



WHANAU NEWS KOTAHITANGA



Term 3, 2022

Welcome back for Term 3!

Welcome back Kotahitanga whānau!

A huge welcome to Mrs Nand and Mrs Lockett who will be taking over in Room 11 this term as Miss Lammie embarks on her OE adventures. As we enter into the second half of our year we need to ensure that work habits and expectations are being met so that the learning and work produced is reflective of the abilities we all have. This will require learners to be responsible with meeting all deadlines, checking in with their teacher if they are unsure about a concept, organising their time effectively and most importantly giving all work their best effort.

Kia ora to all the whānau who came to the parent/teacher interviews, after being away for so long it was great to meet everyone and discuss the steps moving forward for our akonga. It is also very impressive to see learners taking the opportunity to use the quiet spaces during lunch break to complete tasks - this shows responsibility and an understanding that time management is a key to their success.

It is lovely to welcome back our parents/caregivers and whānau on to the school site, however, due to health and safety requirements entering the classroom is still not permitted unless prior arrangements have been made. Should you wish to talk with your child's teacher, they are available via email or phone call for you to make a time to meet.

Whānau Assembly - Years 5-8: (not starting until Week 6)

Kotahitanga team assemblies will begin on Friday 2nd September (Week 6), due to our team attending gymnastics on a Friday. In lieu of the first two whānau assemblies we will send out a 'Kotahitanga News' (5th and 19th August) so that you are still hearing about our learning and having the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful learners.

We look forward to you joining us in the PAC again in Week 6.

Term Dates 2022

TERM 3

Monday 25 July - Friday
30th September

TERM 4

Monday 17th October -
Thursday 15th December

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School hours:

We ask that all learners be at school by 8.30am each day to prepare for their school day.

8.45am:
Learning starts

Week	Rooms
Week 6 Friday	11, 12 and 9
Week 8 Friday	8, 10, 13 and 14
Week 10 Friday	Whole whānau round up

Upcoming Events in Term 3

School Production

We have had three sessions now with Emma Bishop our production director and have started our production journey with a bang! The learners have been very excited and are looking forward to experiencing the performing art through a school production. All learners involved in the school production of Moana Jnr. will attend learning sessions every Monday and Wednesday afternoon to learn new skills/knowledge around dance, drama and music. For all other learners, who are not involved in the production, they will also experience the performing arts through exciting teacher directed workshops.

Show dates and times are yet to be confirmed but please watch this space for more information.

If you have time or a skill in lighting, sound, sewing or maybe you are just creative, we would welcome your offer of help. Please contact Mrs Claire Galvin c.galvin@alfriston.school.nz we would love to hear from you.

William Pike Challenge (WPC)

We have two trips planned for this term. The tentative dates are Tuesday 16 August, week 4 and Tuesday 20 September, week 9. Keep an eye out for more information over the next couple of weeks.

WPC learners are expected to keep up with logging their Community Service and Passion Project hours.

Gymnastics (Fridays; Week 2, 3, 4 and 5)

We have the wonderful opportunity to use the complex at Bruce Pulman Park. Each class will require parental support to monitor the activities so please sign up where you can. We still require parent support to ensure this can happen. Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you can help.

East Counties Country Schools (ECCS) Sport

Cross Country - our school team will be competing at Te Puru Park in Beachlands (Week 3) and our selected Netball players who attended the trial in Term 2 will compete in Week 4. We will be looking at starting Athletics trials this term in order to be prepared for the event which will be held in term 4. Learners will need to be aware of notices if they want to be involved.

10.15-10.45am
Morning tea break

12:30-1:20
Lunch break

2.45pm
School finishes

Gates remain open until
3.00pm daily

Kindo

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At Alfriston School, we offer an **online payment option** for parents and caregivers. **This method of payment (called Kindo) is available for all beginning of the year stationery, school fees and donations and purchasing of school uniform..** Parents and caregivers can now make school orders and payments without the need to come into the school office.

Kindo Access is via the School website

1. Go to the school website & payment tab.

Link Here

2. Click on the KINDO link

3. If you are signing in for the first time you will need to create an account.

Sports camp:

Unfortunately, this opportunity will no longer be available due to the low number of student applications and not being able to provide enough parental assistance for this event to take place. Fortunately, we were successful in securing a place for our school in next year's sports camp.

Year 7,8 Camp/EOTC:

We are still looking to confirm a venue and are considering our options. Parents will be kept informed as decisions are made.

