

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

ADMIN NEWS

TERM ONE, START OF YEAR

We are less than a week away from the learners returning to school (MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY) and we hope everyone is looking forward to it.

As Principal of Alfriston School I believe communication is key. We endeavour to share information well in advance so that you are fully aware of what's happening and can be involved.

We need your help too - please ensure the office has the most recent, accurate information for you. We email various newsletters out, text message at times and phone when we need to contact you quickly. If any of these details have changed for your whānau please send an email to update or pop in to see our wonderful office ladies.

On the second page of this communication is our Term 1 calendar - this will be updated and shared in every communication ongoing.

We have posted many dates for the school year on our website calendar already. Things like 'Time to Shine' and 'Prize Givings' are special events and we want everyone there so dates can be found now 😊 Pop them in your calendar.

2026 TEACHING TEAM

You may have seen in the media that many schools are struggling to staff their schools and are starting the year without enough teachers.

I am pleased to let you know that we are fully staffed (see below), with staff of a very high calibre. Our staff are committed to achieve our school's vision: 'A community of learners supporting together to ensure everyone reaches their full potential'.

You can find their contact information on our school website.

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 TAHİ 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



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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.

2026 DATES

TERM 1 DATES:

Start Date - Mon 2nd 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)

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.

UNIFORM - Please order the size you think is right, try on (keeping tag on) and any changes can be made at the office.

Stationery will be delivered to your child's class for Day 1.

kindo.

School Calendar on our website - [LINK](#)

TERM 1, 2026 CALENDAR

School Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week before school starts	26	27 Admin News emailed out	28 Office open 2pm-6pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop open 2-4pm	29 ToD Curriculum Day Office open 2pm-6pm 2nd Hand Uniform Shop open 2-4pm	30 ToD Curriculum Day
Week 1	2 Day 1 of 2026	3 F and F meeting 7pm-Staffroom	4 2nd Hand Uniform Shop 2:30-3pm	5 <i>Values House Event -wear house colours</i>	6 Waitangi Day
Week 2	9	10	11	12 Whānau Newsletters emailed out	13 (on site) Kotahitanga T.T Team Building
Week 3	16 Year 7 & 8 HPV Talk	17 Courtney Clarke (community constable) digital safety with Yr7/8	18	19	20
Week 4	23	24	25	26	27
Week 5	2	3	4 2nd Hand Uniform Shop 2:30-3pm	5	6 Whānau Assembly 2.00pm
Week 6	9 ECCS SWIMMING	10	11	12	13
Week 7	16	17	18 11.30am > Y7 HPV Boostrix Y8 Dose 1	19	20
Week 8	23	24	25	26	27 Whānau Assembly 2.00pm
Week 9	30 Whanaungatanga School Camp	31 Whanaungatanga School Camp	1 Whanaungatanga School Camp 2nd Hand Uniform Shop 2:30-3pm	2 F and F meeting 8:15am-Staffroom Whanaungatanga School Camp	3 Good Friday

SCHOOL UNIFORM - CLICK THIS [LINK](#) TO SEE REQUIREMENTS AND ORDER

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