

A community of learners supporting each other to ensure everyone reaches their full potential.

ADMIN NEWS

As we come to the end of Term 1 it is an opportunity to reflect and celebrate the start of the school year. A few highlights for me:

- Having the opportunity to work alongside our ERO reviewers and allowing them to see what makes Alfriston School unique and successful
- Having so many family members involved in school life - through Electives, Trips, Sports, Cultural Groups etc
- Working alongside such dedicated, supportive staff
- Spending each day with children that love learning and strive to improve and achieve to their full potential

ERO VISIT

In Week 7 we welcomed Carol Bashford and Greg Tucker our Education Reviewers to school. Over the course of the visit the reviewers spent time with our Board Presiding Member, learners, staff and school leaders. It was a very positive experience and we look forward to receiving our report in the near future. We will share it with you as soon as it is available 😊

BOARD ELECTION YEAR

2025 is a Board Election year! In Mid July we will be calling for nominations and in September you will have the opportunity to vote for 5 parent representatives. Now is the time to find out about becoming a School Board Member, I will share snippets of information in the next few newsletters.

You can also chat to myself (Mrs Cook), Mrs Galvin or our Presiding Member Paul Firth to find out what's involved.

What is a School Board?

Every state and state-integrated school/kura in New Zealand is governed by a school board (formerly known as a board of trustees). The school board is a crown entity – that is, an organisation that is part of the New Zealand public sector.

What do boards do? The board has overall responsibility and accountability for the school/kura. School board's legal responsibilities are determined by the Education and Training Act 2020. The Act sets out boards' four primary objectives.

These are ensuring student achievement for all of its students, including for those of differing needs, making sure the school is a safe place for all, and giving effect to the Treaty of Waitangi. As part of its focus on these four objectives, boards' responsibilities include:

- Setting the strategic direction for the school
- Protecting the school's values
- Monitoring and evaluating student learning outcomes
- Approving policies
- Financial stewardship
- Building community engagement and support

It's important to note that the board does NOT get involved in the day-to-day running of the school



ALFRISTON SCHOOL

CHALLENGE
PRIDE
EXCELLENCE
EMPATHY

2025 DATES

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)

KINDO LINK

We are a cashless school - please [login to kindo](#) to make payments

ATTENDANCE

Attendance is one of the government's priorities in education. Our attendance data is monitored daily. Please remember to notify the school if your child is absent and the reason for absence.

We record all lateness also - please aim to be at school at 8.30am so that your child has time to settle before learning starts for the day.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

We have put many dates on our school calendar - this is available on our school website or [LINKED](#) here.

Dates for the whole school year are on this calendar - check out End of Year Events nowthese are important celebrations :)

IMPORTANT: FRONT GATE

Please do not use the carpark as a Kiss n Go lane - the designated lane is available and much safer.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

School Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	28 3rd Cohort Entry Date	29 F and F meeting 7pm staffroom	30	1	2
Week 2	5	6 F and F World Asthma Fundraiser- Pyjama Day	7 NE School visit #5 Second Hand Uniform Shop open 2.30pm	8 Science in a Van - 9.00am Yr 0/3 11.00am Yr 4-8	9 ECCS Rugby Trial (Selected Students)
Week 3	12 Harrison Tew Lockdown Practice	13	14 NE School visit #6	15	16 Pink Shirt Day
Week 4	19	20	21 Netball Fun Day-ECCS Happy B'Day Mrs Bamola (Rm 6)	22	23 ECCS Rugby Practise (Selected Students) Whanau Assembly
Week 5	26 4th Cohort Entry Date	27 Counties Rugby (Selected Students)	28	29 Progress Reports sent home	30 Curriculum Day - no school for learners
Week 6	Kings Birthday 2	3 Three-way Conferences: School Finishes 12pm	4 Second Hand Uniform Shop open 2.30pm	5 Three-way Conferences 3.30pm onwards	6 Kotahitanga WPC EOTC Adrenaline Forest
Week 7	9	10	11 NE School visit #7	12 Tupu Tahi (Yrs 0-3) MOTAT visit	13 F and F Donut Day
Week 8	16	17	18 NE School visit #8	19 Matariki House Event	Matariki 20
Week 9	23	24	25 Happy B'Day Mrs Johnson(Rm 1)	26 F and F meeting - 8:15 am staffroom	27 Whanau Assembly

The above calendar will be updated throughout the term. Keep an eye on our school website for new and important dates 😊

Most Important Dates for Term 2

3rd and 5th June - Three Way Conferences: An opportunity for you, your child and your child's teacher to celebrate the progress your child has made; both academic and personal development.

We are aiming for 100% attendance at these conferences.

