



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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22nd October 2019 Week 2 Term 4

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

Welcome back to an action packed Term Four. We have a full programme and as this is only a 9 week term (8 including this week) we will have a very busy time indeed.

Welcome to two new students - Kaivah and Te Ariki .

**No SCHOOL ON MONDAY 28th October  
LABOUR DAY**

**Due to Labour Day there will be  
no bought lunches this week -  
lunches will resume on the 4th November.**

### Outdoor Learning Area:

Finally they have started on our outdoor learning area - it is all marked out and just waiting for the digger to arrive and dig out the area for the concrete pad.

Although the area is fenced off children **MUST NOT** go in to this area - especially once the builders actually start working.

### Swimming:

Steve is busy getting our pool ready to start our swimming. If the weather is kind / warm enough we may start from next week, or the week after!

Cecille from **Swimming New Zealand** has been at school today going over some of the Water Skills for Life initiatives including -

- \* Briefly discuss safety at the beach (understanding waves and rips).
- \* River safety - actively involved in dry mock rescues (using sticks as if in a river, understanding the importance of safety first, looking after themselves).
- \* Life jackets (the importance of lifejackets, getting students to fit them properly, HELP position, huddle).
- \* A variety of dry land exercises focusing on all muscles used in swimming, including survival skills.
- \* Scenario cards (breaking students into groups brainstorming survival strategies and how to keep themselves safe in various situations).

Once swimming starts students need to bring togs and towels each day, along with a plastic bag (or similar) to put their togs in to take home.



### **WHATS COMING UP**

*Things to go in your diary - more details to come!*

#### Pet Day:

Our Annual Pet Day is to be held on **Wednesday 6th November** (weather permitting). All the children are getting excited, talking about what pet they will bring and what things they will make. More detailed information will be sent home next week. However, please note, that NO Cats are allowed, as they become stressed, and dogs must be able to be tied up for the day and be able to be controlled by the children.

#### Inter-School Athletics:

Our Inter School Athletics, with our Wanganui East Cluster group of schools, will be held at Cooks Gardens on **Monday 11th November** - more details to follow.

#### ERO Visit:

We are looking forward to welcoming the Education Review Office team to our school on the week starting **11th November**. This is a great opportunity for the school to get a "once over" from an outside agency to evaluate what we are doing well and any areas for improvement - this covers things such as Health & Safety, Legislation, Academic achievement and how the school and Board of Trustees are performing in providing care and education for our students.

#### Enviro School Reflection Day:

Our school will be reflecting on its Enviro journey on **Friday 15th November** with Ron Fisher and the Enviro School team coming to join us for the morning (from 9.30am) and parents or whanau that would like to come along are most welcome.

#### Year 6 - 8 Beach Walk:

Our **Year 6 to 8** students are to take part in a Beach Walk from Kai Iwi Beach along to Castlecliff Beach, collecting rubbish along the way, on **Tuesday 19th November**. The student's are going to need to be FIT to do this so should be doing some walking at home every day. The walk is about 12km long and is expected to take 2 - 3 hours

#### Mitre 10 Tough Kids:

This is for Year 3 student and upwards - younger students will have another programme of fun things to do for the day. This will be held at Cooks Gardens on **Friday 29th November**.

#### YEAR 7 & 8 Students only:

With our Whanganui East Rural School Cluster Group we have some exciting events planned for the last term -

**Dance Lessons** (*Shock - horror!*) Our seniors will be starting Dance lessons next **Friday 1st November** at the Kaitoke School hall. Students will be picked up from home slightly later at about 8.45am onwards, and Dance lessons start at **9.30am**. These will continue for 6 weeks.

*Please turn over for more activities ...*



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## Seniors Programme continued...

At the conclusion of the dance lessons the students will come back to school unless there is another activity planned - see below, or over the page...

**Dine and Dance:** The seniors dance lessons will cumulate with a Dine and Dance on **Friday 6th December** - more details to come closer to the date.

**Air Cadets Day:** Charles Quirk will be doing an Air Cadets presentation to the seniors on **Friday 8th November** at the conclusion of their dance session at Kaitoke School.

**Careers Day:** On Wednesday 13th November students will come to school as per normal before the seniors will return to town to go to Ag Challenge to take part in a careers day where they will learn about various careers including construction and industrial options. LUNCH Will be provided by Ag Challenge but students should still bring some morning tea and a drink.

**Whanganui High School Testing Day:** Please advise the school if you child is enrolled at Whanganui High School as they are carrying out pre-testing of Year 8 students on Friday 15th November and we will need to make arrangements for your child to attend this.



## SCHOOL VAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a passenger on an Aberfeldy School Van I agree to abide by the behavioural expectations described below:

- When I am a passenger, I will remain in my seat for the whole journey
- I will wear my seat belt at all times.
- **I will not eat or drink in the van or throw anything inside or out of the van.**
- I will respect other students and their property at all times (this includes pushing, verbal or physical abuse, or any other behaviour that may distract the Driver.
- I will use socially acceptable language when conversing with the driver and/or other students and I will not speak at a volume that may distract the driver.
- I will respect the property of the Van at all times (e.g. refrain from standing on seats or vandalising the vehicle in anyway).
- I will not engage in any behaviour that could put the driver or any other students at risk.
- I will observe the requirements and instructions of the Van Driver, the Principal and/or Van Committee at all times.
- I understand that any damage I cause to the Van will result in my caregiver being billed for the cost of repairs.

The Safety and comfort of everyone on the van depends on a standard of behaviour and consideration for others that is expected in the classroom. We hope that parents/caregivers will support the school in maintaining these standards of behaviour.

### If this Code of Contact is Broken:

- Students will be warned about their behaviour and given a chance to apologise.
- If there is still no improvement, travel on a school van will be withdrawn, and the caregiver will be required to find alternative transport to ensure they are meeting their legal obligation to get their child to school.
- In extreme cases of misbehaviour the privilege of travelling on a school van could be withdrawn immediately.

*We appreciate parents and whanau support with upholding this Code of Conduct .*

**Also a reminder to PLEASE start up your van payments - \$20 per week for up to two children.**

