

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

ADMIN NEWS

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

Term 4 is one sleep away and we are all looking forward to it. Term 4 will start with reporting. On Tuesday 29th of October you will receive your child's formal written report. This report is only 1/2 of the process for reporting, and not the most important part. The most important part is the Three Way Conference which allows the teacher, the learner and whānau to discuss the learner's progress and achievement. We are aiming for 100% attendance so please remember to book a time slot.

- Tuesday 29th October - Room 8 ONLY
 - 3 pm - 4.10 pm
- Wednesday 30th October- Parent/teacher conferences
 - Interviews: 3.30 pm - 4.40 pm
- Thursday 31st October - Parent/teacher conferences
 - School closes at 12 O'Clock
 - Interviews: 1 pm - 6 pm

How to:

- <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and enter the event code **h89vj** (or use a QR code).



YEARLY EVENT PRIORITIES

Dates for the **Time to Shine Picnic / Show and the Prize Givings** were published in multiple places from the very beginning of the year. This was because we want EVERYONE to prioritise these events.

They are the two events that involve all learners and it is a time to live our school vision, to show that we are a community that supports all learners.

As with previous years we will not be phoning the parents of learners receiving awards. If you really need to know you can approach your child's teacher.



ALFRISTON SCHOOL

CHALLENGE
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2024 DATES

TERM 4 DATES:

Start Date - Mon 14 October
T.O.D.: Friday 25th October
LABOUR DAY: Monday 28 October
Finish Date - Fri 20 December (12pm finish)

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

UNIFORM

New uniform purchases Order on kindo and uniform will be delivered to your child's class. Try the uniform on and if it does not fit return it to school and we will swap it.

***IMPORTANT: keep tag on when trying uniform on so we can swap it :)

Our 2nd Hand Uniform Shop

Please see our google calendar (available on our website) for dates.

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.

IMPORTANT UPDATES

TEACHER ONLY DAY

You may have seen talk in the media about schools having Teacher Only Days in term time. I would like to clarify some misconceptions following this news item.

The Ministry of Education states the number of 1/2 days a school must be open for instruction each year. This year we planned for 2 Teacher Only Days, one in Term 2 and one in Term 4. While these days are in term time, they are not counted in the number of 1/2 days the school is open for instruction.

So why do you need Teacher Only Days? To complete professional development as a whole staff. With two different governments that have differing priorities things in education are constantly changing, more now than ever!

In 2023 the Labour government starting 'refreshing' areas of the curriculum and in 2024 National has 'refreshed the refresh'.....confusing? Basically we have had two versions in 1 year.

What has this meant for us? We have taken time to be aware of and to understand the changes however we have continued doing what we have always done - planned and assessed teaching and learning programmes that meet the needs of learners in our school, and in our class. We have very positive levels of progress and achievement, we know what we do works!

At the beginning of this term, after consultation, the Final English and Mathematics curriculums will be available. On the 25th of October we have a planned Teacher Only Day which will be used to analyse these curriculums. We will be noticing what's the same, what's different and making decisions as a whole staff in regards to the way forward. What changes do we need to make to our planning, teaching and assessment to ensure we are providing our learners with quality teaching and learning.

ROADING AND PARKING

If you have passed school in the last few days you may have noticed that the grass area at the back of the school has been gravelled. We have been working with AT Transport to prepare for road closure in the near future. The exact date has not been confirmed, however at some point in November Alfriston Road will be closed for at least a few weeks. This is going to have quite an impact for us at school. The staff carpark won't be available, the kiss n go won't be available, the front carparks won't be available and access to the school office from Alfriston Road won't be available.

The gravel area will provide some additional parking off Mill Road, however we will need to implement some careful systems to ensure our learners are safe coming to and from school.

Please keep an eye out for future communications, as these will confirm closure dates and provide information in regards to the systems we will implement.

We hope we can work together to make this time as easy as possible - thank you in advance for your support.

TERM 4

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	14	15 ECCS Girls Basketball-Yr 7/8	16 Second-hand Uniform Shop Open	17 ECCS Volleyball Photolife - school photos	18 Photolife - school photos
2	21	22 7pm Friends and Family Meeting	23 Ballot date	24 House Sports Day National Earthquake Day	25 Teacher Only Day
3	28 Labour Day	29 Progress Reports sent out F and F- Donut Day Ballot results available	30 Three Way Conferences ECCS Touch Rugby	31 Three Way Conferences (12pm finish)	1 ECCS Touch Rugby (save day) Open Morning for 2025 enrolments 9.00am
4	4 Year 4-8 Athletics - Massey Park BOT Mtg 6pm	5 Powhiri - welcome to new learners and whānau (all encouraged to attend)	6 Second-hand Uniform Shop Open	7 ECCS Athletics	8 Mini Fair - student leader-led Jump Jam Nationals on Saturday 9th
5	11 Electives Yr 4-8 start	12 ECCS Athletics (save day)	13 Hunua Cultural festival at Drury School	14	15
6	18	19	20 Weetbix Tryathlon	21 Sausage sizzle	22 Tupu Tahi Dress Up Day
7	25	26 Tupu Tahi Athletics day	27	28	29 Alfriston College learner experience day
8	2	3	4 Second-hand Uniform Shop Open Life Ed - Whanaungatanga	5 Year 8 Graduation Event (TBC)	6 Fun Run event
9	9 Life Ed - Whanaungatanga BOT Mtg 6pm	10 End of Year Picnic/Show -Time to Shine 4.30pm <i>Whole Family Fun</i>	11	12 8:15 am Friends and Family Meeting	13 End of Year Prize Givings Yr 0-3 9am Yr 4-8 11am
10	16	17	18	19 Visit 2025 teacher 9.00am	20 Alfriston's Got Talent Last day of school 12pm finish

2025 ENROLMENTS

We are in the process of advertising and completing our ballot process, if you know your child will be leaving Alfriston School or you have a learner to enrol for 2025 can you please contact the school office asap.

We have over 200 out of zone enrolments for 2025 and want to be able to accurately calculate the numbers we can accept.

We thank you for your help.