



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau.

The mornings are getting colder but we are still experiencing beautiful days out here at our lovely school. It is definitely a little cold on the motorbike in the mornings!

## **PRINCIPAL RELEASE TEACHER:**

We are pleased to introduce you to Richard Pedley, our new Principal Release teacher. Richard has a background in science and teaching and developing environmental programmes in schools. We look forward to Richard applying his vast knowledge and love of the environment to support the students with their Enviro School programme and environmental inquiries.

## **TERRIFIC TOWN THURSDAYS:**

Our Terrific Town Thursdays are going really well and will continue in to Term Three. We join Mangamahu School at Girls College for sport, and then head off to Muay Thai, which the children are really enjoying! Our senior students then leave us to go to Culliane College for technology, whilst the remaining students go to dance classes. After lunch the children then do a different activity each week, with the Senior children then joining them after technology. Whanau are welcome to join us at any time during the course of the day. Some of the exciting things we have done are visiting the Durie Hill tower and elevator, museum, library, NZ Glass works, Army Barracks and museum and the Heritage gardens.

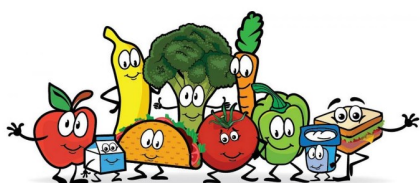
## **SCHOOL LUNCHES:**

Although school is part of the School lunch programme Ka Ora, Ka Ako, please speak with your child to check that they are actually eating these lunches. We are trying to post each week's menu on the school website and facebook page, so you can see what the children will be getting.

If you think your child is not going to like the lunch, then send along additional food for your child. We have the issues where often children don't want the school lunch, and have either no other food, or have already eaten what they did have, so end up eating nothing at lunch time.

A friendly reminder that we encourage children not have the "lollie" type treats in their lunch boxes; this often results in other children trying to bribe or ask for these. Although we have adults with the children while they are eating, we can't always see everything. As an enviro school, the use of single use plastics is also discouraged.

There is always plenty of fruit, muesli bars and nuts for the children to eat at school.



## **DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY:**

Our Duffy Role Model, Shelby Wolf, will be coming to school on **Monday, 26th June at 9.30am** to present the Duffy books to our students. Shelby's passions are cars and animals and she worked as an educator with the SPCA for many years. Now Shelby works as an Auto Angel, which is an all-female sales team finding the right car for families. She is currently modifying her classic muscle car (hot rod) to take drag racing at Meremere raceway. She continues her work with Police and Community Groups specifically with at risk young people. Whanau are welcome to come along and join us for the morning and listen to this inspiring lady!



## **WORKING BEE:**

We are aiming to have a working bee at school on Saturday, 1st July, the first weekend of the holidays. It would be great to see as many parents and other family / whanau members along as possible, as there is a lot to be done. We need to have a general tidy up of the school, inside and out, gardens need weeding, shrubs need pruning, weeds need spraying, tidy up and safety check of the playground area etc. The school will provide a sausage sizzle for lunch. Start time 9.00am but if you can't get there till later still do please come!

If you could let us know if you are intending to join us and help out that would be much appreciated.



## **BOT VACANCY:**

We are very sad to be losing Marcelle, Shaniwa-Mae and Peter-Ray after the holidays. They are heading off on new adventures, and while we wish them all the best we will miss them terribly!

Marcelle has been a member on the School Board of Trustees for the past two years and we will need to fill this position when she leaves.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about being on the school Board please contact the school or better yet, talk to us about it at the working bee!



## **ASSESSMENT & REPORTING:**

Assessment of all children has been carried out over the past few weeks, with initial findings overall being where we expected. Written reports will be sent home before the end of term and three way interviews will be conducted in the first few weeks of Term Three.



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## 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**

## FACEBOOK & SCHOOL WEBSITE:

Our school facebook page is finally being utilized again and the school website has been updated.

Please make sure you like our facebook page and check it regularly to see what has been happening at our school.

## END OF TERM:

Term Two ends on Friday, 30th June and we will be finishing the day at 2.00pm. Term Three starts on Monday 17th July and goes through until Friday 22nd September 2023.

## SCHOOL POLICIES:

Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to our school community.

The school works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://aberfeldy.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www.").



Our username is "aberfeldy" and the password is "real".

