



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the following new students who have recently enrolled:

Miracle Rangihuna	Room 17	Year 3
Ayvah Nu'u	Room 2	Year 1
Hamuera Hape	Room 5	Year 2
Charles Huta	Room 3	Year 1
Te Tai Nikora	Room 4	Year 1



New Entrants Charles, Ayvah and Te Tai playing on the red playground

Teacher Only Day – Monday 13 March

On Monday 13th of March all of the teachers from the various Te Aka Toitu schools will be involved in a future-focused Professional Development Day at Tarawera High School. The day will focus on how we can use technology to enhance the learning for all of our students. School will be closed on that day. Please start to make arrangements for your children during this day.

In the evening from 5.30pm, we would like to invite community members in to see a snapshot of the day and what teachers will be looking to implement in their classrooms. It is also an exciting opportunity to hear from our Guest Speaker Ian Taylor.

Ian Taylor is a New Zealand businessman and former television presenter. In 1990, Ian Taylor established Animation Research Limited, which quickly became one of the top computer animation companies in New Zealand and is known internationally for its work, particularly in television advertising and sports graphics. Ian Taylor was inducted into the New Zealand Technology Hall of Fame in 2009 and was named North & South Magazine's 2010 New Zealander of the Year. In 2013 Ian Taylor was named Outstanding Maori Business Leader of the Year.



Make the most of this opportunity to hear from one of our great New Zealanders and his views on how technology will shape our lives in the future.

Parents and caregivers will also have the opportunity to ask about and sign up for our Chromebook program. Do come along.

Parking Outside School

We realise that parking is limited and it is tempting to park on yellow lines, footpaths or on a corner such as the Ballance Street corner outside school. However this really does cause safety issues for everyone else and especially the road crossing teachers and patrols. They can't see oncoming cars. Young children have difficulty judging the speed of traffic and making timely decisions of when to cross the road. The police make patrols outside schools and will issue infringement notices if they believe you are creating a hazard. Please take a bit of extra time, park down the road and walk to the school to collect your child. Thank you.

Ngamihi Simpson – Champion Swimmer



Ngamihi is a quiet and unassuming student who first started learning to swim classes at the Kawerau pools and now travels to Rotorua where she swims for a small club called "Te Arawa Swimming." In 2016 at aged nine she entered into the arena of competitive swimming and has since won numerous medals at both regional and national level. Ngamihi is also the proud holder of eight (8) Bay of Plenty age group records (9 yrs), some of which have stood for years. She recently competed in the

Wellington Age Group Championships and won the title for best 9 year female and recently at the 2017 Zonal Swim NZ Junior Championships having just turned 10 years old she came home with 1 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze medals. Long hours alone in the pool and travelling sometimes has her wishing she was better at touch or netball, but Ngamihi's love for the water and swimming always brings her back to the pools. Well done Ngamihi, keep up the training and we look forward to hearing more about your swimming successes in the future.

Swimming

Mondays swimming sports were very enjoyable, thank you very much to all who attended and supported the morning. Swimming has now finished for the season, will advise you if your child has been selected for any inter school or EBOP fixtures.



Showing a variety of diving styles at the swimming sports are Jarnu, Jade Dante and Soul.

Top School

Trials for this year's team are well underway with lots of enthusiasm and interest. We will announce the team shortly and ask that you put Sunday 26 March your calendar to come along and support the team.

Future Events

Mon 13 March	Teacher Only Day
Fri 17 March	Interschool Sports
Sun 26 March	Top School at Awakeri
Tues 28 March	Duffy Assembly
22 & 23 March	Junior School Trip
30 & 31 March	Middle School Camp
Sun 2 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Tues 11 April	School Photos
Thurs 13 April	Last day of Term One
Mon 1 May	First day of Term Two

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 24 March.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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