



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.



5 year old New Entrants: Te Waikohatu, Alex, Lenard, Ross, Baxta, Lincoln, and Jaehee having their first day at Kawerau South school.

New Staff

Welcome to the following new staff: Teachers Mrs Kingston (Room 7 – Senior Syndicate Leader), Mrs Lunam & Mrs Moore – Rooms 1 & 2 Special Needs), Mr Nikora Room 15. Caretaker, Mr Ioane. Teacher Aides Ms Wineti, Mrs Porter and Mrs Haywood.

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 (First Credit Union)

Banking will start this week on Thursday 1 Feb.

Waitangi Day 2018

Community Whānau Fun Day. Time: 10.00am - 2.00pm, 6 February 2018. Location: Corner of Onslow & Plunket Streets, Kawerau. Activities: Kai stalls, Entertainment, Bouncy castle. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Swimming (Monday, Wednesday and Fridays)

Swimming starts next week on Mon 5 Feb. All classes walk to the Town pool. Swimming is part of the school programme (it is not an "extra" and all students are expected to take part (unless for genuine medical reasons). Please remind children to bring togs on swimming days. Swimming times (and room numbers) are:

	9.30-10.00	10.00-10.30	10.30-11.00	11.00-11.30	11.30-12.00
MON	6,18,15, 8	3, 4, 9	5, 16, 17	19, 12, 11, 10	14, 7
WED	6,18,15, 8	3, 4, 9	5, 16, 17	19, 12, 11, 10	14, 7
FRI	6,18,15, 8	3, 4, 9	5, 16, 17	19, 12, 11, 10	14, 7

Milk and Fruit in Schools Programme

Milk starts Monday 12 February. The "Fruit in Schools" programme continues this year and will also start on Monday 12 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.

Bus Lists

We hope to have these finalised this week. Students on the bus from last year will carry over and don't need re-enrolling. Last year's arrangements will continue at this stage. Note – we may have to limit bus numbers to younger children if we have too many passengers.

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.

School Web Site

Our website has the recent newsletters, dates and other information about the school at www.kawerausouth.school.nz

No Skate Boards and Scooters at School Please

In the interest of safety and to stop damage to the school, no skateboards or scooters either during or after school. Thank you.

Sun Hats and Sensible Clothes (Shorts & Tee Shirts)

The weather at this time of the year is 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 (Brenda Haimona)

Should you require help please see or contact the school office on 323 8326. You can also contact Brenda directly on 027 249 3225.

2018 Term Dates

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tues 30 Jan	Fri 13 April
2	Mon 30 April	Fri 6 July
3	Mon 23 July	Fri 28 Sept
4	Mon 15 Oct	Fri 14 Dec

2018 Holidays

Waitangi Day	Tues 6 Feb
Good Friday	Fri 30 March
Easter Monday	Mon 2 April
Easter Tuesday	Tues 3 April
Anzac Day	Tues 25 April
Queen's Birthday	Mon 4 June
Labour Day	Mon 22 October

Waitangi Day – Tues 6 Feb

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 Feb and school will be closed that day.

Future Events

Tues 6 Feb	Waitangi Day Holiday
Sat 10 Feb	Tarawera Ultra Marathon
Mon 19 Feb	Education Review Office (ERO) Visit
Thurs 1 March	Cycle Day
Mon 5 March	South School Swimming Sports
Fri 9 March	Senior Syndicate Lake Water Safety Day
Fri 16 March	Inter school Swimming Champs
Sun 25 March	Top School at Awakeri
Sun 1 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Fri 13 April	Last day of Term One
Mon 30 April	First day of Term Two
Tues 8 May	School Photos

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 16 February.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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