



# KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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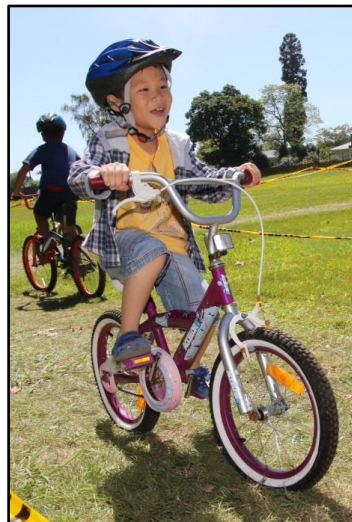
## Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the start of a new school year and a special welcome to the following new students:

Trinity Hunter	Year 1	Room 3
Ethan McKenzie	Year 4	Room 14
Armani Hale	Year 2	Room 5

## Bicycle Week

Thank you everyone for supporting bicycle week and "Go by bike Day" We all thoroughly enjoyed the days and learnt many new skills and safety tips. Thank you Mrs Walker and your team for organising the event for us.



Full throttle - enjoying the obstacle course during bicycle week are Juniors Ani, Cedar, Ethan and Steven.

## Kaitiakitanga Festival – Sustainability – Caring for the Environment

Saturday 12 March, 10am – 2 pm Kawerau Concert Chambers. Sell and swap, Organic Foods, Entertainment, Arts & Crafts, Inspirational Speakers, Kids Wearable Arts Competition, Health Promotions, Koha Whare Giveaways. For more information or to book Phone Sheryl at Pou Whakaaro 07 323 8170 or 027 292 3446 and Laurel at Envirohub BOP on 027 753 2527

## Chinese Language Assistant

Katy Liu has been appointed by the Confucius Institute as a 2016 Mandarin Language Assistant based at Tarawera High School. Katy will be based at our school on Thursdays until the end of the year. During her time with us Katy will experience "Kiwi Schooling" and provide an introduction to Chinese (Mandarin) language and customs.

## K Factor Auditions

Auditions – Tuesday 8 and Thursday 10 March 2016, 5pm to 7pm @ Te Kura Whakaaro (Tuwharetoa Hauora Ki Kawerau, Te Whare Whakaora office, 20 Islington Street, Kawerau. Opposite Police Station). Finals – Rautahi Marae Thurs 31 March @ 5pm. If you need any further information phone Tayna on 07 323 8057 m. 027 883 8693 email [tayna@tuwharetoa.org.nz](mailto:tayna@tuwharetoa.org.nz) or Kaylah 027 391 1924

## Shade Sail Damage

Last year the school installed two large blue shade sails over the courtyard next to Room 1. The sail is to allow special needs students from Room 1 to play safely outside in a secure area. Sadly a group of youths have been climbing on to the school roof and bouncing on the sail. This is causing us immense distress – the sail is now damaged and the result of a fall from this is likely to be fatal. Please contact the police immediately if you see children on the roof / sail and contact the school if you have information regarding the identity of the culprits. Thank you for your help.

## Swimming – Season almost Finished

We are approaching the end of the swimming season and swimming for juniors has now finished. On Monday we are having some practices ready for our swimming sports and this will involve length swimmers from middles and seniors so bring your togs. The swimming programme for all classes will finish after swimming sports although we will ask some place getters to bring togs for training for the interschool sports.

## South School Swimming Sports

This is on Wednesday 2 March and will start at 9.00 am. This will be for length swimmers from approx. 7 yrs of age and up. Postponement day is Friday 4 March.

## Punctuality and Staying all Day

Please have children here by 9 am and not collected before 2.45pm. It is very frustrating for teachers trying to mark attendance and teach lessons with late arrivals & early departures. Thank you.

## Phone Number and Address Changes

Please let us know if you have changed address or phone numbers, it is very frustrating trying to contact parents when children are sick etc.

## School Web Site

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

## Sun Hats and Sensible Clothes (Shorts & Tee Shirts)

The weather at this time of the year is still very hot and the sun is intense. Please remind your child to wear a sun hat. Baseball hats and beanies offer no protection. Suitable hats have wide brims that shade the face, ears and neck. Long pants are not needed.

## School Social Worker

Should you require help please contact the school office on 323 8326 or our School Social Worker Brenda Haimona directly on 027 249 3225. Brenda has recently started with us and is available to work with any families who may require support.

## Future Events

Wed 2 March	School Swimming Sports
Wed 16 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
Sun 20 March	Top School at Awakeri
Sun 3 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Wed 13 April	School Photos
Fri 15 April	Last day of Term One
Mon 2 May	First day of Term Two
11-19 May	Life Education Caravan
Tues 21 June	Shortest day

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 11 March.

Stuart Cook  
Principal

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