



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 No 2

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Kia ora Koutou Whanau

Welcome to the following students who have recently enrolled:

Iriaka Pakeha	Year 2	Room 10
Rastania Tuwairua	New Entrant	Room 6
Justin Pakeha	Year 6	Room 7
Krinesh Singh	Year 6	Room 7
Kristal Singh	Year 6	Room 7
Kriaansha Singh	Year 6	Room 7
Tipene Young	New Entrant	Room 6



New Entrants Tipene and Rastania who have both recently started school

School Photos

School photos are scheduled for Tuesday 23 November. My apologies for the changes of dates that lockdowns have caused.

- This year ordering is entirely online. All classes and all students will be photographed on that the day the photographer is here.
- After they have been processed parents will be given a code to login to view the photo which you can then order.
- Family photos need to be ordered beforehand.
- Information will be sent out in paper form as soon as it comes to hand.

Covid-19 Related Updates

Vaccinations

My apologies if these next sections read as a lot of "dos and don'ts and instructions. A lot of information is coming out and it can change quickly. We receive our advice from the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education and contact them to clarify individual circumstances and situations.

- The Government has mandated that all staff in schools and early childhood centres are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by 1 January 2022 and receive their first dose by 15 November 2021.
- These orders prevent Schools from having staff onsite from 16 November 2021 unless they have had at least one dose of vaccine.
- From 1 January 2022 Schools cannot allow anyone to work onsite who is not fully vaccinated.
- This also applies to contractors and service providers who come on to the school site.

Parents on the School Site

You can still come on to the school site if you are coming in to see a staff member, however please go to the office beforehand for instructions and not directly to the classroom.

- Sometimes very young students may initially need walking to their classroom. Go via the office and they can help.
- However, for most parents we ask that you continue to drop children off and collect at the front gate, not at the classroom.
- Please also avoid sending children in through the hall or staff car park or asking them to walk out that way.
- We also ask that you don't come into the school site towards the end of the day and then wait outside the classroom or spend time on school site during lunchtime/playtime.

- Please remember to sign in when you enter the school, either using a QR code scan or writing in the visitor's book in the office.
- Regularly remind children that they should not be buying food at the shop and sharing on the way to school.

Thank you for your help and with this, these are difficult times for all.

2021 Prize Giving

We have had to make quite a lot of changes to the format of this year's prize giving to satisfy alert level social distance requirements. It is likely that:

- Prizegiving will be held at school, not at the Town Hall
- Only staff and students present.
- Parents and the Public won't be able to attend

I'm sorry that we need to do this however I'm sure you will agree that we all need to do our bit to help keep everyone safe. More information will go out once we are clearer with the programme.

Students – No Bringing Cell Phones to School Please

Students don't need to bring cell phones to school. They are a distraction to learning, easily lost and damaged. Cell phones tend to be brought to school for social and recreational use, not because of a need. In genuine circumstances students may ask the office to contact home.

Covid Helpline

Should you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, call Healthline (0800 358 5453), your doctor or iwi health provider. They will tell you if you should get a COVID-19 test

COVID-19 symptoms can include one or more of the following:

- a new or worsening cough
- sneezing and runny nose
- a fever
- temporary loss of smell or altered sense of taste
- sore throat
- shortness of breath.

Travel out of Alert Level 2

If you are travelling out of Kawerau to a higher alert level area, then please contact us and get advice from the 0800 358 5453 helpline. There are only limited reasons that allow travel and protocols to follow when returning to school. You may need a covid-19 test before coming back. Thank you.

Shake Out

On Thursday 28 Oct all our students and staff (approx. 370 in total) took part in the New Zealand National Earthquake Drill. At 9:30am on a signal everyone was required to drop, take cover and hold. Well done, everyone. All students knew exactly what to do and the reasons behind it.

Bicycles and Helmets and Safety

The law requires cyclists to wear helmets, and this also applies to school children. Children riding to school are required to have a helmet and be wearing it. Please also bring a lock to secure your bike. We don't recommend that Junior children ride to school unless it is for a special event such as Bike Safety Day.

Tarawera High School 2022 Enrolment packs

Still a few to come in, please get these returned now, they are needed urgently to get enrolments completed. If you have misplaced it, we have spares, contact the office.

Future Events

Tues 23 Nov School Photos
Wed 15 Dec Last day of Term Four 2021 (½ day)

The next newsletter will go home on Friday 19 November.

Nga Mihi

Stuart Cook
Principal

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