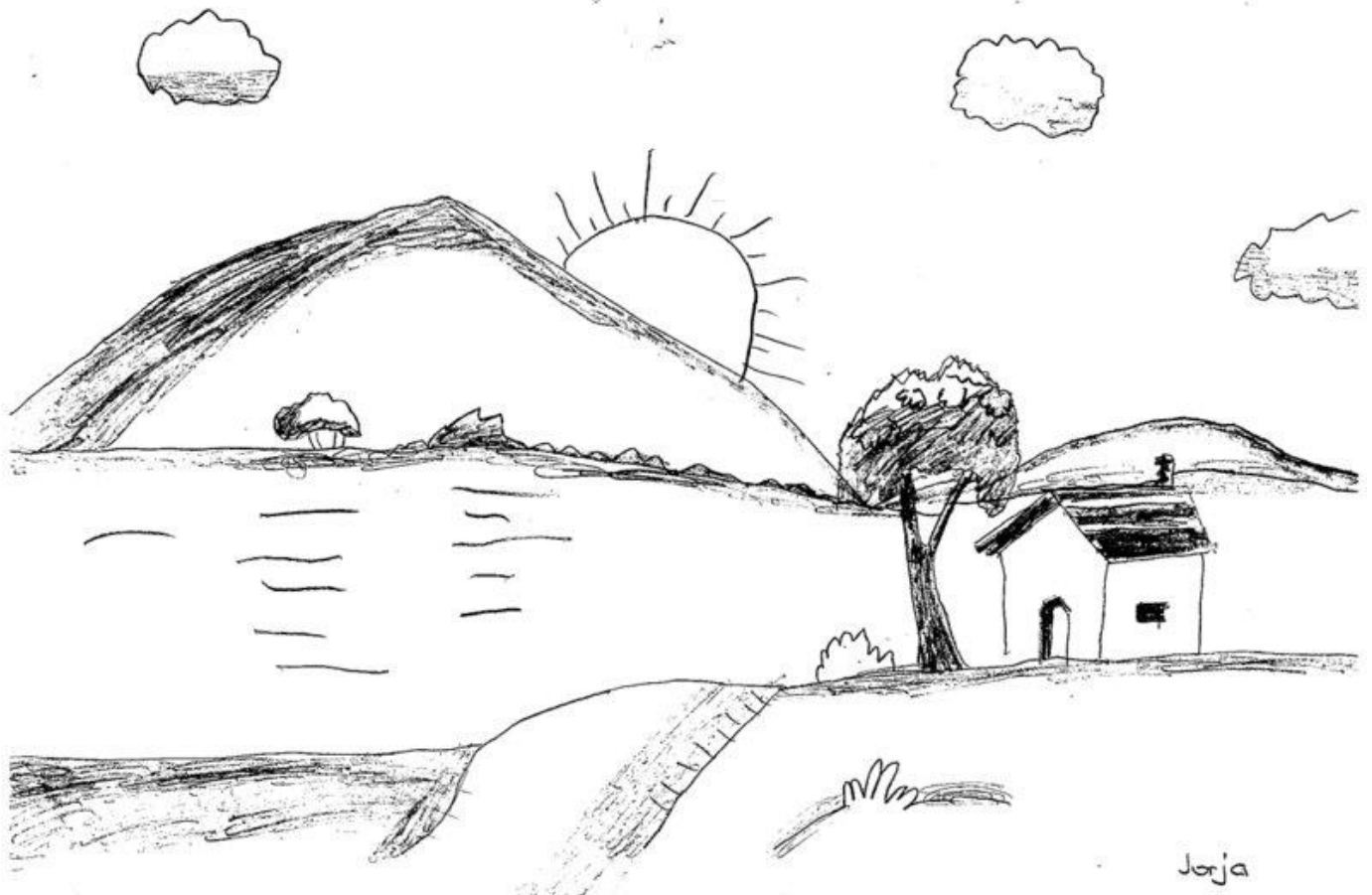
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Newsletter ~ Friday, 22 September 2023

Kia ora,

Today is the final day of Term 3. We will return to school on Monday 9th October. Whilst school is closed we will be having a new heat pump installed in Huia class. This should be just in time for Summer.

