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## Alfredton School

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**Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 12 March 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,

The past 2 weeks have been very busy. On February 28th Year 4 to 8 competed at the Rural Schools Swimming Sports at Tararua College. Many of our children swam very well. The following: Harvey, Leo, Hadley, Kade, Sid and Jock represented the Rural Schools at Bush Swimming last Thursday. Congratulations to Harvey who was very successful winning several events.

On Friday 7th our Year 1 and 2 children took part in Junior Minor Sports at the stadium in Pahiatua. They all had a great time.

At the weekend 15 of our Year 5 to 8's competed at Agri kids. They all represented Alfredton well. Scores were very close and all the children should be very proud of themselves.

Yesterday our Year 7 and 8's headed off to Totara Flats with Miss Mabey. They are spending the night at the hut before walking back to their starting point today. Thank you to the dads who have accompanied them and to Miss Mabey for her amazing organisation. The group were joined by Year 7 and 8's from Makuri and Kumeroa Schools.

On the final day of term - April 11th, we will be holding a picnic and Easter Egg Hunt in the Native Garden - details will follow.

This week we have begun the Keeping Ourselves Program with support from Senior Constable Maxine Walshe. Thank you to the parents who attended the information session. If you were unable to attend and would like more information, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yesterday we held a lockdown practice. The children were amazing. Later this term we will hold another with support once again from PC Max.

On Sunday our wonderful ASCA team were up bright and early to organise the Alfredton Hill Walk. This was a huge undertaking and they did an amazing job. Thank you to the McKenzie family who hosted the event.

School swimming has now finished. The pool will be closed to the public from 11.59pm on Sunday 16th of March as overnight temperatures drop it is getting a bit chilly for swimming. Thank you to Emma Moody for teaching swimming this term.

Next week we will be launching Skool Loop. We will send home information about accessing the app. All newsletters and permission letters will be uploaded to the app. Look out for more information coming home soon.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

### **Dates for your diary**

#### Term 1

8th April Tararua Rippa Tournament (Pahiatua)

11th April Picnic and Easter Egg hunt in the Native Garden

#### Term 2

15th May Rural Schools Cross Country at Kumeroa

20th May NYLD for Year 7 and 8 in Palmerston North  
6th June Bush Cross Country in Eketahuna (this replaces the road race)  
18th June Cultural Festival

### **Touch Games - 14th March**

U7 Field 2b 3.30pm vs Woodville Stars  
U9 BYE  
U11A Field 4 4pm vs Pongaroa Stags  
U11B Field 3 4.30pm vs Pahiatua Junior A  
U13 Field 2 5pm vs Pahiatua Sidesteppers

### **Touch Games - 21st March**

U7 Field 1b 3.30pm vs Toki 2  
U9 Field 4b 3.30pm vs Pongaroa Boars  
U11A TBC  
U11B TBC  
U13 TBC

### Year 7 and 8 Technology

Term 1: 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.

## Junior Minor Sports



## Agri Kids





### Alfredton Hill Walk



# CERTIFICATES



## Classroom Awards



## Readers of the Week



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## ASCA

### Hill Country Walk & Trail Run

We had a fabulous day on Sunday at the Hill Country Walk and Trail Run - 6 Runners and 54 Walkers completed the course over the Mackenzie's Pati Tapu and Waimapu properties. We were very lucky with the weather, with comfortable temperatures for everyone.

Our fundraiser wouldn't have been possible without the generous support from Jo and Doug, who have worked alongside the committee, and been so gracious in allowing us to open up the farm for others to explore. We received plenty of positive feedback about how much they enjoyed the scenery of the Alfredton Hills. Thanks once again guys.

We have had some very generous people amongst our communities that have supported us to host the walk. A large thank you to the following sponsors and supporters of the Hill Country Walk.

- **Tararua Shearing**
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An enormous thank you to the wonderful parents that took the time out of their busy schedules to to help organise and run the day -

The Food Team - Angela, Emma, Becks and Rachel

The Hub Team - Katie, Kate and James

The Marshalls - Ben, Jane, Willie, Jen, Simon, Reuben, Jo, Doug, Kiera, Hamish, Dan, Pip and Ginny

Without you all the day would not have run as smoothly



**AGM Date Tuesday 13th May 7pm -**

Emma is stepping down as Treasurer so we will need someone to fill this role. Mark the date in your diary.

## Community News

I am looking for someone, ideally a local, to look after the grounds, mow lawns, weed eat and spray regularly—the property on Waitawhiti Road.

All equipment, lawnmowers, etc, can be provided at the property.

If anyone is interested, please get in touch with Richard at 027 249 8295.



## Made for Girls.

### Open Day

Friday 28 March, 10am

For full details and to register, visit [ngatawa.school.nz/openday](http://ngatawa.school.nz/openday)

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## Open Day

Friday 21st March  
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