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ADMIN NEWS



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Kia ora and welcome to the latest addition of our Alfriston School Admin News.

As Mrs Galvin and I were leaving school on Friday we both couldn't believe this coming week was Week 5 of Term 4! I guess the saying time flies when you are having fun is quite accurate.

The fun is going to continue so please make sure you check the Term 4 calendar at the bottom of this Admin News. Mrs Atherton is amazing at providing reminders and updates on our Alfriston School facebook page, so I encourage you to join this.

STAFFING UPDATES

The end of the year often brings changes in staffing and this year we will be farewelling a few people. While it is sad to see people go we know that in teaching and life sometimes change is necessary.

Miss Mouncey, currently teaching in Room 2, will be leaving at the end of the year as she is moving to Orakei and taking up a position at Diocesan School for Girls in the Junior School. Miss Mouncey started her teaching career at Alfriston School and has been committed to developing her teaching practice and prioritising learner hauora/wellbeing. Miss Mouncey has connected with learners of all ages and we know she will be missed by many.



Mrs Wright, and her gorgeous 3 children, will be leaving Alfriston School at the end of the year as they are shifting out of Auckland. Mrs Wright has worked part time in Room 5 and she too will be missed greatly. We thank Mrs Wright for her efforts in the classroom and also with all things Enviro.



The next staff member is moving sideways :) Mrs Phillips has made the decision to move from a full time classroom teacher role to a C.R.T. and relieving role. As many of you will know Mrs Phillips children live in Australia and now that she has a beautiful grandson in Aus she is wanting the flexibility to have family time often. We are pleased to be able to accomodate Mrs Phillips wishes and to be able to benefit from her teaching strengths and positive learner relationships.



STAFF APPOINTMENTS FOR 2025

The first person to be joining the Alfriston School Teaching team may look familiar.....Miss Gemma Pater has very recently completed an eight week teaching practicum in Te Tupu Ria with Miss Groom. Gemma loved her time at Alfriston School and we are very excited to have Gemma joining us. She is a very positive, caring person who is committed to ensuring all learners achieve and progress.



The second teacher joining us is Fiona Anderson who is currently teaching at Bairds Mainfreight School. Fiona is an experienced teacher with a bubbly, positive personality. She is looking forward to getting to know everyone and being a part of the Alfriston School community.



2024 DATES

REMINDER: School finishes at 12pm on Fri 20 December

2025 DATES

TERM 1 DATES:

START DATE - MON 3 FEBRUARY
FINISH DATE - FRI 11 APRIL

TERM 2 DATES:

START DATE - MON 28 APRIL
FINISH DATE - FRI 27 JUNE

TERM 3 DATES:

START DATE - MON 14 JULY
FINISH DATE - FRI 19 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4 DATES:

START DATE - MON 6 OCTOBER
FINISH DATE - WEDS 17 DECEMBER

2 X M.O.E. CURRICULUM DAYS (T.O.D)

FRIDAY 30TH MAY (TERM 2)
FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER (TERM 4)

UNIFORM

PURCHASING UNIFORM 2025

The office will be open on the 29th and 30th of January from 2.00pm - 6.00pm. Order on kindo and then come and pick up.

Our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

The last date for opening the 2024 school year is Wednesday 4th December.

ATTENDANCE

We have a number of whānau requesting permission to travel overseas, particularly finishing prior to the end of the year.

Please be aware this is not something we as a school can approve.

The Ministry of Education expects all learners to be at school when school is open for instruction.

Time away from school can impact on learner progress and achievement.

THANK YOU

As mentioned at the beginning of this newsletter there has been a lot happening this term. I want to thank staff and whānau for their time and effort. The following activities and events couldn't have happened with people's help and support:

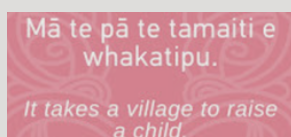
***Year 4-8 Athletics Day** - Thank you to those that helped timing on the finish line and a huge thank you to Eric Sila who set the athletics event up for us early on Monday morning.

***Jump Jam Nationals** - Thank you to Mrs Bamola and Miss Groom for all the time they put into training our Jump Jam teams and accompanying them to Tauranga this weekend. Also thank you to the caregivers for taking the learners to Tauranga for the event.

***Mini Fair** - Thank you to Mrs Towgood and the Intermediate team (teachers and learners) for organising and running a fantastic lunchtime event on Friday. Also thank you to the caregivers who provided baking and other goods to sell at the event.

***Sports Events** - Thank you to the coaches and managers who prepared our teams for basketball and touch rugby and supervised on the day. Thank you also to the caregivers who have helped with transport. Also a big thank you to Mrs Collins and Mr Virk for all their organisation to ensure our learners can attend.

***Friends and Family Support** - Thank you to the parents that helped at powhiri, donut day, second hand uniform shop. You have been fully involved all year and we truly thank you for your time and effort.



WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND INVOLVEMENT OVER THE NEXT SIX WEEKS

TERM 4 – 2024

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	11 Electives Yr 4-8 start (1.15pm-2.30pm)	12	13 Hunua Cultural festival at Drury School	14 Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm)	15 Whānau Assembly 1.45pm
6	18 Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm)	19	20	21 Sausage sizzle Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm)	22 Tupu Tahi Dress Up Day
7	25 Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm)	26 Tupu Tahi Athletics Day	27	28 Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm)	29 Alfriston College learner experience day
8	2 Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm)	3	4 Second-hand Uniform Shop Open Life Ed – Whanaungatanga	5 Electives Yr 4-8 (1.15pm-2.30pm) Year 8 Graduation Event	6 School Fun Run event – during school time
9	9 Life Ed – Whanaungatanga BOT Mtg 6pm	10 End of Year Picnic/Show –Time to Shine 4.30pm Whole Family Fun	11	12 8:15 am Friends and Family Meeting	13 End of Year Prize Givings Yr 0-3 9 am Yr 4-8 11 am
10	16	17	18	19 Visit 2025 teacher 9.00am	20 Alfriston's Got Talent Last day of school 12pm finish