



# 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:

Leon Shaw-Rolinson	Year 5	Room 18
Lyrick Skipworth	Year 1	Room 5
Jai Main	Year 3	Room 3



New Entrant Lyrick who has recently started school.

## Daylight Saving Finishes Sunday 4 April – Check Smoke Alarms.

Daylight saving ends on Sunday and firefighters say it is a timely reminder to make sure your smoke alarms are working properly.

The clocks will go back by one hour early on April 4 and Fire and Emergency New Zealand wants people to make sure their alarms are working correctly. Check the smoke alarm battery once a month, starting this daylight saving weekend by pressing the test button. If the alarm doesn't have a button, check its expiry date.

Enjoy the extra hour's sleep in on Sunday. 😊

## Top School

What a great day we all had during Top School at Awakeri. Our students performed with great gusto and sportsmanship. Whilst not gaining a placing in the competition, the team was a credit to their school and whanau. Well done everyone and a big thanks to Whaea Renee, Whaea Karen and Whea Zania for their training and organisation of the team. Did you bring a folding green chair to top school and leave it behind? If so, please contact the office, we have one that was left behind.

## Open Morning – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9am-11.30pm

Following last years successful whanau open morning, we plan to finish the term with an opportunity to come along, meet your child's teacher and see some of their learning in their classroom. You are welcome to arrive anytime during the morning. A sausage sizzle will be available for morning tea. There will be a food hamper lucky draw for those attending the brief hui in the hall. The purpose of the hui (10.30am) is to present feedback from last year's hui which sought your opinion around parent expectations. Further reminders will go out next week.

## Attendance

Mrs Nicky Nuku is the Kawerau Schools' Attendance Service Coordinator. Her role is to support schools and parents with students attending regularly. Most of our students attend regularly and on time. Attendance is about being here and being punctual. Regularly turning up late or leaving early can become a habit which affects learning. The Ministry of Education requires schools to ensure that its students attend regularly and on time. If we have concerns regarding a student's attendance and have had no contact from home, we may refer this to Nicky to support an improvement.

If your child is away and we have had no contact regarding this, we will in the first instance send you a text message. Please reply to this or contact us to let us know of the circumstances. If we don't have any response, we may refer this to the Attendance Service Coordinator.

## Senior Syndicate Hikoi (Walk) up the Steps Towards the Blue Bridge

Te Takanga o Apa Hikoi - this is planned for next week on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Information and consent forms have gone home regarding this walk which involves Rooms 7, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17 & 18. The key learning focus of the walk will be around the story of Te Takanga o Apa (The place where Apa fell). Students will be learning about the story in class, its relationship to Kawerau and to them as learners. For this to take place we do need your help throughout the day, with our hikoi, the activities at Tarawera Park and overall management of the day. There will be more details to follow.

## Reading Eggs

Just in case you tried to log on with last year's details, we aren't running the Reading Eggs programme this year.

## Use of the Playground After School

We are concerned that a small group of children are turning up after school and riding bikes and scooters on decks, around buildings and on the playground structures. Not only does this cause damage, it becomes a safety issue and expensive to fix. Please remind your children about this. Thank you.



Super heroes and looking cool in their costumes, Haylen, Osyris, Karma-Rose, Rikki, Lucy, AJ and Boston all from Room10.

## Commissioners Corner 1 April 2021

Kia Ora,

Great to have eight ladies at our last governance meeting, as well as our normal items. We explored our mission statement and how we would know if we achieve our goals. We really appreciated the input we received from our visitors. It would be really cool to have some guys join us for our next meeting on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the Staff Room.

I want to wish you all a Happy and Safe Easter.

Ngaa manaakitanga,  
Gillian Diprose, Commissioner



Top School Action, Kiira and Daymon during Top School activities at Awakeri.

## Easter Holidays

The school will be closed on Friday 2 April, Monday 5 April and Tuesday 6 April for the Easter Break. We return to school on Wednesday 7 April. Have a happy and safe Easter break with whanau and friends.

## Future Events

Fri 2 April	Good Friday Holiday
Sun 4 April	Daylight Saving finishes
Mon 5 April	Easter Monday Holiday
Tues 6 April	Easter Tuesday Holiday
Fri 9 April	Senior Syndicate Hikoi
Tues 13 April	Open Morning
Fri 16 April	Last day of Term One
Mon 3 May	First Day of Term Two

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 16 April.

Stuart Cook  
Principal

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