



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

The first Week of Term Two is coming to a close and we are right back into everything!

It is great to see everyone back refreshed and ready for learning.

We would like to welcome Tayahna, Chevelle and their family to our school. We look forward to their younger sister, Ariana, starting soon.

COVID:

Many of our Tamariki and their whanau have had Covid over the holiday period and although we don't like any of you being sick it is good that most of the school has now had it and hopefully we won't have too many more disruptions this term. The school has received some Covid RAT test kits so IF you do need a pack please let the school know - also if you require any masks please also just let us know.

Face Masks - at Orange Level

It's **strongly encouraged** that face masks continue to be worn by students and staff in Years 4-13 when indoors, but they are not required. Face masks are one of the key health measures to help slow the spread of COVID in indoor settings

LENGTH OF SCHOOL DAY for TERM TWO & TERM THREE:

We have returned to shorter school days for Term Two and Term Three - finishing at 2.30pm. The students will have a shorter lunch and morning break to compensate for this. This is beneficial in the colder months when there is limited activities for children to do outside and also allows for the children to return home earlier in the afternoon.

LET'S GO BIKING - Friday 13th May:

Elaine and the team from Lets Go Biking are coming out to school on Friday 13th May with their bikes! The students love this programme and Elaine has a full day planned for the students in various groups so they all get a chance to ride the bikes and learn some basic bike skills.



[Bikes in Schools](#)

TECHNOLOGY:

Technology continues on a Thursday for our Year 7 & 8 students. The children come to school as per normal in the morning and then head off to Cullinane College for their technology session - leaving school at 11.00am. Children return home after technology so they should be home by 1.45 - 2.00pm. Students need to ensure that they wear covered -n footwear, no matter what class they are doing. Our children have a couple more weeks of Music and Drama and then they will be doing Digital and Art.

SPORT WHANGANUI:

Sport Whanganui are working on an integrated approach to Physical Education and its link to the rest of the curriculum. We are lucky to have Jen, from Sport Whanganui, and other sporting entities, coming out to Aberfeldy School on a regular basis over the next few terms and we will be having some of our other cluster schools joining us for combined lessons and skills training. This week we had Whanganui Rugby and Mangamahu school join us.

SIGN LANGUAGE WEEK:

Next week is New Zealand Sign Language week and we have been learning some basic signs and phrases in class - ask your child to show these to you. We will continue with this throughout next week and we should have mastered our alphabet, counting and basic phrases - you never know when you may need this valuable language.



CURRICULUM AREAS:

Room One is focusing on "nouns" in literacy and the use of proper fractions in maths, while our Junior class is continuing to master their basic letter sounds and numeracy skills.

Our afternoon programme is based around the book "How Kiwi Saved the Forest:" and will explore some aspects of kiwi stories, and facts about kiwis. We will also be looking at Matariki later in the term.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Pink Shirt Day - 20th May

Speak up to stop bullying.



Queens Birthday - 6th June NO SCHOOL

Life Ed - 7th & 8th June (Harold the Giraffe) Life Ed truck comes to school



Matariki Day - 24th June NO SCHOOL

LIBRARY BUS:

The Library bus visited us in the last week of term One. If your child has any school, or Whanganui District Library books, from last term at home please ensure they return these to school.

DUFFY CAUGHT BEING GOOD BOOKS

This weeks Caught Being Good students are

- Peter-Ray for dedicated work in class
- Chevelle and Tayahna for a great start at their new school
- Victoria for hard work in class



THANK YOU:

A massive thank you to the parents and teacher aides that helped out in Term One - Jaime, Brooke and Marcelle, and to Jason who continues to mow our school lawns.

VAN FEES:

PLEASE make sure you re start your van fees and if you are behind from Term One please make an effort to catch up.

With the increase in fuel we really need every single person paying their van fees on time. A condition of using the school van is that the school van fees, \$25 per week for a family of up to 2 students or \$30 for over 2 students, **MUST be paid in advance** so please get these paid up now, and start up an automatic payment if you haven't already done so. Van account details: Aberfeldy School

BNZ account number: 02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 25

Failure to pay, or keep current, with you van fees may result in your child losing their place on the van.

ST JOHN'S in SCHOOLS:

St John's in Schools came to Aberfeldy on Monday and went through some basic first aid with the children and talked about how to respond in emergencies - DIAL 111.

Our younger children were really enthralled by Becky's stories.



SCHOOL LUNCHES:

The school continues to get our Healthy Lunches every day, which includes some hot meals at least once a week.

We encourage all the children to try these meals but you may still want to send along additional food with your child, including morning tea. We do ask that where possible any food that is sent ot school is do so in an enviro friendly manner (no glad wrap / plastic bags etc) or we ask that the children take their rubbish home with them.

Our Fruit in Schools starts again next week.



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