



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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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.



First day at school; 5 year olds from rooms 3, 6 and 12 who started today

New staff

Welcome to Mrs Jade Deane and Miss Jessica Wilde who join the teaching staff. Mrs Deane comes to us from Allandale School and Miss Wilde worked part time for us last year.

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 5 Feb.

Swimming

Swimming starts on Wednesday 4 Feb 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 4 Feb	9.00 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Fri 6 Feb	9.00 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Mon 9 Feb	9.30 – 11.30	Seniors & Middles
Wed 11 Feb	9.30 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Fri 13 Feb	9.30 – 11.30	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Mon 16 Feb	9.30 – 11.00	Seniors & Middles
Wed 18 Feb	9.30 – 12.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors
Fri 20 Feb	9.00 – 11.00	Seniors & Middles & Juniors

Note: More dates to come in the next newsletter – dates and times may change

Milk and Fruit in Schools Programme

Milk starts next week on February the 9th. 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 9 February.

Phone Number and Address Changes

Please let us know if you have changed address or phone numbers during the holidays. We do need this information to contact you in emergencies. Thank you.

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

These will be included in the stationery packs.

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

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.

2015 Term Dates

Term	Start	Finish
1	Mon 2 Feb	Thurs 2 April
2	Mon 20 April	Fri 3 July
3	Mon 20 July	Fri 25 Sept
4	Mon 12 Oct	Tues 15 Dec

Holidays

Waitangi Day	Friday 6 February
Good Friday	3 April (during holidays)
Easter Monday	6 April (during holidays)
Easter Tuesday	7 April (during holidays)
Anzac Day	Monday 27 April
Queen's Birthday	Monday 1 st June
Labour Day	Monday 26 th October

Waitangi Day

The School will be closed on Fri. 6 February.

Future Events

Fri 6 Feb	Waitangi Day
Wed 11 Feb	Go by Bike Day
Mon 16 Feb	Junior Beach Day at Waiotahi
Mon 16 Feb	Kawerau Bicycle Challenge
19-20 Feb	South School Bike Day
Wed 4 March	South School Swimming Sports
Sun 22 March	Top School at Awakeri
Sun 5 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Thurs 2 April	Last day of Term One
Mon 20 April	First day of Term Two
May 7-15	Life Education Caravan
Thurs 21 May	School Photos
Sun 21 June	Shortest day

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 13 February.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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