



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

Already we are drawing near to the end of term One!

Regrettably we bid farewell Mrs Irwin this term. Mrs Irwin will be missed not only by all the staff but more so by the children who look forward to all the fun things she does with them and the amazing things she brings along for them to do. We hope that Mrs Irwin gets a well deserved retirement, playing bowls, enjoying her family and running around after Ian!

We hope to announce our new Principal Release Teacher over the holiday period.

## WAIMARIE BOAT TRIP:

Our school has been lucky enough to receive a free trip on the Waimarie on TUESDAY 4th April. Children will come to school as usual and we will have an early lunch before departing on the boat at 1.00pm. We need to be in town by 12.00 noon, ready to board at 12.30pm and the boat departs at 1.00pm.

Children will need to bring a warm jacket, suitable footwear and possibly even a warm hat / beanie - as it could be chilly!

The river cruise is for one hour so town children will be home early (by around 2.30pm) and Aberfeldy children will be back at school by 3.00pm. Please advise if you are collecting your children from the boat site.

## LAST DAY OF TERM / FAREWELL TO MRS IRWIN:

Thursday the 6th April is the last day of Term One, it is also Mrs Irwin's last day at Aberfeldy and her birthday!

To show our appreciation to Mrs Irwin for everything she has done for the school over the last few years we are going to have a "Send off" party. This will also be a good opportunity to showcase the school and your tamariki's Term One work, and also for Mr Paton to initiate some of the dialogue around our new curriculum.

We will have an earlier lunch - at **12.00 noon**, with a sausage sizzle and shared kai (please bring a small plate of food to share).

## TERM TWO & A TEACHER ONLY DAY:

Term Two resumes on Monday 24th April, which is immediately followed by ANZAC Day on the 25th April (which means no school). The school is required by the Ministry of Education to have a Teacher Only Day to undertake professional development on the Curriculum Refresh - so the school has decided to have the Teacher Only Day on the Monday - meaning students do not actually return to school until **WEDNESDAY 26th April**.

## TERM TWO UPDATES:

School will continue to finish at 2.45pm for Term Two (and probably for the remainder of 2023).

Swimming will finish at the end of Term One, and if the temperature remains as cold as it is presently it is unlikely that we will be swimming for the remainder of Term.

Seniors will continue to go to technology at Cullinane College on a Thursday, but we will be implementing a new programme for all students for Thursdays - see below for more details.

## THURSDAY PROGRAMME - TERM TWO

Our planned programme for Thursdays in Term Two will include the following, with the morning sessions being done in conjunction with Mangamahua School -

- Town children will be picked up at a later time of 8.30am onwards. Please advise if this will be a problem for your whanau i.e. working parents. Aberfeldy Children will be collected from Aberfeldy at 8.30am.
- Both vans will meet at a venue (tbc) for a Leadership (Tuakana / teina) session.
- 10:00am Morning tea break
- 10.30am: Muay Thai session
- 11.30am: All students will drive to technology to drop of the Senior students
- 11:30 to 12 noon: lunch break / play for Juniors
- 12noon: Juniors attend Dance classes at the Brick House.
- 1.00pm: Juniors do a changing activity - visit the library / museum other options.
- 1.40pm: Collect senior students from technology and they meet up with the rest of the Aberfeldy Students.
- 2.30pm: Town activities finish . Town children returned home - Aberfeldy students returned to school. .

## SCHOOL VAN:

The school van fees are **\$25** per week for one student and **\$30** for 2 students. **These fees MUST be paid in advance.** If you stop your payments over the holidays please remember to restart them ready for Term Two. Bank details are as below.

Van account details: Aberfeldy School

**BNZ account number: 02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 25**

