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The advertisement shows the exterior of a Bisset Honda store. A large red sign with the Honda logo and the word 'HONDA' is prominent above the entrance. Several red Honda ATVs are parked in a row outside. To the left, there are signs for 'STIHL' and 'SHOP'. The text 'KEEPING YOU GOING' is written in large, bold, white letters across the bottom of the image, with the address and phone number below it.



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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 21 February 2024

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

Kia ora,

We are experiencing cooler mornings at the moment. If your child is feeling chilly please send them with a jersey.

The children are all working very hard practising for swimming sports. Unfortunately, our pool isn't deep enough for our older children to practise diving. If your child is concerned about diving into the pool at Pahiatua it would be fantastic if you could take them to a pool with deeper water to have a go at diving.

Unfortunately, Hato Hone St John were unable to visit last Friday. They have rearranged their visit to Monday 4th February.

Nominations for a parent Representative on our Board close tomorrow at noon. If you are interested and would like more information please contact one of our Board members or myself.

Next Friday Huia class will be at Rural Schools Swimming whilst Tui class will be at Minor Sports. If you haven't returned your notice about this event please do so by the end of the week. All of the children will be taking part in one of the events.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui
Alison

Dates for your diary

21st February Board Meeting 5.30pm
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
4th March St John First Aid (rearranged date)
5th March Junior Swimming (Year 1-3) at Alfredton
8th March Bush Swimming
12th March Wood in School (360 Forestry)
20th / 21st March Nova - Health and Nutrition (Huia Class)
29th March, 2nd and 3rd April School Closed
12th April Term ends
29th April Term 2 starts
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)
5th July Term ends
This information can also be found on our school website.

Year 7 Technology

Dates for Term One: February 22nd March 7th, 21st April 11th

One hour a day of reading, writing and maths

What's happening?

Starting from Term 1 2024, children in Years 0-8 will be taught reading, writing, and maths for an average of one hour a day in each skill.

Daily teaching, along with a quality curriculum and good teaching practices, has been shown to improve children's progress and achievement.

What does this change mean for my child?


Many schools already spend an hour a day on reading, writing and maths, so this will not be a big change.

The new 'one hour a day' requirement has been designed to be practical and flexible. Schools will still be able to hold events like athletics days and school camps since the requirement is for an average amount of time each week.

What will the lessons look like?

The National Curriculum outlines what your child should be able to understand, know and do as they progress through their school years. Teachers will continue to use the curriculum and teach in ways that best suit the learning. This includes using things like active learning opportunities, group work, investigations, practice, and consolidation activities.

The 'one hour a day' requirement can be broken up into small blocks throughout the day. Your child's teacher will manage these to fit the needs of your child.



How you can help at home

To support the learning they do at school, you can help your child develop reading, writing and maths skills by:

- having your child read to you
- reading to your child and talking about books and stories
- encouraging your child to share what they think about a book (or video game, podcast, or movie), and being positive about the material they are reading, listening, or watching
- letting your child see you enjoy books, audiobooks, podcasts, games, movies, or videos in your first language
- encouraging your child to write, and talking with your child about what they are writing
- showing your child that you write for lots of reasons too, such as replying to an email, filling out a form, or writing an invitation or letter
- involving your child in activities where you use maths (for example playing games with cards or dice, grocery shopping, cooking, and DIY activities)
- encouraging your child to share how they solve mathematics problems (they may use different mental or written strategies to the ones you were taught)
- being positive about your child's reading, writing, and maths experiences, and praising their efforts.

