



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

Welcome to the following New students

Calais Gardiner-Beard	Year 2	Room 4
Aania-Jade Eparaima-Hokianga	Year 1	Room 3
Tyreecce Ryder-Vercoe	Year 2	Room 6

Lockdown Situation 27 May

As you may know on Wednesday 27 May the Schools in Kawerau were in a Lockdown situation arising from the police pursuit of an armed offender. In such situations a school's first response will be to act in such a way as to keep everyone on site safe - its students, staff and visitors. During a lockdown it might be difficult to get accurate information quickly. The Police (or other authorities such as Civil Defence) will contact us and we will post updates to our facebook page when possible. The message might be brief and simply say that we are in a lockdown situation, that everyone is safe and not to come to school to collect students until advised. The school thanks parents and the Kawerau Community for their supportive action during the lockdown and its Staff and the NZ police for keeping our students safe.

Rheumatic Fever prevention – Throat and Skin Swab Nurses

The team who carry out swabs expect to be back in the school next week to resume testing. Their procedures will alter slightly to follow covid-19 guidelines. They have asked us to remind parents that:

- A sore throat can lead to Rheumatic Fever if it's left untreated. Rheumatic Fever is very serious and can cause heart damage.
- Every time your child has a sore throat it could be serious. Don't ignore it – take them to a doctor or nurse straight away to get it checked. Call Healthline on 0800 611 116 to find out more.
- If your child is given antibiotics, it's important they take them for the whole 10 days, even if they feel better, to stop the sore throat turning into Rheumatic Fever

Skin infections are also common in tamariki and have links to Rheumatic fever. If left untreated, skin infections can lead to serious health problems. These infections can affect the blood, kidneys, bones, joints, lymph nodes and brain resulting in people needing to be hospitalised for treatment.

Good Hygiene Reminders

- Hand sanitiser soap and paper towels are available in all classes.
- 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 bottles etc
- Students and staff need to stay at home if they are sick. We will send anyone showing signs of illness home immediately.

Fruit in Schools Scheme

This will restart on Tues 2 June. Milk in schools has already started.

Arrivals and Registers of who is on the School Site

A reminder we need to know who comes on to the school site during alert level 2. 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 and office.

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

Buses

Now that students are using the bus again we do ask though that older students where possible walk or bike or get dropped off. We want to lessen the number of students on the bus. Thank you.

Students should not be bringing hot food on to the bus.

New Playgrounds

Work is progressing really quickly; we expect to be using the new playgrounds before the end of the term. Watch this space!



Construction is well underway with all main structures now in place

Commissioners Corner 28 May 2020

I am excited to hear the updates of all that is happening at school. Great that so many of you are back and learning and that everyone is being responsible around staying home if they are sick. The playground is going well and will be an asset to the school. On the Governance front it is business as usual. Our 2019 Annual report is at the auditors and we have some meetings to plan the way forward with the Ministry of Education soon. We have revised our Governance Annual work plan to ensure that essential monitoring that did not happen over the covid-19 lockdown has been rescheduled. Remember if they are not sick, then it is important for tamariki to come to school every day as this is the best way to ensure good educational outcomes for them.

Nga manaakitanga,

Gillian Diprose

Monday 1 June – Queen's Birthday Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 1 June.

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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