On Tuesday we spent the day at the Pahiatua Marae. We learned local stories from Ta Daymond, our Pepeha from Whaea Hiria, Poi making with Whaea Everlyne and tikanga with Matua Warren. We were also very lucky to have Ta Daymond bring some of the Kapa Haka group from Tararua College to perform for us and help the girls make their own poi and the boys to learn Mau Rakau. We hope to be able to visit again soon.

Thank you ASCA for your amazing fundraising - lots of you will no doubt be enjoying the delights of the pies from Thyme to Ryes in Pahiatua over the coming weeks. This week your child will have brought home details of a baking raffle. Tickets are limited so if you want to be in with a chance to win 6 weeks of baking (yes, 6 weeks) please purchase tickets soon to avoid disappointment. The draw will be made the first week of Term 4.

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 11th October. Further information is attached to the newsletter.

Unfortunately, we had to say goodbye to Whaea Georgia on Tuesday. She and her family have moved down to the Wairarapa and it is too far for her to travel back to Alfredton. We will miss her weekly kapa haka sessions with us.

We have a very busy term 4 ahead of us with lots of things planned. Please make a note of our events in your diary.

If your child will be off the bus on regular days next term e.g. swimming lessons, please let us know so that we can update our bus boards.

Have a great holiday with your children.

Nga mihi nui
Alison

Dates for your Diary

9th October Term 4 starts

10th October Year 5-6 EPro 8 Tournament

11th October School Photographs

26th October School Production

3rd November Pets Day

9th November Bush Ag Day

23rd November Year 8 Moving Forward Conference at Tararua College

24th November Rural Schools Athletics

1st December Bush Athletics

5th December Riversdale Beach Life Saving (Whole School)

13th December Whole School Christmas Party

14th December Christmas Tree Night and Prizegiving

15th December Term 4 ends

Technology Dates (Year 8)

Term 4:

12th October, 2nd, 16th, 30th November

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>)

Visit to the Pahiatua Marae - 19th September



My favourite part of the Marae visit was when we played a game where there are a few people and when the guy said a word that meant you had to go left or right and you had to try to catch the stick next to you without dropping it. **Quinn**

On the 19th of September 2023 we went to the marae in Pahiatua. We all went there to learn about our culture. Probably my most favourite thing was making the poi. We had to get some already knitted poi handles then we had to make a little loop in the string then add some fluff. You had to get two other strings to tie it around the fluff to secure it, then we got fabric to wrap it around the fluff. In my opinion it was a really fun experience and I enjoyed it alot. Before the poi making we learnt about our pepeha. Whaea Hiria would come and teach us the words for it. It took quite a long time but it was worth it. We had to say the words in front of everybody. **Kitana**

On Tuesday Alfredton School went and visited the Marae in Pahiatua for the day. We did lots of activities but my favourite thing was making the poi. I sat down and was given 2 strings that we plaited with 2 colours. My colours were light blue and yellow. We were also given 2 pieces of fabric for both poi and stuffing to go on the inside.

First we grabbed our string and there was a little loop at the end of it where we had to put the stuffing and then once we put the stuffing in we knotted these 2 other ropes around the stuffing to keep it in place. Once we had done that we would grab our fabric and pull it really tight making a nice circle and making sure there was no stuffing hanging out anywhere. Once we did that we twisted it around and then got a parent to help us tie the rope around really tight so it would stay all in place.

