



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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11th March 2022

Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

Wow, hard to believe we are already past the halfway point of Term One! I would like to say how much I am enjoying this beautiful school, the children and whanau, and my daily ride out here on my motorbike.

We are just finishing our study on the life cycle of the monarch butterfly; a the chrysalis has hatched and the butterfly flown away. In Room One we have been doing cloze procedure writing and basic mathematic functions, we will be moving on to "time, months and seasons" for the remainder of this term. Our Juniors are working on letter recognition, sounds and writing their names.

## **SCHOOL TRIP:**

### **Wednesday 16th March:**

Our whole of school will be visiting the Whanganui Regional Museum on Wednesday 16th March. We will be arriving at the museum at 9.00am. I will have discussions with Aberfeldy parents re transport of their children. Town students will be collected about 45 minute later than normal in the morning as we do not need to travel up to school prior. If any parent wishes to join us at the museum they are able to but they must have a Covid 19 "My Vaccine Pass" to show that they are double vaccinated.

At the conclusion of our time at the museum we will be going to Virginia Lake to look at the birds and have lunch; again, whanau are welcome to join us ( We will be there from approximately 11.30 by the bird aviary area).

We will leave Virginia Lake at 12.45pm to go to the Whanganui Boys & Girls Gym Club where we have a one hour session booked in. Any accompanying parents must have a "My Vaccine Pass".

Town students are able to be collected from the gym (by Splash Centre) at 2.15pm, or children will be returned home not long after this.

Aberfeldy families - if you are not going to be in town and collecting your child, please advise the school on Monday, so that we can make arrangements for getting your tamariki home.

**Note:** Children need to bring socks with them if they want to go on the trampoline; it is advisable to wear suitable clothing - no belts, buckles, zips or jeans.

Children also need to bring morning tea / snacks and a drink bottle. Our school lunches will be available for students.

Free car parking is in the museum carpark off Cameron terrace (2hours) or in nearby street (all day) .

*There are no vaccine requirements for children attending either of these activities.*

## **WORKING BEE - Saturday 19th March:**



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We are looking at having another working bee at school on Saturday 19th March from 10.00am to finish off some of the projects that we started in the holidays. Please advise if you are able to come along and help. E-mail [aberfeldy.class@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aberfeldy.class@xtra.co.nz) or ph 3425757

## **Library Bus:**

The Library bus is returning to school on Tuesday 15th March - please ensure that your child returns any of their library books to school before this date.

## **Swimming Lessons:**

Cecilie form Swim NZ, will be coming back to school on Monday 28th March to take our children for further swimming / lifesaving lessons. Hopefully the weather and the pool will still be warm enough for this.

## **IMMUNISATIONS - including COVID 19:**

Our health nurses will be at school on Friday 1st April (time to be confirmed) to give our Year 7 (Boostrix) and Year 8 (HPV) children their vaccinations. The health nurses are also able to administer both Dose 1 and 2, and the Booster shot for Covid 19. Children will need permission and/ or an adult present; we are also able to offer this service to any whanau, tamariki or community members if they would like to come to school to get these vaccinations however, we do need to know in advance so we can get the information out to you. Please email the school

[aberfeldy.class@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aberfeldy.class@xtra.co.nz) if you are interested. Remember these are free and available to any tamariki 5 years and older.



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## **DUFFY CAUGHT BEING GOOD BOOKS**

This week our Caught Being Good students are -

- Shaniwa-Mae (good work in class)
- Brodie (playing nicely and being kind to others)
- Zac (all round general helper and good work ethics in class)





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## **TEACHER ONLY DAY:**

Thank you to everyone for understanding the need for Teacher Only Days. Although our planned PLD last week was cancelled (due to Covid 19) this day provided the staff with much needed time for planning, internal PLD and strengthening of teacher practices as per Ministry of Education guidelines.

## **SPORT WHANGANUI:**

Sport Whanganui will be visiting the school next Friday - 18th March to go through some sporting programmes with us. Hopefully they will be bringing their big trailer of sporting gear with them!

## **TERM TWO - BIKE DAY:**

"Lets Go Cycle" have been booked for the second Friday in Term Two - these wonderful people bring out a trailer load of bikes to help teach our students some bike skills, safety skills and to just have some fun on the bikes!



## **Our Museum Visit -**

### **Whakapakoko, Taxidermy**

He ora i roto i te mate. Make the most of this chance to see some of the Museum's extensive taxidermy collection. Visit our exhibition Teeth, Talons & Taxidermy to support learning about conservation, endangered species and more. Investigate animal "super-powers", discover more about habitats, camouflage, protection and even poo.

Curriculum links Science: living world; Social Sciences: place and environment; Arts: visual; Te Whāriki: Mana aotūroa



## **Pakiwaitara,**

### **Traditional Stories**

Pakiwaitara are passed down through the generations as a way of sharing important knowledge about place, culture and history. Bring your tamariki to take part in He Pakanga o Nga Maunga, Tutaeporoporo (Whanganui River taniwha) stories of Maui and more. Ākonga of all ages can participate in the storytelling as actors or puppeteers, soundscape and spoken chorus. Curriculum links Te Reo Māori; English: listening and speaking; Social Sciences: place and environment; Te Whāriki: Mana whenua; Mana tangata; Mana reo.



## **OUR MONARCH BUTTERFLY**



## **THANK YOU -**

Massive thanks to

Jason Anderson (Ihaia & Jenelle's dad/ koru) for doing our lawns for us.

This is a massive job and takes a good couple of hours - we really appreciate you giving up your time to do this for us Jason.



## **Communication:**

**Remember to check out our Facebook page and to sign up for the Skoolloop app.**

## 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.



### Aberfeldy School Outdoor Area Sponsors



### Aberfeldy School Van Sponsors



### ABERFELDY SCHOOL PERMISSION SLIP

#### Museum Trip / Virginia Lake / Bird Aviary / Whanganui Gym Club

#### WEDNESDAY 16th March 2022

I give permission for my child / ren ..... to attend the school outing on Wednesday 16th March 2022. I understand that they will be travelling in the school van and visiting the Whanganui Regional museum, Virginia Lake and the Bird Aviary and attending a lesson at the Whanganui boys & Girls Gym Club. I understand that my child will be home from school earlier on this day (from 2.15pm onwards).

- I will be attending the trip (must have a My Vaccine Pass) Yes / No
- I will be transporting my children to the museum Yes / No
- I will be collecting my children from the Gym Club at 2.15pm Yes / No

Signed: ..... (parent / guardian) Date: .....