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## Alfredton School

*Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks*

**Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 26 March 2024**

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

Kia ora,

A massive thank you to everyone involved in the Hill Country Walk at the weekend. All who walked thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thank you to Angela and Hamish Blundell for hosting the day.

Well done to the Diesel Dude's - Tova Foreman, Jock Falloon and Harvey Tohiariki who competed in the East Coast Regional Agrikids competition on Saturday.



Many of our students would like to learn more about agriculture. In order to develop our Agri skills I am hoping to begin a three afternoons a term opportunity for members of our community to come into school to share their expertise with Huia class. This could be anything connected to farming e.g. building a gate, changing a tyre, understanding aspects of feeding, caring for stock, pest control etc. I envisage that most of the skills will be practical and we can use our school field. For us to run this successfully I will need parents / grandparents to volunteer. If you could help us out please get in touch. We need your expertise for this to happen.

Yesterday was International Epilepsy Awareness Day. We raised \$78.40 for Epilepsy NZ. Thank you to those who supported the day.

Next week is the final week for Touch Rugby. If you haven't paid the fees yet, please can you make payment by 3rd April as they are now overdue.

Next term will see Indoor Hockey on a Monday start. Games begin on 13th May; the cost is \$12 per player. If your child is interested in playing, please contact the office by Thursday 4th April. Teams will depend on the number of players signed up. There must be a minimum of 6 per team.

Our new bus runs are working well. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we make adjustments to timings. If you are running late please phone school so that we can notify your driver. Children will be returned to school if you are going to be more than 2 minutes late as other children will be affected if their drop offs are after yours.

School will be closed on Friday 29th March, Monday and Tuesday 1st and 2nd of April. For those of you wondering why school is closed on Tuesday as it is not a public holiday, it is simply so that school terms have approximately the same number of weeks in each term. Usually the extra day falls within the regular 2 week break. However some years Easter is at the end of March which results in the day being noticeable. The day off is nothing new; it has been happening since 1954.

Have a good week and enjoy the long weekend with your children.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

## Dates for your diary

29th March, 1st and 2nd April School Closed

9th April Tararua Rippa Competition

12th April Term ends

29th April Term 2 starts

6th - 8th May Life Education

7th May ASCA AGM 7pm

13th May Strike Percussion (Eketahuna School)

14th May Rural Schools Cross Country (Kumeroa School)

15th May Board Meeting 4pm

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 (postponement date 11th June)

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.

