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Term Dates 2009

Term 1	2 nd	Feb	-	3 rd	April
Term 2	20 th	April	-	26 th	June
Term 3	13 th	July	-	18 th	Sept
Term 4	5 th	Oct	-	18 th	Dec

ABERFELDIE NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER -

Tuesday	3 rd	Feb	School Started
Tuesday	10 th	Feb	Parents' Club Meeting 7.30pm
Monday	16 th	Mar	Whole School Intensive Swimming Program
Tuesday	31 st	Mar	5/6 Camp

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to 2009! We have had a number of new families join our school community this year. Our new Preps also started school today and have enjoyed their first full day at Aberfeldie. I would like to welcome all our new students and families to the school.

I hope everyone has enjoyed the holiday break and ready to start the new year. Students were fortunate to miss the extreme temperatures last week. However staff returned to school on Wednesday January 28. Despite the soaring temperatures our dedicated staff participated in a comprehensive three day professional learning program covering key aspects of the school's accountability requirements, student assessment strategies, data collection and setting directions for 2009.

We have started the term with the implementation of our *Learning to Learn* program. This program will run for the first two weeks of this term. The purpose of this program is to enhance the students' transition into their new classes by proactively creating a positive, cooperative and stimulating learning environment that explores values, cooperative working habits and setting constructive learning goals so that all students will reach their full potential. Families are invited to a **Celebration Afternoon** on Friday February 13 at 2:30 pm at the conclusion of this program.

Staffing for 2009

I would like to introduce and welcome a number of new staff to our school. Wendy Ashworth is our newly appointed Leading Teacher responsible for

Curriculum Coordination. I would also like to introduce the following teachers Lucy Rose (Grade 1/2), Erin Ranieri (Grade 3/4), Darryl Fry (Grade 5/6), and Sam Bishop (Physical Education).

We also have a number of new Educational Support staff to our school. Welcome to Dianne Quinn and Maria Sartori.

Teaching Placements for 2009

Prep D Amy Dinsdale Team Leader

Prep B Jill Benham

Prep M Laura Montgomery

Grade 1/2D Carmel Davis

Grade 1/2S Clare Spillane

Grade 1/2Z Jennifer Zurzolo

Grade 1/2R Lucy Rose

Grade 3/4P Ben Phillips Team Leader

Grade 3/4W Jim Wilkinson

Grade 3/4M Jenny McLean

Grade 3/4D Dezi Pataridis

Grade 3/4R Erin Ranieri

Grade 5/6A Allison Brown Team Leader

Grade 5/6S Sue Fry

Grade 5/6P Pauline Falvey / Karen Kenny

Grade 5/6D Darryl Fry

Art / Support Michelle Dixon Team Leader

Reading Recovery Marlene Suter

Physical Education Sam Bishop

Italian Jill Tascone

School Coach Sandra Stone

Reading Recovery Marlene Suter

Marlene Suter is currently away on long service leave for the first three weeks of school but will be returning to school on Monday 23 February.

Building and Grounds Upgrade

The school is currently upgrading a number of facilities. The Library upgrade is in full swing and an *Official Opening* is being planned for later this term. New air-conditioning has been installed in the administration and reception area. The toilets have been painted and new lines have been painted in the staff car park. We are all very proud of Aberfeldie and want to improve the school's facilities for all.

Chinese Visit

Tuesday we hosted a visit for 15 teachers from the *Beijing Institute of Education Chaoyang Branch*. The teachers were very interested in our educational programs, assessment strategies and focus on developing independent learning skills for our students. They were very impressed by our student's polite, friendly and engaging manner.

Safety First

At Aberfeldie we put **Safety First!**

To ensure the safety of all students we have designated a number of areas as, out of bounds, during play time and after school and targeted some activities such as ball games to specific area. Students have been fully informed about these areas as part of the *Learning to Learn*. We have attached this information for you to share with your child/ren at home.

