



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CONTACT DETAILS for VAN Please contact Raewyn before 7.30am, if your child will not be on the van :
Raewyn 027 211 4886 Remember there is no cell phone coverage at school - so Raewyn will not get messages sent in the afternoon until the van is back in town!

Dear whanau, caregivers and students,

COVID 19 - Coronavirus:

Wow - this seems to be all everyone is talking about at the moment and it is very serious! Aberfeldy School is following Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health guidelines - which are being updated daily. The school has a Pandemic Plan in place and will follow our procedures in relation to this in the unlikely event that a child presents with symptoms; meanwhile we are following best practice. See overleaf for some standard advice.

Many of our school activities are already being affected by the current situation -

- * Our Year 7 & 8 Old Coach Mountain Bike trip scheduled for the 1st April has been POSTPONED.
- * The Epro8 Challenge for Year 7 & 8 students that was to be on Monday 23rd March has been POSTPONED.
- * Technology at Cullinane College is currently being discussed and we will advise if this ends up being cancelled - at the moment it is still 😊 going ahead .
- * The Science Roadshow for all students on Tuesday 31st March is currently still going ahead but we are expecting this to also be cancelled.
- * The DUFFY Role Model assemblies, which usually happen at the end of Term One, have been CANCELLED - children will still receive their books at a school assembly.

We will keep you informed of any changes.
Please remember that tomorrow is a -

TEACHER ONLY DAY:

Aberfeldy School will be having a TEACHER ONLY DAY tomorrow, **Thursday 19th March** to allow our teaching staff to attend some PLD. There will be **NO SCHOOL** on this day.



YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATION:

The Year 7 and 8 students will have their immunisations take place at school on this **FRIDAY 20th March** at 1.30pm.



GIRLS SELF DEFENCE COURSE:



Our Year 4 Girls and our Year 7 Girls have really enjoyed this course and hopefully have taken away some positive skills and knowledge that will help them to keep safe.

PRINCIPAL & STAFFING:

An update on the Principal position.

The Principal Appointment Team received a late application for the Principal position which, upon advise from both the MOE (Ministry of Education) and NZSTA (School Trustees Association) they have decided to accept and interview the applicant.

Ideally it would be great to be able to appoint a permanent Principal for the start of Term Two, however the Appointment Team wants to make the best decision for the school community based on the criteria set. If this current applicant is not suitable then the school will have access to a relieving Principal through the Emergency Staffing Scheme for Term Two and Whaea Bev will return to classroom teaching.

The Principal Appointment team and the BOT (Board of Trustees) are acting in the best interests of the school and the students in this appointment.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Please ensure that the school has your *most recent contact details* - phone numbers / cell phones / work numbers etc.

Some people change phone numbers and forget to contact the school.

Also start thinking about who would be able to look after your child if school was closed???



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Protect yourself and others against COVID-19



Cover your coughs or sneezes with tissues or your elbow



Put your used tissue in the rubbish bin or in a plastic bag



Wash and dry your hands often, especially after coughing or sneezing – use soap or hand sanitiser



Stay away from others if you're unwell



COVID-19 HEALTH ADVICE
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For International SIMs call +64 9 358 5453

health.govt.nz/COVID-19

Protect your family/whānau from COVID-19 (coronavirus)

Things to do to keep safe -

Please talk to your children about adhering to strict hygiene measures - washing hands regularly and correctly, correct sneezing technique, not touching your face, not shaking hands, no kissing, no hongi, not sharing whistles and if you are sick with any flu or cold like symptoms please do not attend school. (People will be sent home if they present with any symptoms)

Remember to -

- * Cough or sneeze into your elbow or by covering your mouth and nose with tissues.
- * Put used tissues in the bin or a bag immediately.
- * Wash your hands with soap and water often (for at least 20 seconds - or sing "Happy Birthday" twice!).
- * Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell.
- * Don't touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean.
- * Avoid personal contact, such as kissing, sharing cups or food with sick people.
- * Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as doorknobs.

The below links have further information -



<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

<https://www.education.govt.nz/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-3/>

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