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Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 23 July 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,

Welcome back to Term Three; it was great to see everyone back at school. Last Monday we welcomed Hunter Banks and his whanau to our school. Hunter is in Tui class.

Last week we also welcomed Whaea Trinity McGrath as a teacher aide in Tui class and Miss Sharon Thorburn as principal release teacher in Huia class.

On Friday August 1st we will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' sausage sizzle starting at 3.30pm until 5pm. Please come along to meet Sharon and Trinity, and to chat with other staff. Can you let me know if you are able to come so that we have an idea of how many sausages to cook.

On Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th August we will be holding Learning Conversations. Your child will have brought a letter home yesterday with a form to complete and return to school. Times will be allocated on a first come first served basis so return your letters as soon as possible.

Tararua Sevens (for Y5 to 8) will be taking place on Wednesday 30th July at the Stadium in Pahiatua. Both Miss Thorburn and myself will be attending. We are still looking for some parents to manage a few teams - Y5/6 rugby and Y5/6 hockey. Please let me know asap if you can help us out.

You should have all received information about the Board elections. This will have been sent via email. If you have not received anything, please let me know. I have hard copies of nomination forms. I would encourage you to think about standing for election as a parent representative. There is further information later in the newsletter.

Please download Skool App if you haven't already done so. This is where you will find notices, a copy of the newsletter and other important messages. You can also notify us of your child's absence on the app. The newsletter will also be available on our website. It is no longer available on our Facebook group and after this week will no longer be emailed. Please ask

family and friends to either download the Skool Loop app or look on our website. Hard copies will be available in a box at the school office.

Thank you to all of you who have phoned the school office to tell us of afternoon bus changes. I can't guarantee that emails or Facebook messages will be seen in time.

Please remember to let the office know if your child is off the bus on a regular day. We can then note it on the bus board. It is much easier to tell us they are off every Thursday for rugby and then let us know if it is cancelled rather than phoning each week to take them off the bus. These changes need to be notified each term.

I will be reviewing the accuracy of the bus times at the end of the week with our drivers. Up-to-date timings will be sent out next week.

Have a good week.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

Term 3

30th July Tararua Sevens (Year 5 - 8) postponement Aug 1st

1st August Meet the Teacher

6th & 7th August Learning Conversations

13th August Visit to Pahiatua Museum

15th August WPC Community Service - Tree Planting at the McKay's (Y7/8)

19th August WPC Community Service - Tree Planting at the Falloon's (Y7/8)

4th September Pahiatua Lions Speech Competition

12th September Maths Quiz (Year 5-8)

15th September Formal Dance Practice (Year 7-8)

Term 4

9th October School Photographs

14th October EPro8 Tournament in Masterton

6th November Pets Day

7th November Teacher Only Day

14th November Moving Forward Conference (Year 7-8)

19th November Rural Schools Athletics postponement 21st

28th November Bush Athletics postponement 1st Dec

12th December Christmas Party

16th December Production and Christmas Tree Night

17th December Last day of term

Year 7 and 8 Technology

Term 3: 24th July, 7th and 21st August, 18th September

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 Three: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September

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

There will also be a Teacher Only Day on 7th November

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

Term Three Learning

This term our classes are exploring different themes. Huia class is learning about World War 2 - this is at the request of a number of children. Tui class is learning about their bodies. Year 4 will be joining Huia class for some of the lessons.

In writing, children will be researching and writing their speeches ready for our in school speech competition in late August. The winner of the Year 6 to 8 group will represent Alfredton at the Bush Speechmaker contest on September 4th.

We have a whole school trip planned for August 13th to the Pahiatua Museum. A notice will be sent home soon about this event.

William Pike Challenge (Year 7/8)

We have completed 4 out of 5 outdoor events so far. The final one will be in term 4. All children need to write reflections for these activities.

So far 5 out of 20 hours community service has been completed. Two tree planting days in August should add an expected 8 hours meaning that around 13 hours will have been achieved. The remaining hours need to be completed by early November.

All children have to complete a 20 hour passion project and submit reflections to me for approval. Two of our children are well on their way to achieving their hours. Some are yet to start. These hours need to be done at home. Reflections, preferably including a photo, need to be completed on line and shared with me for approval. Please ask your child to share their progress with you. These hours must also be completed by early November.

Sport

Netball

Alfredton Oaks vs Gladstone Nga Ra, Alfredton won 4-3

Alfredton Oaks vs Opaki Whero, Alfredton won 11 - 3

Alfredton School Board

Next meeting: Monday August 11th at 5.45pm

Elections will be held in September for a new School Board. We are using Election Pilot (online voting) to manage the election process. Emails will be sent to the address we have on file, inviting nominations for the School Board and, if required, providing details of voting. Please check your junk mail and contact school if you do not receive an email by the 27th July.

