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eNEWS

Every Tui Has A Song Nga Tui He Waiata

05.08.22 Week 2 Term 3

Kia Ora from Mrs Cook

It is wonderful to be able to open today's newsletter with some feedback from relievers and visitors to our school this week. Comments like *'What a lovely school'*, *'You should be very proud of your school'*, *'Your learners are wonderful'*, *'I look forward to coming back to Alfriston School'*.

We ARE very proud of our school and we too have noticed how settled the learners are this term. One example of this was on Thursday when we had a fire drill. The learners were very sensible when moving to our assembly point and within 5 minutes of returning back to class learners were fully engaged in their learning. OUTSTANDING :)

VISION AND VALUES COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Our Vision and Values Community Consultation survey will be emailed out to all whānau on Monday. Please check your emails and we would really value you taking the time to share your thoughts and feelings with us. We really want the Alfriston School vision and values to represent our whole school community.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Board Elections Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Arthur Chung, Paul Firth, Stu Hunter, Binu Rajendran, Paul Tonkin

Have an absolutely fantastic weekend and we look forward to Week 3.

Ngā mihi

Carla Cook

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Upcoming Opportunities

Whānau Assemblies

Tupu Tahi assemblies on Friday at 8.50am - Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10

Kotahitanga assemblies on Friday at 9.45am - Weeks 6, 8, and 10 (due to gymnastics).

These assembly dates and times are on our school parent calendar.

Production update...

Learners have now been emersed in the performing arts through the school production, with auditions for lead roles taking place on Wednesday. The learners are showing how enthusiastic and capable they are and we hope to be able to share show days and dates with you very soon.



Cultural Groups



Calling all parents who would be interested in organising and running a cultural group at Alfriston School.

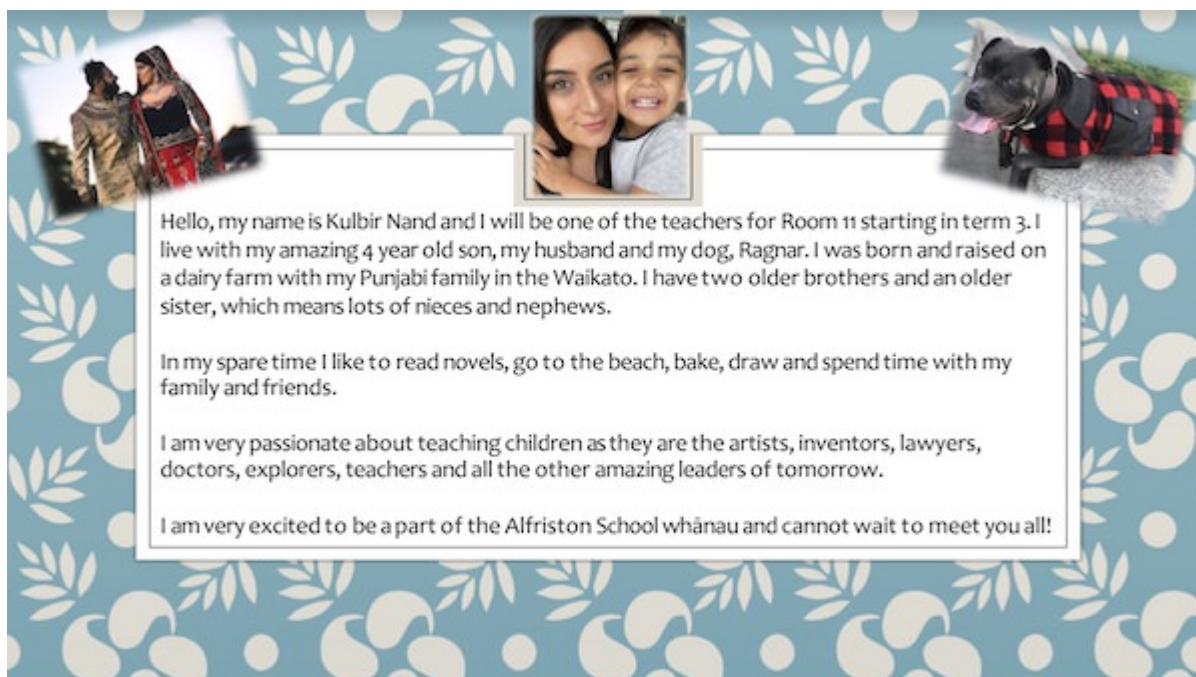
Alongside our Kapa haka group, we would like to offer our learners the opportunity to join other cultural groups. For this to happen, we would love to have some parent input and help. If this sounds like something you might be interested in, please contact Karla Johnson at




karlajohnson@alfriston.school.nz .

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Staff Profile



Hello, my name is Kulbir Nand and I will be one of the teachers for Room 11 starting in term 3. I live with my amazing 4 year old son, my husband and my dog, Ragnar. I was born and raised on a dairy farm with my Punjabi family in the Waikato. I have two older brothers and an older sister, which means lots of nieces and nephews.