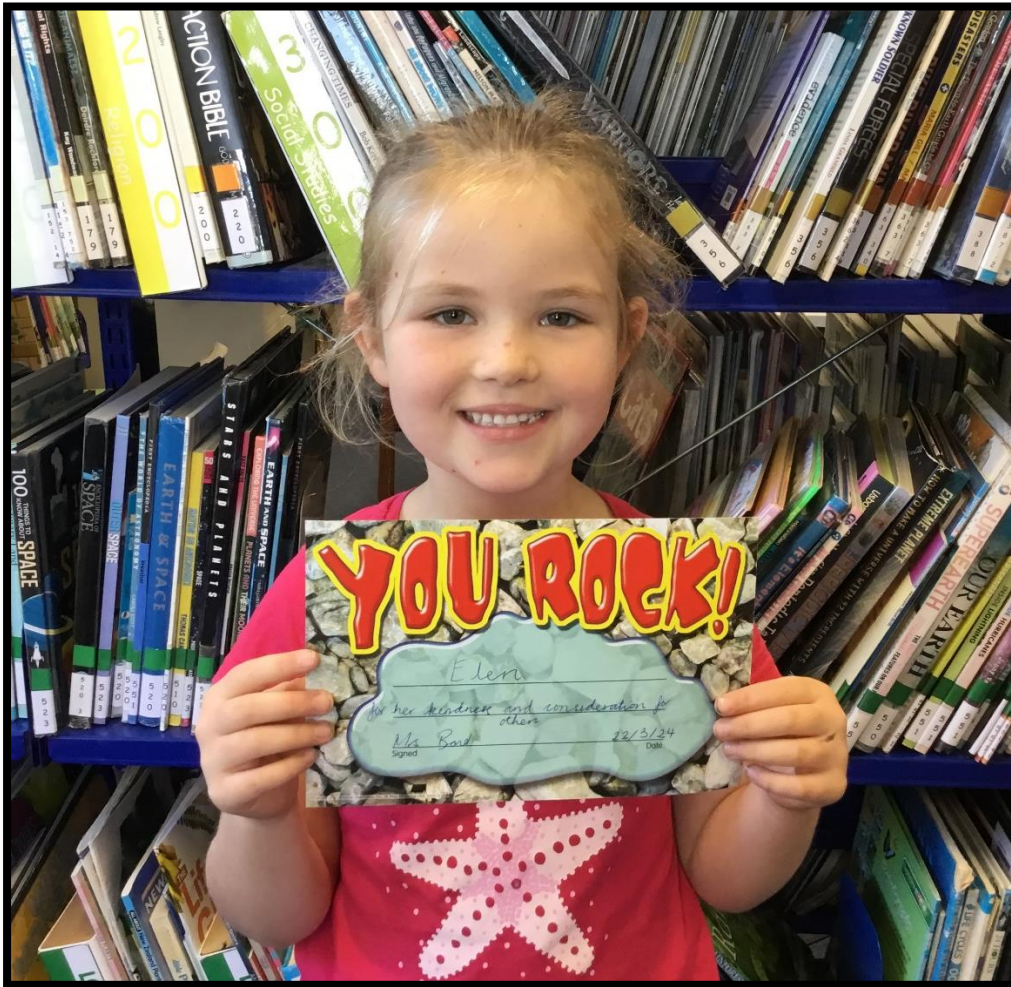
## Year 7 Technology

Dates for Term One: April 4th, 11th

## Principal Award



## Classroom Awards



## Readers of the Week





## Alfredton Hill Country Walk

Thank you to our  
amazing event  
organisers and  
helpers for working  
so hard to make a  
great fundraiser to  
support our school



## FROM THE CLASSROOM

### Sheep Drama

One day I went on the farm with my mum and dad. We took some dogs to move some cattle and some sheep. One day my dad went on the farm he saw some sheep on the road. Cars were zooming past Dad zoomed on his motorbike to save the lamb. He got the dogs to herd the sheep back in.

By Katie

Once upon a time there were farmers called Xela, Mason, Hugo and Shelby. The bull chased the sheep on to the road. Mason and Shelby fixed the fence.

By Xela

### The Drama Story

Once upon a time 3 farmers called Remi, Mum and Otto lived on a farm. They had cattle and sheep. The farm was a big farm it was very far far away from town. Once they were having a good sleep then they heard a sound - EEEEEK. It woke all of them up and they went outside they brang a torch and turned it on. Then mum said "Huh the fence is broke." "The cows must have run away." said Mum. Then they started the car and went all over the road. They went to their neighbour's farm and saw the cows eating the grass then they went back and got the trailer and they went back to their neighbours and got the cows in to the trailer and then they went back and put the cows in a different paddock while they were fixing the fence. They used a hammer, a nail and a new wire then they finished fixing the fence. They got the trailer and loaded the cows and then they put the cows in the old paddock. They went back and had some breakfast and some coca-cola.

By Remi

### Drama on Taki Taki

Once upon a time there were 7 workers and their names were Dog, Leala, Lola, Lolo, Dad, Mum and Levi. 1 Tuesday they went to the farm and then they saw a cow on the road. Mum got the tractor and Lolo helped her. Lola got the dog. Leala called Levi and Dad to make sure that the cow stayed in its place. They got the cow off the road.

By Leala

Once upon a time there was 4 farmers called Shelby, Hugo, Xela and Mason. The necked up bull broke the fence. The bull chased the sheep on to the road. Mason and Shelby fixed the fence. Hugo and Xela got the bull. They put him back.

By Shelby

Once upon a time there was 4 farmers called Xela, Mason, Hugo and Shelby. The necked up bull broke the fence. The bull chased the sheep on to the road. Mason and Shelby went to fix the fence and Hugo and Xela got the bull.

