



# ABERFELDY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to all Parents, Caregivers, and whanau,

Only two weeks of the holidays left! Where has that time gone! Just some quick information for you before school starts.

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEW (Acting) PRINCIPAL:**

We would like to welcome Haylee Powell and Lawrence Ereatara to Aberfeldy School. Haylee has taken on the role of Acting Principal for Term One while we look to fill the position permanently.

Haylee has joined us from the Hawkes Bay where she taught, and was then Principal, of a small rural school.

Kia ora e te whānau,  
Ko Haylee Powell tōku ingoa.

I am a proud māmā of two daughters Jes and Lill, and nan of 5 beautiful mokopuna aged between 11 and 1 years - with number 6 on the way mid-year. My whānau are my world. My partner Lawrence and I are both from Te-Ika-a-Māui (Hawkes Bay). My interests include exercise, rongoa/naturopathy, and most of all, time with my whānau.

I am thrilled to be joining your Aberfeldy whānau this term. I have 26 years teaching experience and during this time I have taught from Years 0 - 10 in various capacities, and mostly in rural or smaller schools. I have held leadership roles in curriculum teams, teaching teams, as an Across School leader for a Kahui Ako and as Acting Principal in 2024.

Our tamariki should be given the opportunity to experience success in all areas of life, thus growing their self-belief and enhancing and promoting ownership of learning for each individual.

I look forward to working with your tamariki this term.

We have an open door policy, so feel free to pop in at any time.

Ngā mihi

Haylee is living in the school house, and Lawrence will be visiting throughout the term, so if you are in the community please feel free to call in and say "Hi".

## **COMMUNITY BBQ:**

The school will be holding a community BBQ and get together on **Friday 21st February**, at the school. Everyone is welcome to come along and meet Haylee and Lawrence, mingle with the community and discuss the future of the school. Please just bring a plate of food to share - the BBQ will be available. Children can remain at school for the afternoon if their parents are attending the BBQ. Children will be able to go swimming, so long as an adult is supervising them. **Start time: 5.30pm.**



## **SCHOOL STAFF:**

Carol Loader remains as our Principal Release Teacher, which is great as our students loved having Mrs Loader last term with all the exciting things she did with them! Jaime and Raewyn remain as our Teacher Aides, with Raewyn also being our Admin and Van driver. Denni and Jay continue to keep the school looking great, inside and out, and always happy to step in wherever needed.

## **STATIONERY PACKS:**

The school will be providing stationery packs for the students at \$40.00 per child. Please make payment into the following account, with your child's name as a reference :

**BNZ account number: 02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 02**

## **SWIMMING:**

Please send togs and towel to school daily with your child and a plastic bag to put wet gear into.



## **TERM TIMES:**

**Term One:** Starts on Monday 27th January but we have two Teacher Only days at the start of the term on Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th January so children start school on -

**Wednesday 29th January: Students return to school**

**Thursday 6th February: Waitangi Day - no school**

**Friday 7th February: No school** (you get a long weekend)

**Thursday 13th February: Year 7 & 8 Technology starts**

**Friday 21st February: Community BBQ 5.30pm** children can remain at school if you are attending

**Friday 11th April: Term One ends**

**Monday 28th April: Term Two starts**



## **SCHOOL STRUCTURE:**

With it being extra hot at school we have decided to trial the shorter lunch times for Term One. This may also help the van avoid some of the traffic on the bridges as we will be finishing at 2.45pm.

- 7.30am Van run starts
- 8.30am Children arrive at school Breakfast is available for those that want it
- 9.00am School starts - first block
- 10.30am Morning tea break
- 11.00am Second block
- 12.30pm Lunch break (10 minutes eating time)
- 1.15pm Third block
- 2.15pm Swimming / other activities
- 2.45pm Home time
- 3.45pm All children should be home

The school day will also look slightly different in the classroom and we will send home more information on this in the first few weeks of school. Our aim is to incorporate more developmental activity based learning through a cultural lens, and enriching our school values.

### **SCHOOL VALUES:**

A reminder of our school values that were implemented last year after consultation with the community -

**Our Values are -**

- Whakaute (Respect)**
- Ako (Learning)**
- Kawenga (Responsibility & Ownership)**
- Ahu (Looking after)**



**Our Mission statement is -**

*Learning is a journey in which all students, staff and whanau ride our WAKA through life and land at success. With perseverance and positive attitudes we can all take on new challenges and experiences.*

**Our aspirational goals remain as -**

- Successful Progress**
- Maximising Potential & Wellbeing**
- Effective Partnerships**



Our school logo depicts the hills and the mist that surrounds us.

### **SCHOOL VAN:**

The school van fees remain at **\$25** per week for one student, \$30 for 2 students and \$35 for more than 2 students. **These fees MUST be paid in advance** so please look at getting these set up NOW, bank details are as below. IF you have any outstanding fees from 2024, please get these sorted before the start of school.

All children will receive a Van Code of Conduct to sign and for parents to sign.

We no longer receive MOE funding for the van and with fewer children using the van we need to set up a fundraising committee for the van if we wish to see this service continue. We need all van users to play an active role in the fundraising for the van. Ideas for this can be discussed at the Community BBQ.

Van account details: Aberfeldy School

**BNZ account number: 02 - 0792 - 0329292 - 25**

### **SLIP, SLOP, SLAP:**

As per our Sun Protection policy children must be wearing a sunhat whilst outside in Terms One and Three; the children all have hats available at school. Sunblock is also available at school unless you prefer to send your own along. Remember to -

**SLIP** on clothing to protect you from the sun

**SLOP** on some sunscreen

**SLAP** on a hat

You can also ...

**SEEK** shelter from the sun in a shady spot and

**SLIDE** on some sunglasses.

### **SCHOOL POLICIES and POLICY REVIEWS:**



Aberfeldy School uses SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and align with the National Education and Learning Priorities. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and are updated, modified or added to by SchoolDocs in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our school board has the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented. We will advise you when policies are up for review and how you can take part in the review.

We invite you to visit the site at

<https://aberfeldy.schooldocs.co.nz>

Our username is "aberfeldy" and password "real".

### **PHONES:**

To comply with government regulations, we ensure students do not use cellphones during school hours, including break times, so please do not let your children bring their phones to school. Parents/ Caregivers can request an exemption from the school if required. If you need to contact your child during school hours please phone the school.



### **LUNCHES & other food options:**

Aberfeldy School will be continuing with the Healthy Lunches through the Ka Ora, Ka Ako programme but our supplier has changed. We look forward to some exciting menus and will update you with what is available once we have more information. We would like to thank Jason and the team at Pita Pit for providing us with scrumptious lunches last year!

We will continue to receive the Fruit in School, Breakfast Club (weetbix and milk) and Kids Can food.

### **THURSDAY PROGRAM:**

Our Year 7 & 8 students will be going to technology at Cullinane College on Thursdays, starting on **Thursday 13th February**. Cullinane College supplies a wide choice of technology options for our students including cooking, art, digital, drama, science and other things. Students need to wear covered shoes and have long hair tied up.

At this stage we are still finalising what our "Thursdays" will look like but we will inform you before technology starts for the year.

### **MORE INFORMATION TO COME...**

More information will be sent home in the first week of school, including consent forms, updated contact / medical details, Thursday information and additional information around the school day.