



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

What a great start back for our first week! Plenty of happy children and lots of fun and laughter in the playground. The children are enjoying the new swing and are looking forward to three more being added in the next few weeks.

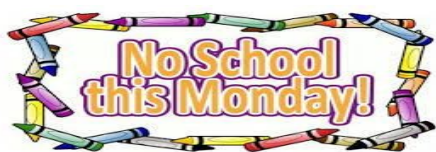
Welcome to our new students Shaniwa-Mae, Peter-Ray, Toby, Mason, Zac, Reegan, Victoria, Tania and Dallas. We also have some pre-enrolments for additional students. Our roll will be 18 for the 1st March :-).

For the first time, in a very long time, our ratio of male/female, year groups, ethnic groups and town/country locations are very evenly spread.

### **Change to School Finish Time:**

As advised we are trialing returning our end of school day finish time to 3.00pm. This gives our student a larger time slot in the afternoon to get some work or activities done. This will mean students will be arriving back in town from 3.30pm onwards. This will be reviewed after Term One.

**Finishing time on Fridays will be 2.30pm**



### **NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY - Waitangi Day:**

There will be no school on Monday 7th February due to Waitangi Day.

### **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. We no longer receive MOE funding for the van so we need to look at starting up a fundraising committee for the van. Ideas for this can be discussed at the working bee.

Van account details: Aberfeldy School

**BNZ account number: 02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 25**

### **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.

### **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. 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. 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.



### **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.



### **Our 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 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.