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Inspiring learning for a lifetime ~ Little acorns to mighty oaks

Newsletter ~ Wednesday, 20 August 2025

Alfredton School's Vision

To grow students into inquiring, confident, adaptable learners who are well prepared to reach their full potential.

Kia ora,

Congratulations to Ferinica Hawe - Foreman who has been elected as a parent rep and Natasha Bond as staff rep on our School Board (formerly Board of Trustees). As we have four remaining vacancies for parent reps we will shortly be holding a by-election. If you are interested in being part of the governance of our school, please come and speak with me. Come to our next meeting on September 11th (5pm) to see what it's all about.

Thank you to our outgoing Board. Katie Falloon, who has served two terms, Kate McKay, William Forbes, Daniel Edmonds and Tomas Maggio. We appreciate your hard work and the dedication which you have shown in helping to support the governance at our school.

We have a new Facebook group - Alfredton School (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1321010852706100>). This is a public group where we will celebrate all the wonderful things which happen at our school and the successes of our amazing students. Please take a look at the things which have already been shared. Each Friday highlights of our week will be posted. We won't be using our old Facebook group for much longer so please share our new group with your whanau and friends.

Thank you to all who have downloaded the Skool Loop app. You can use the app to notify us of your child's absence as well as read notices immediately. Skool Loop also run our website where you can find lots of useful information.

Last Wednesday we visited the Pahiatua Museum. Gilda and Andrew McKnight shared their wonderful knowledge of our local area's history. Huia and the Year 4's investigated the Polish children's story as well as the local soldiers who fought in WW2. The Juniors looked at the objects in the museum's rooms and completed a scavenger hunt.



On Thursday Kinnie Vermeulen spent part of the morning in Huia class. Kinnie is a leading toast master in NZ and came to share her experience and expertise with our children as they work on their speeches. She shared her visit to Alfredton on her radio program today in her discussions with MP Mike Butterick, her guest on the show.



Our school speech competition will take place in Huia class on Wednesday 27th August after morning tea (11am). Children from Year 2 upwards will present their speeches. One child will be selected from Year 6, 7 or 8 to represent our school at the Pahiatua Lions Speechmaker Contest on September 3rd. You are welcome to come and listen to the speeches. We will start with Tui class and the Year 5's, then have a short 5 minute break before listening to the Year 6, 7 and 8 speeches.

On Friday our Year 7 and 8's planted 1000 trees at the McKay farm. The planting was done with support from Horizon's Regional Council and the Manawatu River Catchment Collective. The children worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of themselves for their work improving our local environment. Their planting was part of the community service element of the William Pike Challenge. They continued their planting at the Falloon's farm yesterday earning more hours for the WPC.



Congratulations to the Alfredton Oaks, Netball Wairarapa Grade 3 Champions! They beat Gladstone in the finals yesterday. The team has played incredibly well and has shown great dedication. Thank you to Natasha Bond and Ginny McClean for their coaching, managing and refereeing.



On Friday August 29th we will be raising money for Daffodil Day. We will be selling cupcakes at morning tea. Further details regarding prices will go home next week. Some of our Year 7 and 8's will be organising the sale as well as baking the cupcakes as part of their William Pike Community Service. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in yellow. We will also be taking a collection if you would like to make a donation on the day.

Have a good week and remember to keep looking at our new Facebook group to keep up-to-date with all the wonderful things which are happening at our school.

Nga mihi nui

Alison

Dates for your diary

Term 3

3rd September Pahiatua Lions Speech Competition
12th September Maths Quiz (Year 5-8)
15th September Formal Dance Practice (Year 7-8)
18th September Formal Dance (Year 7 / 8)

Term 4

9th October School Photographs
14th October EPro8 Tournament in Masterton
6th November Pets Day
7th November Teacher Only Day
13th November Bush Ag Day
18th November Moving Forward Conference (Year 7-8)
19th November Rural Schools Athletics postponement 21st
28th November Bush Athletics postponement 1st Dec
12th December Production and Christmas Tree Night
16th December Christmas Party
17th December Last day of term

Year 7 and 8 Technology

Term 3: 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 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

Alfredton School Board

Next meeting: September 11th at 5pm

Summer Hockey (Term 4)

U13A	U13B	U9
Tova Foreman	Sophie Forbes Hadley McKay Leo Johnston Jock Falloon Rupert Falloon	Hugo Falloon Eleri Taylor

