



# KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the following new students:

Alishia Sondhi Tawa	Year 5	Room 7
Skye Mason	Year 4	Room 17
Gilbert Taylor	Year 1	Room 6
Taryn Van der Werf	Year 1	Room 6
Paraire Walker	Year 1	Room 6
Zinneah Cohen	Year 2	Room 2
Zephania Murray	Year 2	Room 2
Clarke Tihi	Year 1	Room 6
Mya-Rose Wilson	Year 3	Room 4



*New Entrants Gilbert, Taryn, Paraire and Clarke nestled among the Autumn leaves during their first week at school.*

## Attendance, Truancy, and How You Can Help Us.

All children enrolled at a school must attend unless they are sick or have a satisfactory reason for them being away. Schools are required to monitor attendance and provide data on attendance to the Ministry of Education. We are also required to contact truancy officers if a child is away for no good reason or if their attendance is erratic or of concern. Parents are expected to inform the school if their child is away and the reason. If a truancy officer visits your house it's because we have not been told that your child is away, or that we have no up-to-date phone numbers, or that the student's attendance is unacceptable. If you are not at school you are not learning. Please help us with this matter by making sure that your children attend regularly and that we are kept informed if they are sick. Please also update your phone numbers. Thank you.

Parents should aim for a rate of 95% or better for attendance. The following is a helpful guide.

1 day off a week	=	80% Attendance
½ day off a week	=	90% Attendance
1 day off a fortnight	=	90% Attendance
½ day off a fortnight	=	95% Attendance
1 day off in 3 weeks	=	93% Attendance
½ day off in 3 weeks	=	97% Attendance
1 day off in 4 weeks	=	95% Attendance
½ day off in 3 weeks	=	98% Attendance

Our whole school overall attendance for term one was 90.91%. We did however have many students reaching or exceeding the 95% target.

## Senior Syndicate Read-Athon

The seniors are running a Read-athon to encourage daily reading to increase reading power. A target is to read 20 or 30 books a month. Details has been sent home with students in the senior classes.

## Students Riding Bikes to School Must Have a Helmet

Cycle helmets are compulsory. Students biking to school without helmets will have their bikes impounded.

## Senior Class Walk

We have postponed this until much later in the year. The unstable weather at the moment has made it difficult to plan with any certainty.

## Mana Wahine Boxing - 15 May

Mana Wahine is a female boxing extravaganza to be held in the Ron Hardie Recreation Centre in Kawerau on 15 May, doors opening 5pm. All boxing bouts will feature Mana Wahine. Our Kawerau female role models will showcase the character, confidence and resilience they have acquired from the disciplines of boxing training. If you think these values are worthy to promote to our youth today, then come and support our event. The event will also include music and other entertainment between the bouts. You can support this event by attending (\$5 entry fee for upstairs) or by purchasing a corporate table for 6. Tickets and details are available by phoning 3069 350 or at Manna Support Services, Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau or Te Wananga o Aotearoa.



Zhanellie Te Riini pictured during the boxing display at the Kawerau 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Zhanellie will be taking part in the Mana Wahine Boxing Bout on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.

## School Photos – Wed 21 May

Prepaid envelope packs have been sent home and need to be returned by photo day (Wed 21 May). Contact your classroom teacher or the school office if you have not received a pack. Please be advised that Photolife studios do not accept credit. For any queries please contact the school office well before the day.

## Head Lice

Please check your child regularly for these annoying little critters and treat if necessary. Yesterday the Government launched a scheme to assist schools by providing shampoos etc. At this stage we don't have a time frame for the scheme to start in Kawerau.

## Te Akoranga Kindergarten

We are now taking Waiting List Enrolments for children from 2 to 5 years of age. Call in and visit us at 44 Grey Street, Kawerau. We look forward to meeting you and your Tamariki. For further information contact Sharleena Kurth at Te Akoranga on 323 8360

## Flooding

Fortunately the recent floods occurred on a holiday and not during a school day. Roads were impassable in River Road and Onslow Street for a period in afternoon which would have caused immense delays in children leaving school or being collected.



*A canoe was the obvious way to travel along Onslow St by the Promenade.*

## Future Events

Wed 21 May	School Photos
26-29 May	Red Cross Lessons (Seniors)
Wed 28 May	Interschool Softball (Seniors)
Wed 4 June	Rippa World Cup (Seniors)
June 4-13	Life Education Caravan
Wed 11 June	South School Cross Country
Wed 18 June	Interschool Cross Country
Sat 21 June	Shortest day

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 23 May.

Stuart Cook  
Principal