



# KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 No 1

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## Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a special welcome to all new students who have recently enrolled with us.

### Medical Problems

Please inform the office if your child has significant medical problems we need to be aware of, even if you informed us last year. Also meet with the classroom teacher to explain the situation so they have a first-hand account of your child's needs.

### Unsettled Children

It is normal for children to be unsettled when they move to a new class and a new teacher. It takes time to make new friends and learn new routines. If your child is unsettled please reassure them, persevere for a few days, and then if necessary make an appointment to see his or her teacher. They will be able to offer suggestions to help them make the adjustment.

### Banking (Credit Union North)

Banking will start this week on Thursday 31 Jan.

### Swimming

Swimming starts on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan and continues until mid-March. All classes walk to the Town pool. Swimming is part of the school programme and all students are expected to take part. Please remind children to bring togs on swimming days. Swimming Times for the next fortnight are:

Wed 29 Jan	9.00 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Fri 31 Jan	9.00 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Mon 5 Feb	9.30 – 11.30	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Fri 7 Feb	9.30 – 11.30	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Mon 10 Feb	10.30 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles
Tues 11 Feb	9.00 – 11.00	Juniors
Wed 12 Feb	10.30 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles
Thurs 13 Feb	9.00 – 11.00	Juniors
Fri 14 Feb	9.00 – 11.00	Seniors & Middles

### Milk and Fruit in Schools Programme

Milk starts on February the 10<sup>th</sup>. New Students will need to have a consent form which will be sent home in the next few days. The "Fruit in Schools" programme continues this year and will also start on Monday 10 February.

### Canteen

The canteen opens on Wednesday 29 January for the term.



*First day at school, fourteen 5 year olds had their first day at school today*

### Stationery Lists

Stationery sheets were sent home today. Please place the correct money in the supplied envelope and return as soon as possible. Many items are only available from School. It is easy to confuse books, especially the range of books we now use. We try to keep the costs of stationery as low as we possibly can.

### Fridge Magnets with School Dates

Each student has been given a fridge magnet with the school dates to take home and display.

### School Web Site

Our website has the recent newsletters and other information about the school including a calendar of dates and a gallery at [www.kawerausouth.school.nz](http://www.kawerausouth.school.nz)

### Phone Number and Address Changes

We have had changes of address and phone numbers during the holidays. Later this week we will be sending home a form for you to complete to advise us of any changes. (There will be a lucky draw – watch this space!)

### No Skate Boards and Scooters at School Please

In the interest of safety and preventing damage to the school, no skateboards and scooters at school either during or after school. Thank you.

### Sun Hats and Sensible Clothes

The weather at this time of the year is very hot and the sun is intense. Please insist that your child wears a sun hat. Baseball hats and beanies offer no protection. Suitable hats are ones with wide brims that shade the face, ears and neck.

### Social Workers in Schools

Should you require help please contact the school office on 323 8326.

### Term Dates 2014

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tues 28 Jan	Thurs 17 April
2	Mon 5 May	Fri 4 July
3	Mon 21 July	Fri 26 Sept
4	Mon 13 Oct	Wed 10 Dec

### Holidays

Waitangi Day	6 February (Thursday)
Good Friday	18 April (during holidays)
Easter Monday	21 April (during holidays)
Easter Tuesday	22 April (during holidays)
Anzac Day	25 April (Friday) (during holidays)
Queen's Birthday	2 June (Monday)
Labour Day	27 October (Monday)

### Waitangi Day

The School will be closed on Thurs. 6 February.

### Future Events

Thurs 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Tues 18 Feb	Kawerau Bicycle Challenge
Mon 3 March	South School Swimming Sports
Sun 23 March	Top School at Awakeri
Sun 6 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Thurs 17 April	Last day of Term One
Fri 16 May	School Photos
Mon 5 May	First day of Term Two
June 4-13	Life Education Caravan
Sat 21 June	Shortest day

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 7 February.

Stuart Cook  
Principal

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