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## Alfredton School

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

Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 26 February 2025

**Tangata ako ana I te kāenga, te tūranga ki te marae, tau ana**  
**A person nurtured in the community contributes strongly to society**

Kia ora,

Our new fence will be completed this week. The fence has been provided by the Ministry to ensure the safety of our children. The majority of schools around NZ have similar fences, also to ensure the safety of all their children. When you visit please continue to make sure that all gates are closed.

From this week our newsletter will be published fortnightly on a Wednesday. It will come out on even weeks each term. The next newsletter will be published on Wednesday the 12th of March.

On Friday children who are in Years 4 to 8 will be participating in the Rural Schools Swimming Sports at Tararua College. Please do not park in the College grounds. Everyone should aim to be seated by 10am. I will have programs for the races at the event. I need a parent to volunteer to be a timekeeper for the length races. Please contact school if you can help out.

A letter will be coming home this week with further details about the Y7/8 overnight tramp and camp on the 11/12 March. Please contact Miss Mabey if you have any questions regarding the camp.

On Thursday and Friday Miss Mabey is attending a 2 day course in Auckland led by Writer's Toolbox. This is the writing program which we use in Huia class.

We have now introduced Maths No Problem to our children in both classes. Please ask your child what they are learning and how the new program is helping them to develop their mathematical understanding.

The Touch Games schedule for the next 2 weeks is in this newsletter. Please check the time and Field carefully.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

### **Dates for your diary**

#### Term 1

28th February Rural Schools Swimming (Years 4 - 8) Tararua College Pool

6th March Bush Swimming (Venue to be confirmed)

7th March Minor Sports (Years 1 - 2) Bush Multisport, Pahiatua

8th March Agrikids in Masterton (we have 5 teams entered)

9th March Alfredton Hill Country Walk at the McKenzie's

11th / 12th March Year 7 and 8 Overnight walk and camp William Pike Challenge

#### Term 2

15th May Rural Schools Cross Country at Kumeroa

20th May NYLD for Year 7 and 8 in Palmerston North

28th May Bike Ride (Year 7 and 8) William Pike Challenge

6th June Bush Cross Country in Eketahuna (this replaces the road race)

18th June Cultural Festival

### **Touch Games - 28th February**

U7 3.30pm Field 2b vs Pahiatua Tigers

U9 3.30pm Field 3b vs St Anthony's Grey

U11a 4pm Field 4 vs Woodville Warriors  
U11b 4pm Field 1 vs Woodville Wizards  
U13 4.30pm Field 2 vs St Anthony's Red

### **Touch Games - 7th March RURAL SCHOOLS DUTY SCHOOL**

U7 3.30pm Field 1b vs Pahiatua Cheetahs  
U9 3.30pm Field 3b vs Pahiatua Hyenas  
U11a 4pm Field 3 vs Eke Flyers  
U11b 4.30pm Field 1 vs Toki 1  
U13 5pm Field 1 vs Woodville

If you can help with timing / giving out score cards etc on the 7th please let me know. I will be there but won't be able to be there for the start at 3.30pm.

### Year 7 and 8 Technology

Term 1: February 27th, March 13th and 27th, April 10th

Bush Primary Tech has its own Facebook page. Photographs, recipes and other information can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069563117443>

### **2025 School Dates**

Term One: Tuesday 4th February to Friday 11th April (Closed 6th February)

Term Two: Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June (Closed 2nd and 20th June)

Term Three: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September

Term Four: Monday 6th October to Wednesday 17th December (Closed 27th October)

There will also be two Teacher Only Days: 30th May and one TBC

This information can also be found on our school website.

### **Schooldocs**

Alfredton School Policies and Procedures can be found here:

<https://alfredton.schooldocs.co.nz>

Username: alfredton

Password: mighty

### **Alfredton School Board**

Next meeting: 17th March starting at 5.45pm.

2025 is Board Election Year. Elections will be held in September. Several of our Board will be stepping down and we will be looking for people to be part of the new Board. Please contact our current Board members if you would like to find out more or come to our next meeting to see for yourself how the Board works. This is a great opportunity for you to become involved in your child's school. Each one of you has something to contribute and we would love to see you sharing your skills and knowledge with us.