By Hugo

### Drama on Pori

One day there were four farmers and a dog. We were docking and I was counting the sheep. Finally we were done but my dad spotted 8 sheep on the road. My dad got the dog and rounded up the sheep.

By Eleri

Once upon a time there were 2 farmers called Ben and Rupert. They worked on a farm called Turnberry Station. One day the 2 farmers went to work. The work started well but then something went wrong. The 2 farmers saw that 2 of the bulls got out of their paddock. The 2 farmers went to the house to get the 2 bikes then went back to the bulls. They tried to move them but they wouldn't move. 1 of the farmers decided to use the whip and got them back to the paddock. The 2 farmers went to work and had a good day. Then they had dinner and went to bed. In the night they heard a noise. The 2 farmers went outside and got the 2 quads then they saw that the sheep had got out. There was a hole in the fence. They got the sheep in to a paddock that didn't have a hole and went back to bed. The next day the 2 farmers fixed the fence - it took a long long time.

By Ben



## The Flood on the Farm

Once upon a time there were three people. They were called Milly, Katie and Ben. They just started work for the day. It was very sunny. But there was a storm coming. They knew that it would flood so they got all of the sheep on to the hill paddocks. Then it started to rain, it started to flood. Luckily their home was on a hill so it will not flood in the house. It got cold so they went to the house to get warm. Oh no we forgot to do those 3 paddocks of sheep. The dogs were barking a lot. They went to go and get the 3 paddocks of sheep. They also had some horses and the horse stable was flooding. They had a spare stable on a hill. They were exhausted but then it went sunny so they went back to work. Then they went and had a beer. Then they went to bed.

By James

Once upon a time there was a farmer, dog, some sheep and cows. The sheep and the cows declared war on the farmer's farm. The cows had machine guns and the sheep had some snipers. The sheep started digging trenches and the cows started building barriers then! They started fighting... then! the farmer woke up with a bang. He went outside and got his dog then he saw the cows fighting. He saw that the fences were destroyed. He got very angry! Then the farmer got his fencing gear. He started to fix the fence up in the middle of the war. When the fence was put up the sheep and the cows stopped fighting. The dog put the sheep and the cows in the right paddock. The farmer got the guns and put them in the rubbish bin and the farmer fixed up the land with his bulldozer.

By George

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Next BOT meeting:**

Wednesday 15th May, 4.00pm.

## Hill Country Walk Report

Thank you to everyone who made the inaugural Alfredton School Hill Country Walk a success. We were blessed with the most amazing weather and the views from the top of Waimea Farm were stunning.

The biggest thank you to Angela and Hamish Blundell for hosting the walk (plus coming up with the idea) and sharing your very own piece of paradise with our walkers. We appreciate the time taken to set a challenging course and sort the logistics of a working farm to allow the event to flow from start to finish.

To our organising team of Katie, Angela, Emma, Kate, Jane and Ginny - your hardwork and can-do attitude is invaluable to the teamwork involved to get this event off the ground and running. Thank You for working seamlessly together and creating an exciting fundraising opportunity for our school.

To all our parents, community and staff volunteers and helpers, a big thank you for pitching in and getting on with the jobs required on the day. Many hands make light work!

A thank you to the following Businesses who provided sponsorship or donated goods for us to use on the day.

