



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends;

Welcome back to the following new students who have recently enrolled with us:

Tio-Renata Young	Year 2	Room 19
Blake Collier	Year 1	Room 4
Kristy-Lee Storey	Year 6	Room 14

Autumn Leaves

It's that time of the year again and our caretaker Rima is very busy keeping them under control. Kawerau is lucky to have many lovely trees that provide stunning colours each autumn.



Enjoying the leaves Maia, Lucy, Hinepare, AJ, Kylo and Bailey from Room 4.

Possible Strike Action

The Primary Teachers Union (NZEI) and the Secondary Teachers Union have advised us of possible strike action on Wed, 29th May. We will keep you informed of this and any possible developments.

Measles and Immunisation Forms

There are still reported cases of measles in New Zealand. A while ago we sent out a request for you to bring immunisation forms to the office to be copied so we can update our immunisation register. Thanks for returning these and our apologies if you had a repeated request after already returning it.

School Photos

These were taken on Wednesday and will be issued as soon as they arrive.

Cross Country

Race day is Tuesday 21 May starting at 10.30am and finishing at 12.30pm (Morning Tea will be from 10.05am - 10.25am. Come along to support our runners on the day. Postponement day is Wednesday 22 May.

The Kawerau Interschool Cross-Country day is planned for 7 June and will be held at the course at which starts and finishes at Life Konnect (the old Intermediate School).

Life Education Caravan

The Caravan has arrived and will be here for 2 weeks, lessons will start next week. All classes will receive lessons focussed around the human body, healthy living and positive relationships.

Commissioners Corner 17 May

Kia Ora

Continuing our explanation of the role of the board. Governance Statement 4. Accountable for school's performance The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that: The KSS goals as set out the school's charter are met - through reporting from Principal and staff;

The New Zealand Curriculum is taught appropriately throughout the school through reporting by Principal and staff following requirements on a documented plan;

That the Crown assets (i.e. the school property) is looked after through reporting from Principal and Ministry of Education Property personnel input;

School money is used appropriately: The Board must ensure good processes; check financial reporting and comply with the Auditor's requirements;

Compliance with the general law of NZ: The Board will use New Zealand School Trustees Association checklists and self-review processes to ensure they are governing well.

Snippets from the last Governance meeting.

LEADERSHIP: The strategic plan is used to plan and to give direction. This month we have approved the Digital Technologies proposal to increase the availability of devices and up to date digital equipment for our students.

MONITORING: The Principal presented two reports. 1. Pukauaki ki Rangitaiki Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) who is involved and the benefits and challenges of working as a large group of schools.

2. Special Education Needs at Kawerau South School. All aspects were covered including how we identify children who need assistance, how we staff this area, individual learning plans and monitoring progress and effectiveness. Formal building plans are now being developed for the upgrade of Rooms 1 and 2.

EMPLOYER: The Principal Appraisal cycle finishes this month and we then negotiate a new agreement. We have done a formal audit (with the assistance of a Human Resources advisor from New Zealand School Trustees Association) of all employment practices (General Human Resource Policy, Performance Management, Recruitment, Employment Relations, Remuneration), at KSS. The results from this audit will be used as we review the current policies and procedures.

REPRESENTATION: Using all the information we have gathered from our consultation, we have drafted a revised issue of the concerns and complaints procedure. We are in the process of checking these prior to sending them out for comment later this month.

Remember the next Governance meeting is 20 May 1pm in the Conference Room. This is a meeting held in public so all are welcome to attend and observe.

You can contact me on my email diprom@xtra.co.nz or if you would like to speak to me, send me your phone number and I will ring you.

Nga mihi nui
Gillian Diprose

Future Events

Mon 20 May	Life Education Caravan arrives
Tues 21 May	Cross Country
Wed 29 May	Possible Strike Action
Mon 3 June	Queens Birthday
Fri 7 June	Interschool Cross-Country
Mon 10 June	Matariki

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 31 May.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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