Timeline for the 2025 Election:

Call for nominations by	Friday 25 July 2025
Nominations close	Wednesday 13 August 2025 at 12:00 pm
Voting papers issued	Wednesday 20 August 2025
Election Day	Wednesday 17 September 2025 – poll closes at 4:00 pm
Accept Postal Votes	Monday 22nd September 2025
Vote Count	Tuesday 23 September 2025
Board Takes Office	Wednesday 24 September 2025



All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a School Board which is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school.

The Board:

- ensures every student can reach their highest possible standard in student achievement
- is the employer of all staff in the school
- sets the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, whānau, staff, students and the wider school community
- is responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration

School Board members have an important role of supporting strong professional leadership and ensuring effective teaching for all students through informed governance.

Our communities need great Boards to help build great schools!

The Board has overall responsibility and accountability for the school/kura. School Board's legal responsibilities are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020. The Act sets out boards' four primary objectives. These are ensuring student achievement for all of its students, including for those of differing needs, making sure the school is a safe place for all, and giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi.

As part of its focus on these four objectives, Boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Approving policies
- Financial stewardship
- Building community engagement and support

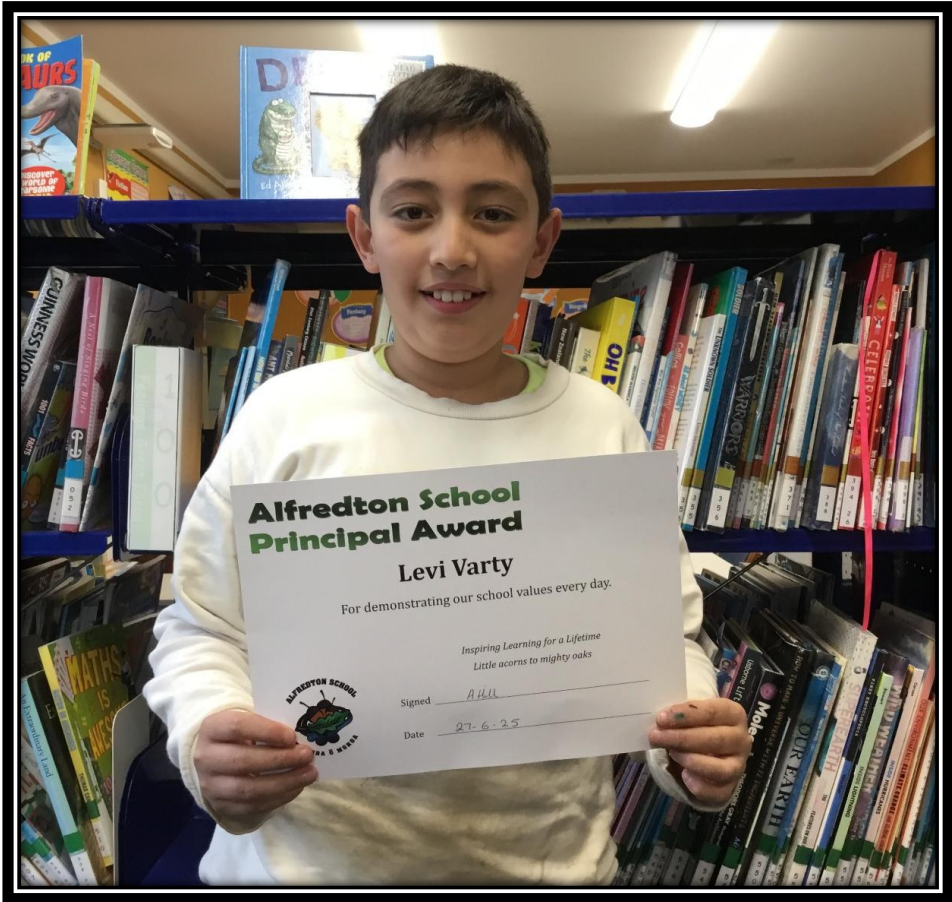
It's important to note that the board does NOT get involved in the day-to-day running of the school.

Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives. School Boards need to represent the diversity of their school communities to ensure a bright future for all our children.

The School Board elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students!