Before and After School Safety

We want to ensure that students are also safe before and after school. It is much safer for students to walk home from school en masse and use the patrolled children's crossing. Students will now be directed **to leave the school grounds immediately after the first bell. Students will only be allowed to play on the school playgrounds under the supervision of their parents.**

If parents are running late for the collection of their child/ren please contact the school so that we can provide appropriate supervision for your child.

Parents are reminded that teachers are on duty from 8.45am before school and until 3.45pm after school. After school at 3.45pm students that are not collected will be directed to the office for collection.

Dog Free Zone

We request that dogs are left outside the school grounds during school hours. Children can be very unpredictable around dogs and no one wants to see a child hurt by an animal.

Terese Healy
Principal

From Admin

To ensure efficient processing and planning of excursions, late notices and payments will not be accepted this year. If required alternative financial agreements must be made with the school principal **prior to the due date**. Students must hand in both their notice and payment at the same time or their payment will not be processed. Payment (EFT) can be made at the office but remember to bring the notice as well.

Payments for school and voluntary fees can be made at the office.

Working with Children Check

If you plan on helping in the class room or going on excursions you will be required to have a Working with Children check. Forms are available at Post Offices. It does not cost anything but you will require a photo similar to a passport photo.

OSHC News

A big welcome back to everyone we hope that you all had a wonderful break. Please note that we are booked out every night in After Care and we have commenced a waiting list on each night. We still have a few vacancies left in before Care.
Regards Gail & Team

Program this Week

Thursday	5 Feb – Cricket Game in the Nets
Friday	6 Feb – Bingo Afternoon
Monday	9 Feb – Rounders Game with Kate
Tuesday	10 Feb – Chocolate Spiders
Wednesday	11 Feb – Valentine Day Cards
Thursday	12 Feb – Funny Caterpillars
Friday	13 Feb – DVD Afternoon

5/6 Camp

The 5/6 Camp will be on Tuesday 31st March till Friday 3rd April (4 days) cost is to be advised. This year's camp is at the Lake Nillahcootie Camp in Barjarg which is near Mansfield.

School Banking

School banking will start this Wednesday 11th February.

Parents' Club News

Our first Parents' Club Meeting for this year will be next Tuesday 10th Feb @ 7.30pm in the conference room. All welcome.

A special welcome to the new prep parents to join the Parents' Club's first meeting.

Parents' Club President – Annette Troup

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please note: These are paid advertisements and not necessarily endorsed by Aberfeldie primary School Council.

Aberfeldie Baptist Netball Club

Season 2009

Enrolment forms are available from your schools office.

Aberfeldie Football Club

2009 Registration Day Sunday, 15th Feb 2009
10:30am – 12:30pm

Aberfeldie Clubrooms, Clifton Park, Batman St,
Essendon West

For rego forms and further details visit the Junior
Football section of our web site

www.abers.com.au or contact Mark Delzoppo on
0411 283 309

Doutta Stars Junior Football Club

Registration Day 22nd Feb 2009
11:am – 2:00pm

At Buckley park Cooper Street, Essendon

Rego Fees 2009

Single: \$210, Family \$350
(all inclusive, no hidden fees)

For further details contact:

John Donnini 0418 362 339

Lindsay Foster 9379 6558

Maribyrnong Park Junior Football Club.

Register now for the 2009 Footy Season!

We are a lively local Aussie Rules Footy club offering kids of all backgrounds the opportunity to participate in competitive sport and for their families to be part of our great community club.

We field teams in U10, U12, U14, U16 & U18 so if you're keen to get involved come along to our

Registration Day, Sunday, 8 Feb 10am – 12noon

Maribyrnong Park, The Boulevard, Moonee Ponds

For more information please contact Mick Doran on 0418 326 066 or visit our club website

www.marby-lions.com.

Vic Cric Cricket Clinics

Bowl The Ball, Catch The Culprit and Wield The Willow with Vic Cric's great coaches for 8 weeks of learning skills and having fun. Information and registration forms are available at your schools office.

