



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the following new student:

Rua Ranapia Year 1 Room 6

Parent Interviews

Thank you for the great turn-out during the past two very cold afternoons. If for any reason you were not able to come for an interview you can contact the class teacher at any time to arrange a time to discuss your child's progress.

Change of Doctor

Have you recently changed doctors? If so please let the School Office know so that we can update our records. Thank you.

Measles – an Important Message.

There is currently an outbreak of measles affecting Waikato schools, with 84 confirmed cases as of 30 June. Since December 2013 there have been 218 cases in New Zealand, mostly in the Auckland and Waikato regions. With the upcoming school holidays now is an important opportunity for parents to ensure their children are up to date with their immunisations. Measles immunisation is free and is the best way to prevent measles. Two doses of the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine is 99% effective in preventing measles. The MMR vaccine is given as part of the usual childhood immunisations at 15 months of age and at 4 years of age. If any, or both, of these immunisations have been missed, it is not too late to catch up. If there is an outbreak of measles at a school, students who have not had their immunisations may be required to stay at home for two weeks (or longer) to ensure they don't pass measles on to others. Go to: www.ttophs.govt.nz/measles for more information. Thank you for your assistance with helping to prevent the spread of measles in our communities, Dr Neil de Wet (Medical Officer of Health).

Energy Education Programme

Next term all classes will take part in a series of science lessons provided by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust. The programme is taught by Peter and Louise Maple. Their company (Green Gauge Ltd) has developed the programme which is based on the science learning area of the national curriculum. It covers a variety of energy related topics such as health, power, the physical world and safety. All classes will have 6 lessons starting on the 23rd of July with the middle and junior classes.

Bus Safety training

Last week Constable Marie Bicknell visited the school to run bus safety lessons for our bus students. Part of her lesson involved a short bus trip and safety around the bus.



Bus driver Joanna with Constable Marie and the junior bus students.

Rangitaiki Tai Mitchell Team

Yesterday we had a visit from the 2014 Rangitaiki Tai Mitchell team who will be taking part in this year's competition. Nine of the squad of 22 players are ex Kawerau South School boys. The squad is coached by Jimmy Te Hau with Raylene Gage-Te Hau assisting with the managerial duties. All their games are at the Rotorua International Stadium. The 5 rounds are Friday 4th, Sat 5th, Sun 6th and Mon 7th July. The finals are on Tues 8th and Wed 9th July. We wish them well with their games.



The 2014 Rangitaiki Tai Mitchell team

Town Library Visits - Juniors

Our junior students will be starting some visits to the Kawerau District library next term. The first visit will be rooms 3 & 6 on Tuesday 22 July.

Phone Number and Address Updates

Please please please please let us know if you have a new phone number and address. It is very frustrating trying to contact parents when their number has changed. It is also not good for little children to have to remain at school when they are sick simply because we can't contact anyone. Thank you.

Glaucoma Awareness Month – July 2014

Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness in New Zealand. It is a silent disease. Glaucoma is incurable. Damage to the optic nerve is permanent. The damage is progressive: if untreated, it will continue getting worse. Vision loss often goes unnoticed until it is quite serious. Glaucoma can be detected by regular check-ups. The disease can be managed to prevent further damage.

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.

Future Events

Fri 4 July	Last day of term Two
Mon 21 July	First day of Term Three
July – Sept	Energy Education Programme

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 25 July.

Stuart Cook
Principal