



Term Dates 2009

Term 3 13th July - 18th Sept
Term 4 5th Oct - 18th Dec

ABERFELDIE NEWSLETTER

DATES TO REMEMBER –

Thursday	23rd	July	Grades 3-6 Athletics Carnival
Monday	10th	Aug	You Can Do It – Parent Information Session 7-8.30pm Library
Friday	11th	Sept	Prep – 2 Sleepover

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome Back

I hope everyone had a refreshing break ready for the second semester at school. Special welcome back to Heather Golder and Jill Benham after their long service leave holidays. We are all looking forward to their holiday stories and photos.

21C Building Update

Our building program has officially started with the fence around the designated building site area. This means that the site has been handed over to the contractors and is their full responsibility. No unauthorised persons, including the Principal, are allowed on to the site until the school regains possession of it. A number of works have also started.

The portable for the two Grade 1/2 classes was delivered during the holidays and is currently being refurbished for classroom use. It should be ready for the classes in the next two to three weeks. The students and teachers have settled in well to the library and we will ensure a very smooth transition for these classes when the portable is ready.

The school has a temporary entrance near the Grade 5/6 classrooms on Batman Street due to the fencing around the old building and portable. Whilst the construction work is being carried out a number of families may choose to drop your children off at Ramsey Street to reduce the congestion on Batman Street.

The portable toilets will also be relocated for student use shortly. The most significant job so far has been the removal of the cedar trees along

Batman Street. The trees were inspected by an arborist earlier this year and found to be no longer viable and needed to be removed. We anticipate that the tree removal will be completed by the end of this week.

Playground Construction

Now that the fence perimeter for the 21C Building project has been erected we are now able to begin construction on our National School Pride project of a covered outdoor learning and recreation area. We anticipate construction will begin in 2-3 weeks. This wonderful resource will give students from Prep to Year 2 an opportunity to explore a learning environment that meets their developmental needs and interests. This play and learning area will be a terrific asset for our school community.

Planning Week

This week is planning week for the teaching teams. Each term, teaching teams are allocated a day to evaluate the current term's work and to plan the curriculum for the following term. Students come to school as usual and we have a specialist program operating for each area during the allocated planning day. Wendy Ashworth, Curriculum Coordinator works with all teams in their planning sessions ensuring a whole school approach towards teaching and learning. Planning week provides an invaluable opportunity for teachers to work collaboratively together to ensure the best learning outcomes for all students.

Terese Healy
 Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

I would like to welcome everyone back to the beginning of Term 3. This is the start of a very exciting time for us as work has started this week on our building project. For our students they are now seeing and experiencing the changes and are also showing that they are excited about the future for Aberfeldie Primary School. In my absence during the month of June a lot of the planning I had been working on was put into action; I would like to thank the whole school community (parents and friends) who volunteered their time to assist with moving and a big thank you to Wendy Ashworth for taking on my role and supporting Terese and the teachers during a very busy time.

Winter has certainly arrived; it is always important to ensure your children are dressed warmly, have good footwear and have a nourishing snack and lunch to keep them going throughout the day. The health of your children is also important to us and this is commonly the time for coughs and colds. We are regularly asked to give medications during the winter months and we remind parents that we need written permission with dosage requirements and we ask that medication and the permission note are brought to the office. If your child is home sick for a period of time then a phone call to inform us helps monitor any illness across the school.

Lastly, I would like to express my thanks to the Junior School Council for their casual dress day on the last day of Term 2 for the MISSION IN ACTION Orphanage where I spent 4 weeks during June. I had a truly amazing time, experiencing a variety of things such as looking after 40 children in their daily routines, working in a community clinic, contributing to families by providing a cow and pedal sewing machines and seeing African animals in their natural habitats. I hope to share my experiences with classes and the Junior School Council in the coming weeks and I will have some photos to share next week for any others who may be interested.

Heather Golder
Assistant Principal

You Can Do It – Parent Information Session

A reminder to all parents to keep Monday 10th August from 7.00-8.30pm free to attend the "You Can Do It" information session being held in the school library. Margaret Milne an inspirational speaker will address the 5 Keys to Success and Happiness.

Thankyou, Carmel Davis

OSHC News

Dear Parents,

Many thanks for all your party contributions on the last day of term. These were all very much appreciated.

Could you please hand back your Validation Survey for Families if you haven't already done so as we will be having our validation visit soon and we need to have as many of these as possible.

We hope that you had a lovely restful term break.

With thanks, Gail & Team

Program for next Week

Monday	20 Jul – Shaving Cream Pictures
Tuesday	21 Jul – Gods Eyes
Wednesday	22 Jul– Footy on the Oval
Thursday	23 Jul– Decorated Soaps
Friday	24 Jul– UNO Competition

SAP News

Welcome all SAP members to our term three sessions. A special welcome to our new members.

SAP sessions will begin this Friday with Grades 1/2 from 11.30 - 12.30 and Grades 3 - 6 from 12.30 - 1.30.

This term will include 2 kinder visits as well as a performance at Windows on the West, Highpoint Shopping Centre (date to be confirmed).

A reminder that SAP fees are now due payment needs to be received at the office by Friday 24th July 2009.

Rose
SAP Liaison.
