



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

End of Term - Last Day Activities:

Term Two ends on Friday 9th July. We will be celebrating a successful term with a trip to the Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club. Students will come to school as per normal for the morning; students will have an early lunch and then travel in to town by van and Mr Moore's car to arrive at the Gym Club by 12.30pm.

We will have an hour long session at the Gym Club so students will be arriving home slightly earlier than normal. Please ensure there is an adult at home from 1.30pm onwards.



Any parents / whanau that would like to come along and join us at the Gym Club are most welcome to do so. The Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club is located on GF Moore Drive, Springvale Park - opposite the Splash Centre entrance.

Please ensure your child is in suitable clothing for gymnastics. This means no buttons, zips, belt buckles or jeans. Socks are required for the trampoline.

It will mean limited use of equipment if the students are not dressed appropriately.

Term Three:

School starts back for Term three on Monday 26th July. We hope that you all get a relaxing break and that the weather is kind to all of us!

School Reports and 3 Way Interviews:

Parents will be able to book three way interviews (student/ whanau / school) via the Skool loop app or by contacting the school for a preferred time in the second week of Term Two. Parents will be given their child's report at these interviews. These interviews are important for family to understand where their child is currently at, discuss their progress and achievements and look at their Individual Learning Plan (IEP's).

Dates / times that are available will be sent home in week one of term three.



School Surveys:

Thank you to everyone that completed the communication / Maori consultation survey last week. This information helps us work out what is better for our whanau. Students also completed a survey at school helping us analyse feedback on the "Student Voice".

Teaching Staff:

We continue to have Tracy Hawker as our Principal release Teacher in the classroom working with all of our students on a regular basis. Last week we were lucky enough to have Rosalie Irwin come along as a relief teacher for a day. Some of our students know Mrs Irwin from her time at Tawhero School and they were pleased to welcome her to our school.

Raewyn helps us in the classroom as a teacher aide most days and takes our senior students into technology on a Thursday at Cullinane College. Denni is also providing support in the classroom as needed. We are very fortunate to have these people that we can call on to when we need them.

Kapa Haka:

Matua Wiremu and Whaea Lizzy come out to Aberfeldy School every Tuesday and Friday afternoon to provide our students with a kapa haka programme. We are so grateful for the time and knowledge they are so generously sharing with our students. The students are becoming more confident with their te reo and are able to practise this on a daily basis in the classroom.



What Can You Offer the School?

If you have a craft or a skill that you would like to share with our students please feel free to contact the school to arrange a time to come out. We are also keen to have parents / whanau or friends come and talk to our student about various careers that they could share their knowledge and experience of with our students.

If you would just like to help out around the school doing odd jobs, gardening, painting, tidying up we would also love to hear from you.




Enquiry into the Solar System:

Our enquiry focus this term has been on the Solar System which has led to a great knowledge of Beyond the planet Earth. We have been able to study the Blood Moon, Matarika and all students have helped to create our own paper mache solar

Matariki - Maori New Year

Matariki is the Māori name for the small cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades or the Seven Sisters, in the Taurus constellation.

In New Zealand it comes into view low on the north-eastern horizon, appearing in the tail of the Milky Way in the last days of May or in early June, just before dawn. This heralds the Māori New Year.



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New Playground Equipment:

Currently the Playground Centre are installing our new Flying Saucer / UFO swing! This swing was a popular choice by our students who enjoyed playing on one at the Hawera park on our way to camp last term, and at the Levin playground on our way to Adrenaline Forest.

The posts have to set in the concrete before having the net installed. We are looking forward to being able to play on this next term!



ERO Visit:

ERO will be visiting the school next week to carry out their final "follow up" meeting with the school. Our school staff, Board of Trustees and students have all worked hard over the last 18 months to improve on the initial findings and we are looking forward to a positive ERO report that we can share with you all.

Aberfeldy School Outdoor Area Sponsors



Aberfeldy School Van Sponsors



Board of Trustees Meeting:

The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Tuesday, 29th June at 5.00pm at the school.



Mathletics and Reading Eggs:

All students have access to the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programmes (or Mathseeds for the Juniors) and are able to continue to work on these over the holiday period if they wish to.



Stationery:

To ensure your child has the best start to term three please check that they have adequate stationery supplies for when they return to school. Please help set your child up to succeed by checking with your child to see if they need more books or pens; the most commonly used book is the 1B8 and these cost around \$1.00 - \$2.00 each. Students need at least 6 of these please.

Please ask your child if they are needing any new books, pens or glue sticks.



Aberfeldy School Vans:

From the beginning of term three we will no longer receive any financial funding from the Ministry of Education for the running of the school van.

It will be imperative that all students pay their \$20.00 per week van contribution if they wish to travel on the school van. The school will also need to look at fundraising to ensure that we are able to keep this valuable service.

Remember the vans are not only used to transport students to and from school, but also to school activities, camps and other trips.

Students will be required to pay weekly prior to travelling on the van. Automatic payments or full term payments are also able to be set up.