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Newsletter

Term 2

Week 5

Our Values

WHAKAUTE
RESPECT



AKO
LEARNING



KAWENGA
RESPONSIBILITY AND OWNERSHIP



AHU
LOOKING AFTER



Principal's Message

This term has also been a reminder that schools are always evolving. Behind the scenes there is constant work taking place around curriculum development, systems, organisation, and planning for the future.

Some of those decisions are easy, and some are more challenging, but every decision is made with the long-term wellbeing and success of our children and school community in mind.

As always, thank you to the many parents and whānau who continue to support the school in so many ways: through attendance, communication, encouragement, and the everyday things that often go unseen. Small schools work best when everyone pulls in the same direction, and I am proud of the sense of community we continue to build here at Aberfeldy.

Massive shout out to those that have been in touch regarding van payments. Massive shout out to the awesome phone calls that I often have with some of you about your kids.

ABERFELDY HEALTHY LUNCH MENU

TERM 2
WEEK 5

MONDAY

Fish'n'Chips

Plus: Coleslaw,
Vege Sticks
and Yoghurt



TUESDAY

**Ham Roll
with Salad**

Plus: Fruit,
Yoghurt



WEDNESDAY

**Vege and
Bacon Soup**

Plus:
Yoghurt, Fruit



THURSDAY

**Chicken
Sandwich**

Plus: Salad,
Muffin and
Yoghurt



FRIDAY

Nachos

Plus: Corn
Chips, Fruit,
Yoghurt



VAN PAYMENTS

Term 3 begins in 9 weeks (7 weeks of school and 2 weeks of holidays). Why do I say that? Because if you have a VAN PAYMENT DEBT, **you have 9 weeks to catch up.**

In the Week 1 Newsletter you were asked to get in touch with the school if you were behind in van payments to discuss how we can help. In the Week 2 Newsletter you were asked to call me to discuss how we can help. In the Week 3 Newsletter was this:

“To ensure the long-term sustainability and fairness of the van service, we will be reinforcing our existing van policy from the beginning of Term 3. This policy requires payment in advance for van use. In simple terms, this means that from Term 3, if payment has not been made in advance, the van will not be able to collect your child/children.”

A massive thank you to those that have spoken to me, and we now have you sorted. Rest assure, pickups will continue in Term 3. If you have not spoken to Raewyn or myself, **I strongly recommend that you contact the school office and inquire about your van payments.**

Two repayment options will be available to help bring accounts up to date before NO PAYMENT IN ADVANCE = NO PICKUP begins:

Option 1: Any outstanding balance can be divided into 9 payments and paid over the remaining 9 weeks of this term, in addition to the usual weekly van payment.

Option 2: Any outstanding balance can be divided into 30 payments and paid gradually over the remainder of the school year, alongside the usual weekly van payment.

After a conversation with either myself or Raewyn, you will receive a repayment agreement based on the option you have chosen. This agreement will need to be signed and returned to the school before the repayment arrangement takes effect.

When I began here a little over 12 months ago, I genuinely hoped we would never reach the point where the “no payment = no pickup” part of the van agreement would need to be actively enforced. However, with unpaid balances continuing to grow, it is important that the agreement is now applied consistently so the service can remain sustainable and fair for everyone.

Ngā mihi.

This Weeks School Docs Spotlight:

Firearms

As part of our SchoolDocs and health and safety responsibilities, Aberfeldy School has a Firearms (Airgun) Policy in place. This policy recognises that, in a rural community like ours, supervised airgun use can sometimes form part of authentic, curriculum-linked learning experiences.

The policy makes it very clear that any airgun use must be:

- educationally justified and linked to learning
- carefully risk assessed
- directly supervised
- approved by the Principal

The policy also outlines strict expectations around student behaviour, supervision, safety procedures, and legal compliance under New Zealand law. Students under 16 may only use an airgun under immediate adult supervision, and airguns are not stored onsite at the school.

The safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and wider community will always remain the school's highest priority.



Remember our new school rules:

No makeup
No earrings

(studs ONLY for ears if you really need to decorate your ears)

Term 2 Upcoming Dates

April 27	Anzac Day
May 1	Teacher Only Day
June 1	King's Birthday
June 4	M.A.K. Day
June 11	Fire Station visit
June 22-23	Life Ed.
July 2	Last day of term



Upcoming BOT Meetings

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.