



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear whanau, caregivers and students,

What a lovely HOT start to the year!!! It is great to see everyone back and ready to work. We have had a great first two days and the children are keen to get back in to work.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION:

There are several things that the school and the Board of Trustees would like you to have input in to.



ABERFELDY SCHOOL 2020 CHARTER - please find attached **Charter for 2020**. Any feedback on this is very welcome and is required back at school by **Monday 3rd February 2020** or can be e-mailed to the school at aberfeldy.class@xtra.co.nz Please note that the targets will be completed once analysis of achievement of the current students has been completed, to enable the school to focus on the appropriate areas.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT - as you are aware the school will be looking to appoint a new principal ready for term two (Whaea Bev will be acting Principal for Term One after the 6th February). The Board of Trustees has engaged a consultant to assist with the appointment process, as the new Principal will help shape the future of the school over the coming years. As part of the appointment process the school has been asked to gather **community voice** on what they would like to see - from students, parents, whanau, community and staff so the Board is looking for your help in identifying what are some of the **key characteristics** we are looking for in our next Principal at Aberfeldy School.

We would appreciate you providing us with **the top 3 qualities you value in a Principal**.

Email your thoughts to our Educational Consultant, Kerry Rickard, who is supporting us in this process. kerry.r.rickard@gmail.com or return to school (in a sealed envelope) and they will be forwarded to Kerry.



All input needs to be in by **Friday 31st January**. Thanks for your support. *Please take the time to do this.*

SWIMMING: Don't forget to bring your togs and towel, sunhat and sunblock every day. Please bring along a plastic bag to put wet gear into.

WAITANGI DAY - NO SCHOOL!

Don't forget that next THURSDAY is Waitangi Day and there will be no school.

CORONAVIRUS:

As you all will have seen in the media this morning the coronavirus is rapidly evolving and it appears it may already be in New Zealand! All schools are being advised to err on the side of caution and although its unlikely that any of our school community has been to China, or been in contact with anyone from China in the last 14 days we are asking you to voluntarily stay away from school for a period of 14 days if you have been. We will keep you up to date with information as we receive if from the Ministry of Education.



In all cases of illness - if your child is feeling unwell then they should not be at school, so please keep them home and inform the school.

WORKING BEE:

A huge thank you to everyone that came and helped on Saturday AND Sunday! It was extremely hot but we got a huge amount of work done - see over for photos. A special thanks to our local farming families that really made a difference - Ian and Anna Symes, Sarge, Jill, Chrissy, James and Ashton Marshall (along with Celine) and Robb Thomson and to Michelle Doughty. Special thanks to Stu (Wanganui Concrete Contractors) who managed to get a lot of the products donated for us - see over for some of the generous sponsors. There is still work to be done but we are making real progress!



VAN FEES & FORMS:

Children are bringing home their *Van Code of Conduct* forms today - these must be signed by the student, and the parent. To ensure the safety and well being of all on the van (including the drivers) if your child does not abide by these rules they will not be picked up by the van.

\$20 per week van fees are payable in to the school van account - **02-0792-0329292-025**

Please use your family name as a reference.

TECHNOLOGY Year 7 & 8

Technology for Year 7 & 8 students, at Cullinane College, will start on Thursday 13th

February. Student will be picked up later than normal - (around 8.45am) and will remain in town for the day - completing some work at the library before going to technology and then doing activities in town after technology, being returned home by 2.30pm.





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Gardens done! Raised garden beds made! Chicken run cleaned out! Waterblasting done! Playground nearly all painted, sandpit nearly rebuilt, concrete around raised gardens to be done soon. Massive clean up everywhere.

Special thanks to Eastown Timber for donating all the timber for these projects along with a new picnic table and to Allied Concrete who are donating the concrete for Wanganui Concrete Contractors to place around the raised gardens.

We made some pallet gardens to hang n the walls and we still have the garden shed to erect.



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