



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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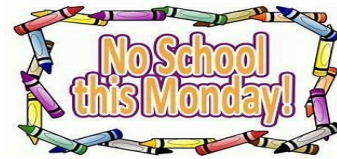
4th February 2021 Week 1 Term One

Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

Welcome back to Aberfeldy School for 2021. We have a very exciting year ahead of us.

Firstly, I would like to welcome Mrs Hawker who is our Principal Release Teacher. Mrs Hawker will be at school on Monday and Tuesday each week.

We also have two new students, Leeunydots and Cyprizz, so a big welcome to them and their whanau. We hope you are enjoying Aberfeldy School.



Waitangi Day - No school on Monday 8th February:

Waitangi Day holiday is being observed on Monday 8th February so there is NO school on Monday.

Camp:

We are all booked in for our School Camp to Vertical Horizon, in Inglewood, from Monday 15th March through to Wednesday 17th March. Please see the attached information regarding this and complete and return all forms.

Van:

A big thank you to all students and whanau for being ready on time for the van pick ups. This helps keep the timing for the van running smoothly and ensures we get to school on time.

All town families are asked to contribute \$20.00 per week towards the running of the van. Please ensure you start your automatic payment NOW so that you don't get behind - alternatively you can pay Raewyn (van driver) each week.

Bank account details: **02-0792-0329292-25** (note this is a different suffix to the other school bank a/c). Please enter your child's name or family name as a reference.

Visit to Mangamahu School:

Aberfeldy School will be visiting Mangamahu School next Wednesday to take part sporting activities arranged by Sport Whanganui. Kakatahi School will also be joining in with us for the day. As all parents / caregivers have signed the General Permission slip no additional permission slip will be sent home for this trip.

Technology Year 8 students:

Technology, at Cullinane College, for our Year 8 students starts on Thursday 18th February. Students will need to wear covered in shoes and have long hair tied up. It is an expectation of Cullinane College that students do not wear hoodies or hats in class. Year 8 students will be dropped off at home early on these days - usually by around 1.45 - 2.00pm.

Scholastic Book Club & Duffy Books in Homes:

Students have selected their Term One Duffy Books and will receive these at the Duffy Role Model assembly later this term. The Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 brochure is being sent home with this newsletter and any orders need to be sent to school (or completed on line) by the 10th March.

Sexuality Education:

Please refer to attached notice with information on the proposed areas of sexuality education that will be undertaken at Aberfeldy school this term. If you have any concerns please contact the school.

Outdoor Learning Area:

This was finally completed over the school holiday and it looks amazing! Most of you would have seen photos on either the school facebook page or in this weeks River City Press. The children are really enjoying the new areas including the sandpit. They are making full use of the shaded areas to eat their morning tea and healthy lunches.

Healthy Lunches:

Aberfeldy School was lucky enough to take part in the trial of healthy lunches being provided by the Ministry of Education. Everyday we receive individually packed healthy lunches for all of our students. You can check out the school facebook page to see what each days menu is. Children still need to bring along morning tea and a water bottle each day. Some students may want additional lunch items to what is provided and they will let you know. It is great to part of this programme and to see our students all sitting down eating healthy lunches together. Our fruit in schools will also resume next week.



Swimming:

Our pool is looking amazing and the students are taking full advantage of the pool in this hot weather. ALL students need to bring togs and a towel every day (and a plastic bag to put wet gear into). Swimming is part of our school curriculum and each day there will be structured swimming lessons so participation is compulsory unless a note is received.



Sunhats & Sunblock:

Aberfeldy School is a Sun Smart school and we have provided all students with a sunhat that is to remain at school. Students may choose to bring their own hats from home. Sunblock is available at school, but if you have a preference to what sunblock your child uses then, please send some along to school. Students must wear sunhats when they are outside and need to apply sunblock regularly throughout the day.





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Mr Moore and the Board of Trustees have been busy reviewing our School Charter and rebranding our new values. Every day these values and expectations are discussed with the students.

New Vision Statement

“Empowering learning together”
“Te whakakaha i te ako ngatahi”

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Aberfeldy School actively promotes empowering lifelong learners within a safe nurturing environment.

Our New Values

OUR REAL VALUES: Aberfeldy School REAL values are at the heart of everything we do.

RESPECT We believe the successful way to gain respect is to show respect to ourselves, others and our environment.

EMPOWER We empower ourselves to think critically with the tools and knowledge we have gained.

ACCOUNTABLE We are accountable by taking personal responsibility for the outcomes of our actions and decisions.

LEARNING We are on a lifelong learning journey with experiences that engage us to care for others and the environment.