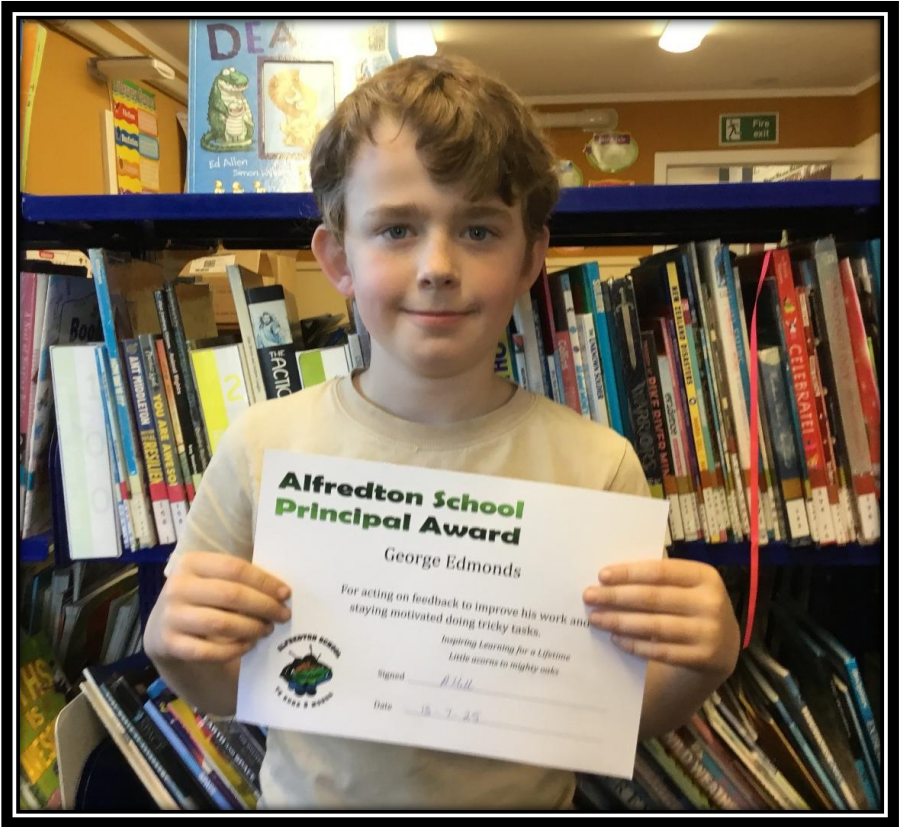
If you would like to find out more about being part of our Board please speak to either myself, or one of the current Board members. Board members do not need to have children at our school, they can be community members who would like to support the governance at Alfredton school.

Certificates from Week 9 Term 2





Certificates from Week 1 Term 3





Oral Health for School Newsletters

Regular Dentist Visits:

Free dental care is available from birth to 18 years old. Call 0800 TALK TEETH for appointments or concerns. If your child is not enrolled, please contact us

The Wairarapa Dental team is based at Masterton Intermediate School:

06 377 9071 or oralhealth@wairarapa.dhb.org.nz.

Brushing:

Brush every morning and night with a soft toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste for at least 2 minutes. Parents should help with brushing until about age 8, as young children struggle to reach their molars properly. When it comes to toothpaste, spit don't rinse. To save water, turn the tap off when brushing. Replace your soft bristled toothbrush each school holiday.

Mouth Guards:

Always wear a mouth guard during sports to protect teeth. Injuries to baby teeth can affect adult teeth still in the gum. For any injuries to the mouth always register the accident under ACC with your GP or dentist, no matter how minor you may think the injury is.



Made for Girls. School in Action Day

Friday 1 August, 10:30am

For full details and to register, visit ngatawa.school.nz

P: +64 6 327 6429
Calico Line, Marton

Nga Tawa is one of New Zealand's top academic secondary schools. If you're looking for a school where girls are supported to achieve their best, we'd love to welcome you to our School in Action Day.

Join us to see the difference a Nga Tawa education can make!



NGA TAWA
DIOCESAN SCHOOL

iBike4Kids is an exciting cycling event organized by the Manawatu Mountain Bike Club, designed specifically for primary and intermediate-aged children.

Where: Victoria Esplanade Palmerston North. In the Riverside below the Scenic Railway Station. Behind the Lido

When: Sunday Sept 7th

How Much: \$20 per child - \$10 for under 5s in the Balance Bike section. Tee Shirts \$25

Unfortunately, We have had to increase our ticket prices slightly for the first time since 2013, but we have reinstated the Schools Prizes! There will be two prizes of \$500 for the school with the most entrants and also the school with the highest percentage of their role (to give smaller schools a chance)

Please note that entries are available online only, and no registrations will be accepted on the day of the event. You can enter at any of the links below.

Our Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/iBike4Kidss>

Tickets: <https://ibike4kids-2025.lilregie.com/>

We are excited to offer a larger selection of spot prizes aimed at encouraging outdoor activities for all students. Kids will have the chance to win two Scott mountain bikes, helmets, and other exciting prizes. Thanks to our key sponsor, Harcourts, every participant will also receive a medal.

We kindly ask for your support in reminding parents to register their children online for this event. Sharing a post on your Facebook page or in your newsletter would be greatly appreciated. A small graphic is attached to assist.

Remember to get as many kids to enter your school to win a \$500 voucher for sports equipment.

Full info on our website <https://mmbc.co.nz/event/ibike4kids/>

