



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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30th January 2018 - Week One / Term One

CONTACT DETAILS for VAN Please contact Van drivers or Fran, before 7.30am, if your child will not be on the van : **Fran 027 289 3913 Steve 027 496 3331**

Dear Parents & Caregivers,



Welcome:

Welcome back to school everyone and an especially warm welcome to our 5 new students -

- * Liam & Fern-Louise
- * Ryder & Eden
- * Heaven

It is great to have some new faces at Aberfeldy School and lovely to have a few more girls! We are also looking forward to having some more students start later this term. If you know of anyone who has children that would benefit from attending our small enviro country school please tell then about us and tell them to come along and have a look. We aim to be back to 26 students by the 1st March!

We will probably need to go back to running two vans if we get a couple of more students so we will still have a few spaces on the van for new students.

Van Donations:

With the start of the new year please remember to start up your van payments—its **only \$15.00 per week per family** (up to 2 children). This money goes towards the running costs of the second van and paying the van driver wages.

Van account details -

BNZ

Aberfeldy School Van
02-0792-0329292-025

Senior Camp:

The 2 day senior camp will be held at the YMCA Raukawa Falls, on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th February (second week back) at a cost of \$45.00 per student.

It will give our Year 7 and 8

students a chance to mix and work with others of the same age from the 6 cluster schools.

One of the activities will be the High Ropes which will be part of the Tuia Challenge (senior students will undertake 4 different activities as part of this challenge during 2018).

Information is attached for the Year 7 & 8 students who will also need to complete the permission slip on the reverse of this newsletter and return to school with their \$45 payment.



Stationery:

All children should have their stationery ready to start the year, this should be named please. If you need a copy of the stationery list please ask at school or refer to last weeks newsletter on the website -

www.aberfeldy.school.nz

Togs, Towels, Hats & Sunscreen:

A reminder for all children to bring their togs and towel everyday (and a plastic bag to put their wet things in). Children should also have a sunhat - wide brimmed or bucket type are best, and should be applying sunscreen throughout the day. The school has sunscreen available from the Cancer Society, or children can bring their own. The swimming pool is looking great and the children are really enjoying being able to swim. **REMEMBER**—it is usually a good 5 degrees hotter at school than in town, due to the valley that we are situated in. Children also need to remember to stay hydrated during the day - drinking lots of water or milk.



WAITANGI DAY - 6th February:

Waitangi Day this year falls on a Tuesday, so children will have school on Monday the 5th then **NO SCHOOL on Tuesday the 6th February.**

We realise that some families may want to take the Monday off school to make for an extended long weekend—if you are going to do this please advise the school preferably on Friday, or at the latest by Monday afternoon, so we can let the van driver know.

School House:

The school house has been rented out to Delcina and Alistair, and their children Liam and Fern-Louise. They will be moving in over the next two weeks so keep an eye out for them and welcome them to our community. Please remind your children that this area is now someone's home and they are not to go over to the school house grounds.





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Working Bee:

We have got lots of ideas for making our great little school even better!

There are many jobs to do including -

- ◆ Re painting the playground games on the courts (adding new ones as well).
- ◆ Clearing the site and setting up the greenhouse which was given to us by Ngamatea School when it closed.
- ◆ Garden weeding (on - going)
- ◆ Adventure playground painting and tidying.
- ◆ Fire wood to be cut up.



Please let us know if you are able / available to help with any of these activities.

Calendar Dates

- Mondays—2.15pm ASSEMBLIES at school
- Wednesday Mornings - Integrated Maori programme at school
- TUESDAY 6th February - NO SCHOOL Waitangi Day
- Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February - Year 7 & 8 students overnight camp at Camp Raukawa.



School Lunches:

School lunches will start again in Week 3. Weetbix and milk is available at school for any children that would like breakfast or are hungry. We will also be getting a fresh lot of Kids Can food early this term and our Fruit in Schools deliveries will start again in Week 3.



Caught Being Good:

Duffy Caught Being Good books will also start again in Week 3—once all the children have returned and had time to settle back in!

SCHOOL HOURS

School start 9.00am
Morning Tea 10.30 - 11.00am
Lunch 12.30 - 1.15pm
School ends - 2.45pm



ABERFELDY SCHOOL PERMISSION SLIP

Camp Raukawa - Thursday 8th & Friday 9th February 2018

I give permission for my childto stay overnight at Camp Raukawa on Thursday 8th February 2018.

I have completed the Medical form and understand the risks involved with any outdoor adventure activities. I understand that my child may be swimming.

I understand that my child is NOT allowed to take a cell phone , Ipad etc to camp.

Enclose \$45.00 camp fee.

Signed: (Parent / guardian) Date: