



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5th December 2022

Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

As our school year comes to a close I would just like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support through my first year at Aberfeldy School. I have enjoyed getting to know you all and look forward to an exciting 2023.

I wish you all a safe and blessed Christmas with you whanau and tamariki and hope that Santa brings you all lots of presents.

## **End of Year - Start of 2023:**

Our last day of school is Tuesday 13th December 2022 and we return to school in 2023 on Monday 30th January 2023.

## **Wednesday 7th December - Bason Reserve Botanical Gardens**

We will be joining Mangamahu School at the Bason Reserve Botanical Gardens from 10.00am to 2.00pm, for a fun day and to maintain our friendships with Mangamahu School. The children will be doing some orienteering, playing games and having a picnic lunch.

Town children will be picked up slightly later than normal (starting at 8.45am); Aberfeldy Country students will meet at school and leave from school by 9.00am. We will meet at the top gates of the Botanical Gardens at 9.45am. Parents and whanau are welcome to join us for the day.

Please ensure your child brings snacks, lunch (we probably will NOT have our school lunches) and plenty of water / drinks. Children will also need a sunhat and sunblock, shoes or sandals, and a jersey or jacket in case the weather changes (there can sometimes be a bit of a breeze out there). We will NOT be swimming so children do not require togs or towels.

Children will be home approximately one hour earlier than normal.

If you are attending the day you can download the geocaching app.

## **Friday 9th December - Craft Day / End of Year Prize Giving**

**9.00am to 10.30am:** Children will be making candles on Friday morning and doing a few other art projects before morning tea. After morning tea children will be able to complete any art projects and then swim.

**12.00 noon Shared lunch:** Whanau are invited to join us for a shared lunch. The school will provide a sausage sizzle and we will have our school lunches available so if you are able to bring along a plate to share that would also be most welcome.

### **1.00pm: Prize giving and Items by the children**

Join with us as we celebrate the successes of our students through the year, and then be entertained by our children as they perform their end of year songs and play. Our day will conclude with our final thank you's to all those that have helped our school succeed through the year and as we say farewell to the students that are leaving us.

**2.00pm - END OF 2022 at Aberfeldy School.**

## **Farewell:**

Sadly we will be saying farewell to Victoria and Tania this year. We will really miss both of these girls around our school. They have been great role models for our younger students, both caring and kind. We will miss their smiles and laughs and we wish them nothing but success and happiness as they move on to bigger and brighter futures!

## **Monday - 12th December End of Year Trip**

Our trip to Tawhiti Museum in Hawera is all planned. We will be leaving Whanganui at 8.30am - so town students will be picked up starting at 7.45am and Aberfeldy country students will be leaving Aberfeldy at 8.00am sharp. We will meet at Virginia Lake car park by the Bird Aviary before heading off in convey for Hawera.

Children will need to bring snacks, lunch, drink bottles, and togs and towel (*if* we have time we may go to the swimming pool in Hawera). Children will need to be on their very best behaviour for this trip!

There will be a small charge of \$20 per student to attend on this day. **Please ensure this is paid by this Friday.**

Our return time to Whanganui will be determined by whether we go swimming or not - so children will be back anywhere between 2.30 and 4.00pm - we will call you as we return to Whanganui.

## **NEW STUDENTS for 2023:**

With Year 8's heading off to secondary school next year we would really like to have a few more students enrolled at Aberfeldy for 2023. We have limited spaces available on our van and we would like to see these filled. If you know of any families that would be interested in their child attending our school please get in touch with them and ask them to contact the school ASAP as we are about to start actively looking for a few more students from town. Ideally we would like a few more senior students (Year 6, 7 and 8) but any ages / Year groups are welcome.

## **Sports Uniforms:**

If anyone still has sunhats or tee shirts at home please return these to school ASAP!

## **Student Reports:**

Students End of Year Reports will be given out on Friday at Prize giving.

## **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL:**

School will be open on Tuesday 13th December but please advise if your child is not coming and does not require a pick up by the van on that day. We will be doing a final clean up of the school, stacking tables and chairs etc before having a final lunch and swim and school will finish at 2.00pm.

A newsletter and stationery list for 2023 will be sent home in early January and a working bee will be held sometime over the school holidays.

