



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week Eight Term Three 8th September 2020

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!

Ki ora Aberfeldy Whānau

Principal's Message -

With all the disappointments that Covid-19 has brought our small rural kura, there is a glimmer of a silver lining. The government has provided some additional funds to be used towards the loss of learning opportunities and hauora of our tamariki. We are so lucky to be able to offer a music, art and enviro schools specialist teacher to come in for two days a week until the end of the year. Miss Claire Hargraves will help guide our enviro school vision and provide our students extra curricular activities. This will free myself up to take additional personalised academic and life skills lessons.

New Teacher:

We are very pleased and excited to welcome Claire Hargraves to Aberfeldy School. Miss Hargraves will be with us through until the end of term four. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays she will be leading our students in art, music and Enviro studies, along with general classroom teaching. Miss Hargraves has a passion for Enviro studies and was the lead teacher for Education for Sustainability at a previous school, taking that school from Bronze to Green Gold Enviro school status!

Teacher Only Day - Friday 25th September:

Every school has 8 teacher only days that should be used within a 3 year period. Teacher Only Days can be used for professional development, preparation or in service training. In the past two years we have only used four Teacher Only days and we will use our fifth one on the last day of term three, Friday 25th September 2020, to enable staff to carry out planning and more professional development.



Swimming Pool Upgrade:

Over the school holidays we are having a new fence erected around the swimming pool. Also the tar seal and concrete will be removed from inside this area and replaced with new concrete. The area will also be extended slightly. These works will be completed ready for the start of Term Four. Once the weather heats up, the pool will be open for swimming - we are aiming for after Labour weekend.



Sporting Events Cancelled:

Due to Covid 19, regrettably all cross country events that Aberfeldy School were going to attend have been cancelled.

It is also looking likely that the Inter School Athletics in term four may also be cancelled.

We will endeavour to work with a couple of the smaller rural schools in our Cluster to provide some combined sporting events for our students in term four.

End of Term Celebration Day:

Students have worked well, being conscientious and diligent over most of this term. There has been a marked improvement in behaviour within class, the playground and on the van; children are enthusiastically taking part in their own learning and assisting others within the class. Students are rewarded weekly by our "Token" system where students can pick various prizes when they reach a certain number of points. As a class the tokens are added up to reach certain other "special class rewards".

For our reward this term we are all going to SPLASH Centre on **Wednesday 23rd September**. If the Hydro Slides are open (which is dependant on the Covid 19 level we are at) we will also be going on these if the students want.

We are currently trying to book in the "Bikes" to use over at the bike track next to Splash Centre prior to going to the pools.

This will be a full day in town and more information will be sent home later next week.



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Rubbish:

As part of our enviro ethics children are being asked to take their lunch rubbish home with them to reduce our waste at school.



Technology:

The Year 7 & 8 students are currently doing music and drama at Cullinane College. Technology is part of our school curriculum and every Year 7 & 8 student is expected to attend. All of our Aberfeldy School rules and expectations still apply while we are at Cullinane College, along with the Cullinane College rules either whole of school rules or rules specific to the classes that we are participating in -

- No wearing of hats or hoodies
- Covered shoes to be worn
- Long hair to be tied back

Outdoor Learning Area Landscaping:

Over the Christmas holidays the outdoor learning area will benefit from some professional landscaping to this area. It will be exciting to see what "appears" in it!

Guinea Pigs:

If any families would like to adopt a guinea pig (either permanently or just over the two week holiday period) please send a note along to school saying that your child is allowed to take one home. They need to a secure cage or enclosure and need to be looked after properly - all of our students know how to do this. If you are adopting them for the holiday we will be able to send some food home with them (they eat carrots / apples / rabbit food etc).



Van Payments:

Please ensure you keep up your WEEKLY payments of \$20 for using the school van. Van account bank details -
02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 25

End of Term Three - Start of Term Four:

With the Teacher Only day on the Friday our last day of Term Three will be **THURSDAY 24th September** and we will be finishing slightly earlier than normal - **2.00pm**.

Term Four will start on Monday 12th October.

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