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Newsletter

Term 1

Week 10

Our Values

WHAKAUTE
RESPECT



AKO
LEARNING



KAWENGA
RESPONSIBILITY AND OWNERSHIP



AHU
LOOKING AFTER



Principal's Message

As we move through the term, I wanted to take a moment to touch on something that is becoming increasingly important for our children: social media.

While many of our students are still quite young, we are seeing more and more exposure to online platforms, group chats, and shared content. With this comes a range of challenges that children are not always developmentally ready to manage - misunderstandings, unkind communication, and exposure to inappropriate content.

At school, we are noticing that issues from outside the school gate - particularly those linked to online interactions are sometimes finding their way into the playground, not often, but it warrants saying something. This can impact friendships, wellbeing, and a child's ability to feel safe and settled at school.

We know that social media is a part of modern life, and we are not here to criticise its use. However, we do strongly encourage families to be aware of what their children are accessing, who they are communicating with, and the expectations around respectful behaviour online.

Simple steps such as delaying access to social media, regularly checking devices, and having open conversations at home can make a significant difference.

At Aberfeldy, we remain committed to creating a safe, respectful environment for all students; both in and out of the classroom. We appreciate your ongoing support in working alongside us to achieve this.

Have a great school holidays everyone 😊

Ngā mihi,

TERM 1
26 JAN - 2 APRIL

TERM 2
20 APRIL - 3 JULY

TERM 3
20 JULY - 25 SEPTEMBER

TERM 4
12 OCTOBER - 7 DECEMBER



Important Information

- This Thursday is the final day of Term 1. To celebrate, we'll be having a shared lunch followed by a swim. I'll even fire up our new BBQ for sausages in bread! If you're able to join us, please bring a plate to share. We'll start at 12:00pm and finish the day at 2:00pm.
- Our school policies and procedures are available to families via SchoolDocs.
Visit: schooldocs.school.nz
Username: aberfeldy Password: real

These policies are reviewed on a regular cycle each term. We welcome feedback from our community, so please feel free to get in touch if you see a policy under review that you would like to contribute to.

- There are still a small number of outstanding stationery payments. Thank you to those who have already taken care of this earlier in the year. If you are unsure whether you have paid the \$40 stationery fee, please contact Raewyn in the office (phone or email) and she will be happy to assist.



Term 1 Upcoming Dates

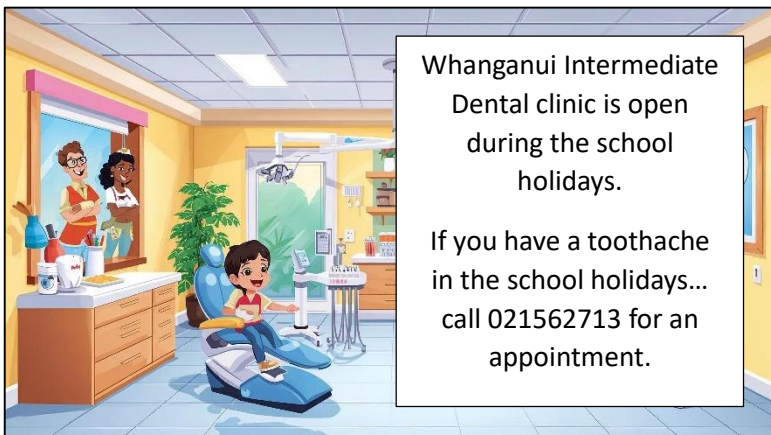
Jan 26 — First day of school
 Feb 6 — Waitangi Day (no school)
 Feb 12 — Teacher Only Day
 Feb 19-20 School Camp
 March 6 — M.A.K. Day

We loved our recent trip to the Fieldays!



VAN PAYMENTS

Please remember to keep your van payments up to date. Each year we hold van fundraisers to help offset the actual costs of running the school vans. **Your weekly payments are essential in enabling us to continue providing this service.** A big thank you to those who are already up to date—we truly appreciate your support.



Whanganui Intermediate Dental clinic is open during the school holidays.

If you have a toothache in the school holidays... call 021562713 for an appointment.

Upcoming BOT Meetings @ Aberfeldy School

Term 2: May 6, June 17

Term 3: August 5, September 16

Term 4: October 28, December 2

Community members are welcome to attend. Please contact the school if you wish to speak at the meeting.