Family and Friends of Alfriston School Term 1 2025 - Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO 2025 WITH THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF ALFRISTON SCHOOL.

On the 4th of February the Family and Friends group met for the first time this year. We set dates and discussed different events and targets for 2025.
Our aim is still the same: A group of voluntary Parents communicating closely and regularly with the management, Board and staff of the school so that we can all work effectively towards achieving common goals for our learners.
THE LEARNERS ARE AT THE CENTRE OF ALL WE DO!

Here is a snapshot of what we have planned for this year!

Below are the meeting dates for this year. Please come along and see what we are all about!

FAMILY AND FRIENDS MEETING DATES 2025:

Location: Staffroom

Term 1:
4th Feb 7 pm
10th April 8:15 am

Term 2:
29th April 7 pm
26th June 8:15 am

Term 3:
15th July 7 pm
12th September 8:15 am

Term 4:
7th October 7 PM
11th December 8:15 am

Second Hand Uniforms are available from the **Boiler Shed**. (Behind the Alfriston Community Hall, adjacent to the school)
Every first Wednesday of

Why do we have a Family and Friends group?

- To assist the school with fundraising
- To encourage fellowship among parents, teachers, learners and the community
- To enable parents, teachers and community the opportunity to formally discuss areas of interest
- To assist the school with activities where parent involvement is required
- To provide a channel through which parents can have a voice

Here is a list of what we are working towards this year!

- ❑ Electronic sign- Out the front of the school where the current sign is
- ❑ Skirts for our Kapa Haka group
- ❑ Sandpit-large size- we are in the process of quotes for this
- ❑ More picnic tables and umbrellas
- ❑ Reading Nook
- ❑ Enrichment Classes- Resources for the class
- ❑ Sports Equipment
- ❑ Library Dividers
- ❑ Another speaker system for large events- we have already purchased 1
- ❑ If you have any ideas of what you think we should fundraise for then please feel free to contact Mrs Atherton.

Sandpit Toys- A time to enjoy the Summer weather!

To start off the year the Family and Friends used some of the money raised last year to buy some new toys for the sandpit.
The sandpit has been extremely popular since school started back this year and the range of learners using it vary from Year 0 all the way up to Year 8. It's been a great way for learners to form relationships with others and our younger learners have really enjoyed the older learners playing with them. Currently we are looking to extend the sandpit so more learners can play in it. We look forward to seeing the end result of this! We will be sure to keep you updated.

the month from 2:30 - 3.00 pm.

Opening dates:

- 5th February
- 5th March
- 2nd April
- 7th May
- 4th June
- 16th July
- 6th August
- 3rd September
- 8th October
- 5th November
- 3rd December

If you are available to help in the shop, please contact Jessica Atherton (Room 4 Teacher) at jatherton@alfriston.school.nz

We welcome any donations of used uniforms that you no longer require.

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Have you found and 'liked' our Facebook Page?

Scan the QR code below and join the rest of the school community being kept up to date with what's happening in the Amazing Alfriston environment. Including updates from the Friends and Family group about different events that are happening.

