



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Everyone enjoyed their Easter break and returned full of stories about their adventures.

The term is rapidly coming to a close and what a busy term we have had! This week we have also had a busy time with a visit from Hadi Gurton teaching the children about the benefits of zero waste and how we benefit from less waste. This linked to the Sea week activities we did where our students learned about the danger that plastic in the ocean poses to ocean animals. The children will bring home the Zero Waste booklet that they completed with Hadi.

No School Lunches on Monday

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY:

Next Wednesday, 11th April at 11.30am we have Tamara Rachael Wharerau aka 'Tamara Star' visiting school as our Duffy Role Model.. Rachael was born in Papakura Auckland, and now lives in Henderson West Auckland. Her tribal iwi are Ngapuhi and Tainui. Rachael is the Creative Director for Tamara Star* Productions and the Author of an up and coming series of children's fantasy audio books called "Dreamcatcher - The Celestial Adventures of Tamara Star*.

Rachael is the illustrator, narrator, singer music producer for the books. She is also an actress, who creates costumes, props, sets, make-up and hair design to bring the characters and scenes of the books to life on stage, in music videos and film productions.

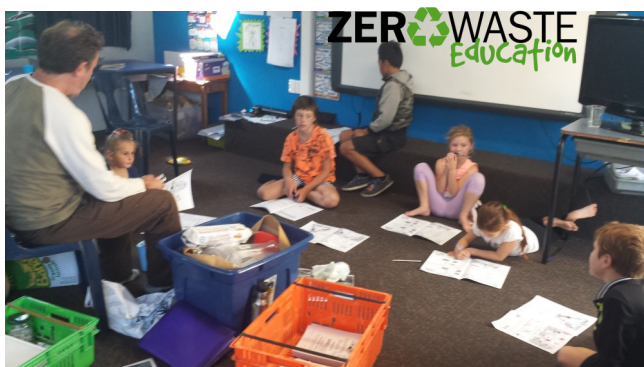
Rachael leads by example and teaches how important it is to be innovative and unique, and to believe in yourself and follow your dreams.

CURRICULUM:

During Term One we have had a major focus on maths with the Year 5 - 8 group making great progress in learning about fractions, percentages, geometry strand and basic facts - including times and division tables.

STEM: (Science, Maths Engineering & Technology)

During the term we have undertaken a number of basic STEM challenges including building towers, making bridges, constructing huts and testing their strength; children have also tested the relative strength of columns and found that a circular column was much stronger than a square or triangular column. Next week we will carry out some physics STEM challenges about gravity and constructing a crane.



LITERACY:

Students have time to undertake personal reading for 15 - 20 minutes a day. In addition to this students do word work, handwriting and story writing on a daily basis. Older students have been learning about inferencing, characters, themes and summarising using animated shorts.

ENVIRO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

We have just dug our first kumara which we planted last term with the enviro schools facilitator, Ron Fisher. It is really exciting to see what we have grown!

Our "Reflection Day" to gain our Bronze Award, will be held early next term.

SWIMMING SPORTS - END OF TERM FUN DAY:

Friday 13th April.

Finally our school swimming sports will be happening on the last day of Term One - Friday 13th April!

These will be held at the SPLASH Centre and all children will be attending (and hopefully taking part) - there will be something for all children to compete in, no matter their age or swimming ability.

Children will travel to school as per usual, where we will undertake our end of Term clean up and pack up. Then we will leave for town at 10.00am with the swimming sports starting at 10.30am.

At the conclusion of the swimming (approx. 12.30pm) we will have a PIZZA Picnic outside.

After lunch we hope to be able to have an hour play on the bike park / pump park next to the Splash Centre - we are just awaiting confirmation that we are able to get bikes for all the students. Junior students may need to bring their own bikes if they have them.

The cost for the day will be **\$5.00 per student** - which covers the pool entrance fee and part lunch cost, with the remainder coming from fundraising funds.

All students will need to bring morning tea, drink, togs and towel (a plastic bag for wet gear), goggles if they want to use them and suitable footwear for riding a bike.

The afternoon will finish at around 2.30pm so town children will be home approximately 1 hour earlier than normal.



Calendar Dates

- Fridays - ASSEMBLIES at school 2.15pm
- Wednesday Mornings - Integrated Maori programme at school
- Wednesday 11th April - Duffy Role Model Assembly 11.30am
- Friday 13th April - END OF TERM ONE!
- Monday 30th April - TERM TWO STARTS