## Photos from the Year 7 / 8 tramp to the Blue Range Hut (Feb 18th)



### Attendance

One of the things we are continuing to focus on in 2025 is student attendance. If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss more than a whole year of school by 16 years of age. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance. All students are legally required to attend school every day and it is a shared responsibility to make sure students arrive and engage in learning from when they first start school. Please let our school office know if your child is going to be absent. The Ministry of Education advises that family holidays or taking time off for extracurricular activities (not organised by school) are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

The following are approved (justified) reasons for absence: family emergency, bereavement, representing in national / cultural events, approved exemptions or accompanying parents on overseas diplomatic / military postings.

Our regular attendance as provided by the Ministry of Education for Term 4 2024 was 53% with 46% being due to illness. The target was 70%.

Our regular attendance is currently 82% of children attending at least 9 days per fortnight.

The Ministry of Education monitors schools reporting of absences on their daily roll, especially those that remain unexplained at the end of each week. Their staff follow up and provide support to schools where needed. It is very important that you let us know why your child is not at school as without an explanation the only code we have available to use is Truant.





## ASCA Update

### Hill Country Walk

Last week to get tickets for the Hill Country walk - grab some friends together and enjoy walking (or running) the countryside of the McKenzie's property.

If you can help on the day and a committee member hasn't been in contact with you yet, please get in touch.



**ALFREDTON SCHOOL**  
**HILL COUNTRY WALK**  
*and run*

**9 MARCH 2025**

**Set in the heart of Alfredton, join us for a hill country farm walk or run featuring spectacular views & rural hospitality at its finest!**

11km Short Walk/Run - 17km Long Walk/Run

**Adults \$55 per person      Youth \$30 per person**  
Catered Lunch Included

BBQ & Beverages at the finish line (cash only)

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### Crutching Fundraiser

A big thank you to Rob and Alex Foreman, Emma, Brian and Kingi Mitchell, Dan Edmonds, Gary Foreman, Ben Johnston, Reuben and Ginny McClean and James McKay for helping with this fundraiser. Thanks Jase and Katie for the opportunity to raise some money. Just under \$2000 raised. Awesome effort, thanks everyone.



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**Open Day**

Friday 21st March  
8.30am-12.30pm

**Register Now**

[rathkeale.school.nz](http://rathkeale.school.nz)

# EKETAHUNA CLINIC

**Bi-monthly, second Friday**

10am - 1pm

Eketahuna Health Centre,  
1 Bengston Street

Constituency clinics are managed by staff, Mike will be on site when possible.

Appointments not necessary but call to book a time on 0800 676 453, or email [Mike.ButterickMP@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:Mike.ButterickMP@parliament.govt.nz)

**Mike Butterick MP for Wairarapa**

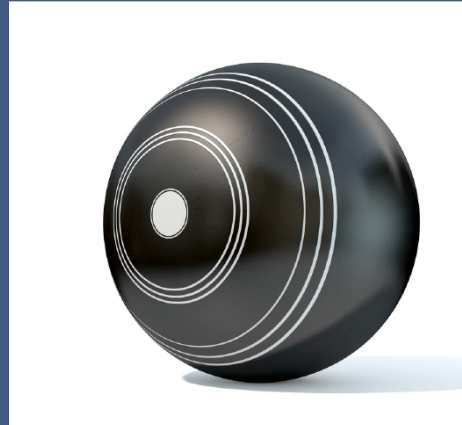


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# Junior Indoor Bowls

If you are interested in giving indoor bowls a try, the Bush Ruahine Club are offering lessons every Tuesday from the 29th April - 25th June for ages 10-18. First lesson free then \$2 per week.



Please text Karen 021 266 9793 if your child would like to join in the fun.

## **MHT Diabetes Youth and Family Support – Do you know anyone under the age of 24 with Diabetes?**

Our mission is to create an environment of support, connection and community for our youth and their family/whānau. Our youth service provides opportunities to enable our rangatahi and tamariki who have diabetes, live their best lives alongside their whānau and those who care for them.

We achieve this through camps, support groups, social events and education workshops, where our community meet and connect with others sharing the same journey, whilst having fun.

Events include:

- Social events for family/whānau – all ages
- Family/whānau camps
- Youth/rangatahi camps – 9 to 13 year olds
- Parent/whānau support groups – meet at local cafes
- Young adult/rangatahi dinners and coffee groups – 18 to 30 year olds
- Young adult/rangatahi Zoom 'Connect and Chat' meetings – 18 years and up
- Education workshops – parents/rangatahi.

For more information visit [www.diabetestrust.org.nz](http://www.diabetestrust.org.nz) or email [youth@diabetestrust.org.nz](mailto:youth@diabetestrust.org.nz)