



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mothers, Fathers and Friends

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

Natasha Komene	Room 5	New Entrant
Hare Reneti	Room 1	New Entrant
George Kameta	Room 5	New Entrant
Orunupaora Ruri	Room 8	Year 5
Maarata Ruri	Room 5	New Entrant
William Aramoana	Room 5	Year 1
Kalyis Allen	Room 19	Year 3
Sydney Rongonui	Room 5	New Entrant



New Entrants, Hare, Maarata, James, George, Sydney and Natasha

School Sports Co-ordinator - Zania McCauley

We are please to advise that this year in addition to her teacher-aide role, Zania is taking on the task of being our school sports co-ordinator. This involves liaising with Sports BOP and other schools, training and selecting teams, organising sports equipment, consent notes and timetabling. We are fortunate to have her as our coordinator and look forward to this years sporting activities.

Covid-19 Alert Levels

On Wednesday the Prime Minister announced that Auckland will move to Alert Level 2, and the rest of New Zealand will move to Alert Level 1.

It was great news to hear we are moving to Alert Level 1 so quickly. While new cases in the community are always disappointing to hear of, it is reassuring to see how quickly they have been identified. I am sure we are all grateful for the efforts of our health workers, scientists and technicians in this regard, and the thousands of people who have been tested.

As a community we need to avoid the complacency which New Zealanders tend to quickly move into when we are at lower alert levels. Please do continue to scan QR codes and monitor closely for illness within your whānau.

Our focus as always will be to support the learning, safety and wellbeing of our rangatahi and tamariki and we continue to be here to support you too.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school if there is something you need assistance with.

Road Closure – River Road Culvert Project

Work has started on the culvert project at the Water Pumphouse area of River Road on Monday, 15 February. River Road will soon be closed at the pump house area until the end of April 2021.

Access to the River Road water tap will still be available from the downstream area of River Road.

Pedestrian access through to South School and the town will be available via the pedestrian access area via the Kawerau Urban Food Forest area.

Please note: Pedestrians must stay within the flagged areas for safety purposes. Supervision of children using this accessway during the works is advised.

It will affect a small number of our students who live in the Beattie Road area and River Road from No 291 onwards. During the road closure they can access school area via the Kawerau Urban Food Forest area. Please note that this is near the creek and is a water hazard. Parents will need to be sure their child can safely and reliably use this route beforehand. It is not visible from the road or school.

Swimming

Swimming is back on again and our days are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Swimming is part of the school programme and not an "extra". All students are expected to take part unless sick. Please remind children to bring their togs.

No Skateboards and Scooters at School Please

In the interest of safety and to stop damage to the school, no skateboards or scooters either during or after school. Thank you.

New Car-Park

Work is now almost finished. Please remind children that it is a car park and not a play area or place to scoot and bike around.

No Motorbikes on the School Field and Grounds Please

Motorbikes, no matter how small, are not be on the school fields, grounds and adjoining reserve. They are a fire and safety hazard, noisy and disruptive.

Sun Hats

Please continue to remind your child to wear a suitable sun hat. Baseball hats and beanies offer no sun protection. Suitable hats have wide brims that shade the face, ears and neck.

Commissioners Corner 19 February 2021

Kia Ora,

It was a great start to our year with the powhiri and the opening of our new buildings on Feb 2nd. I enjoyed talking with some of those who attended and am greatly encouraged by the interest shown by many in standing at the Board of Trustee Elections. I have recommended to the Ministry of Education that we hold elections and so now am waiting for a directive from the Secretary of Education to set an Election Date. I will let you know as soon as this happens.

In the meantime, I would like to encourage those who are interested in being on a board, or finding out what it involves, to come to our first board meeting for the year on MONDAY 22nd February 5pm in the Staffroom.

On the agenda are the Charter (which gives direction to the school for the year's work) and the Budget (how we plan to spend the money this year). You will be welcome to ask questions about these items and start to get an understanding of how a Board meeting works. Hope to see you there.

Kia Kaha
Ngaa manaakitanga,
Gillian Diprose

Future Events

Sun 21 March Top School at Awakeri
Sun 4 April Daylight Saving finishes

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 5 March.

Stuart Cook
Principal

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