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Peak Performance by Tee

Eketahuna Four Square

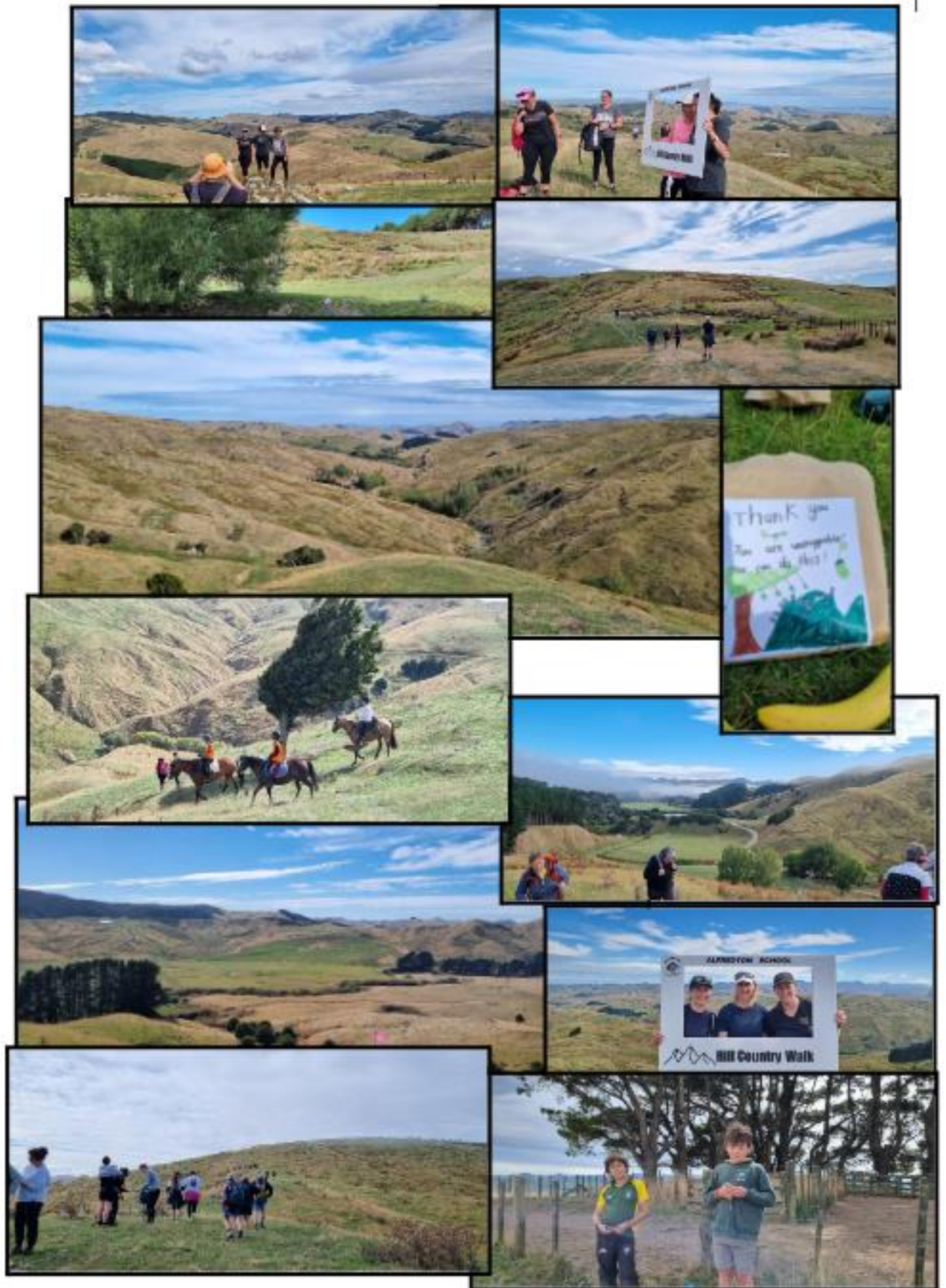
I Made You This by Jen

Linda Gilmour

Andy Clarke

The total amount raised from ticket sales/BBQ and Easter raffle was **\$4766**

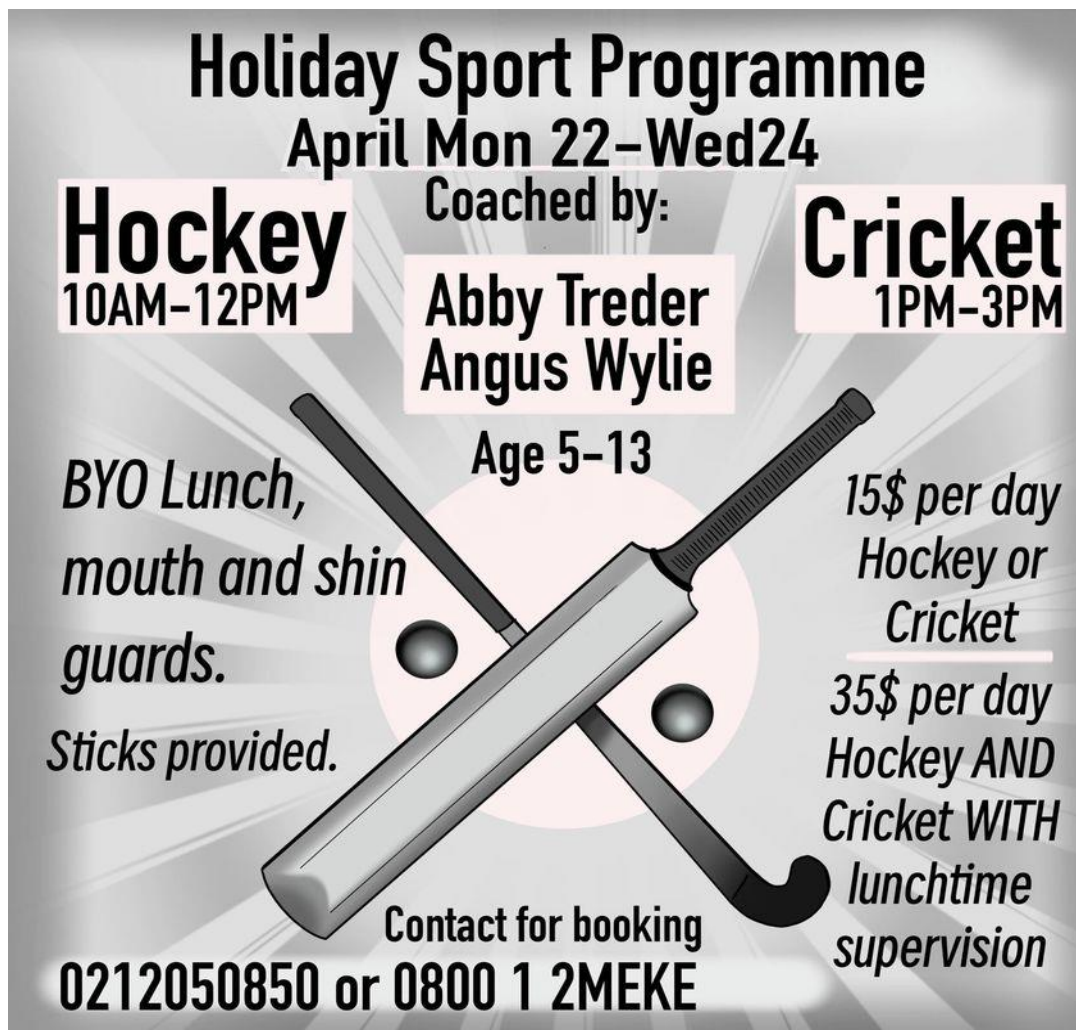
We have had excellent feedback and comments from participants that they are looking forward to the 2025 edition. So watch this space!



Dates to Note:

ASCA AGM - Tuesday 7th May, 7pm

Bush Cross Country BBQ - Thursday 6th June



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## Duck shoot

SUNDAY 21<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024

A range of targets to simulate pond, walked up and drift shooting

**10.00am START**

2 rotations of the field 100 targets in total including a paired flurry shoot.

**New field layout but still retaining “the boat”**

**Entry \$45 for 1 rotation, \$75 for two**

**Lunch included Drawn prize pool**

**Please note there is no eftpos, your firearms license must be presented to purchase ammunition**

**317 Coast Road Pongaroa**

For more info contact: Gordon 3767285, Mark 0272908088

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OPEN DAILY  
10AM - 5PM

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# EASTER WEEKEND

## 29 March - 1 April

Hunt for the hidden Easter eggs to win  
over \$3000 worth of amazing prizes!

- ▶ Daizy Design face painting
- ▶ Take a selfie with Ngā Manu's giant kiwi
- ▶ Sausage sizzle
- ▶ Colouring competition and Lil' Explorer Trail
- ▶ Bring a picnic blanket and make a day of it
- ▶ Eel feeding at 12pm and 2pm



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