Our focus for Term 3 Learning

Literacy Focus	Mathematics Focus	Integrated Learning
<u>Daily Reading</u> Practising our reading strategies such as skim and scan, reorganisation, visualising and predicting. Include the use of Non-fiction texts and continuing to read daily for at least 20 minutes. Novel studies in year 5-6	<u>Algebra</u> Linear equations, quadrant plains, formulas + expressions, sequencing <u>Statistics</u> graphs, data gathering, data analysis	<u>Science/Technology</u> Living World and Nature of Science explored through a sustainability focus. <u>The Arts</u> Performing Arts: Dance, Drama and Music
<u>Writing</u> Narrative, Speech writing, Poetry, Procedural	<u>Number</u> Number Knowledge and Strategies with a particular focus on fractions, decimals and percentages	<u>Physical Education</u> Large ball skills (Basketball, Soccer, Netball, Kī o Rahi) Gymnastic skills

Home Learning Expectations

This year, each teacher in the Kotahitanga whānau will set their own home learning expectations based on the identified needs of their learners.

All Year 5-8 learners are encouraged to use their time at home to talk with you about what they are learning in class, spend time playing outside or on a screen-free hobby, and to read for enjoyment for at least 20 minutes a day. It is widely accepted that these three behaviours are associated with improved academic achievement.

Some learners may also be expected to use their own time to complete classwork if they have been given adequate time in class and it is not up to their expected effort.

**KISS
&
GO
LANE**

The kiss and go lane is for drivers to move swiftly through. If you need to get out of your car, you will need to park in the bay that runs alongside the 'kiss and go' lane.

Values

*Respect
Kindness
Trustworthiness
Honesty
Acceptance
Fairness
Pride
Cooperation*

We encourage our students to model the Alfriston School values to the younger children in the school.

Reminders



Seesaw is an online portfolio that allows parents to see their student's learning. Parents can also 'like' and comment on their child's learning. If you have not already joined up, please make contact with your child's teacher for a code.

Absent students

Please remember to call the office to advise if your child is away from school for the day and why. These could be for reasons such as being sick, dental visit, COVID, isolation, holiday etc.

Birthday Treats

As communicated previously, Alfriston School requests that NO birthday sweets/treats are shared amongst the students. Alfriston School is committed to promoting healthy eating. If treats are sent to school, teachers will send these home with the learner in the afternoon. We appreciate you working with us on this matter.

School Uniform

Now that we are back into a new school term we expect that all children will be in the correct school uniform. Girls may wear black tights if they are cold and boys are to wear long black socks. (no leggings for boys). This includes our PE/Sports uniform - no other options apart from the correct uniform please. If your child is not able to wear the correct uniform, they will need to bring in a note to give to the office to receive a uniform pass.

During the winter term, we sell Alfriston School Beanies from the office. If you would like to purchase one, you can do so through our Alfriston School website. We have an Alfriston School jacket, which can be purchased as an additional layer for learners outside of the classroom.

Uniform requirements

- Fully black leather shoes (winter/summer)
- Black socks (long or short)
- Hair must be tied up if below the collar using black, brown, white or navy hair ties.
- Nail polish is not permissible
- Earrings must be small gold or silver studs only
- Students wearing vests/singlets/thermals must ensure that they are not visible

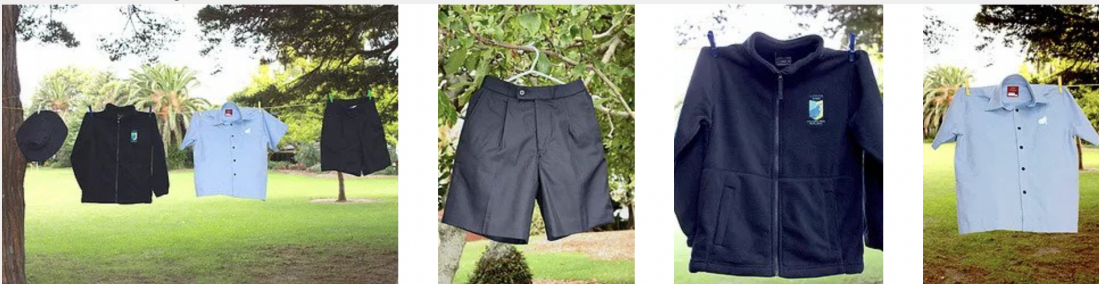
Year 0-6 Boys Uniform



Year 0-6 Girls Uniform



Year 7-8 Boys Uniform



Year 7-8 Girls Uniform

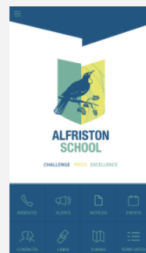


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