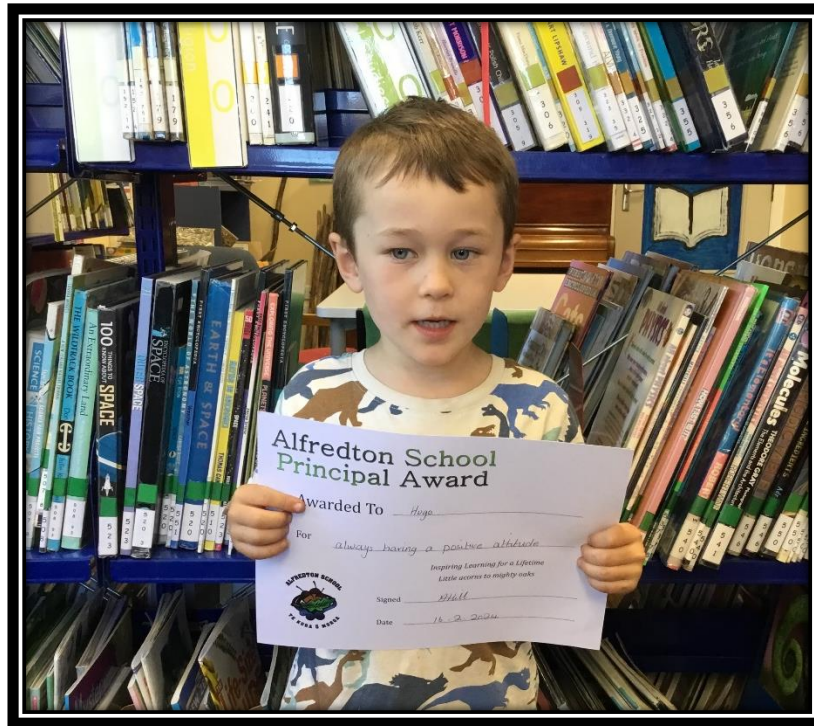
Working with your school

It can be helpful to share your child's interests, languages spoken at home, and cultural practices with their teachers, so they can be included in your child's learning.

You can also talk with your child or their teacher about their progress in reading, writing, and maths and discuss with their teacher ways you can support your child at home.



Principal Award



Classroom Awards



Readers of the Week



MŌRENA,

Summer is upon us, and our latest issue is jam-packed with content to help Kiwi parents [issue2402.totstoteens.co.nz](https://www.totstoteens.co.nz/issue2402)

What's in this issue for parents?

- » The terrible twos
- » Getting the most out of Open Days
- » Gut health for young athletes
- » Tempting chocolate treats
- » Healthy eyes for a better future
- » What is your child's learning style?
- » 7 Tips for parents who have ADHD
- » How to talk about periods.
- » The ultimate party-planning guide
- » PLUS awesome giveaways



Ask your tamariki to **find this issue's Te Reo Māori words** including waha, akonga, kaiaka, kēke, tātahi and karu.

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Next meeting: 21st February at 5:30pm

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HILL COUNTRY WALK

With only 22 families at school at present we need to have at least one parent commit to helping out on the day of the walk. A list of jobs will come out at the start of March.

Please share this event with friends and family to help boost ticket sales and make this event a great success.

The poster for the Hill Country Walk features a scenic view of rolling green hills with a small pond. In the foreground, there is a silhouette of a mountain range. The text on the poster includes:

HILL COUNTRY WALK **23 MARCH 2024**

WITH ALFREDTON SCHOOL

Set in the heart of Alfredton, come along and experience a hill country farm walk featuring spectacular views alongside rural hospitality at its finest.

11 km Short Walk - 15 km Long Walk
Catered Lunch Included

\$55 per person

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

REGISTER ONLINE

www.eventbrite.co.nz

✉ alfredtonhillcountrywalk@gmail.com

Checkout **Alfredton School Hill Country Walk** on Facebook for further details and updates!

ALFREDTON HORSE SPORTS



Alfredton District Sports Club
Alfredton Domain – 15220 Route 52, Alfredton

Saturday 2nd March 2024

Entry at www.Main-Events.com

No Entries on the day, Entries open 1st of February, entries close 28th February at 11:59pm

Admission \$3 per person or \$5 per vehicle

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Community Working Bees

Thursday the 29th of February from 3pm

Friday the 1st of March from 3pm

Please come down and help this event be a success!