



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

## **COMMONWEALTH GAMES at Mangamahu School:**

Our children will be joining in with Mangamahu School to have our own Commonwealth Games, on Friday 19th August. These games have been arranged with the assistance of Sport Whanganui and will be held at Mangamahu School.

There will be a rotation of games throughout the day concluding with a medal ceremony. This event is tied to the completion of an inquiry unit based around the Commonwealth Games. Underpinned by the core values of humanity, equality and destiny, this day is aimed at uniting the Mangamahu and Aberfeldy family through a festival of sport and physical activity. The Commonwealth Games, often referred to as the 'Friendly Games' is renowned for inspiring athletes to compete in the spirit of friendship and fair play.

The students will rotate through 6 fun and exciting sport based activities, with each rotation lasting about 10-12 mins.

Town students will be collected by the van at their normal time. Aberfeldy students - Miracle, Shaniwa-Mae & Peter-Ray will come to school as usual; Chevelle, Tayahna & Ariana to please be brought to school by 8.30am; Jenelle & Ihaia will be collected on the way past their house - approximately 8.45am.

Town students will be returned home at their normal times.

We travel to Mangamahu School via Te Rimu Road - and not through town. We will be taking both school vans, so will have room for a couple of parent helpers if anyone does want to join us for the day.

Children need to bring -

- Suitable clothing to do athletics in; shoes are a good option as there may be prickles and it could be cold on their feet earlier in the day
- Students need to bring a water bottle
- Warm jacket - it could get cold
- Suitable snacks to eat through the day. It is unlikely that we will be able to take our school lunches with us, so children will need to bring their own lunch with them. We will take additional "left over" lunches from Thursday for those that need them.

Please complete and return the attached permission slip or complete the on-line form through the Skool Loop app.

## **REPORTS & Parent Teacher interviews:**

Thank you to the town parents that have welcomed me into their homes to conduct our three way interviews, I hope that this has made the interviews easier for you to take part in. Thanks also to the Aberfeldy parents that have come to school to have their interviews. It is great to be able to make these connections with the whanau and meet more of the extended families.

## **COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:**

Community consultation is still to be undertaken and we hope to get on to this soon.

## **JUNIOR CLASSROOM PROGRAMME:**

The Junior Room is navigating their way through a new learning programme of structured literacy, so you will see some changes in the work that your children are doing. This will be implemented over the coming weeks and we are all really excited to start this journey. Raewyn and I have been attending lots of PLD (Professional Learning) and are looking forward to putting what we are learning into practice. Part of our PLD will involve Raewyn and I observing the programme in use in other schools.

More information on this program will be sent home to Junior students parents in the next few weeks.

## **DUFFY CAUGHT BEING GOOD BOOKS**

This weeks Caught Being Good students are

- Kaleb - for continuing to help in the Junior Room.
- Ariana for making a great start to her schooling.
- Jenelle for good work habits.
- Tania and Miracle for being good role models and consistently being on task in class.



## **WHANGANUI DISTRICT LIBRARY BOOKS:**

We are missing one library book - "Fun at the Fair".

If anyone has this book at home please return it school ASAP



# Aberfeldy School Board Parent Election 2022

We are pleased to announce that Michelle DOUGHTY, Marcelle SAUNDERS-LODER and Aaron HARTLEY are the new Parent Representatives on the Aberfeldy School Board of Trustees and Denise HEREWINI is the Staff Representative. As there was no need for an election the new Board of Trustees took office from the 10th August 2022. The new Board will elect their Chairperson at the first meeting of the Board and the school community will be advised of this appointment.



The school would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Rebekah and Jim Brown for their service to the school and their time as being Board members over the past six years, with Jim serving as Board Chairperson since 2019.

## 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.



### **WORKING BEE:**

We are going to have a Working Bee at school on SATURDAY the 20th August. Starting at 10.00am.

Various jobs need doing - completing the guinea pig cages, fence repairs to the chicken run, cleaning out of gutters, tidy up of playground, weed spraying, revamp of the veggie garden, fixing or replacing Sports Shed door.

Please bring along any suitable tools that you have.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.

### **COMMONWEALTH GAMES SCHOOL TRIP - 19th August 2022**

#### **PERMISSION SLIP**

I give permission for my child (ren)..... to travel to Mangamahua School on Friday 19th August 2022 to take part in the Commonwealth Games Sports Day.

I understand that my child needs to wear suitable clothing, have a warm jacket / jersey, must bring some food and a water bottle with them for the day.

I wish to accompany the school as a Parent Helper for the day. YES / NO

Signed: ..... (Parent / Caregiver) Date: .....