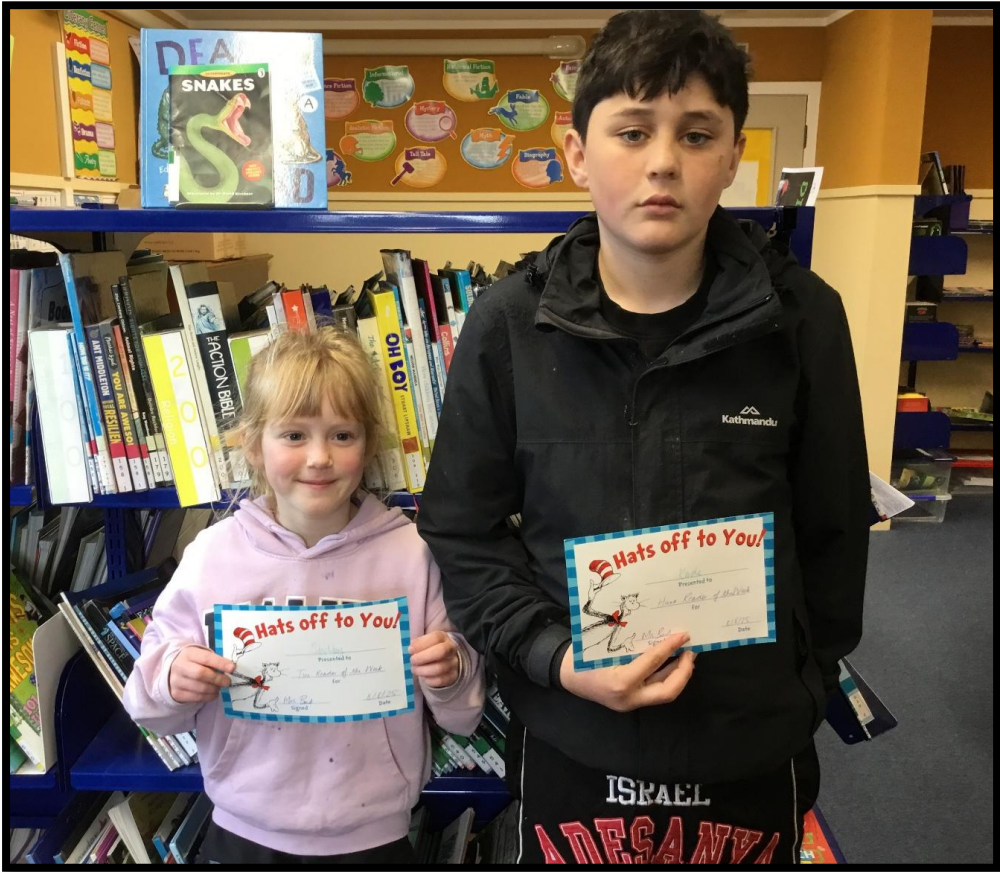
The U13B team is looking for a manager to sub players at each game. If you can help out that would be amazing as the team is mainly composed of Alfredton children with three children from Ballance School. Please let me know asap if you can take on this role. I know how busy term four can be so co-managing is a possible scenario as this would mean that you could split the games between you.

