



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

Another lovely, hot week at our beautiful school. Please encourage your child to stay hydrated at school, drinking lots of water throughout the day. The temperature up here seems to be a good 2 to 3 degrees hotter than in town!

Teacher Only Day:

Mr Paton and Raewyn are attending some PLD in Palmerston North on **Tuesday 1st March** so we will be having a Teacher Only Day that day - NO school.



THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Parents, whanau and family members are encouraged to download the free Skool loop app. This app has the newsletters on it, you can give permission for school trips, and advise of any absences. See over the page for more details.

Contact Details:

A reminder to please advise the school of any changes to contact details, email address or emergency contact people. Please also advise if you do NOT want your child's photo appearing in the newsletter or on our Facebook page.

Facebook:

Please check out our Facebook page and like / comment on posts.



The school also has a website www.aberfeldy.school.nz - we are currently trying to update this so please bear with us while we work our way through this.

Face Masks: All students Year 4 and above must wear a facemask on the school van and whilst inside the classroom. Masks are not required to be worn in the playground or when doing activities outside.

Head Lice:

The horrible little critters have made themselves known again! Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly. If you require some treatment solution please contact the school we have "BLITZ THE NITS" Head lice solution and nit combs.



Term Dates and Events:

We have confirmed a visit to the Whanganui Regional Museum to have sessions on Whakapakoko (Taxidermy) and Pakiwaitara (Traditional Stories); and we will try to arrange a trip to the Wanganui East swimming pool (or Splash) in the afternoon.

The whole school is booked in to attend the Science Roadshow on the 30th March and Duffy Theatre are tentatively booked to visit the school on Monday 10th April - although some activities will be Covid 19 dependent.



Technology Year 8 students:

Technology at Cullinane College for our Year 7 & 8 students will start on **Thursday 17th February**.

Students will come to school as normal in the morning. Our students will be doing Drama / Dance and Music for the first 12 weeks (so closed in shoes are not required). It is an expectation of Cullinane College that students do not wear hoodies or hats in class. After the first week, depending on our school structure and time allowances, you may be asked to collect your child from Cullinane College in the afternoons; otherwise your child Year 7 & 8 child will be dropped home at the conclusion of technology - usually around 1.45 - 2.00pm.

Change to School Finish Time:

A reminder that school finishes early on Friday - at 2.30pm

Hearing & Vision Testing:

Standard hearing and vision testing of New Entrants and Year 7 students will be carried out at school on Tuesday 15th February.

If you have any concerns about your child's hearing or vision (if they are not a New Entrant or Year 7), and would like for these to be checked on the day please contact the school immediately so a consent / referral form can be sent home.

Year 7 & 8 Immunisation:

Year 7 & 8 students will be offered free vaccinations at school (Year 7 vaccinations and HPV vaccinations). Vivienne East, our school Public Health Nurse, will be at school next Wednesday, 16th February, at 12 noon to give an education session to the Year 7 & 8 students on what the vaccines are for; parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. The children will then be sent home with consent forms that you will need to complete. If you have any question or require more information, please contact Vivienne East, Public Health Nurse on 021 373 212, 06 348 1782 or e-mail: vivienne.east@wdhb.org.nz.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD:

We have re-introduced our **DUFFY Caught Being Good** books - awarded to one or two students each week for good behaviour / random acts of kindness / trying hard etc.



This weeks recipients are -

Room One: Dallas Williamson-Hiri Good spirits and trying hard

Reegan Payne Being helpful

Room Three: Kaleb Swinburne Good school work

LIBRARY BOOKS:

We are encouraging our students to use our school library. Children may be bringing home Aberfeldy School library books - please ensure that these are returned to school (they have a school stamp in them).



Duffy Books in Homes Books will be sent home for children to keep later in the term.

School Van:

The school van fees are \$25 per week for a family of up to 2 students or \$30 for over 2 students. **These fees MUST be paid in advance** so please look at getting these set up NOW—bank details are as below. Van account details: Aberfeldy School **BNZ account number: 02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 25**

Swimming:

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.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 1 - 2022:

Children will be bringing home the Scholastic Book Club brochure. If you wish to order any books from this you can either return the order form and money to school by the 15th March - or you can order and pay on line yourself via the website at ..

Scholastic.co.nz/LOOP



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.



Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



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