



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Start of Year 2019

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Greeting to all Parents , Caregivers, and whanau,

Welcome back to Aberfeldy School, Term One 2019. I hope that everyone has had a fantastic summer break - whether you have been away or just relaxed at home.

I would like to welcome a number of new students who will be starting next week - we look forward to getting to know you all.

The Aberfeldy staff have been hard at work over the past few weeks getting ready for the new term. We have exciting times planned for this term. Jonny Mathews will continue as Teacher Aide for the first few weeks until he has to go back to University.

WAITANGI DAY:

Just as soon as you get back in to the school routine we will be having a day off - **Waitangi Day is on Wednesday 6th February** and there will be **NO SCHOOL** that day.

COMMUNITY PICNIC -

Get Together:

We are going to have a community picnic at Kowhai Park on **Friday 8th February from 12.30pm** onwards.

Students will come to school as usual but will be transported back to town at 12.00pm. Bring your picnic lunch and drink (non-alcoholic!) and meet us at the park for a get together to meet new families and old friends.

All Aberfeldy families, friends and whanau are welcome to come along and share this time together. Children will stay and enjoy the water and playground until 2.45pm - after which they will be returned home, slightly earlier than usual.



CHARTER Consultation / Planning:

All parents and caregivers are invited to have input into our 2019 Charter and planning for the 2019 year.

A copy of our Aberfeldy School Charter, and a survey about planning, will be sent home next week. Please read this document and have your say! All ideas are welcome.



Friends of Aberfeldy School:

We are hoping to reinstate our FOAS (Friends of Aberfeldy School) which used to operate several years ago and was very successful in organizing such things as fundraising, working bees and social get together's. Anyone that is interested in this could email the school aberfeldy.class@xtra.co.nz or phone the school - whether or not you have children currently attending.



SPORTS Uniforms:

We have been successful in our application to the Infinity Foundation to help purchase sports tops and hats for all of our students and one of our first tasks back at school will be to measure up students for these and send away, so hopefully our uniforms will arrive in the first few weeks of term.

Other Funding:

We have also received partial funding from NZCT to go towards buying a new photocopier to replace our old one that is starting to break down .

We have received \$10,000.00 from the Four Regions Trust (formerly PowerCo Trust) to go towards purchasing a new van - we still have more fundraising to do for this , or sponsorship to find!



Stationery List:

Attached is our stationery list for 2019 - this is also available at Warehouse Stationery. If you are purchasing your items from Warehouse Stationery please advise them that the "points" are to go to Aberfeldy School.

TECHNOLOGY - YEAR 7 & 8:

This year our Year 7 & 8 students will be attending technology at Cullinane College for technology on a Wednesday morning at 11.40am - starting on Wednesday 13th February. Students will need to wear covered in shoes and have long hair tied back please.

This will be a big, and exciting, change for our students. Further details will be sent home next week.

Van & Van Payments:

The first week of school may see a few changes in van pick up and drop off times, and who is on which van - please bear with us while we sort this out. If you have changed address or other circumstances have changed - then please advise the school or the van driver. We will try and keep as close to possible as our times for last year.



Could parents please ensure their van payments for the start of the Year are set up - there has been a slight increase in the van fees (first time since we have been running the vans!) It is now \$20 per week for up to 2 children - with an additional \$5 per student after that.

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.

SCHOOL STARTS BACK ON
Monday 28th January.



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RIPPA RUGBY & TACKLE SESSIONS:

Our students will travel over to Mangamahu School on Monday 18th February to take part in Rippa Rugby & Tackle sessions with a Sport Whanganui Coach - more details to come...

SWIMMING:

Thanks to Steve, our school pool has been operating well over the holidays and is ready to go on our first day back. Make sure children bring togs and towel every day - and a plastic bag to put their wet gear in.



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SUNSMART SCHOOL:

Aberfeldy School is a Sunsmart School and **children MUST wear a hat when outside** (a wide brim hat provides more protection, or a hat with a flap at the back to protect their neck from the sun). Children should eat their lunch in the shade and **sunblock is available at school and must be used**. Please speak to your children about being sun smart - they are able to ask for sunblock, or put it on themselves, when required.

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 😊



REMINDERS

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 them 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 - all children are 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 wet 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.



Aberfeldy School Stationery Lists 2019



Year 1 - 3

1	Clever Kiwi 'How to Write book .'
1	Clever Kiwi 'My Writing Book – 12 mm.'
2	Clever Kiwi 'Fun Doing Maths.'
2	Scrap books-Warwick or similar
2	3 B 1 Note books
2	Pencils-good quality please
1	Pencil Sharpener
1	Rubbers
1	Ruler- Hard clear plastic-NOT bendy please
1	Packet colouring pencil/ Felt tips
1	Glue Stick
1	Ream of white photocopy paper

Year 4-8

4	1B8 Literacy- reading, writng, word work.
2	Clever Kiwi 'Fun Doing Maths- Book 2'
3	Project Books (Warwick or similar scrapbook) –Social Sciences, Art,
2	3 B 1 Notebooks
2	Blue pens
2	Red Pens
2	Pencils
1	Rubbers
1	Pencil Sharpener
1	Ruler- clear, hard plastic-NOT bendy please.
1	Glue stick
2	Highlighters-
1	Packet of coloured pencils / felt tips
1	Ream of white photo copy paper
1	Year 7 & 8 only Scientific calculator

Note:

Please ensure all stationery is named clearly- it is not necessary to write subject name.

Warehouse Stationery have a copy of our list – remember to tell them this is for Aberfeldy School and the school receives points.

** Remember we start school on Monday 28th January 2019.*