



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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16th October 2018 - Week One Term Four

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to the final term for the year! I hope everyone had a great holiday, all the students have arrived back at school enthusiastic and ready to work. This term is a very busy term indeed with only 9 weeks to fit in many different activities, this will include our annual Pet Day, seniors will be attending dance classes with seniors from our cluster schools to get ready for the combined schools senior dinner and dance at the end of the year, Juniors & Middles will take go to the Gym Club for two sessions, Tough Kids and other activities including camp.

Seniors - Technology - THURSDAYS:

Year 7 & 8 students will be going to technology at Gonville School on Thursday mornings. Students must wear covered in shoes and take along their morning tea and a drink with them. This term the student WILL NOT come to school first - instead they will be picked up from their homes around 9.15am - please ensure that they are ready to go! The students will return to school in the afternoon and come home as per usual on the van.

Labour Day - NO School on MONDAY:

Monday the **25th October** is **LABOUR DAY** so there is no school on that Monday.

Van Runs:

With additional students on the vans, changes in van drives and additional students needing to go in to town in the afternoons, there have been several changes to the van run this week whilst we try to sort out what works best for everyone. Thank you for your understanding while we work through this. Some students may be being picked up early for the next few weeks and coming with Mrs Lambert in the morning but these students parents / caregivers will be contacted about this.



SHAKE OUT:

Our students (that are at school) will be taking part in the "New Zealand 2018 National Shake Out Day" on **Thursday 18th October at 9.30am**. Students are bringing home a Shake out Challenge today which they can return to school to get a cool prize. Please help your child to work through the challenges - as it is a good reminder for everyone.



3 Way Interviews Student / Parent / Teacher:

We will be conducting 3 way interviews on Monday 29th October. A interview time sheet will come home next week for parents to select a suitable time / venue.

PET DAY:

Pet Day is booked in for Friday 2nd November (weather permitting). All family and whanau are welcome to come along for the day and enjoy a picnic lunch. More details will be sent home closer to the date.

SWIMMING:

Steve is getting the pool ready for the students to start swimming as soon as the weather warms up just a little more - hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

LUNCHES:

Lunches will start again on Tuesday next week, then revert back to the Mondays. Please ensure that your child does pay for their lunch as we have many children wanting lunch, saying "they will pay next week...." - this is unfair on those students that do pay and also eats in to our fundraising efforts that this money goes towards. Lunch on Tuesday will be sausage sizzle followed by ambrosia pudding (marshmallows, yoghurt, whipped cream) - cost \$5.00 per lunch.



LUNCH ORDERS - MONDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

"Sausage Sizzle" followed by "Ambrosia Pudding"

\$5.00 per student



Student Name(s):

Total Enclosed: \$.....



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ENVIRO SCHOOL:

Our enviro school programme will swing into action this term. A number of activities will start this week with all students being a member of a different enviro activity team. The teams are - the garden team, the bee tyre garden team, the mural team, the eco building team, the worm farm & compost team and the herb gardens and chicken run team.

Teams will spend 3 afternoons a week ((Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) on their projects and the work will include problem solving, written planning and recording planting and seedling care and construction.

BREAKFAST CLUB / FRUIT / MILK:

We are lucky enough to receive weetbix, milk, fruit and other food items - if your child needs, or would like, extra food while they are at school this is freely available for them to help themselves, however we do ask that they -

- Tidy up their own mess - we aren't their slaves
- Rinse their plate out
- Put their food scraps (fruit peels etc) in the food scrap bins
- Place their empty milk cartons in the blue recycling bins for these
- Not be wasteful - others do actually want this food and we are lucky to have it
- Not stock pile food / milk to take home; if we have excess fruit we will give it out to those that want it. Our milk has to last us all term - so students are asked not to "fill their bags up" with this when they think we aren't looking ☺



Van Payments:

Could parents please ensure their van payments for Term 4 are under way - the cost is only \$15.00 per week.

**Bank account for van payments:
02-0792-0329292-025**

Please use your name as a reference.

Thank you to those families that make regular payments or have set up automatic payments.

REMINDERS FROM LAST TERM - -

Please do not send your child to school with any of the following items -

- * Energy Drinks (be aware of what is your children's drinks - often "sports" drinks or "fruit" drinks contain up to 40gm of sugar!)
- * I Pads, Cell phones, tablets etc - these are NOT allowed at school. There is no cell phone coverage at school. If you need to contact your child, or your child needs to contact you, they are able to use the school landline.
- * Combustibles / - eg. lighters, matches, or anything else that contains flammable gasses or liquids.
- * Medication - if your child requires medication this should be sent to school in a sealed bag with a note of who the student is and the dosage / times required and this must be handed in to the office.
- * Lollies - especially chewing gum or bubble gum - again the very high sugar content in these items can affect the children's learning, as well as causing arguments between the who has then and who hasn't.



What

we would like to see coming to school with your child -
A good attitude - willing to learn, respectful and happy attitudes.

- * SUN HATS - yes the weather is warming up and all children will be required to have sun hats on when outside.
- * Preferred sunblock - if you have a preference to a brand of sunblock please send this to school - there is sunblock available at school for all children to use/.
- * Water bottle - We are a WATER ONLY School, except for milk of course.
- * Juniors (and some older children) a change of clothes - as they are enjoying playing in our sandpit, especially when water is added!!! A plastic bag to put clothes in.

Note: If anyone has any sandpit toys (buckets, spades, trucks etc) that they no longer required we would love to have them at school.

