



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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27th February 2018 - Week Five/ Term One

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Another busy week has come and gone. Students have continued to work well. Unfortunately the weather has been cooler at night and the pool has lost some of its warmth. We hope it warms up before the Cluster Swimming Sports on Thursday.

STEM:

Our STEM programme has continued with children being challenged to make a tower to hold up a tennis ball at last 10cm above the desk. In doing this our students are using basic engineering skills to design and make a tower that has the strength to hold a tennis ball up - using only toothpick, ice block sticks, string and tape. Just as important are the problem solving skills and learning to work together collaboratively. Check out our face book page for some photos to show how they did.

RURAL CLUSTER SWIMMING SPORTS:

Our Rural Cluster swimming sports will be held on **Thursday, 1st March** at the Fordell Community Swimming Pool, where will compete against Upokongaro, Okoia, Kaitoke, Fordell, Mangamahu and Whangaehu.

WE need to be at the pool by 10.00am for a briefing, with events starting at 10.30am sharp.

There are various age groups and events but only the confident, competitive swimmers will be taking part.

Swimmers not swimming (between races etc) need to be seated and supervised fully at all times.

Non-swimmers will not be going to this event as it is a long day, sitting all day, in the sun.

Swimmers that have been selected must return the attached permission slip.

Note: Our "own" Aberfeldy swimming sports will be held after this date, which ALL students will be able to take part in.

Sea Week:

We will be attending a sea week event hosted by the Department of Conservation on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

The day will start with a karakia and meet and brief at 10am at the Duncan Pavilion at Castlecliff Beach where students will have an opportunity to eat morning tea, 30 minute lunch at around 12:00 and a final wrap up and closing karakia before leaving.

The children will take part in 5 "workshops" during the day learning about plastic problems, flora and fauna / Coastal restoration, what lives in the dunes?, coastal minibeasts and coastal adornment.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to school. Children will come to school as per usual on the morning.

Year 7 & 8 CLUSTER SCHOOL CHALLENGE:

As part of the Year 7 & 8 Students Cluster School Tuia Challenge the senior students have the opportunity to cycle the "Old Coach Road Cycle Track" in (Ohakune / Raetihi—look it up on google).

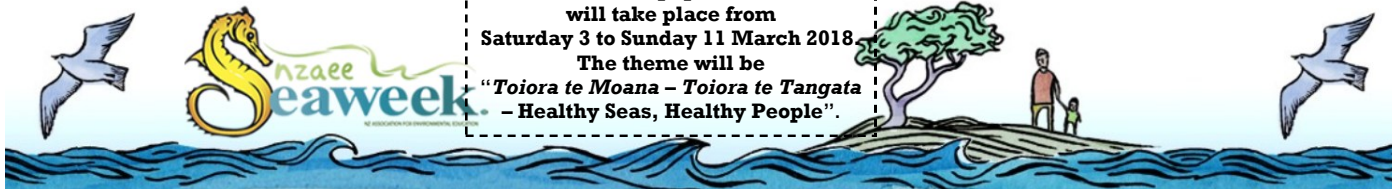
We have an experienced cyclist to ride with the students and the children will use hired cycles for the ride.

The Ohakune Old Coach Road formed an integral link between the two rail heads between 1906 and 1908, allowing through journeys by horse and coach before the rail was completed. The Hapuawhenua Viaduct was one of the final components of the North Island main trunk railway. Heritage features on the trail include a unique cobbled road, massive steel viaducts, a curved tunnel, railway bridge remains, and old campsites. The students will also get to see journey some beautiful stands of native forest with sweeping views across the district.

Ways to get ready for this 15km ride is to -

- ⇒ Build up fitness by running, walking or cycling each day.
- ⇒ The ride should take about 2 1/2 to 3 hours.

Seaweek – Kaupapa Moana 2018
will take place from
Saturday 3 to Sunday 11 March 2018.
The theme will be
"Toiora te Moana – Toiora te Tangata
– Healthy Seas, Healthy People".





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URGENT -Year 7 & 8 Vaccinations:

We are still waiting for most Year 8 students to return their consent forms for the HPV vaccine. These need to be signed and returned to school ASAP, even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated (you need to complete the part that says NO—section B).



The Fonterra Milk for Schools programme is turning 5! To mark the big occasion Richie McCaw is helping Fonterra and its farmers make a special milk delivery to four lucky primary schools, by helicopter.

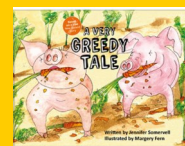
Nominate your school for a chance to win by entering at richiesmilkrun.co.nz

T & Cs apply

Calendar Dates



- Mondays—2.15pm ASSEMBLIES at school
School Lunches \$5.00
- Wednesday Mornings - Integrated Maori programme at school
- Thursday 1st Match—Rural Cluster Schools Swimming Sports at Fordell Swimming Pool.
- Friday 9th March @ 11.30am - Author Jennifer Somervell visit to school
- Wednesday 15th March - Juniors trip to the Museum
- Wednesday 22nd March—Juniors trip to Art Gallery



PERMISSION SLIP– Seaweed Activities Wednesday 7th March - Castlecliff Beach..

I give permission for To travel to Castlecliff Beach and take part in the Seaweed Activities. I understand that there will be NO Swimming.
I can provide parental support on the day Yes / No

Signed: (Parent / Guardian)

PERMISSION SLIP - Rural Cluster Swimming Sports Thursday 1st March 2018 at Fordell Swimming Pool.

I give permission for To travel to Fordell and take part in the Swimming Sports on Thursday 1st March 2018.

Signed: (Parent / Guardian)

Children to take part: Damien Sawyer, Hunter Browning, Jayna Anderson, Angus Dawson, Sheldon O'Hagan and Jack Ratana.



LUNCH ORDERS - MONDAY 5th MARCH 2018

"American Hot Dogs" followed by a "Spider"

\$5.00 per student



Student Name(s):

Total Enclosed: \$.....