

**Term Dates 2009**

Term 2	20 <sup>th</sup> April	-	26 <sup>th</sup> June
Term 3	13 <sup>th</sup> July	-	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept
Term 4	5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	-	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec



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## ABERFELDIE NEWSLETTER

**DATES TO REMEMBER –**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Grade 6 Interschool Sport Aberfeldie vs St Olivers – Home Game</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Excursion Grades 1/2 - Botanic Gardens</b>
		<b>Excursion Grades 5/6 – Parliament House</b>
		<b>Parents' Club Meeting 9am Staff Room</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Walking School Bus Information Session</b>
		<b>Excursion 3/4 City Circle Tram &amp; Melbourne Museum</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Queens Birthday</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Curriculum Day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Westside Arts SAP Performance – Hamer Hall 7.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Kids Disco</b>

**Reminders:** 5/6 Excursion Parliament House \$5 due by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
3/4 Excursion Melbourne Museum \$19 due by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

**Working Bee Sunday 17 May**

Thank you to the families that attended last Sunday's Working Bee. It was truly a fantastic effort by all. Our Environment Committee has a full report in this newsletter. We have filled a number of skips and this has allowed us to get a clear picture of our current resources and future requirements for the new building.

**Building Project Update**

The Department of Education and Training have developed templates for schools to use for the *Primary Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* projects. The Department has appointed a number of companies to project manage the building construction and our new building will be located on the site of the Prep- Two building.

This means that we will be relocating students during the construction period. We have developed a strategy plan for relocation of students and classes. I will provide further information when it becomes available. This is a very exciting time for the school and based on conversations with the project manager, this time next year everything will be completed and in full use.

**Reminder Walking School Bus Invitation**

The **Walking School** Bus information session will be held on **Wednesday June 3 at 9:00am**. Lisa Bagnati, Walking School Bus Project Officer for Moonee Valley City Council

will be presenting, and be able to provide you with more information about this great program. Please complete the invitation slip so that we can organise a room for the session.

Terese Healy  
Principal

**Assistant Principal's Report**

As we approach mid Term 2 it is time to remind families:

- To continue weekly head lice checks and inform the school if they are found so we can assist with the management of head lice across the school.
- Ensure your child/children have warm clothing and items are clearly labelled.
- Teachers are finding that since the cooler weather has arrived many students appear to be hungrier at break times. Discuss with your child/children if they are eating all their food and if they have sufficient food across the day.
- Ensure your child/children continue to have a drink bottle, clearly labelled.

- Staff Car Park. Please **do not** use the staff car park for drop off and collection this includes early and late collections. Sometimes children walk across the car park, more traffic could in-danger a child. The car park is for people attending meetings, deliveries, parents that occasionally do work at the school and collection of sick or injured children.

I would like to finish my report on a personal note today. I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to travel to Kenya, Africa to volunteer in an orphanage. As of June 1<sup>st</sup> until June 26<sup>th</sup> I will be on leave to travel to Kenya and stay at the orphanage to volunteer. MISSION IN ACTION is the organisation that was established and runs the orphanage. They care for children from the ages of birth to approximately 7 – 8 yrs who need a safe and caring home. Prior to my leave I will meet with our Junior School Council and discuss the possibility of holding a fundraising event for the orphanage. If you would like to visit their website please follow the link below. I see this as an amazing opportunity for myself and hope to share my experiences with our students upon my return.  
Website: [www.nakurubabyorphanage.com](http://www.nakurubabyorphanage.com)

Heather Golder  
Assistant Principal

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**Working Bee Thank You**

Last Sunday we had a very successful clean-up day, thanks to the great work of all volunteers who attended. We were able to vacate, sort and dump unwanted material from the main storage areas, in readiness for our building projects. We also swept and tidied the soft-fall around the playground.

Our grateful thanks to the registered families and staff who attended: Aylward, Whiteway, Wood, Reddy-Stringer, McFarland, Skullerud, Ali, Kuhlman, Friswell, Harvey, Sheehan, Antigone Toulkeridis, Laura Montgomery, Cheryl McConnell, Roberta Baseggio, Terese Healy and Heather Golder also worked very hard on the day.

We would also like to thank any other helpers who may have attended but did not enrol for our personal thanks. Certainly many hands, even if it wasn't light work did the job quickly and thoroughly so that we are ready for the next exciting phase of our building project.

Marlene Suter and Heather Golder  
Environment Committee

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**OSHC News**

***Program for next Week***

Monday	25 May – Straw Creations
Tuesday	26 May – Chocolate Crackles
Wednesday	27 May– Tennis/Scoobies
Thursday	28 May– Autumn Leave Posters
Friday	29 May– Bootcamp/Paper Plate UFO's

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**SAP News**

Can you help????

As part of the costume, we are making red scarves and bandannas to wear with our black shirts and pants. We are asking for assistance from anyone who can help us to cut the red material into the correct lengths and to sew a hem around each edge. If you think you would be able to help, come along on Friday to the staff room at 11.30am. Please bring scissors.

SAP performance Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May at St Andrew's Kindergarten, St. Kinnord Street Essendon. Permission forms have been sent out please return these ASAP. Parents are most welcome to come along to see the performance from 11am – 11.30am.

**Westside Arts Friday 19th June at Hamer Hall, 7.30pm start**

A Reminder that audience tickets are available through Ticketmaster on 1300 136 166. SAP students who are performing **DO NOT** need a ticket. Family and pensioner/concession card holder discounts are available. Tickets **WILL NOT** be available at the door.

**SAP FEES**

Term 2 fees are now overdue. If you have not already paid for Term 2 SAP, please do so as your child will not be allowed to participate in this Friday's session.

Rose - SAP Liaison.

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**Parents Club News**

Coming events: Kids Disco Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. Notices will be out soon. We will be looking for helpers for the evening.

Next Parents' Club meeting is to be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the staff room, all welcome.

Jo Scarce

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**Walking School Bus Invitation**

Wednesday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am  
At Aberfeldie Primary School



**Yes** I will be attending the information session.

Name: .....

Child's Name: .....

Grade: .....

Contact No. ....

Please return to the office