



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

I can't believe this first term is almost at an end. Our final day for Term One is Friday 12th April and we will be finishing at 2.00pm.

I want to thank you all for the amazing support you have given me over the last few weeks and I am looking forward to what the rest of the year will bring.

I am currently away for the remainder of the term due to surgery, however I will still be checking my emails regularly if you need to get in contact.

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Regards,  
Shondel

## **Additional Teachers:**

We have been lucky enough to employ Tarryn Cleveland as our second teacher, she will be working on Tuesdays and Wednesday each week until the end of the year. We also have Carol Loader as a relieving teacher when required. As a school we are exceptionally lucky to have two such extraordinary, passionate and very experienced teachers to supplement our classroom learning.

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Kia Ora Koutou, Ko Tarryn tōku ingoa.

I am excited to be working at Aberfeldy on a Tuesday and Wednesday this year.

I was born and raised in Whanganui, where I enjoyed growing up with my two siblings. After secondary school, I moved to Hamilton where I completed my Bachelor of Education (Primary) degree. After university, I moved back to Whanganui and began my first teaching job before relocating to Australia. I spent 5 years in Australia teaching in both Sydney and Perth and also completed further study in Education through the Australian Catholic University.

In 2020, Ryan and I were blessed with the arrival of our son, Josh. In January last year, we also welcomed our daughter, Madelyn. We have a busy family life (as I am sure you can all appreciate) and enjoy making the most of our family time on weekends with lots of outdoor adventures, swimming, baking, crafts and play. We are also busy completing home renovations!

I am looking forward to meeting you all over the coming year and am excited about working alongside our wonderful tamariki and their families in 2024!

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Kia ora my name is Carol Loader.

I have been teaching for 24 years and am currently based at two schools in Whanganui. I have two primary school aged boys and had the pleasure of meeting many of you at the recent Aberfeldy School picnic.

I will be relieving at your school from time to time, I thoroughly enjoy spending time out here and getting to know your children and community.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Ngā mihi  
Carol

## **Sports, Achievements and Outings:**

The year 7 & 8 students took part in the first Tuia Challenge physical activity by completing



The Old Coach Road mountain biking day. I am so super proud of each and every one of these amazing students who pushed themselves and completed the grueling 15km bike track. They learnt how to use their gears for different parts of the track and got to see some fantastic scenery along the way. Meanwhile, Braxton participated in the Weetbix Kiwi Kids Triathlon in Palmerston North on the same day. He had an epic day and walked away winning a prize, well done Braxton, you are amazing!

Meanwhile our whole school is preparing for our cross country season and children are running every morning, so please ensure they bring suitable footwear to school for this as we are running on grass, stones and will be (hopefully) going through some paddocks!

During this term we have had several outings to town, mainly for swimming, but we have also been to the library and other places. It has been great to see how well behaved and polite our children have been in these situations and how they are displaying our school WAKA values.

## **DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY:**

Next Tuesday we are going to Okoia School for our Duffy Role Model Assembly. All children will be coming to school as normal and we will be leaving for Okoia School at around 1.00pm. We will not be returning to school after the assembly, so town children will be home earlier, possibly from 2.30pm.

Our role model is Diana Queenin who has travelled the world and lived in many places. While in New York she worked as a guide in the Museum of Natural History specialising in Dinosaurs and Ocean Life. She has studied Bio Geography (the effect of nature on the land) and spent time in the American deserts among the cactus and snakes. Diana is a certified Scuba Diver and has learnt much about the underwater world and is very interested in Whales and Dolphins, as well as monarch butterflies, plants, fishing, insects, birds, and reading lots of books! Diana will have lots of amazing things to show us!

## **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 van driver, prior to your child's pick up time, if your child is not coming to school and complete the online absentee form via the Skool Loop app.

## **PHONES:**

A reminder that children should not have their phones at school (this becomes law in Term 2). If your child needs their phone for an after school activity please make sure they hand their phone into the van driver or teacher first thing in the morning and it will be returned at the end of the day.

## **SCHOOL VAN:**

The school van fees remain at \$25 per week for one student but will increase to \$30 for 2 students and \$35 for more than 2 students. **These fees MUST be paid in advance** so please look at getting these set up NOW—bank details are as below.

Attached is the Van Code of Conduct for all students and caregivers to sign and return to school.

We no longer receive MOE funding for the van so we need set up a fundraising committee for the van, with all van users playing an active role in this. Ideas for this can be discussed at our next working bee.

Van account details: Aberfeldy School

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

*If you are behind please use the holidays as a chance to catch up with your payments.*



## **POLICIES:**

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".



