



# KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

24 August 2020

Term 3 No 3

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**Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends**

**Welcome to the following New students:**

Tutanekai-Tony Williams	Year 4	Room 8
Kaleb Hooper	Year 4	Room 9
Persaeus Hooper	Year 2	Room 10
Shaniya Mihaka-Cartwright	Year 5	Room 17
Azahria Bellas	Year 6	Room 16

### **Teacher Only Day – Friday 28 August – Reminder Notice**

On Friday 28 August Kawerau South School will be closed for our staff to undertake professional development. We were to have travelled to Papamoa to visit Te Akau Ki Papamoa Primary School, however due to covid-19 this is not possible, and we will now complete the development with workshops based at our school. The School will be closed on that day and parents are asked to start making arrangements for students to be at home.

### **Room 1 & 2 Building Modifications & Hall Car Park**

I am pleased to advise that next week we will start on some building works at the school. They have been planned for quite some time but Covid-19 has caused delays in starting. The work includes:

- New larger hall car park
- Concrete pad for Dental caravan outside Speech Clinic
- Modifications and storage for Room 1 & 2 at the cloak bay area
- Extension to Room 1 & 2 out into the courtyard area – this new room will be used as a breakout/therapy room

During this time, the front area of the school will be fenced off and all foot traffic must be through the front gate.

Staff parking will be moved to the rear of the school on to the netball courts. Please do not use the staff car parking by the food caravan to drop off and collect students unless you have a prior arrangement with the school. This is for children with mobility issues or special needs.

I ask that everyone be especially vigilant and careful during this time as there will be situations when it is noisy and lots of machinery and vehicles will be operating.

### **Young Achievers Awards**

Due to growing concerns about COVID-19 Alert level 2, our team has decided to postpone the Kawerau Young Achievers Awards that originally was going to take place on August 26 in the Kawerau Town Hall. We will be hosting a Virtual Awards Ceremony on Wed Sept 9 instead. This means that award recipients will still be acknowledged via an online presentation.

### **Woodfest - Cancelled**

Because of Covid-19, WoodFest is cancelled for 2020.

### **Daffodil Day – Friday 28 August 2020**

As we have a teacher only day on the 28th, donations can be made earlier in the week. We are asking staff and students to bring a gold coin or donation. They will receive a daffodil sticker or other small memento. Donations will go towards providing a wide range of support services, education, and awareness programmes, plus fund vital research into the causes and treatment of cancer.

### **Commissioners Corner 24 August 2020**

Kia Ora from the Waikato

Once again Covid has changed our plans and we are all being cautious about how we contact others. Our governance meeting was held over zoom this month to keep everyone safe.

It is exciting to hear that the building work we have been waiting for on Rooms 1 and 2 and the new carpark area is scheduled to start this week. Also was great to hear about the open day and the number of whanau that took time to come and contribute to building a curriculum that meets the needs of our tamariki.

We have also met with the Ministry of Education to look at when would be a good time to hold Board of Trustees elections. Currently we are planning for Term 1 next year. There has been one NZSTA training session (Karori) to explain the role of the Board and we plan to hold another one next term. We will also be inviting anyone who is interested in standing for election to come to observe our meetings in Term 4 so you can start to get an understanding about what it entails. It is important that we get a Board of Trustees who represent the community, have a variety of backgrounds and skills and a focus on our students and their achievement. This link is to a short video about trusteeship.

<https://www.nzsta.org.nz/trustee-elections-and-appendix-2/board-of-trustees/>

Both Stuart and I are happy to talk with anyone about the role of governance.

Kawerau South School Governance Statement  
The board will:

- Focus on student achievement
- Lead through strategic planning
- Have policies defining required outcomes
- Be accountable for school's performance
- Act as good employer
- Ensure effective engagement with all stakeholders
- Delegate day to day management of the school to the Principal

Stay safe  
Nga mihi mahana

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### **Future Events**

Mon 24 August	Daffodil day week
Friday 28 August	Teacher only day
Wed Sept 9	Young achievers
Fri 25 Sept	Last day of Term Three
Sun 27 Sept	Daylight saving starts
Thurs 15 Oct	Shake out
Mon 2 Nov	Dental Caravan Returns
Thurs 26 Nov	School Photos

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 4 September.

Stuart Cook  
Principal

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