



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau,

## **Thursdays:**

As Thursdays are really mucky for us with Technology for the seniors and Gymnastics for everyone, we have secured the Pavilion at Laird Park to use as our base for the day.

What this means is that the town kids will be picked up later on a Thursday as we don't have the half hour trip out of town.

The Kakatahi/Aberfeldy kids will still be picked up at their usual time to then travel in to meet us in town. By doing this we are trying to maximise the learning time rather than travelling back and forth to school. We will run our usual learning program.

Town children will be home 1/2 hour earlier - just after 3.00pm and Kakatahi students will be home 1/2 hour later than normal.

## **Teacher Only Day &**

### **Kings Birthday Weekend:**

We have a Teacher Only Day booked in on Friday, the **31st of May**. The school will not be open on this day. Monday the **3rd June** is also King's Birthday so everyone will have a four day weekend. Enjoy!



## **Teaching and Learning**

Our kids have had a fantastic start to the term. We are really digging in with our cross-country training everyday and students have made goals around timing and running longer. It has been great to see kids wearing their running shoes as we have lots of sheep poo and prickles to run through.

We are focusing on learning all about Fairy Tales this term in writing and important aspects of how to structure them.

Reading is continuing every day and your child should be bringing their reader and bookbag home each night. Remember that we do the same book for two nights in a row to build up their understanding of the text.

Miss Cleveland has created an integrated unit around building our very own chicken coop! This entails research, maths, geography, and a whole lot more! We are super excited to see where this learning takes us.

We were lucky enough to have a netball session last Thursday with Netball Whanganui, the kids really enjoyed this time and it was great to see their shooting skills improve over the session.

Gymnastics went really well and we had a great instructor who moved them through lots of different activities. Ask your child which activity they liked the most.

## **Upcoming Key Dates:**

**28th May** - BOT Meeting 5.30pm at School

**31st May** - Teacher only day (School Closed)

**3rd June** - King's Birthday (School Closed)

**7th June** - Tuia Physical Challenge - Still to be organized

**21st June** - East Cluster Cross-Country at Whangaehu School

**26th June** - Visiting Kakatahi School for the day

**28th June** - Matariki (School Closed)

1st July - Visiting Ngamatapouri School for the day



## **Sky Tower Challenge:**

I will be away on Friday 17th of May and Monday 20th May as I am participating in the annual Sky Tower Challenge to help raise funds for Leukaemia and Blood Cancer.

I have added the website and a QR code if anyone is interested in making a donation, every little bit counts.

Website link:

<https://firefighterschallenge.org.nz/shondelmackie>



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