



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the following new students:

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| Xion Cohen | New Entrant | Room 6 |
| Paris Milosevic | New Entrant | Room 3 |
| Retimana Kaipara | New Entrant | Room 1 |
| Keese Hohua | Year 2 | Room 4 |
| Matty Burland | Year 5 | Room 7 |
| Anjali Gounder | Year 6 | Room 8 |
| Adriel Gounder | Year 3 | Room 14 |
| Valen Gear | Year 2 | Room 4 |
| Kristy-Lee Storey | Year 3 | Room 11 |
| Hamish Storey | Year 5 | Room 10 |



New Entrants Xion and Paris who have recently started at South School.

Life Education Caravan

Good news, the Life Education Caravan has been able to reschedule their visit and will now be here from 21st – 30th of June. Our school will be the first school in the EBOP region to see the new, interactive learning classroom that has been rolled out this year!

Road Safety at the Front of the School

Arrival and especially "going home" time can be dangerous with many parents collecting children and general mayhem at the front gate. When picking up children the only safe way is to give yourself plenty of time, park down the road and walk in to the school to collect them. Cruising up and down the front of the school in an attempt to see a child, parking on the yellow broken lines or the footpath, sneaking down the service lane or using the disabled car parks is courting disaster. Please consider the safety of our students (and your children) when collecting them.

Measles

An outbreak of measles is affecting three Waikato schools with 22 confirmed cases. This is an important reminder for parents to ensure their children are up to date with their immunisations. Symptoms of measles can include fever, runny nose, and sore watery red eyes that last for several days before a red blotchy rash appears. Anyone with these symptoms should call ahead before visiting their family doctor, after hours' clinic or emergency department so steps can be taken to reduce the risk of infecting others in the waiting room. 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.

Digital Devices in Schools

We are proud to announce that we are one of the founding schools for a new initiative called Te Aka Toitū. Te Aka Toitū is a Charitable Trust with a vision to help students with the opportunity to succeed in the future through learning that is accessible anywhere, anytime and at any pace. We aim to do this by providing students with an affordable device, affordable internet connectivity and quality digital teaching so they have the skills to contribute to their communities and the wider world in the future. Technology is changing the way we view schools, teaching and learning. Therefore, we want to give our students the best opportunity to succeed in the future by creating an equitable learning environment. The schools involved with Te Aka Toitū include: Kawerau Putauaki School, Kawerau South School, Te Whata Tau o Putauaki, Tarawera High School, Murupara Area School, Te Kura Toitu o Te Whaiti-nui-a-Toi and Te Kura Maori-a-Rohe o Waiohau. It is anticipated that there will be a small weekly cost to be part of the programme, and as such Te Aka Toitū is looking to engage our communities and gain information to help us with our decisions as we move forward. It would be much appreciated if you could please take a minute to fill out the relevant survey attached to this newsletter and return it to the school office. Check out the Te Aka Toitū website at www.teakatoitu.org and like our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/teakatoitu/ to get updates and information about future-focused learning.

Birth Certificates at Enrolment Time

A remind to parents with pre-schoolers about to start school, we do need a copy of your child's birth certificate. Please have these ready at enrolment time.

Matariki Festival

Matariki starts will on 06 June in 2016. We plan to have our festival to celebrate Matariki on Thursday 23 June. Watch this space for further details closer to the date.

South School Cross Country

The day for this has been changed and is now on Thursday 9th June (postponement day 10th.) Do come along and support the runners on the day. Races start at 11 am.

Rippa Rugby

This is next Wednesday 8 June at Tarawera Park. We have 4 year 5 & 6 teams and 1 year 3 team. Games run from 9.00am to 2.30pm. At this stage there are 11 teams from around the Eastern Bay of Plenty taking part.

Queen's Birthday

The School will be closed on Monday 6 June for Queen's Birthday.

Future Events

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| Monday 6 June | Queen's Birthday |
| Wed 8 June | Rippa Rugby Tournament |
| Thurs 9 June | Cross Country |
| Wed 15 June | Inter-school Cross-country |
| Mon 20 June | Shortest day |
| 23 June | Matariki Festival |
| 21 – 30 June | Life Education |
| Mon 15 August | Teacher Only Day |

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 17 June.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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