



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.



New Entrants on their very first day at School; Charlotte, Lucy, Shayne, Orion, Aiden, Haeora, Kylo, Riki, Ayvah, Jakita-May, Aubree and Shakayla.

New Staff

Welcome to Ms Tanissha McNeil who joins the teaching staff and who will be teaching New Entrants and Year Ones in Room 3.

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 31 Jan.

Swimming

Swimming starts next week on Friday 8 February. 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. More information will go out more details regarding times.

Milk and Fruit in Schools Programme

Milk will start this week, probably on Wednesday. The "Fruit in Schools" programme continues this year and will start on Monday 11 February.

Phone Number and Address Changes

Please let us know if you have changed address or phone numbers. We do need this information to contact you in emergencies. Thank you.

Bus Lists

These will be finalised this week. We will re-enrol students from last year. Please contact the office if you wish to become a bus user. Note – the bus is for students who live a reasonable distance from school. 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.

Commissioners Corner

Kia Ora, I hope everyone has had a refreshing break. I have almost finished the scoping phase of my role. Once it is completed I will write an outcomes plan and will share this with the Kawerau South School community. Thank you to those who have written to me or spoken with me in person or on the phone. I plan to be in Kawerau on Monday 11 February and there are only a few time slots left for individual meetings; please email me (diprom@xtra.co.nz) if you want to meet with me – first in first served. I will email you back with a time or other options if all the time slots have been taken.

ALSO an important opportunity for you to have your say: On Monday 11 February 3-4pm there will be a parents/ caregivers meeting to brainstorm the 'take-aways' you want your children to have when they leave this school. What you want them to be able to do? To know? and to feel about themselves and who they are? It would be great if you can come and help us focus on the future. Your ideas will be considered as we write the 2019 charter. Nga mihi nui, Gillian Diprose



The irrigation sprinkler was very popular today during the hot start to the year.

School Social Worker

We have yet to appoint a person to this position. In the interim please contact the school if you have a significant issue you require support with. We will get in touch with someone to help.

Term Dates 2019

Term	Start	Finish
1	Tues 29 Jan	Fri 12 April
2	Mon 29 April	Fri 5 July
3	Mon 22 July	Fri 27 Sept
4	Mon 14 Oct	Fri 13 Dec

Holidays 2019

Waitangi Day Wed 6 February

Queen's Birthday Mon 3 June

Labour Day Mon 28 October

Easter and Anzac fall in the school holidays at the end of term one.

Waitangi Day – Wed 6 Feb

Waitangi Day is Wed 6 Feb and school will be closed on that day.

Future Events

Wed 6 Feb

Waitangi Day Holiday

Sat 9 Feb

Tarawera Ultra Marathon

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 8 February.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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