



# KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

### The School Year is Almost at an End

There are now only 8 days until the end of the school year. This newsletter has a few last-minute notices for the year end.

### Prize-Giving – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Please note that our Prize Giving date has changed to avoid a clash and is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10.00am. All parents are warmly invited to attend and celebrate their child's success. We are having this year's prize giving again at the Kawerau Town Hall. Both Junior and Senior Kapa Haka groups will be performing at Prizegiving this year.

- All classes will be bused to the Kawerau Town Hall starting at 9.15am.
- Children will be released from the Kawerau Town Hall at approximately Mid-day as it is a half day, and we encourage parents to collect children if you have concerns about walking home.
- The school will monitor any children left behind and contact parents if need be.
- There will be no mid-day bus.

### Tarawera High School Junior Prize-giving

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December: Years 7 & 8 will be at 10 am. Years 9 & 10 will be at 1pm.

### Fonterra Milk for Schools

Sadly Fonterra will stop "Milk for Schools" at the end of this year. We have all enjoyed being part of the scheme and thank Fonterra for all their hard work in making it possible. To our teachers, teacher aides, administration team, caretaker and all of our wonderful milk monitors – thank you for your amazing work and for your help each day during the past 7 years.

### Rheumatic Fever Team

Holidays are upon us again and we would like to wish you all "Merry Christmas". Should your child have a sore throat during the holidays, you can take them to the Kawerau Pharmacy next to New World. They will swab throats for free, and medication will be arranged from your doctor. Have a Happy, Safe Holiday, from the Rheumatic Fever Team.



### Reports – Ara Ako

These will be uploaded to Seesaw today and a printed copy will be sent home.

### South School Sports Uniforms (Tee shirts, shorts etc)

Have you any at home? If so then please return now, no questions asked. We need to get them organised for next year.

### Last School Day for 2020

School Finishes at Mid-Day on Wednesday 16 December. The bus will do a normal morning run but there will be no afternoon and no mid-day run. Parents will need to make arrangement for children to be collected at mid-day or to walk home if close by.

### First School Day for 2021

The first school day for students in 2021 is Wednesday 3 February

Terms 2021	Start	Finish
1	Wed 3 Feb	Fri 16 April
2	Mon 3 May	Fri 9 July
3	Mon 26 July	Fri 1 Oct
4	Mon 18 Oct	Tues 14 Dec

### Holidays 2021

Waitangi Day: Saturday 6 Feb (Holiday on Monday 8 Feb)

Good Friday: Friday 2 April

Easter Monday: Monday 5 April

Easter Tuesday: Tuesday 6 April

Anzac Day: Sunday 25 April (Holiday on Monday 26 April)

Queen's Birthday: Monday 7 June

Labour Day: Monday 25 October

### Horse Riding for Room 2 students

We have been fortunate for our students from Takiwatanga to take part in horse riding through the year with RDA based in Whakatane. On Wednesday they attended a prize giving at the RDA facilities in Whakatane. Many thanks to all who have helped with this programme.



Room 2 students Gabriel, Arepa, Jay, Retimana, Haturini and Sebastian with their prizegiving certificates

### New Buildings Opening

We plan to have open morning on Tuesday 2 February to open the new buildings. More information to follow.

### Commissioners Corner

What an eventful and unpredictable year this has been. Covid-19 caught us all by surprise and I commend the school community for its great efforts providing for our students' learning during lockdown and helping to keep everyone safe during the time of "bubbles" and "social isolation". The building work at Kawerau South School is progressing well and set for a grand opening just before students return. We are planning to have the community attend an opening day on Tuesday 2 February for the buildings to be blessed, and for the community to find out more about the school. Thank you to everyone who has supported the school during the year, and thanks again to all our staff & volunteers who contribute to make sure our students have positive learning opportunities at Kawerau South School. Best wishes to all students departing for Year 7 at the end of the year. Have an enjoyable and safe holiday break. Ngaa mihi mahana, Gillian Diprose, Commissioner. [diprom@xtra.co.nz](mailto:diprom@xtra.co.nz)

### Thank You

Many thanks to all those people who have supported the school during 2020. This has been a very challenging year and as usual, we have had tremendous assistance from parents. Without your help we could not offer all the programmes we do.

May I wish everyone compliments of the Festive Season, a Happy New Year and safe restful holiday break with families.

Stuart Cook  
Principal



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