As part of our school whanau (as a parent, caregiver, friend, visitor or staff member) you are expected to uphold the **Community Conduct Expectations** as outlined on our school docs site. A copy of this is attached to this newsletter

## **Our School Values are -**

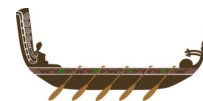
**Whakaute (Respect)**

**Ako (Learning)**

**Kawenga (Responsibility**

**& Ownership)**

**Ahu (Looking after)**



## **Our Mission statement is -**

***Learning is a journey in which all students, staff and whanau ride our WAKA through life and land at success. With Perseverance and positive attitudes we can all take on new challenges and experiences.***

## **Our Vision is -**

***Journey together on our WAKA.***

## **Our aspirational goals are -**

- **Successful Progress**
- **Maximising Potential & Wellbeing**
- **Effective Partnerships**

## **END OF TERM — START OF TERM TWO:**

Term One ends on Friday, 12th April at 2.00pm and we start school for Term Two on Monday, 29th April. We hope you all have safe holidays, have a wonderful break and return to school ready for more exciting learning in Term Two!

*We will be having a shared lunch on the last Friday of Term (12th April), with the children making pizza, so come along and join us from 12.30pm.*

## **Downloading the Skool Loop app - a step by step guide**

Once you have downloaded the Skool Loop App, via either your Google Play or App store, please follow the below instructions to select your school -

- Open the Skool Loop App - you will land on a welcome page.
- Click the 'Select your schools' this will bring you to a menu you can either search your school or follow the country/region prompts.
- Once you reach your school, select it with the tick on the righthand side.
- Tap the 'select schools' button in the top right corner.
- Tap the big orange choose button. This will load your school and bring you to the settings page.
- Subscribe to the groups that are relevant to you, then click the 'go back' button on your phone, which will bring you to the main screen of your schools app.



## **Aberfeldy School Community Conduct Expectations**



Aberfeldy School is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, staff, and visitors. Our Code of Conduct serves as a reminder to all parents, caregivers, non-teaching staff and school visitors that their conduct must support everyone's emotional and physical wellbeing, and not harm it in any way.

### **The Code of Conduct applies:**

- to all conduct, speech, and action, and includes emails, texts, phone calls, social media, or other communication.
- while on school grounds or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (such as a camp or sports match).

### **Standards of conduct**

Aberfeldy School expects parents, caregivers, and visitors to:

- treat everyone with respect
- work together in partnership with staff for the benefit of students
- respect and adhere to our school values
- set a good example for students at all times
- follow school procedures to handle any complaints
- adhere to school policies and procedures (such as those listed below), and any legal requirements.

### **Examples of unsuitable conduct include:**

- threats, bullying, harassment
- profanity/offensive language
- insulting, abusing, or intimidating behaviour
- racism or discrimination (e.g. based on ethnicity, religion)
- physical aggression
- deception/fraud
- damaging school property
- smoking, vaping, possessing, or using alcohol/drugs/other harmful substances on school premises or at another venue where students and/or staff are assembled for school purposes (except possession or use of alcohol in accordance with school policy)
- placing unreasonable and excessive expectations on staff time or resources
- pursuing a complaint or campaign, or making defamatory, offensive, or derogatory comments, regarding the school, its board, or any staff or students on social media or other public forums
- wearing gang insignia on the school grounds. (This is not allowed under the Prohibition of Gang Insignia legislation, and anyone wearing it will be asked to leave).

### **Dealing with breaches of the Code of Conduct**

How Aberfeldy School deals with breaches of our Code of Conduct depends on the nature of the incident and its seriousness, and the process any witness or victim of the behaviour feels most comfortable with. Examples include:

- documenting each instance of behaviour, including the date, time, place, who was present, what was said (verbatim if possible), how any witness or victim felt and/or responded
- holding a meeting with the relevant person, the principal, and/or board chair (or their delegate) or appropriate staff member to discuss the problem and possible resolution
- issuing a warning letter that outlines the problem and required resolution, and reminds them of the possible outcomes of repeated conduct
- arranging a meeting, which may include restorative practices, as an alternative or in addition to the processes above.

### **Outcomes of breaching the Code of Conduct**

If a parent, caregiver, or visitor acts or speaks in a way that contravenes the Code of Conduct, possible outcomes may include:

- The school (principal, board member, or staff member) may ask a person to leave the school premises by revoking their permission to be on the school grounds, then asking them to leave under section 3 of the Trespass Act 1980.
- Unacceptable behaviour of a criminal nature may result in the police being informed. For example, under section 241 of the Education and Training Act 2020, it is a criminal offence to insult, abuse, or intimidate a staff member within the presence or hearing of any student while on school premises or in any other place where students are assembled for school purposes. Other instances of criminal offending may occur where drugs are involved, an assault has occurred, or a person persists after being trespassed off school grounds.
- In the case of behaviour amounting to harassment, a restraining order may be sought.
- In some instances, it may be appropriate to refer behaviour to a third party for resolution. For example, a Facebook comment that contravenes this policy may result in a report to Facebook. If unacceptable behaviour occurs at a sports event or sports venue, then it may be appropriate to involve the governing body of that sport, event, or venue.