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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 29 November 2023

Tēnā te ngaru whati, tēnā te ngaru puka There is a wave that breaks, there is a wave that swells

Kia ora,

We just can't win with the weather for the Rural Schools' Athletics. Fortunately, we have times and distances to enable selection for Bush Athletics on Friday. I will let you know who has been selected once I am notified.

On Monday five of our wonderful children performed at the Regent Theatre, Pahiatua, in Christmas Comes To Town. They all thoroughly enjoyed a day of rehearsals as well as having the opportunity to perform on stage. Well done, you are amazing performers.



We have appointed Miss Laura Mabey as our 0.5 teacher in Huia class. Laura is an experienced teacher and is very excited to be joining our team. Laura will come into school to meet the children before the end of term.

Next Tuesday the whole school will be heading to Riversdale Beach for a day of fun and learning about staying safe near water. This is a very important life skill as we head into summer. Transport lists will be coming home as soon as we have all the replies from the notice.

We will soon be starting our Christmas crafts. Please can every child bring either a decorated shoebox or brown paper bag, large enough for several craft items, to school by Thursday next week. They will bring these home full of Christmas goodies at the end of term.

Over the past week we have had a number of children away from school. Most of this is due to illness, however, a small number are just missing school. It would be fantastic to have those children back at school for the remainder of the term.

On the last day of term there will be a bus change due to the bridge work being carried out on the Pa Valley Road. This will not affect Shona's bus. Rebecca will pick up the Pa Valley children on her way to school before starting her Route 52 run. Lisa will do the Castlehill run followed by the Eketahuna run. These runs will be reversed in the afternoon, meaning that Pa Valley will be the 2nd run and Eketahuna the first. I will send out the run times for that day next week.

Have a great week.

Nga mihi nui Alison

Dates for your Diary

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 6pm 15th December Term 4 ends

2024 Term Dates

Term One Monday 29th January to Friday 12th April School will be closed: 6th February, 29th March, 1st and 2nd April Term Two Monday 29th April to Friday 5th July School will be closed: 3rd and 28th June Term Three Monday 22nd July to Friday 27th September Term Four Monday 14th October to Friday 13th December School will be closed: 28th October

There will be 3 Teacher Only Days - dates to be confirmed.

End of Year Invoices

We would appreciate prompt payment of these to assist with the end of the school year and annual accounts.

Principal Award



Classroom Awards





Welcome to Alfredton School



Touch Teams 2024

Under 11 Alfredton Oaks	Under 11 Alfredton Acorns	
Manager:	Manager:	
Referee:	Referee:	
Leo Johnston	Rupert Falloon	
Jock Falloon	Jordan Deys Shailer	
Hadley McKay	Otto Maggio	
Kade Mitchell	Tutamou Matthews	
Harvey Tohiariki	Olive McKay	
Sophie Forbes	Jorja Tohiariki	
Emily McClean	George Bowie (Makuri)	
	William Hull (Makuri)	

U 11 teams must have 2 girls in the team

Under 9 Combined Team with	Under 7 Combined Team with
Mangatainoka	Mangatainoka
Manager:	Manager:
Referee:	Referee:
Marshall Liverton	Ben Forbes
James McClean	Shelby Liverton
Katie Plaisted	Mason Deys Shailer
	Hugo Falloon

U13: Tova will play with a St Anthony's Team

Age as at 16th February 2024.

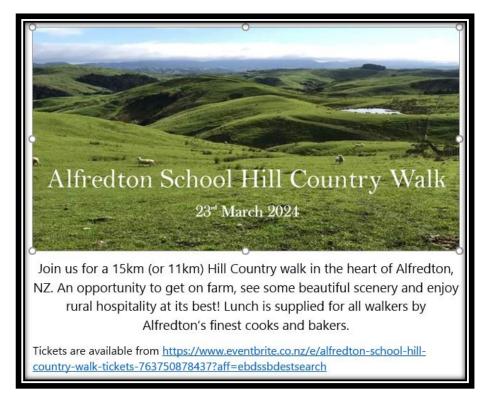
To enter these teams, we need a manager and a referee for each team. If you can volunteer, please let me know asap.

BOT UPDATE

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Thursday 7th December at 5:30pm

ASCA







Wednesday 29th November

7:00pm at the Hall

** The horse sports will not be going ahead if we don't get enough people attending** Contact Emma Mitchell on 0212539844

WORKING BEE

Community working bee at the Domain 1pm on Sunday the 3rd of December.

Bring chainsaws and trailers as all the trees need a good prune.

Followed with a few free beers at the hall to pull out staples left in walls over the years from playgroup and school.

Bring ladders blunt nose plyers or anything else you might think will work

Contact Ben Johnston for any queries

Meeting with Mike Butterick

Mike is our newly elected National MP and would like to meet with members of the Alfredton Community to discuss the issues affecting our region:

- New freshwater targets
- Connectivity
- Any other issues you wish to raise with him.

Bring a beer along to the Hall on Friday December the 8th at 7pm

Contact for further information: James McKay 06 3758432

HELP CREATE OUR CHRISTMAS WINDOW

DESIGN A STAINED-GLASS PAPER ARTWORK!

HOW IT WORKS:

Bisset Honda would like to invite the people of Pahiatua to create their own special stained-glass artwork to be included in our Christmas Window. We will have tables set up in-store with all the supplies needed to create your unique artwork.

All artworks will then be hung in the window to create an enormous stained-glass window! Bring the kids anytime during our normal opening hours or have a go yourself. Come and check out our window as it grows and see the beautiful light it creates.

> Every completed artwork will receive a FREE CHRISTMAS TREAT!

> > There will also be SPOT PRIZES!



PLEASE NOTE: Bisset Honda is not eligible for the Business Christmas Window Competition but we love creating Christmas magic

Are you the next Star of Christmas?

Win the opportunity to record a Christmas carol in studio with Nathan King from Zed

The grand prize

The opportunity to record a cover of a Christmas carol in studio with Nathan King from Zed, return flights to Auckland for two (so you can bring a grown-up), hotel accommodation for one night and a studio tour. The song will be played on the 2024 *Crazy Kiwi Christmas Kids Show* on Newstalk ZB.

To enter

Must be under 13 years old. Email a recording of yourself singing a Christmas carol to **christmas@newstalkzb.co.nz** - including your name, age and telephone number. Entries close 11.59pm, Monday, 11 December.

Listen to Newstalk ZB on Christmas morning from 6am to find out if you've won!



24th - 26th of January 2024 SCHOOL YEARS 5-9



Includes
Coaching from our Solway Equestrian
Academy resident coaches, Tinks Pottinger,
Francesca Silver-Carter and Marg Robinson
Horse Management Sessions
Fun Games and Activities
Recycled Ribbon Day

Email Millie equestrian@solwaycollege.school.nz for more info and to book a place