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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Tohaina ō painga ki tea o Share your gifts with the world

Kia ora,

Last Thursday was Junior Swimming Sports. A huge well done to the children in Years 4 to 6 who ran games for the younger children. They did an amazing job explaining how to play the games as well as ensuring that all of the younger children were included. Thank you to Emma Moody who supported Mr Grimmer (Makuri Principal) in the pool. Thank you to the parents who provided the food and organised the BBQ.

ERO work alongside the Board and Principal to identify strategic targets which will improve outcomes for the children. These are then monitored and reviewed before new targets are set. We began working with ERO in February 2023 and have now received our profile report. There is more information about this later in the newsletter.

Our busy term continues next week with a visit to Huia class by Nova Martin from Foodstuffs

who will work with the children to develop their understanding of food and nutrition using a program called Food for Thought. Understanding healthy eating and nutrition was an area of importance for parents in our health consultation in 2022.

Good luck to the children who are representing the Rural Schools at Bush Swimming on Friday.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui Alison

Dates for your diary

15th March Bush Swimming
20th / 21st March Nova - Health and Nutrition (Huia Class)
20th March 5.30pm Board Meeting
29th March, 1st and 2nd 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)

Year 7 Technology

5th July Term ends

Dates for Term One: March 21st April 4th, 11th

This information can also be found on our school website.

ERO

Te Ara Huarau is the evaluation approach that the Education Review Office (ERO) is using in our school. This is a developmental approach to evaluation where ERO and our school work together over time rather than one off reviews that happened previously. Te Ara Huarau is used in most English-medium state and state-integrated schools.

ERO maintains a regular review programme to evaluate and report on the education and care of young people in the schools. Our school worked alongside ERO to write our Profile Report. This type of report will only happen once as part of our initial engagement with Te Ara Huarau. The profile report reflects our strategic goals and a shared evaluation focus of one or more areas that are important to us as we work together to improve outcomes for all our learners. ERO, like us, has a strong focus on equity and excellence. Future reporting will show

our progress and achievement towards meeting the goals we have set. Public reports like the Profile Report are published on <u>ERO's website</u>.

A Board Assurance Report that shows how we are meeting regulatory and legislative Requirements has also been published.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Next BOT meeting:

Wednesday 20th March 5.30pm in the Huia Room.

ASCA

The Hill Country Walk is now just over a week away - this is a pre-sale event so if you are or know of others who are keen to walk, please head to Eventbrite and search for Alfredton School to secure your tickets. It would be really appreciated if you could help to promote this in the next week before ticket sales close!

If you want to help out on the day please touch base with Angela, Katie or Ginny asap.

Junior Swimming - A large thank you to Angela, Jen, Katie, Kendra, David, Kate, Hannah, Pip & Daniel for your help running the BBQ and providing baking on the day. \$285 dollars was raised for ASCA on the day.

Dates to Note:

ASCA AGM - Tuesday 7th May, 7pm

Bush Cross Country BBQ - Thursday 6th June

Swimming Season

School swimming will end on Thursday 14th March as the pool temperature is falling and isn't warm enough for us to continue swimming beyond this week. The pool will close for public use at midnight on Sunday 17th March. Thank you to everyone who paid for a pool code. This payment helps towards the cost of keeping the pool running. Thank you also to Martin Evans who ensures that our swimming season runs smoothly by maintaining the pool for us.

Wood Is Good

Wood is Good is a forestry and log truck safety program developed for primary schools. It is sponsored by the Ministry for Primary Industries and sector groups. Yesterday we were visited by Vickie from Wood is Good, and George and Chris from Forest360. We learned how to stay safe when logging trucks are on the road. We also learned about the machinery which loggers use and the importance of staying safe around it. As many of our children love seeing the logging trucks which pass our school regularly, one of the highlights of the morning for

them was the opportunity to sit in a logging truck. From the driver's seat the children were able to see where the driver's blind spot is and how the driver may not be able to see them even though they can see the truck. Huia class also enjoyed honking the horn.

From April there will be significant logging activity close to school, with entrances to the site on Castlehill Road and Route 52 near Flat Bush Road. We will have a large number of logging trucks travelling on the roads around school. This visit was an excellent opportunity for the children to learn about safety before the logging begins.





Junior Swimming Sports











Certificates

Readers of the Week



Class Certificates



Principal's Award





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\$55 per person

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

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

Tough Guy and Gal Challenge 2024 (HUIA CLASS)

If you wish to order merchandise, we will require your order and payment by April 6th.

2024 MERCHANDISE PRICES

Kids T-shirt (Unisex): \$30 - Sizes 8, 10, 12, 14

Kids Hoodie (Unisex): \$50 - Sizes 8, 10, 12, 14 (small adult)

Sports Bag: \$45 Beanie: \$25

Drink Bottle: \$10 Sweatband: \$15

Child's name: __



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