Next we cut the leftover rope and then we put tape around the rope to cover it. We then looped the tape around the rope about 3 times and then we were done. Next we did the exact same thing but on the other poi. I really enjoyed it and I found it easy to make once I got used to it. Last of all we had to name our poi and I named mine Bobby. **Farryn**

My favourite part at the marae was the songs that the college kids sang. It was so cool all of the songs were so familiar. **Jordan**

On Tuesday the 19th of September, the whole school went to the Pahiataua Marae. There, we learned about Maori culture and history, as well as the stories behind the many carvings on the walls of the Marae and traditional greetings. While there was much to be learned there, I specifically remember the intricate carvings of various important figures in Maori history. The carving featured traditional Maori patterns and had a story to go with it. We were told, "stories here are told not in books, but on the walls."

I really enjoyed one game we played. We had special sticks called Rakau, and we had to stand in a circle and hold it straight in front of us. We were then told a Maori direction, either right or left, and we then had to move that way while letting go of our Rakau. We would then attempt to catch the Rakau next to us. The hard part was moving the correct direction in time and simultaneously catching the falling Rakau next to us. Getting a turn where nobody dropped a Rakau was rare, but always satisfying when we did. **Zephyr**

At the marae I liked to learn about the Rakau/Flax stick. We learnt how to use light feet in battle and to dodge the opponents moves. **Otto**

Bush Maths Competition

Last Friday 7 of our Year 5 to 8's took part in the Bush Maths Competition. It was a very close scoring contest in the Year 7 to 8 group with only 2 points between 2nd and 4th place. Well done to both teams who showed great team effort.



Principal Awards



Classroom Awards



Readers of the Week



Welcome to Alfredton School



FROM TUI CLASSROOM

Tui Class were very busy over the course of Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori (Maori Language Week). In literacy we enjoyed revisiting the myth - Maui and the Sun. We did some crayon and dye pictures of Te Ra (the Sun). We also enjoyed looking at a selection of bilingual books. In Maths we used our knowledge of numbers, shapes and colours in Te Reo to create books for our library. We also added a couple of new songs to our collection of Waiata (songs).





SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to Quinn who was awarded most improved player for the Pahiatua Ballers



I am excited to have the opportunity to provide your school with Fine Art School Portraits. I like to provide a more personal experience to all the families who attend the schools who have chosen me to photograph their child(ren).

WHAT IS A FINE ART SCHOOL PORTRAIT?

Fine Art School Portraits are a modern approach to school photos. No more cheesy smiles with strange backgrounds. The photos will be simple and classic. Instead of forcing a cheesy grin, the children will be encouraged to be themselves and will never be forced to smile.

Example photos can be found here:

<https://belindaprattphotography1.shootproof.com/gallery/SampleSchool/>

Sibling photos are welcome! Please feel free to get in touch directly with me to book your sibling photo. These photos will be taken from 8.15am, before school begins. I will also be available at break times for those who want "friend group" photos.

ORDERING

Within two weeks of your child's photo day, you will be e-mailed the link to a class proofing gallery. There will be 2 - 5 images of each child. Images are available in both colour and black and white. I do not choose which photos you print; you do. You will be able to order high quality prints, canvases and framed prints, and digital files directly from the viewing gallery. The ordering process is simple and secure. The gallery will be live for 14 days. All orders must be placed in that 14-day period. Prices start at \$8.00 for individual items, and include the opportunity to purchase packages, or individual products. Once orders have been placed, your photos and / or canvas / framed prints will be delivered to school within four weeks.

For any questions or to book sibling photos, please contact me at belinda@belindapratt.co.nz or 027 391 1144

BOT UPDATE

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday 17th October at 5:30pm

ASCA

Get in touch with an Alfredton School family to buy your raffle entries.

ASCA BAKING Raffle

Help the Alfredton School and Community Association provide the children at Alfredton School with new Kapa Haka uniforms and school camp.

1st PRIZE

6 weeks of fresh home baking (Two batches per week)

RUNNER-UP PRIZE

2 weeks of fresh baking (Two batches per week)

Entries are \$2 each

800 entries are available from students and families of Alfredton School

Winners will be drawn at the Pahiatua Police Station on

Thursday 12th October

Baking will commence the week of Monday 16th October



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The ASCA Baking Raffle is compliant with Class 2 requirements of the Gambling Act 2003