Week 4 Assembly





Readers of the Week

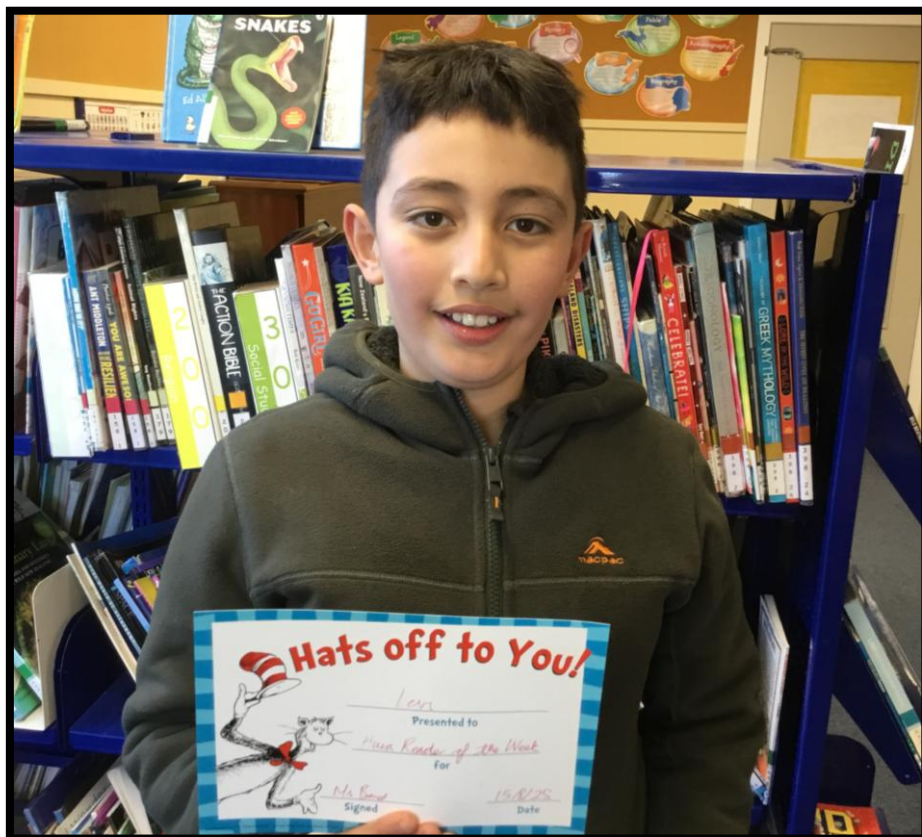


Week 5 Assembly

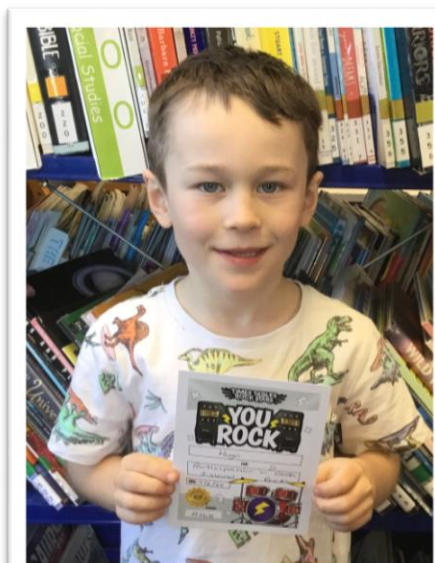




Reader of the Week



Times Tables Rock Stars - North Island Rocks Certificates



Yay! We launched Stem!

(Science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

On Thursday 7th August the year 7 and 8s went to tech and the year 5s and 6s did our first Stem Challenge Day. STEM is science, technology, engineering and maths all put together into pretty big challenges for us to do. We did 3 main challenges: pancakes, marshmallow tower and foil boats.

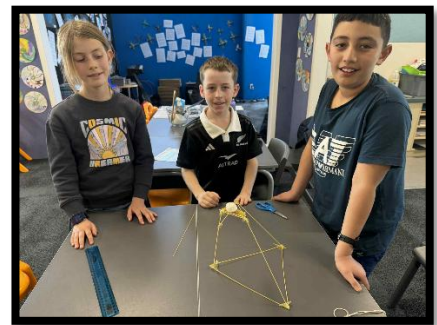
The first thing we did was the marshmallow tower challenge. We all split into teams; (one of 3 students and one of 4). Olive, Rupert and Levi made one group and the other was Nellie, May, Emily and Sophie. We were given 20 bits of spaghetti, one meter of tape and string and a marshmallow. The point of the challenge was to build the tallest tower with what we were given and to balance a marshmallow on top without securing it with tape, string or sticking on spaghetti. It was hard, but both groups managed to make it work. In the end the winners were Nellie, May, Emily and Sophie because their tower measured the highest. It stood 24.5 cm tall. We felt excited because we made it work!

Second was the foil boat challenge. In this one we were given 30cm of foil to make a boat and see how many marbles it could carry without sinking. The winner was Sophie. She got all 26 marbles in her boat and it still did not sink!

Last, but definitely not least, we made pancakes. The best recipes from Chelsea sugar traditional pancakes were so good! We got to create the best pancakes and we did start to do a good flipping!

So that's our day on Thursday with no year 8s and 7s.

By Olive



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Your child's art can be made into affordable Calendars, Cards, Diaries, Mouse Mats and Sketch Pads. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

Look out for further details and order forms later in the term.



Oral Health for School Newsletters

Safe Snacks & lunch ideas

Try these healthy options for healthy teeth. Fresh fruit, dairy products, raw veges & dip, protein filled sandwiches, crackers, savoury muffins, plain popcorn, nuts, rice/pasta dishes, quiche/frittata, crumpets, pizza, toasties, fritters, simple sandwiches- marmite, peanut butter, cheese.

Adolescent Oral Health

Dental exams and treatment (excluding orthodontic care) are free until your 18th birthday whether you are a student, in employment or seeking employment. All year 8 children will receive a transfer pack to choose your chosen family dentist either when the dental mobile visits the school. If you have year 9 or older children still waiting to be seen by your family dentist, give them a call to arrange enrolment and an appointment.

