



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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1st September 2017 - Week Six / Term Three

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are now more than halfway through Term Three! The children and staff are still suffering from the lingering effects of the flu that so many people have had. Both Raewyn, Steve and myself have had time off recently as we have succumbed to the bugs! Thank you to Terry filling in for Steve for the later part of this week and Whaea Marie for relieving for me last Friday. As a small school we are very lucky that we have these people to call at short notice to step in and help out.

DUFFY THEATRE:

WEDNESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER at 9.30am

This year's Duffy Theatre is called—

Duffy and Global Girl Save the World!

It's an unusually hot summer so Duffy has grabbed some books and headed for the shade of a tree to do some reading. He is reading some phrase books when storm clouds start to gather and he spots a small red figure flying through the clouds towards him. She crashes into Duffy and introduces herself as Millicent aka Global Girl! She has been sent from planet Zyndax to help humans with the problems caused by climate change. The only problem is that Global Girl keeps messing up because she suffers from dyslexia and when she makes a mistake, it has an effect on the whole world! Luckily she has Duffy who convinces Global Girl's boss that her Dyslexia can be a strength and he will help her overcome the difficulties it provides. Together Millicent and Super Duffy work to fulfil Global Girl's mission and help humans to save the planet. The show will feature puppetry and live science experiments that will add to the excitement for Duffy kids everywhere!

The students really enjoy the Duffy Theatre and all family and whanau are welcome to come along and watch these three talented actors perform for our children.



Education Review Office Te Tari Arotake Mātauranga

ERO evaluates and reports on the education and care of children and young people in early childhood services and schools.

ERO - Aberfeldy School ERO Report 2017:

The Aberfeldy School ERO Report should be available to view on the ERO website in the next few days. We will put the link to the actual report here when we receive it.

If you are unable to view the document we are going to be inserting extracts from the report over the next few weeks.

General Summary -

Aberfeldy is a small rural school, north of Whanganui. It caters for Years 1 to 8 students from local rural families and urban families who choose to send their children to a smaller rural school. The roll is made up of 40% Māori and 60% Pākehā. The physical environment reflects the projects undertaken as part of being an enviro school.

How well is the school achieving equitable outcomes for all children?

Children are achieving well. The school demonstrates strong progress toward achieving equity in educational outcomes, supported by effective, sustainable processes and practices. The school is responding well to Māori and other children whose learning and achievement need acceleration.

School achievement information shows all current children are on track to achieve at or above the National Standards expectations in reading, writing and mathematics. There is evidence of improvement in children's achievement over time. Often accelerated progress is evident.

MATHEX:

Well done to our Mathex team who competed in the annual Mathex competition at Whanganui Intermediate School on Wednesday night. Although not in the winning teams, students did really well to achieve "personal best" for the number of questions answered correctly. The questions were really tough!

Well done Aberfeldy teams.



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TOPIC:

Our "Fabulous Fibres" topic is almost finished and we will have a display of student's work in the classroom from next Wednesday. Our students have been really interested in this topic. Our last activity will be to tie-dye a second t-shirt which will also be on display along with samples of student's weaving and sewing.

ENVIRO SCHOOL PROGRAMME:

As the weather has now fined up and the grounds are drying out we will be spending time outdoors to re-plant our veggie garden, complete our outdoor learning area and erect the green house area and erect the green house which we acquired after the closure of Ngamatea School. Our outdoor afternoons for this work will be Thursday and Fridays starting next week.

LAPTOPS:

Aberfeldy School has been donated two laptops and an I-pad from the Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC). Rob Thomson has kindly loaded many fantastic learning games (off-line) onto them including "Braintastic". Our thanks to the donors and to Rob for his time in loading the games.



NEW STUDENTS:

Welcome to Caiden, our new student who started school this week. And we have two special "Students" - STORM and THUNDER, our two new lambs that have arrived from My Symes's farm. Although a little weedy at the moment they will soon grow into large handsome boys by Pet Day. The children are taking turns at feeding and looking after them.

REPORTS:

Due to illness and staff being away, reports will be sent home early next week - apologies!



Calendar Dates

- Mondays—2.15pm ASSEMBLIES at school
- Wednesday Mornings - Integrated Maori programme at school
- Wednesday 6th September @ 9.30am - Duffy Theatre at School—all welcome
- Tuesday 12th September @ 11.30am - Duffy Role Model Assembly at school - all welcome



DUFFY Caught Being Good Awards



Shirley - fantastic photographer

Caiden - great first week at school

Bella - great reading



LUNCH ORDERS - MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER 2017

"Pie & Chips followed by Apple Sponge & Custard"

\$5.00 per student



Student Name(s):

Total Enclosed: \$.....