



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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13th October 2023

Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau.

And just like that we are in to Term Four!!  
Term Four is always full of events and it goes by very quickly.

We look forward to welcoming our new tenants in the school house in two weeks, which will bring our roll to 12.

With spaces limited on the van, if you have siblings, family friend's or other families that you know of that would be interested in attending Aberfeldy School next year, now would be a good time to start making enquires and looking at holding seats on the van.

### **SCHOOL AS A VOTING PLACE:**

The Aberfeldy School building will be used as Voting Place for the 2023 General Elections for the local community.

### **THURSDAYS:**

Out Terrific Town Thursdays have finished for this year and normal school days have resumed, with our Seniors going into town for technology at 11.00am and returning home at the earlier time of around 2.00pm. All other students —Thursday is just a normal school day.

### **TE REO MAORI / KAPA HAKA:**

Matua Doug has started his Te Reo Maori programme with our tamariki and they all enjoyed the first day (Wednesday) where they learnt some basic greeting for various situations, how to address different people (matua, whaea etc) a simple waiata and the correct pronunciation of the maori vowels.

### **MAK SPORTS DAY –17th October:**

Our school will be travel through to Mangamahu School on Tuesday 17th October to combine with Managamahu, Kakatahi and Aberfeldy school for our MAK Sports Day and SPOT Day. We will be leaving school at 9.00am and travelling over Te Rimu Road. Children will need suitable clothing for play and sports, shoes, morning tea, drinks, sun hat.

As you may be aware it is 'Get Spotted' next week to raise melanoma awareness, so our children are being asked to dress up in either spotty clothes or bright colours for the day. There will be a competition for the "Most Spottiest", "Most Colourful" and "Goofiest".

### **SWIMMING:**

We have started swimming and children need to be bringing togs and towel everyday—along with a bag to put wet togs into if they are taking them home. After Labour weekend, swimming will be a compulsory part of the school curriculum and children will need to bring a note, or parent email the school, if their child is not taking part in swimming.

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

Year 7 & 8 students attend technology at Cullinane College on a Thursday from 11.40am to 1.40pm. Currently the children are doing Digital. The children come to school as per usual in the morning, travel back to town for technology and then arrive home by 2.00pm.

We ask if town parents are able to collect children at the conclusion of technology to save having our van and teacher aide in town all day (parents will be contacted later regarding this).

### **LABOUR DAY:**

A reminder that Monday 23rd October is Labour Day and there will be NO SCHOOL.

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES:**

Please feel free to visit the School Doc site which holds all of the schools Policies and Procedures—these documents are updated regularly, and as a parent / caregiver you have the ability to review the policies and make comments on them as they come up for review. To access the site please visit - <https://aberfeldy.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "aberfeldy" and the password is "real". Currently the following policies are under review:



Term 4 review topics

Review opens 9 October

#### Curriculum and Student Achievement

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy Board review
- Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning
- Religious Instruction/Religious Education Board review
- Health Education Board review

### **STATIONERY ITEMS:**

Many of the student have run out of stationery items - basics such as pens, pencils and scrap books.

Could you please send along the following items to see your child through to the end of the year

- 2 of the large Warehouse Stationery scrap books
- 2 pencils
- 2 blue pens
- Rubber
- A highlighter



Children also need -

- Drink bottle (named)
- Sunhat (named)

### **DAILY PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAMME:**

We are starting school each morning with a daily fitness programme to get the tamariki moving and active. It is great to see all of the students engaging in this.

### **FRIDAY AFTERNOON GIRLS SOCCER:**

Our girls are bringing home a flyer about after school soccer on Fridays. All the girls seem keen to do this so it would be great if the parents could organize this for these girls.

### **ABERFELDY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES CASUAL VACANCY FOR A PARENT REPRESENTATIVE:**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection.

If 10% or more of eligible voters\* on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of the notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to:

Michelle Doughty  
Presiding member  
(chair)  
Aberfeldy School Board  
C/- Aberfeldy School  
2317 State Highway 3  
Wanganui  
Address



**by: 16th October 2023**

- *Eligible voters are parents, or caregivers, of students of the school.*

### **PERMISSION SLIPS:**

All caregivers should have signed an over-reaching permission slip at the beginning of the year / or on enrolment of the student, that covers all trips that we do. If you have any questions please contact the school.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

We are aiming for 90% attendance of ALL Children this term—please do your best to ensure that your child attends school regularly, unless they are sick. Also remember to advise the school / van driver if your child is not coming to school.

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES:**

The school continues to supply school lunches each day, although the uptake by some students is not great. Please encourage your child to try the lunches, but also send along additional food to support your child's learning (if they are hungry they can't learn) if you know your child does not eat the lunches. We still have fruit, weetbix and other food items at school.

### **SCHOOL DATES:**

- \* Tuesday 17th October - MAK Sports Day at Mangamahu School
- \* Thursday 19th October - Green Bikes coming to school
- \* Monday 23rd October—Labour Day NO SCHOOL
- \* Friday 3rd November—Town Day / Nana Girls / Senior students starting dance classes
- \* Wednesday 8th November - Cluster Athletics
- \* Friday 17th November—possible OPEN DAY at school
- \* Friday 1st December—TOUGH KIDS
- \* Wednesday 6th December—possible SURPRISE TRIP DAY !!!
- \* Friday 8th December—Community Day / (like Pet Day but no pets) / Prize giving etc
- \* Monday 11th December—Fun Day in town with Mangamahu School
- \* Tuesday 12th December—Last Day of school.

More information on the above trips and activities is to be sent home at a later date.

Don't forget to check out our Face Book page as well!