



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the following students who have recently enrolled with us.

Sapphire Natana-Glasgow	R3 Year 1
Paki Stephens	R17 Year 5
Kearna Taikato-Fox	R9 Year 5
Irihana Hellens	R17 Year 4
Te Amorangi McNeil	R3 Year 1
Mikaylah Te Rere	R1 Year 3



New Entrant Sapphire who has just started at Kawerau South School.

Power Outage

We have been informed that weather permitting the power will go off next week on Wed 21 Feb from 9am – 4pm. If it is wet or windy then the power outage be Thurs 22 February. School will continue but please be advised that we cannot do lunch orders on that day. We ask that parents send lunch with children on both those days. Note also that we will not have incoming phone calls or email if the power is off.

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.

Tarawera River – High Levels and Discolouration

We have been contacted by members of the public concerned about children swimming in the river when it is in flood. (After school and near the Blue Bridge) This is perilous – please warn them about the hazards of such activity. If you can't see the river bed you can't see any hazards.

Special Programmes

We have a number of children involved in Special Programmes such as PPP and Speld. These will be starting over the next 2 weeks. A note will go home if your child is involved. Notes went home regarding some programmes yesterday.

Free Computing Courses

Run by Toi-Ohomai at Life Konnect (Old Intermediate School) in Kawerau. Apply now – 0800 86 46 46

No Cell Phones at School Please

Students don't need to bring cell phones to school. They are a distraction to learning, easily lost or damaged, and tend to be brought to school for social and recreational use. In genuine circumstances students may ask the office to contact home.

Bullying / Relationship Issues

All schools will have situations that arise which may indicate bullying. If your child comes home and complains of being bullied please contact the classroom teacher in the first instance. The School wishes to get it sorted as soon as possible. Sometimes on investigation it may not be as it initially appears. We want to work with parents to solve any bullying that may occur. Thank you.

Girl Guiding www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area? If so, Girl Guiding NZ is here: Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds. Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old. Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old. Rangers: 12 – 17 years old. For further information please contact: Girl Guiding New Zealand 0800 22 22 92 or email info@girlguidingnz.org.nz



ERO Visit 19-22 February

Next Week the school will be visited by the Education Review Office (ERO). ERO visits all schools every 3 – 5 years to look at student achievement and general areas of compliance. During the visit they will meet with Staff, Students, the Board of Trustees and Parents.

Car Parking

Please take extra care in the front car park by the bus bay. Great to see parents walking children in to school but please parking in the designated parks and not manoeuvring area. It does cause frustration if you can't drive out and need to reverse. Reversing in that area is dangerous. Thank you.

Banking (First Credit Union)

If you wish to start banking for your child then please see the office.

Swimming (Monday, Wednesday and Fridays)

Swimming has started and all classes walk to the Town pools. 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	6,15, 8	3,4, 9	5, 16, 17	19, 11, 10, 18	14, 7,12
WED	6,15, 8	3,4, 9	5, 16, 17	19, 11, 10, 18	14, 7, 12
FRI	6,15, 8	3,4, 9	5, 16, 17	19, 11, 10, 18	14, 7, 12

Milk and Fruit in Schools Programme

Milk and fruit in Schools has started for the year, thank you to Donna and Nanny Georgie for organising this for us.

Bus Students

Please remind your child about the rules – stay in one place and no moving around, no loud noises, no eating and drinking. Don't cross the road until the bus has moved well away. Note – we may have to limit bus numbers to younger children if we have too many passengers.

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.

Future Events

19 - 22 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
Fri 30 March	Good Friday
Sun 1 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Mon 2 April	Easter Monday
Tues 3 April	Easter Tuesday
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 2 March.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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