Tennis Coaching

Professional – Maximum Improvement – Fun – Affordable. Match play – Tennis Workout. We have 15 years of coaching experience in your area. We have a program for you. Kensington Banks Tennis Club Smithfield. North Park Tennis Club Flemington Road Parkville. Phone 9521-4772 email tpta@optusnet.com.au



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Assistant Principals Report

I would like to welcome all students and families back to school for 2009. I hope everyone has had a happy and relaxing holiday period. I am looking forward to working with the school community through my role as Assistant Principal.

The beginning of the school year is busy for all students with lots of information being distributed and so I have included a few things that you can support your child and the school with until a routine is firmly developed:

- Ensure your child has their hat.
- Applying sunscreen before leaving home and including a tube/bottle of sunscreen in their school bag, so it can be applied throughout the day.
- Include a drink bottle in your child's bag so they can refill it with water throughout the day to keep their water intake up for those hot days.
- Check your child's school bag nightly for notes. At the beginning of the year there can be a lot of communication between home and school and children may forget they have notes to pass on.
- Read any notes carefully and ensure they are returned to school by the **due date**.
- Student/family information and other forms were sent out early this week for Grades 1-6, today for Preps. If these can be returned to school ASAP it would be appreciated.
- Ask your child about their day, the things they have done and what might be happening the next day.
- Label their clothing items such as hat, jumper/jackets.
- Develop a routine of a weekly headlice check at home. If headlice is found, please contact the school so we can complete our own checks to assist in containing the spread.
- We would like to see all students in full school uniform. Open toed shoes are not to be worn by students as they are not suitable for the outside yard and denim is not a replacement for the blue shorts/skirts/track pants which form part of our uniform. Please contact us if you are having difficulty in providing all components of the school uniform.

If during the year, parents have concerns about their child and would like to discuss these concerns, I am more than happy to make a time to meet with parents. Just like our students, we also like to hear about the things that we do well, so let us know the positives as well.

Heather Golder

Assistant Principal

YARD DUTY/GAMES & PLAYGROUND AREAS/OUTSIDE SUPERVISION

Out of bounds areas

- Within 5 metres of all external fences
- Area between the oval fence and the external street fence (Ramsey Street)
- Tunnel area near car park entrance leading right up to Ramsey Street fence
- Fence side of the cricket nets
- Car park
- Netball courts near Ramsey Street gate
- In front of P/1/2 building (Batman Street)
- In front of 5/6 building (garden area) and grassed area near water tank and dumper (pathway is the border line)
- Fence line behind the ART room and LOTE building

Ball games

- Tennis balls to be used for all cricket games unless teacher supervision eg: sport
- Only Tennis rounders can be played on "diamond"
- Basketballs, netballs, tennis balls and plastic balls on asphalt areas
- Cricket can be played on asphalt area near container
- Soccer can be played on the grassed areas (oval or soccer field)
- Games involved with kicking balls to be played on the oval or soccer field

Buildings

- To be locked by teachers when leaving them at recess and lunchtime
- Students to use the admin entrance (near sheltered area) only at recess and lunchtime
- No sitting in doorways of buildings.
- No students to enter buildings during recess or lunchtime.
(If students are being picked up by parents then a teacher needs to supervise the collecting of their bags)

Playgrounds

- RED area for Preps/Yr 1/Yr 2 only
- Near 5/6 building for Yrs 1 – 6
- Near GYM for Yrs 3 – 6 only
- Not to be used before or after school.
- No "tiggy or chasey" games to be played on the playgrounds

Oval

- For all students/year levels, at this stage.
- Ball games as above
- No swinging on the oval fencing
- If students wish to walk around the oval then they must walk inside the fence

Hats

- No hat NO PLAY
- Students without hats to sit in the shaded area near the entrance to the Admin building
- No friends to sit with them
- No games to be played
- BLUE Yard Duty teacher to supervise within their normal BLUE area supervision