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Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks

Newsletter ~ Tuesday, 17 October 2023

Mahia I runga I te rangimārie me te ngākau māhaki With a peaceful mind and respectful heart, we will always get the best results

Kia ora,

Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control, we are postponing our production to mid November. The date is still to be confirmed. Please can costumes be sent to school, in a named bag, by November 6th.

The EPro8 regional tournament for our two Y5/6 teams will take place on November 7th at Masterton Intermediate School from 1 to 4pm. A letter will be coming home shortly to confirm transport arrangements. Friday 17th November will be a Teacher Only Day. All schools will be holding a mandatory TOD during November so that staff can undertake training on the refreshed curriculum. School will be closed on this day.

We still have a few outstanding accounts to be paid. Please could these be settled before October 27th. If you have any questions about outstanding payments owing please contact Val as soon as possible.

This term our U13 outdoor hockey team play on a Tuesday evening in Pahiatua. We also have Y1 - 4 netball teams playing in Masterton. Please can subs (\$12) be paid as soon as possible so that we can pay the organisers.

Could we please have all prize giving trophies returned to school by Friday 27th October.

Monday is Labour Day so school will be closed. Enjoy the long weekend with your children.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui Alison

Dates for your Diary

3rd November Pets Day
7th November EPro 8 (1 - 4pm)
9th November Bush Ag Day
17th November Teacher Only Day
23rd November Year 8 Moving Forward Conference at Tararua College
24th November Rural Schools Athletics (Pahiatua)
1st December Bush Athletics (Pahiatua)
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: 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. (<u>https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443</u>)

Teaching Focus for Term 4

<u>Huia Class</u>

In Literacy we have begun working on different ways to improve writing e.g. using similes, metaphors and repetition for effect. We are working towards writing a narrative inspired by

the novel The Great Chocoplot. In reading we are continuing to explore the main idea, summarising our understanding of the text and critically thinking about the author's purpose. In maths we are improving calculation strategies and algebraic thinking as well as learning about angles and using protractors. Later in the term we will revisit fractions, ratios and proportions.

<u>Tui class</u>

In Literacy this term we will continue to develop reading and writing skills. In reading we will be consolidating our knowledge of letters and sounds as well as digging deep into comprehension skills. Children have the opportunity to read independently and alongside others as well as enjoying shared books with the whole class. We will continue work to help develop writing fluency and to assist in this we will further develop our handwriting skills. Tui Class will explore a variety of different writing genres including biographies, reports, poetry and narratives. Themes for writing will include Animals, Artists and Science (linked to the House of Science Boxes). For those with Chromebooks they will complete some of their writing using Google Docs.

In Maths we will begin with work on multiplication and division and fractions. We will revisit addition and subtraction throughout the term – in particular with a focus on basic facts recall. Later in the term we will explore Money (always a popular one with the Tui Class Shop making an appearance) and Measurement

Principal Award



Classroom Awards



Readers of the Week



Attendance Awards



Jumping June Achievement Award



Tui Class have been investigating Floating and Sinking in Science.





Belinda Pratt

Kia ora Alfredton School Whanau

It was a pleasure to take your children's portraits recently. I hope you enjoy the photos as much as I enjoyed taking them!

VIEWING IMAGES

To view photos of your child, please follow the link below. Once you enter the gallery, find your child's class, and then their individual album. You can order prints and digital images, right from your gallery. https://belindaprattphotography1.shootproof.com/gallery/22656002 Password: N3UX8L

PLEASE NOTE: These galleries are protected and accessible only by using the direct links and passwords provided. They are not visible or accessible by the general public on the website.

PLEASE respect the photographer's work and do not screenshot these images.

TO PURCHASE A TRADITIONAL PRINT PACKAGE

Select the individual image you would like to include on your multisheet. Choose Package A or Package B and add to cart. The package will include your chosen multisheet, a class photo, and also the free digital image of the photo you choose for your multisheet. (Digital images will be delivered to your email address as soon as payment is made a checkout.) YOU DO NOT NEED TO SELECT THE GROUP PHOTO, this will be added to your package automatically, although it will not show in your cart.

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DIGITAL PACKAGES

Full resolution images are available to be purchased in packages of 3 images, or 5 images. This means you will have a selection of photos, and you can make your own prints as and when you wish.

TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS

Click on the photo you'd like to purchase and then the relevant tab; Prints / Digitals / Canvases / Framed Prints to make your selection. You are also able to view / order images in black and white. The Class photo is only available as an 8x10" laminated print. Please select 'Class Photo" when ordering a single class photo.

What is Blemish Removal / Retouch?

I am able to remove scratches, acne or fly away hairs at your request. The cost is \$25 per photo or \$50 for all images if you are purchasing three or more photos.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Select Pay now to pay via Paypal - pay by debit or credit card (you don't need a Paypal account to do this, you can log in as a guest. Just follow instructions on screen instructions).

Select Pay Later if you wish to pay by internet banking. Payment instructions will be sent to your email.

Online ordering of photos will close off at 9pm on Tuesday 31st October, with photos delivered to school by Wednesday 29th November.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or are unable to view photos online 027 391 1144 or <u>belinda@belindapratt.co.nz</u>

10% of the total profit will be donated back to Alfredton School!

SPORTS NEWS

The start of the summer athletics season is almost upon us, and athletics clubs all around the country are looking for tamariki and rangatahi to get involved and give athletics a go.

Your local athletics club is run by volunteers, and they are working hard to get ready for the new season.



BOT UPDATE

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

ASCA

ASCA Meeting: Tuesday 17th October, 7pm in Huia Classroom



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hi all, the TDC have secured funding from MPI to create a Civil Defence group between Alfredton and the Emergency Management team.

We are having a meeting with them at the Hall on Wednesday 18th October at 7pm.

It would be great to have as many people from the community there as possible to support this after what has happened with the cyclones this year.

Thanks, Ben Johnston.

