



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

SCHOOL VISIT TO BUSHY PARK:

We had a wonderful day at Bushy Park! The weather was great and we saw lots of birds. Thank you to the parents and whanau that joined us for the day - Denni, Jason, Brooke, Jaime, Aaron and Marcelle.

TEACHER ONLY DAY-

FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER:

A reminder that the school will be having a Teacher Only Day next Friday, 23rd September, to allow all staff to attend some professional development.

This will be followed by the additional Public Holiday on the Monday so you will have a lovely long weekend!



QUEEN ELIZABETH II MEMORIAL DAY-

MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER:

The Government has announced a one-off public holiday on Monday, 26th September, to mark the passing of the Queen.

There will be NO school on Monday 26th September 2023.

DUFFY CAUGHT BEING GOOD BOOKS

This week's Caught Being Good students are

- Peter-Ray for beautiful handwriting in the Junior Room and helping our new students.
- Jenelle for work on her Bushy Park project.
- Victoria for general helpfulness.



DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY:

Our Duffy Role Model Assembly is on Wednesday 28th September at 9.15am. Whanau are welcome to come along and listen to our inspiring role model.



Learning about all the different birds that we might see.

FAMILY HISTORY:

At the end of term the students will receive a survey to gain some information on the history of their families iwi, what's important to them, where they have come from etc. This will help in developing our localised history syllabus.

STRUCTURED LITERACY PROGRAMME :

Josh and Raewyn have completed their Structured Literacy professional development programme. This has been a great course and we have both learnt lots!

This is a long term initiative, that we are going to introduce in to the school over the next few years. It all starts with baby steps and a whole rethink of how we are teaching the basics. We have started introducing small changes in the Junior Room and these will flow on through to the Senior room over time.

For the Juniors you will notice no home readers have been sent home lately. We are concentrating on getting all of our sounds correct first (pure sounds) and the children are learning to blend their sounds together.

Raewyn and Jaime visited Central Normal School in Palmerston North, earlier this week and came back with lots of ideas! Central Normal School has been using the Structured Literacy approach in their school for the last 5 years and the results are amazing!

If you have any questions please talk to either Josh or Raewyn about the programme.

END OF TERM:

Term Three ends on Friday 30th September and Term Four starts on Monday 17th October. We will only be back at school for one week then have another long weekend with Monday 24th October being Labour Day.



Planting trees for the future.