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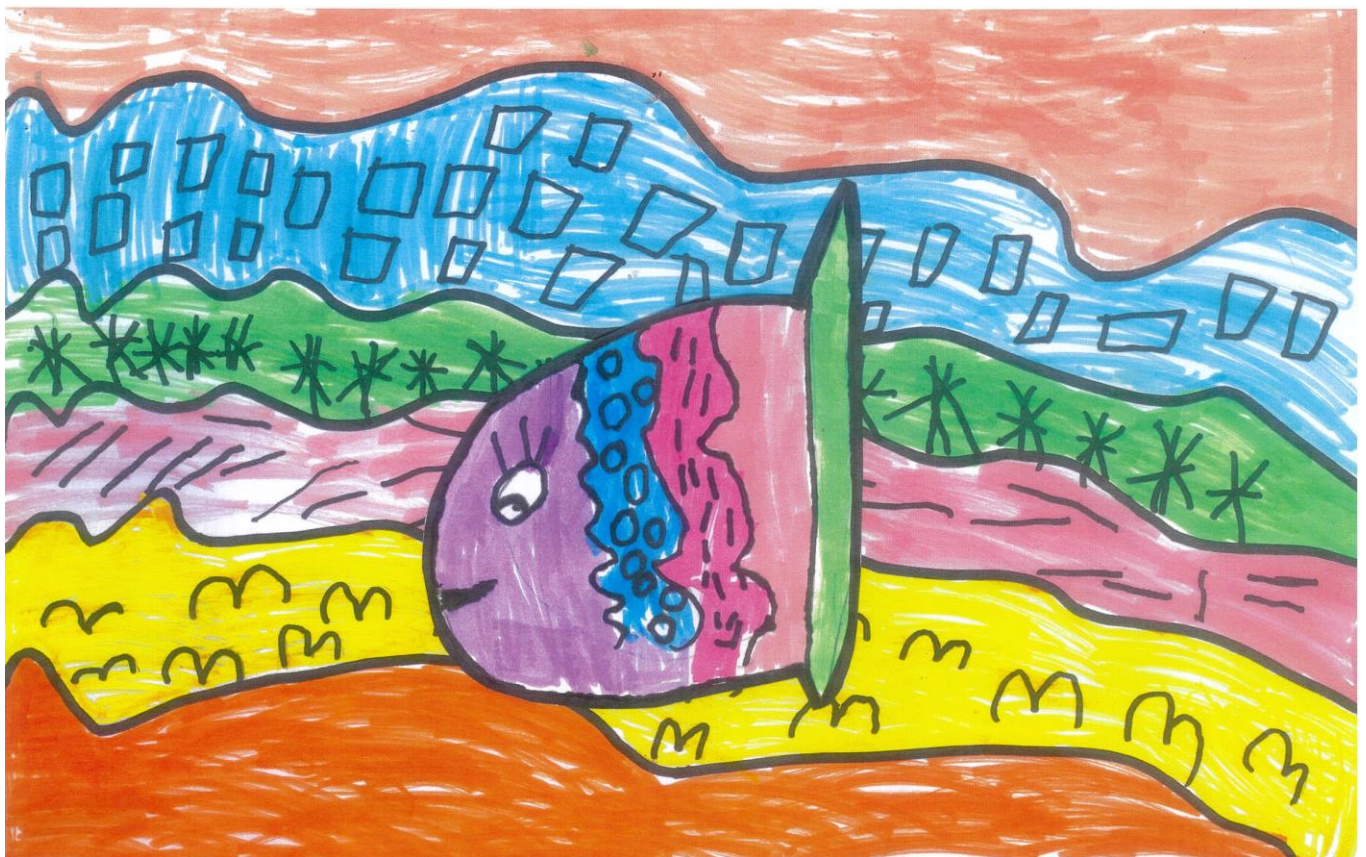
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## Alfredton School

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**Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 7 February 2024**

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

Kia ora,

I hope that you all had a good Waitangi day yesterday.

Touch starts on February 16th. Draws have been sent home, please let us know if you didn't receive yours. Playing fees of \$8 per child are now overdue. We have only received payment from one family so far. Please can you ensure that we receive payment by the end of the week. We have to pay the subs for the team, so it would be fantastic if we could have the payments to enable us to do this.

2024 is camp year. Please read the information later in this newsletter regarding our camp which will take place in term 2.

As you will be aware we are seeking a new parent representative on our School Board. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact myself or any of our current Board members.

This year Rural Swimming and Minor Sports are both on the same date (1st March). Tui class will be taking part in the Minor Sports at the stadium in Pahiatua. Huia class will be swimming at the town pool in Pahiatua. We will need parents to help us out at both events. Letters will go home early next week.

Today I have reminded the children about the rules on our school buses. Unfortunately, a few children on one of the runs are playing musical chairs when the bus stops to allow other children to get off. I have told them that they stay in their assigned seats with their seat belt on for the whole journey. This is not only a safety issue but it is slowing down the bus and this is resulting in the 2nd run leaving school up to 5 minutes later than expected. Please can you revisit the bus rules with your child.

Just a reminder that the Alfredton Hill Country walk is on March 23rd. Tickets are selling fast so if you are planning on going please book your ticket soon. ASCA do an amazing job fundraising, please support them if you are able to.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui  
Alison

### **Dates for your diary**

13th February ASCA meeting 7pm

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

27th 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.

## **Camp 2024**

This year our Year 5, 6 and 7's will be spending a week at Forest Lakes near Otaki. The children will leave on Monday 20th May and return on Friday 24th May. Due to the awesome fundraising by ASCA there will be no charge for camp. We have a limited number of places for parents to come as camp helpers. If you would like to come, please let me know as soon as possible (by the 28th February). If more parents want to come than we can accommodate, names will be drawn out of hat.

## **Learning Term One - Huia Class**

The topic focus is the Treaty of Waitangi. The children are learning about the reasons for the treaty, what happened when the Treaty was signed and why the Treaty was interpreted differently and the impact this has had.

As you will already know 'on a normal day' children are expected to do one hour of maths, reading and writing each day. In Maths they are spending the first 5 weeks focussing on addition and subtraction. In Writing the main focus is on recounts. Writing will also include spelling and handwriting. Spellings will be sent home each Monday for a test on Friday. The children have notebooks which need to be brought to school each Friday.

In PE the children are learning more games skills. We will continue to use House of Science kits to teach science.

We have begun learning both Te Reo and tikanga Maori weekly using a website called Te Puna Reo. I will be sending more information home later about this website once the whanau portal opens.

Next week Tui class will explain what they are learning.

## Classroom Awards



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next meeting: 21<sup>st</sup> February at 5:30pm

## ASCA

ASCA Term 1 Meeting Tuesday 13th February 7pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to our first ASCA meeting for the school year. Share and contribute to our discussions.

We have an exciting start to the year with planning our first fundraiser of the year the Hill Country Walk on 23rd March.

# ALFREDTON HORSE SPORTS



Alfredton District Sports Club  
Alfredton Domain – 15241 Route 52, Alfredton

**Saturday 2nd March 2024**

Entry at [www.Main-Events.com](http://www.Main-Events.com)

No Entries on the day, Entries close Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 11:59pm  
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**Community Working Bees**

Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of February from 3pm

Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> of March from 3pm

Please come down and help this event be a success!

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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