



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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1st August 2023

Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau.

As is always the way with rural schools, our roll fluctuates and recently we have said goodbye to four of our Junior students. Kaleb and Hayley-Rose are going to a town school but leaving their older brother Brodie with us, and our twins Shaniwa-Mae and Peter-Ray have moved to Hastings to start a new chapter in their lives. We wish them all the very best and hope they have fond memories of their time at Aberfeldy School. We will miss them all greatly but look forward to some new children starting - and we are meant to be having four new students this week!

TERRIFIC TOWN THURSDAYS:

Our Terrific Town Thursdays are continuing for this term with Mangamahu School joining us. We still start our morning with Sport Whanganui at Girls College and then move on to indoor golf at the Jubilee Stadium. From here our seniors go off to technology, whilst the remaining children are (currently) doing table tennis at Tawhero School. After lunch the children then do a different activity each week, with the Senior children then joining them after technology—so far this has included going to the Heritage Gardens and attending a flax class at the museum. This week we are going to Castlecliff Beach to collect driftwood. Whanau are welcome to join us at any time during the course of the day.

BIG THANKS - WORKING BEE:

A massive thanks to the parents, whanau and community members that turned up for our working bee. We achieved a lot in a small amount of time and the school is looking great again. Additional thanks to Sophie, who has been coming to school on a regular basis to get our gardens tidied up. Sophie has made a really big impact on all of our gardens, and the school grounds in general. On-going thanks to Jason, for keeping our lawns mowed. We really couldn't do all of this without your support! Anyone is welcome to come out to school on any day, to just potter around and do odd jobs - there is always something that needs doing!



THREE WAY INTERVIEWS:

We aim to undertake our three way (parent / child / teacher) interviews next week. Josh will email you all with available times and ask your preference - either at school or in town, for the interviews.



KEEPONG OURSELVES SAFE:

The whole school will be working with Ben, the Policeman, to do our Keeping Ourselves Safe programme this term. The classes are varied dependent on the child's age.

PLANTING AT THE AURAKI STREAM ROAD RETREAT—Friday 18th August:

Higgins have kindly offered for us to be part of the restorative planting around the waterways and other significant areas at the Auraki Stream Road retreat, further up the Parapara's, in conjunction with the local Iwi and members of the community. Although we have our KOS programme in the morning, we will then head on up to assist with the planting, have a look around the works done and have a BBQ lunch. Children will need to bring warm clothing, a jacket, drink bottle and gumboots. Whanau are welcome to attend with us.



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 process. 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".





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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 stoped your payments over the holidays please restart ASAP.

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.

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

Although or 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, and so end up eating nothing at lunch time.

A friendly reminder that we encourage children to 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.

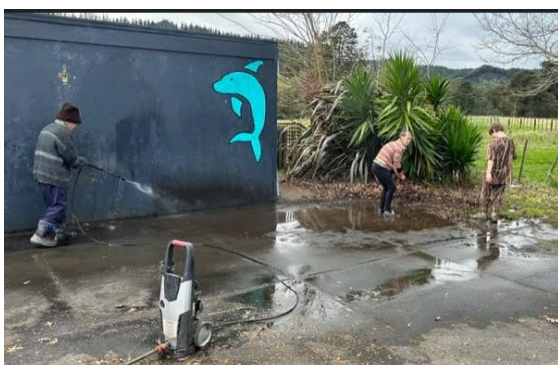
BOT VACANCY:

The Aberfeldy School Board currently has a position available.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about being on the school Board please contact the school or speak to our BOT Presiding Leader, Michelle Doughty, ph: 021 541 223.



Going to miss these little angels!!



Guinea Pig cages all painted. ^

< Rob, Sophie & Vinny hard at work.