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.

The Tararua College Year 9 Enrolments are now open.

Please follow the link below to enrolments.

<https://tararuacollege.school.kiwi/enrolment>

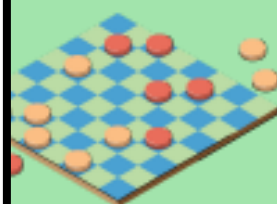
Please have enrolments in by Friday 19th September.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT LIBRARIES TARARUA

Board Game Sessions:

Come along and play some of our brand-new board games!



Eketāhuna Library – 06 376 0114
Tuesday 23rd September, 11:00am–12:00pm

Pahiatua Library – 06 376 0121
Thursday 25th September, 10:00am–12:00pm



Code with Bee-Bots:

Explore the world of coding with our Bee Robot Coding Sessions – great for young minds! Ages 6-9 years old.

Woodville Library – 06 376 0212
1st October, 10:00am–11:30am

Dannevirke Library - 06 374 4255
1st October, 1:00pm–2:30pm



**Bookings essential before
Wednesday 17th September.**

See flyer or ask library staff for more details!



TARARUA REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme

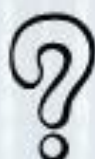
ESCAPE THE LIBRARY!

THINK YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES TO CRACK THE CODE?
JOIN US THESE HOLIDAYS TO SOLVE PUZZLES, BREAK SECRET
CODES, AND CREATE YOUR VERY OWN CIPHER – BUT BE
QUICK... THE CLOCK IS TICKING!

FUN FOR CURIOUS MINDS AGED 8-12
FREE TO ATTEND – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Woodville Library – 06 376 0212

Tuesday 23rd Sep – 12:30–2:30pm &
Wednesday 24th Sep – 12:30–2:30pm



Dannevirke Library – 06 374 4255

Thursday 25th Sep – 10:00–12:00pm
& Friday 26th Sep – 10:00–12:00pm

Eketāhuna Library – 06 376 0114

Monday 29th Sep – 10:40–12:30pm
& Tuesday 30th Sep – 10:40–12:30pm



Pahiatua Library – 06 376 0121

Thursday 2nd Oct – 10:00–12:00pm
& Friday 3rd Oct – 10:00–12:00pm

Please call the number listed above under the library where you'd like to
attend, or email: library@tararuadc.govt.nz to reserve your spot before
Wednesday 17th September

TARARUA REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme



SOLWAY COLLEGE & COMAG PRESENT:
**2025 INTER-SCHOOL
DRESSAGE**
11TH ANNUAL COMPETITION
Prizes & ribbons in all categories

Event Information:

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
WHERE: SOLWAY SHOWGROUNDS MASTERTON
YEARS: YEAR 1 - 13, ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
TESTS: OB, OD, 1A, 1B, 2A & 2B.

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f www.facebook.com/SolwayEquestrianAcademy



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Get ready for an exhilarating and unforgettable quiz night with the one and only Shaun Wallace, the iconic Dark Destroyer from The Chase, touring New Zealand in association with Believe it or Not Quiz Events.

Hosted by the charismatic Will Hall, this isn't just a quiz—it's a night packed with entertainment, high-stakes trivia, and an inspiring purpose, with all proceeds supporting Cure Kids and life-saving child health research.

What's in store:

- Exclusive Q&A with Shaun Wallace – hear behind-the-scenes tales from The Chase and insights into the world of quizzing.
- Six rounds of thrilling trivia – team up and test your knowledge across a variety of topics.
- The Final Chase, live on stage – winning teams will battle Shaun himself!
- Auction & raffles – incredible prizes, all for a great cause

Book your tickets at Ticketmaster now!

Monday 10 November | Masterton
Cophorne Resort Solway Park

A poster for the 'iBIKE 4 KIDS' mountain bike event. The left side features a photo of a young boy in a red and blue cycling jersey and helmet, riding a mountain bike through a wooded area. A circular logo in the top left corner says 'IN PALMY SINCE 2005' with a small bike icon. The right side has a white 'iBIKE 4 KIDS' logo on an orange background. Below the logo, text reads: 'Wicked mountain bike event for every kiwi kid with attitude, energy and wheels!!', 'Victoria Esplanade, Palmerston North', 'Sunday Sept 7th, 2025', 'Entries and more info at www.ibike4kids.co.nz', 'Everyone gets a medal and plenty of spot prizes', 'Schools Participation Prizes', 'Three Mountain Bikes - Major Spot prize', and 'Plenty of mud!'