



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome Back Everyone

Welcome back to school and a return to onsite learning. It was great to see people again yesterday and catch up with what has been happening in their bubble. We had 191 students attend yesterday and today we had 210. Over the next week this will increase.

Welcome to the following New students

Witeriana Kurei-Pakuria	Year 1	Room 5
Te Rauhea Ngaheau	Year 1	Room 5
Whakaiti Hiwarau	Year 1	Room 3
Saskia Wereta-Mihinui	Year 1	Room 3



New Entrants Saskia, Te Rauhea, Witeriana and Whakaiti who have just started school.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for playing your part during the last 8 weeks in lockdown. I realise that things happened very quickly and that suddenly having children at home for an extended period of time has been quite a challenge. Thank you for helping with "home education" and thank you to the Government and Ministry of Education for organising Education Television and home learning packs. We are fortunate that New Zealand as a country has been unified in helping to stop the spread of Covid-19.

Arrangements Now we are Back at School

Good Hygiene Practises

Good hygiene practices and regular cleaning are important. Each teacher has gone through a list of health and hygiene procedures with their class.

- Hand sanitiser is available in all classes as is soap and paper towels.
- This includes coughing into elbows, handwashing and drying, and regular cleaning of commonly touched surfaces.
- Bring a drink bottle for water – the school outside drinking fountains will remain closed for a while as we educate students about their safe use.
- No sharing of food, drink bottle etc.

Arrivals and Registers of who is on the School Site

We need to know who is at school, who staff & students have been in close contact with, so we will keep a register of people who enter school by using our student attendance and visitor register.

Where possible parents should drop students at the gate and leave. If you need to come on-site, then please sign the register at the gate or office. Hand sanitiser is available at the gate.

Students, please don't arrive before 8.40am unless absolutely necessary. Bus students will be a little earlier.

On arrival parents and students should only enter and exit through the front gate, not through the hall car park or field.

Stay Home if You Are Sick

Students and staff need to stay at home if they are sick. We will send anyone showing signs of illness home immediately.

Physical Distancing

Keep physical distancing where practicable - in schools this means children and staff keeping a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other.

Covid-19 travels on invisible drops of spit. Avoid getting in a person's 'moist breath' zone.

Buses

Buses are running and we are in the process re-doing our bus rolls. Students who were using the bus last term can continue to do so (however we will need to restrict numbers). To lessen our numbers we are asking that year 4, 5 and 6 students walk when possible.

Safety Concerns?

If you have any questions about our health and safety plan, or have a child who might be vulnerable to serious illness and would like to discuss a plan for them, then please contact your class teacher or the school office.

Lunch Break Arrangements

We will continue with having children play at the beginning of lunch time and then spending the last 15 minutes eating and clearing up. This is to allow a period at the beginning to run around, let off steam and work up an appetite. They then return to classes to eat and cool down.

12.40pm – 1.05pm Lunch break – playing

1.05pm – 1.20pm Lunch eating, cooling down

School Photos Postponed

These were to have been next week but will now be next term.

New Playgrounds

Some exciting news, work is about to start on our new playgrounds, we hope that these will be ready to use in a few weeks' time.

Lunches in Schools Programme

The Lunches in Schools Programme started again on Monday 18 May. Thank you to May Manual and her team for their great work and starting again at such short notice.

Fruit in Schools Scheme

This will restart on Tues 2 June.

Contact Details – Please Update

During the lockdown we managed to contact about 95% of our parents, unfortunately the contact details for a few were out of date and we had no contact. Going out with this newsletter is a form we need you to complete and return, even if you think your contact details are up-to-date.

Future Events

Mon 1 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Fri 3 July	Last day of Term Two
Mon 20 July	First day of Term Three

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 29 May

Stuart Cook
Principal

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