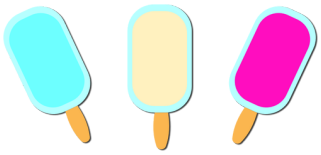
Term 1 Events for 2025

Event	Information/Dates etc
Powhiri for 2025 To welcome new students and families. 	We had our very first Powhiri for 2025 on the 1st day of the school year and it ran beautifully. We welcomed so many new learners and their Whanau and the Family and Friends put on kai for them afterwards. We do this to bind the Tangata Whenua (us) and the Manuhiri (visitors) together so they can merge as one group. We always require Whanau to assist with plates of Kai and to help serve for this event so please feel free to contact Mrs Atherton if you are able to assist throughout the year. The Powhiri happens termly and is always a nice way to engage with others in our school community and welcome those new learners and Whanau to our amazing school.
Holiday Hamper Raffle 	The information for this was sent home in week 3 with every learner. A copy of the information can be found on the school website and Facebook page. You can also read this on our F and F window outside the Staffroom. This is our largest fundraiser for the year and has been super successful in the past. You can support us by selling raffle tickets for our Holiday Hampers. This year there will be 20 Hampers to win and a grand prize draw which is a 2025 signed Warriors Jersey! Every raffle ticket sold will go into the draw for the grand prize. The class that generates the most sales will receive a prize also. This is a movie in the PAC with ice blocks and popcorn. **Key dates for the Raffle:** ● **Wednesday 19th March**- Mufti Day for hamper items to be brought in by the learners. Please see the items listed below for each year level. ● **Monday 31st March-**All raffle money and tickets to be brought back to school. ● **Friday 4th April-** Holiday Hamper Raffle Draw happening at the Whanau Assembly held in the afternoon. ● **Wednesday 9th April-** All Hampers are to be collected from the office by this date before the Term 1 holidays begin ***Below is a list of what each year level needs to bring on the set mufti day.***

SCAN ME

Year 0,1	Snack foods - Boxes of muesli bars, nuts, dried fruit, chips, popcorn
Year 2	Packets of mousse, jelly, meal makers (Maggi cook in the pot/ veggie bake)
Year 3	Cereal, dried pasta, uncooked rice, etc.
Year 4	A tin of fruit, vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti, or meal condiment (i.e. pasta sauce, just add...).
Year 5	Box or packet of crackers, biscuits, slice or loaf (must be in sealed packets not freshly baked) Or Toiletries such as shampoo, bodywash, soap, tissues and toothpaste.
Year 6	Jar of pickles, olives, cocktail onions, sun-dried tomatoes or chutneys/pickles, or spreads (Jam, Marmite/Vegemite, peanut butter etc.) Or Toiletries such as shampoo, bodywash, soap, tissues and toothpaste.
Year 7	Something sweet, like chocolates, biscuits, or lollies Or Toiletries such as shampoo, bodywash, soap, tissues and toothpaste.
Year 8	A bottle of something to drink. This can be a soft drink, cordial or juice (not fresh). No Alcoholic beverages please. Toiletries such as shampoo, bodywash, soap, tissues and toothpaste.

Ice Blocks



This Term we will be having a one off ice block day. This will be happening on Friday 21st March. Ice blocks will be delivered to classes before lunchtime.
You can order these on KINDO. Orders will be cut off at 2pm on the 20th March.
A great way to keep enjoying Summer even though Autumn is on its way.

How can you help?

If you can assist with any of the following events we have planned for this term we would be very grateful. Please get in touch with Mrs Atherton jatherton@alfriston.school.nz

Second Hand Uniform Shop

We are in need of donations of school uniforms that are now surplus to your requirements. If you have any items that you no longer require then please hand them into the office or to Mrs Atherton in Room 4. We would be very appreciative of these items for our shop.
Please also don't forget to visit the shop on the days it is open throughout the school terms. The dates for this can be found on the right hand column of this newsletter. It's a great way to get uniform items at a fraction of the cost.

OUR NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY 10TH APRIL AT 8:15AM IN THE STAFFROOM! PLEASE COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT!

Come to a meeting!

All parents are warmly invited and encouraged to be part of the Friends and Family of Alfriston School group. We are always looking for more support and it's a great way for you to meet new people and to stay informed and connected with school happenings. Meetings are held twice a term and your involvement and support is valued, no matter how big or small. You can attend in person or on Zoom. If you require the zoom link for a particular meeting then please feel free to email Mrs Atherton on the email below and she will send it to you prior to the meeting. If you cannot attend meetings and you're willing to help out 'on the day' of an event, we welcome the extra hands! If you are able to help with anything it would like more information, then please contact Jessica Atherton at jatherton@alfriston.school.nz

Keep updated with what's going on by using our Family and Friends information window located on the Staff Room window facing towards the PAC.

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