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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 -

Monday	9 th	Mar	Labour Day
Wednesday	16 th	Mar	Finance Meeting 6pm
Thursday	12 th	Mar	Maths for Parents with Michael Ymer
Friday	13 th	Mar	Student School Photos
Monday	16 th	Mar	3-6 Intensive Swimming Program School Council Meeting 6.30pm
Tuesday	17 th	Mar	AGM for Parents' Club 9:15am
Tuesday	31 st	Mar	5/6 Camp 31/3/09 – 3/4/09

Reminders: **Grade 1 – 6 R.E. Permission Form (\$5.50) Please return as soon as possible**
 Grade 3 - 6 Intensive Swimming Consent & Medical Forms (\$85.00) Closes 6/3/09
 Grade 5 & 6 Students – Swimming Program Bronze Star Closes 6/3/09
 Student Photo Envelopes - Please return as soon as possible
 Maths for Parents with Michael Ymer
 Grade 5 & 6 Students – Camp Notices (\$240) \$50 deposit due 13/3/09

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents and Friends,

Maths for Parents Night Thursday 12 March 2009

A reminder that this year's first information night for parents is on **Thursday 12 March 2009, 7.00-8.30pm in the School Gym**. I would encourage as many families as possible to come and hear **Michael Ymer's** approach to Mathematics in Primary Schools today and provide you with strategies and ideas to help you support your young Mathematicians. If you have misplaced your flyer, bookings can be made at the office or on email at aberfeldie.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Childcare will be available on the night.

Sausage Sizzle Fund Raiser at Bunning Cancelled Saturday March 14

Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control the Sausage Sizzle Fund Raiser at Bunnings on Saturday March 14 has been cancelled. However we have a booking for November 22nd 2009. Thank you to the parents that offered your services on the day. We really appreciate your support and hope that you will be available in November at our next Sausage Sizzle.

School Council Elections

As the nominations for School Council did not exceed the vacancies an election will not be

required this year. I would like to welcome Rose Kalaitzidis, Jessica Margariti and Ben Reddy-Stringer as new parent councillors and Marlene Suter and Laura Montgomery as DEECD representatives. I would like to thank the retiring councillors Stephen Champness (School Council President) and Carolyn Hines (School Council Vice-President) for their support, commitment and contribution to Council over the past two years. Councillors completing their second year of office are Jane Hayman, June Cozens and Wayne Smith. There is still a vacancy for School Council. School Council provides a unique opportunity for parents to make a valuable contribution to the school and gain a deeper understanding of school operations. If you are interested in being on School Council please contact me for further details.

The School Council's AGM will be held on Monday March 16th at 6:30 pm.

Swimming

We have had a disappointing response to the swimming program for Years 3-6. Payments are due by Friday. If financial factors are stopping students participating in this program please contact myself or Roberta Baseggio, Business Manager to discuss alternative arrangements.

Religious Education Program

Religious Education classes started yesterday. A yellow information note was handed out earlier this term providing information about the program. If the school does not receive a note stating that parents do not want their child to attend, students will continue to participate in this weekly program. The cost for material is \$5.50

School Captains and Vice Captains

I was very fortunate to be part of a group of teachers hearing students give their speeches on why they would want to be the school's captain. I was impressed with the large number of students that put themselves forward to undertake a leadership position and contribute to the school. I would like to congratulate our School Captains and Vice Captains and also to acknowledge the positive attitude and community spirit demonstrated by the following students for nominating for School Captain.

Jamie Cozens O'Loughlin, Georgia Dawton, Jasmine Garth, Ashleigh Cransberg-Rath, Charlie Briggs, Maya Norfolk, Alicia Lim, Ariana Kotowskyj, Ebony Roberts, Tayla Fordham, Delaney Wheeler, Chelsea Osterman, Alex Chatterton, Matthew Boykett, Thomas Addison, Zac Margariti, John McHardy, Michael Lancaster, Matthew Son and Christopher Sarunic.

Terese Healy
Principal

School Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to Maya Norfolk and Zac Magariti who will represent our school as 2009 School Captains. They will have support from Delaney Wheeler and Matthew Boykett who are our Vice School Captains.

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward to become part of the leadership team at Aberfeldie Primary School.

The captains will be announced and presented with their badges at Monday morning assembly.

Thank you,
5/6 Team

From The Office

Payments

Again just a reminder if you are paying for your child's excursions'/incursion at the office you need to bring the paper work with you.

Swimming Grades 3-6

If you have problem paying for swimming and camp please see Roberta Baseggio Business Manager and she can arrange a payment plan.

OSHC News

Program for next Week

Monday	09 Mar – Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday	10 Feb – Woodwork
Wednesday	11 Mar – Basketball/Pastel Drawing
Thursday	12 Mar – Making Pinwheels
Friday	13 Mar – Yoga/Autumn Posters

Ice Creams

If you have 1 hour to spare on Wednesday's, why not help out at Ice Cream Day. Your kids would love to see you there helping. If interested please call Lan Vo on 0422 400 193. The more the merrier!

SAP

Students requiring a SAP Performance T-shirt will need to complete their order form. Order forms need to be handed to the office by Tuesday 10th March. A reminder to parents that there are some second hand SAP T-shirts available from the uniform shop.

Rose Kalaitzidis
SAP Liaison

Parent's Club News

Our Annual General Meeting for Parents' Club is on **Tuesday 17th March at 9:15am** in the Staff Room.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in Parents' Club the committee are seeking a **Fundraising Co-ordinator**. This role already has many helpers to help plan and organise events and a **Parents Club Representative** for School Council.

If you are considering this position please call Parents' Club President - Annette Troup on: 0412 824 217.



Education Tax Refund – Get 50% back

Under the new education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students.

This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care.

Are you eligible?

To be eligible you must have received Family Tax Benefit Part A for each child whose education expenses you wish to claim. You can also claim the Education Tax Refund if you were stopped from receiving family Tax Benefit Part A because your child received any of the following:

- ❖ Youth Allowance (student) aged 18
- ❖ Disability Support Pension
- ❖ ABSTUDY
- ❖ The Veterans' Children Education Scheme
- ❖ The Student Financial Supplement Scheme
- ❖ A scheme under s258 of the *Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004*
- ❖ An Australian Postgraduate Award.

Independent students are also eligible to claim.

What can you claim?

You can claim the purchase, lease, hire or hire-purchase costs, repairs and running costs of:

- ❖ Laptops, home computers and associated costs – for example, internet and paper
- ❖ Educational software, printers, USB flash drives, disability aids to assist in the use of computer equipment for students with special needs
- ❖ Stationery and art supplies
- ❖ School textbooks and associated learning materials
- ❖ Trade tools and safety equipment for secondary school trade courses.

- Some of the expenses you cannot claim include school fees or the cost of school uniforms, school excursions or travel to and from school, musical instruments or sporting equipment, clothing or footwear. For a more comprehensive list visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au

When can you claim?

You can claim your education expenses in your 2009 tax return. If you do not have to lodge a tax return, you will be able to lodge a separate claim with the Tax Office from 1 July 2009.

- **Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.**

If your education expenses in one year are more than the claim limit for your children, you can add the excess to your education expenses for the following year.

For more information:

- ❖ Visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au
- ❖ Phone the Tax Office on 13 28 61.