



ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CONTACT DETAILS for VAN Please contact Van drivers before 7.30am, if your child will not be on the van :
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Dear whanau, caregivers and students,

Students are starting to settle in with our new teacher - Whaea Kathy, and are enjoying some of the fun learning activities that she is undertaking with them.

From Whaea Kathy (Forster)

Tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou katoa.

Taranaki is my mountain, Pungarewa is my river, Rahotu is the place where I grew up. My parents are Gerrit Griffioen and Mary Griffioen. I am of Dutch heritage, and can speak Dutch and Te Reo Maori. I am married to Ian Forster. We have three married children, who have three children each, so have nine fine grandchildren!

I grew up in a dairy farming home, and am at present a teacher and a farmer. My husband and I have beef cattle, and also a nurse cow operation, where we take on extra calves from dairy farms. These calves are mothered on to our own cows. These cows end up with two to three calves each. We have three A2 cows in our herd. We rotate the milking of these three cows to supply milk for our present household of four adults. These three cows also have mothered on calves.

I enjoy most outdoor activities especially sailing, walking, tramping and staying at huts in Tongariro National Park, bush walking, abseiling, and swimming. My favourite indoor activities are water colour and acrylic painting, and playing and listening to music. I play and teach piano, ukulele, and guitar. I also play the viola.

I love children and teaching, especially the teaching of Science, Maths and the Arts. I am looking forward to working with your children. I believe learning should be fun, and full of discoveries!

Whaea Kathy is taking the Year 4 to 8 students and Whaea Bev is remaining with the Year 1 to 3 students. We are also very lucky to have Matua Peter assisting at school 2 to 3 days a week for the next few weeks. Both Kathy and Peter bring a wealth of knowledge and experience with them and it is great for our children to experience some new things.

Thursday 20th February Programme:

Year 7 & 8 Students Technology - pick up and drop off will be the same as last week until an alternative programme can be arranged. Our student's are remaining together as a group for the sessions at Cullinane with them doing "ART" and "DIGITAL".

Vision & Hearing Testing: The Whanganui Health Nurses will be coming to school on Thursday (morning?) to carry out the Routine Vision and Hearing testing on 5 year olds - if you have any concerns regarding your child (if they aren't 5) please contact the school.

YEAR 7 & 8 IMMUNISATION:

Please see over for more information...

Year 7 and 8 students will be attending an education session on the immunisation being offered to them. The education session will take place on Thursday the 5th March at 10.00am at Whanganui Hospital - Lambie Building, Level 2. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Vivienne East, Public Health Nurse on 021 373 212

RIVERBOAT TRIP:

All of the school will take part in a trip on the River Boat on Monday 9th March at 1.30pm. More information will be sent home in Week 6, along with permission slips.





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BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT:

Please find attached Aberfeldy School Behaviour Plan. This is the plan for managing behaviour and the consequences that are being implemented across the school. If you have any questions on this please feel free to contact the school.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION CONSULTATION:

Every two years the school consults the community on health Please find attached the Health & PE Consultation forms - please read this, complete the last page and return to school.

YEAR 7 & 8 Permission Slip:

Technology: I understand that as part of the Aberfeldy School curriculum my son / daughter will be taking part in the technology programme supplied by Cullinane College for 2020. I understand that my child will be transported to and from Cullinane College and may also take part in other off site activities on these days (Thursday's) as advised.

Immunisation Consultation: I give permission for my son / daughter to attend the immunisation education session* at the Whanganui Hospital on Thursday 5th March 2020. I am aware that I am also able to attend this session.

*This is only an educational talk - no immunisations will be given on this day.

Child(s) name:

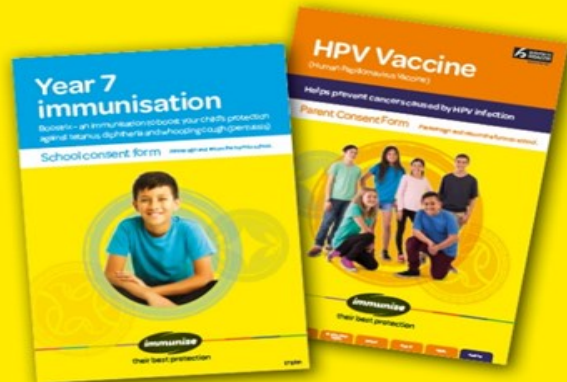
Signed Parent / Caregiver:

If your child is in **Year 7 or 8** they'll be offered important **free** immunisations at school. These will help protect them against serious diseases, and will also help protect your whānau and our wider community.

Ask your child for the consent form they've been given for you to read, sign and return to school.

For more information:

Talk to the **Public Health Nurse** visit health.govt.nz/imms-older-children or call **0800 Immune**



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