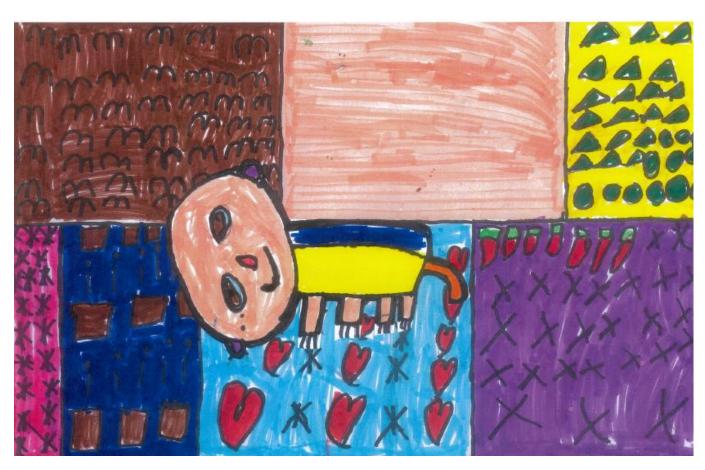
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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Ehara taku toa i te takitahi Engari, he toa takitini My successes are not mine alone, they are ours

Kia ora,

Welcome back to a new school year. We have had two fabulous days already and are looking forward to many more.

Welcome to Miss Laura Mabey, who will be teaching Huia class every Wednesday and Thursday. She will also be teaching them Tuesday on the odd weeks of term. Welcome to Mrs Kate McKay who will be teaching in Tui every Monday. Welcome also to Jane Johnston, who is our new librarian and to Emma Moody who is teaching swimming Tuesday to Thursday each week.

We will be sending out a few forms which need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible. These include, transport for trips, medication and emergency contacts. If your child needs to take prescription medication, please ask for a form which you will need to complete before we can administer it.

Please can you email Val any regular bus changes for this term e.g. swimming lessons, Touch, ballet, choir when your child will be off each week. We can put these onto the bus boards and you won't need to tell us each week that your child is off the bus.

Our Term One focus is The Treaty of Waitangi. This is one of the units in the Aotearoa Histories Curriculum which we are required to teach. Look out for more information about what your child is learning in the next newsletter.

We will be holding a 'Meet The Teacher' from 2.30pm until 4pm on Tuesday 28th February. This will be your opportunity to come and have a chat with your child's teacher to find out more about what your child is learning. It is an informal chat not an opportunity to discuss how your child is doing.

Congratulations to Zephyr Moody who has been awarded an academic scholarship by Rathkeale College. Good luck to all our former Year 8's as they head off to College this week.

Newsletters will come out each Wednesday, if you would like a notice published please make sure Val has it by Tuesday lunchtime.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui Alison

Dates for your diary

16th February Hato Hone St John - first aid with the students

28th February 2.30 - 4 Meet the Teacher

1st March Minor Sports (Pahiatua Stadium) Tui class

1st March Rural Schools Swimming (Pahiatua Pool) Huia Class

5th March Junior Swimming (Year 1-4) at Alfredton

8th March Bush Swimming

12th March Wood in School (360 Forestry)

20th / 21st March Nova - Health and Nutrition (Huia Class)

6th - 8th May Life Education

13th May Strike Percussion (Eketahuna School)

14th May Rural Schools Cross Country (Kumeroa School)

15th May National Young Leaders Day in Palmerston North (Year 7)

20th - 24th May Year 5 - 7 School Camp at Forest Lakes

28th May Tough Guy and Gal Challenge (Huia Class)

6th June Bush Cross Country at Alfredton

18th June Bush Quiz at Alfredton

27th June Cultural Festival (Pahiatua)

This information can also be found on our school website.

Year 7 Technology

All students must wear covered shoes, not gumboots or crocs, and long hair must be tied back. They will travel by bus to Tararua College and back to school at the end of the day. They will need to take morning tea, lunch and a full water bottle with them. There are no facilities to heat up food. It is recommended that students take a coat as they will be outside at break times, unless it is raining.

We will be at Technology with children from two other schools so our children must look after their belongings.

Dates for Term One

February 8th, 22nd March 7th, 21st April 11th

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.

Bus Information from the Ministry

Caregivers are responsible for getting their children to school, which may involve getting the children to and from their nearest bus pick-up and drop-off location / driveway. Please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely. It is recommended students and caregivers be at the bus pick-up/drop-off locations five to 10 minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.

Please ensure that your child's school has accurate, up to date contact information so that they can easily contact you in an emergency situation.

Phones

As you will be aware the Government has released a mandate about mobile phone use in schools. We don't expect any children to bring a phone to school as we don't have cell phone coverage. Each child has access to a chromebook so phones will not be needed for learning. If your child needs to bring one, in an emergency situation, they must be switched off and handed in to the school office upon arrival. They can be collected after the bell goes at 2.45pm and should remain switched off, unless needed to be used in an emergency. This should be a rare occurrence. Phones cannot be used on our school buses. Exceptions will be made for children who need a phone for medical reasons e.g. insulin control.

Touch

Fees of \$8 per child are due by 5^{th} February. The competition runs from Friday 16th February to Friday 5th April at Bush Multisport Park on Huxley Street, Pahiatua. Game times have been sent home. A parent will need to help out each week to referee the U7 game as they currently don't have a named referee.

Combined Green (U7) Coach: Sara (Toki) Referee: ?	Combined Orange (U9) Coach: Shy (Toki) Referee: Ginny McClean	Alfredton Oaks (U11) Coach/Referee: Simon Falloon and James McKay
Ben Forbes Shelby Liverton Mason Deys-Shailer Hugo Falloon Haize Woolley Braxton Dittmar Austin Pennall Daphne Pennall	Marshall Liverton Tutamou Matthews James McClean Jorja Tohiariki Katie Plaisted Grayson Hugheman Jorjah Wolland Darcy McCabe Bentley McCabe	Jock Falloon Hadley McKay Leo Johnston Kade Mitchell Harvey Tohiariki Rupert Fallon Jordan Deys-Shailer Otto Maggio Olive McKay Sophie Forbes Emily McClean George Bowie (Makuri) William Hull (Makuri)

Tova Foreman (U13) St Anthony's Blue.

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Saturday 2nd March 2024

Entry at <u>www.Main-Events.com</u>

No Entries on the day, Entries close Wednesday 28th February at 11:59pm

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Wednesday the 28th of February from 3pm

Friday the 1st of March from 3pm

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