

Alfredton School

Newsletter Week 2 Term 4 2026



Welcome back to our final term of 2026. I hope that you all had a good holiday with your children. It was wonderful to see their smiling faces again last week.

Mrs Natasha Bond will be leaving Alfredton School at the end of term. She has been appointed Deputy Principal at St Teresa's School in Featherston. Natasha has been at Alfredton for eight years and has been instrumental in the implementation of structured literacy across the school. All our children have been fortunate to have had Natasha teach them and as a result have had the best possible start to their school journey. We will miss Natasha and wish her all the best in her new position.

Next year our staffing remains unchanged – there will be two classes. Tui will be Years 0 to 3 and Huia Years 4 to 8. The 0.8 FTTE position to start term one 2027 will be advertised this week. If you know of any teachers who would be interested, please ask them to contact our school office.

It was wonderful to welcome grandparents to school last Wednesday afternoon. Our children enjoyed playing games, reading stories and completing paper crafts with them.



Friday 30th October is Pets Day. All our children are busy creating their projects ready for indoor judging. Please can you send photos of their pet (without your child) to school as soon as possible. All children are completing this project, if they are not bringing a pet on the day they will need a photo of a pet at home which they can use for their project. Photos can be emailed to Natasha or myself.

They should also bring items for their miniature garden. These need to come to school on the 27th.

The Family Challenge this year is to create a batch of 6 cookies. Please include the recipe and bring them on the morning of Pets Day to the library. Our indoor judges are looking forward to tasting them. When you drop them off, please make sure that either Mrs Harvey or I know which cookies are yours.

In the afternoon our Year 6 / 7 / 8 children will be running games. These will include the ever-popular bottle-o, gumboot throwing, lasso the moo, farmers carry and wet sponge throw. Staff will also be running a tombola and guess the lollies in the jar. Please can you send donations for the bottle-o and tombola to the school office before the 28th. Tickets for games will be sold at the office once all judging is completed.

There will be no afternoon buses on the 30th. Please let your driver know if you are bringing your child to school in the morning.

There are lots of things happening this term. Please check the diary dates and keep an eye out for letters coming home.

Ngā mihi nui

Alison Hill (Tumuaki/Principal)

School Photographs

Online ordering of photos will close off at 9pm on Tuesday 27th October with photos delivered to school by 20th November. Please feel free to contact Belinda if you have any questions, or are unable to view photos online 027 391 1144 or belinda@belindapratt.co.nz

Board News

Our next meeting will be on October 27th at 5pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Our school policies and procedures can be viewed at:

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

Username: Alfredton

Password: mighty

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the following children who received certificates in assembly last week.



Principal's Award



Class Certificates

The MITEY Match – Eden Park

On October 10th Hugo Falloon took part in a record-breaking attempt organised by Sir John Kerwin. 672 young people aged 5–15 and their parents/whānau, took to the field, setting a new official world record for the most participants in a rugby, touch, or mini-tag exhibition match.

The children played a game of touch against sports stars and celebrities including Richie McCaw, Ian Jones, Kennedy Tukuafu, Braxton Sorensen-McGee, Marty Banks, current All Blacks and Black Ferns, TikTok star Louis Davis, and hosts Matt Gibb, Joey Wheeler, and Ric Salizzo (with Anton Leinert-Brown refereeing).

Hugo was one of just over 500 children chosen from the thousands who applied. He and his dad enjoyed their weekend in Auckland and had lots to tell when they returned.



Health Consultation

Every two years the Board consults with our community about our health curriculum. A survey link was sent home last week. If you have not yet completed the survey, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible. Here is the link to the survey.

<https://forms.gle/7RgCwYvZWrdncqc6>

Reindeer Run – Look out for more information coming soon!

This event will be organised by our Year 7 and 8's as part of their community service for the William Pike Challenge.



Dates for your Diary

Please check these dates as they can change.

Term Four

22nd October Y7 / 8 WPC Te Ahu a Turanga walk

30th October Pets Day

6th November Day at Pūkaha Mount Bruce (with Mauriceville School)

13th November Teacher Only Day

18th November Rural Schools Athletics

19th November Years 1 - 6 Swimming in Masterton (with Mauriceville School)

25th November Y7/8 WPC Off the Loop

27th November Bush Athletics

3rd December Ki o Rahi Tournament in Dannevirke

9th December Year 8 Leavers Trip

10th December Christmas Parties

11th December Christmas Tree Night and Prizegiving / Final Day of Term

Year 7 and 8 Technology

Term 4: 5th & 19th November and 3rd December

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>