

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

ADMIN NEWS

TERM FOUR, WEEK 8

BOARD NEWS

I would like to introduce our elected Board Members to you all. These people have already attended two meetings and are enjoying learning about the role of a school board. I look forward to working alongside them over the next 3 years.



Paul Firth
(Presiding Member)



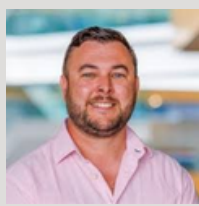
Arthur Chung
(Parent Representative)



Amani Mashal
(Parent Representative)



Asher Finlayson
(Parent Representative)



Alastair Turnbull
(Parent Representative)



Claire Galvin
(Staff Representative)

Some information to share after our meeting on Monday evening:

FINANCE: Our accountant Jeff Stirling attended the meeting and gave the board an overview of the school's financial position, highlighted information to focus on in the monthly financial reports and answered questions to assist everyone in gaining understanding and confidence. Our Annual Report is published on our school website after each audit visit, you are welcome to view these.

PROPERTY:

- We are pleased to share that our two 'pour n play' surfaces have been remedied and are of a much better standard.
- Over the Summer break most classes will be getting new carpet and the PAC will be completed in the April school holidays.
- Over the Summer break the PAC roof will be repaired. This has been a work in progress for many years so we are thrilled to have a date locked in.
- On Monday our Property Project Manager is meeting a potential contractor for the much needed pool works. We look forward to the pool repair work getting underway.

GIVING EFFECT TO TE TIRITI O WAITANGI:

The board has spoken about this announcement / decision and other recent govt announcements and we want to reassure you that we will always continue to do what is right for our learners and our community.

We are very proud of the progress we have made as a school in the area of Cultural Responsiveness and we will be continue to embed and develop practices that honour Te Tiriti O Waitangi and support equitable outcomes for all ākonga.



ALFRISTON SCHOOL

CHALLENGE
PRIDE
EXCELLENCE
EMPATHY

2025 FINISH INFO

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 12PM ON
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025

2026 DATES

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF
START DATE

TERM 1 DATES:

Start Date - Mon 3rd February
Finish Date - Thur 2nd April

TERM 2 DATES:

Start Date - Mon 20th April
Finish Date - Fri 3rd July

TERM 3 DATES:

Start Date - Mon 20th July
Finish Date - Fri 25th September

TERM 4 DATES:

Start Date - Mon 12th October
Finish Date - Fri 11th December
(12pm)

OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on
Wednesday 28th and Thursday
29th January from 2pm - 6pm.

This is an opportunity for you to
collect uniform and for whānau to
ask any questions they have.

KINDO

We are a cashless school -
please login to KINDO to make
payments (Click pic for link).

Payments for 2026 stationery,
uniform, donation and activity
fee will be loaded on to kindo.

kindo.

I am pleased to announce that we are fully staffed, and very little movement, for 2026 😊 Learners will visit their new class/teacher on Tuesday 16th of December.

2026 Alfriston School Staffing		
OFFICE	Jane Keys and Narelle Cleur	
CARETAKER	Mike Beehre	
LEARNING ASSISTANTS	Brittany O'Sullivan, Olivia Cottle and Carolyn Norris	
SENCO	Shona Scott (2 days per week)	
CRT / RELEASE TEACHERS	Shona Scott, George Glover , Errol Benjamin, Michelle Major, Meaghan Cometti,	
SENIOR LEADERS	Principal - Carla Cook	Deputy Principal - Claire Galvin
TUPU TAHI TEAM YEARS 0-3	Year 0/1 (Rm 15) - Jen Groom (Whānau Leader)	Year 0/1 (Rm 16) - Charise Ritchie
	Year 2 (Rm 2) - Gemma Pater	Year 2 (Rm 14) - Jessica Atherton
	Year 3 (Rm 1) - Karla Johnson / Jean Luck	Year 3 (Rm 3) - Zahira Salajee
WHANAUNGATANGA TEAM YEARS 4-6	Year 6 (Rm 11) - Aman Virk (Whānau Leader)	Year 6 (Rm 12) - Elyse Aupa'au
	Year 5 (Rm 6) - Rosie Bamola	Year 5 (Rm 13) - Marja van der Meulen
	Year 4 (Rm 5) - Sharni Truman/Penny Cheketri	Year 4 (Rm 4) - Gabby Ryan
KOTAHITANGA TEAM YEARS 7-8	Year 8 (Rm 7) - Heather Collins (Whānau Leader)	Year 8 (Rm 10) - Melanie Melville
	Year 7 (Rm 8) - Kate Towgood	Year 7 (Rm 9) - Renee Wright

FAREWELL

At the end of this year we will be farewelling Mrs Anderson. Mrs Anderson (Fiona) joined us at the beginning of this year and has loved her time at Alfriston School, however she has made the decision to move to a school much closer to her home.

We thank Mrs Anderson for her collegiality, positive energy and commitment to our learners. We will miss you Mrs Anderson - make sure you come back to visit when you are in our area 😊



LEARNERS AND WHĀNAU LEAVING ALFRISTON SCHOOL THIS YEAR

On behalf of our learning community I want to thank all the outgoing (leaving) learners and whānau for their input into our school. Whether you've been with us a short time or a long time, we have appreciated and enjoyed what you have brought to Alfriston School. As we know here at Alfriston School 'Every Tui Has a Song - He Tui Ngā Waiata' and we have loved seeing your song emerge and shine. Thank you to the whānau that have helped out over the years, extra opportunities can not happen without your time and energy.

We wish you all the very best in the future and please know you are always an Alfriston School community member, so pop in when you are near.