In my spare time I like to read novels, go to the beach, bake, draw and spend time with my family and friends.

I am very passionate about teaching children as they are the artists, inventors, lawyers, doctors, explorers, teachers and all the other amazing leaders of tomorrow.

I am very excited to be a part of the Alfriston School whānau and cannot wait to meet you all!

Class News

Room 1

Room 1 finished off the last term creating some amazing artworks. They were busy working on their art skills by using different materials and techniques. Learners created landscapes with watercolour paints. They had to be very patient creating these artworks and talked about mixing, brushstrokes, value of the paint colours, foregrounds and backgrounds. You can see these artworks on display in Room 1.



Room 1 also spent a week learning all about Matariki. The students learnt about the stars that make up the Matariki cluster and some of the different myths and legends about Matariki. Room 1 also enjoyed learning about the Northern Lights. They ended the week by creating some artworks of the Matariki cluster and the Northern Lights. Here are some of the artworks.



Room 2

Gymnastics

This week we had our very first session of gymnastics. We teamed up with Room 2 and traveled by bus to Bruce Pullman. We began with a warm-up learning the tuck sit, L-shape and straddle. Then, we had a go using these skills on the equipment in groups and rotated around the stations. We learnt that good gymnasts are quiet, meaning that we need to make sure our movements are slow and careful.



PE rotations

The Year 3/4 classes have begun PE rotations. Each teacher is teaching a different sport. These include basketball, netball, touch rugby and soccer. For the rotations, the classes rotate around and do two sessions per week. We had so much fun! We made sure we participated, played fairly and showed good sportsmanship.



Writing

In Writing, we are building up to writing our own fantasy narratives. We have been focusing on designing and describing characters for our fantasy stories. We created magical characters and used adjectives to describe their inside and outside features. Then, we wrote our descriptions in order to paint a picture in the reader's mind of what the character looks like, feels like and acts like. We created characters such as fairies, angels, three-headed snakes, snowmen, talking cats and dragons.



Topic

For Topic we have been learning about the 2022 Commonwealth games held in Birmingham this year. We learned about the history of it, what happens at the Commonwealth games and what sports are played. Then, we selected different countries in the Commonwealth and worked in groups to research them. Next, we created posters to show this information. Our research into the countries involved finding what currency is used in the country, the climate, traditional vocabulary, and more. They look incredible displayed in our classroom!

Celebrations

PAST LEARNER'S SPORTING SUCCESS

Ex Alfriston School Head Girl Brooke Fonoti is currently representing the NZ Womens Youth water polo team at the World Champs in Serbia. After wins over Serbia and Croatia Brooke and her team have qualified for the top eight! Here's a photo of Brooke defending a goal against Serbia



CURRENT LEARNER'S SPORTING SUCCESS

Koby in Room 8 recently played in the Harbour Basketball invitational. She was in the Under 11 Rep team for the Franklin area and they came FIRST! Congratulations Koby :)



Upcoming Events

Parent Assemblies: Friday's - Even Weeks

Tupu Tahi (Year 0-4) assembly - 8.50am (19 August, 2 September, 16 September, 30 September)

Kotahitanga (Year 5-8) assembly - 9.45am (starting Week 6 due to gymnastics - 2 September, 16 September, 30 September))

Family and Friends Meeting

Tuesday 6th September, 7.00pm - in the staffroom

All parents / caregivers welcome - this is an opportunity to get to know other whānau and to be a part of our school community.

Other News & Reminders

LATENESS

As previously indicated it is vital learners are onsite and ready to start the day by 8.45am. The first 15 minutes of the school day set learners up for success. We are currently tracking lateness and will be in touch with whānau we are concerned about.

Family & Friends News

Second-Hand Uniform Shop Re-opened

A big thank you to our fantastic Family & Friends team who have committed to reopening the second-hand uniform shop (the boiler shed). This will be open for purchasing second-hand uniforms every **Wednesday 2.30-3.00pm**. Please contact the school office if you have any uniforms to donate.



WELCOME
HAERE MAI

★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Welcome to:

We welcome back Harsurit Kaur who has joined Room 13.

Azaaleah Dowling, Tyler Riesterer, Jerry Zhong, Aaniya Ram, Rocco Davies, Manraaj Singh, Tyler-Laurel Mapa, Madison McKillop, Nikita Person, Caitlin Dorasamy, John Wanihi, Harkirat Sidhu, Manikin Penney, Noah Hunter, Amy Cullen, Dakshith Yachamaneni, Reuben Brown, Fiona Naivaluvou.

2022 TERM DATES:

TERM 1

Thursday 3rd February - Thursday 14th April

TERM 2

Tuesday 3rd May - Friday 8th July

Thursday 23rd June - Teacher Only Day

TERM 3

Monday 25th July - Friday 30th September

TERM 4

Monday 17th October - Thursday 15th December

Teacher Only Day - Friday 21st October

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

10.15am - 10.45am: Morning tea break

12.30pm - 1.15pm: Lunch break

2.45pm: School finishes

Gates remain open until 3.15pm daily



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