



KAWERAU SOUTH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia Ora Koutou Whanau

The School Year is Almost at an End

There are now only 2 ½ days until the end of the school year. This newsletter has a few last-minute notices for the year end.

School Photos

School photos are now ready to order online. Order forms with your Access Keycode/s were sent home on Tuesday. If you do not receive the notice, then please call the office and we can give you your Access Keycode/s.

2021 Prize Giving

Last Thursday we held our very successful Junior and Senior Prize-Givings. Thank you for your understanding regarding this being a staff and students only occasion satisfy the new " Covid-19 Traffic Light" settings. We are in the process of posting some videos and photos of the ceremonies.



Tarawera High School Scholarship

At the Senior Dinner we held our Senior Prizegiving for our Year 6 students. Maci Miles-Mahia was the recipient of a Chromebook to help here with her studies. Pictured here is Maci with Tarawera High School Principal Helen Tuhoro who met with Maci at the High School to present her award.

Senior Dinner

Last Friday's departing Year 6 Student Dinner was a very enjoyable success. We are posting coverage of the event on our face book page. This might go up in several sections over several days so look out for it.

Last day for Students 2021

School finishes at Mid-Day on Wednesday 15 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 2022

We propose to have Wed 2 Feb as a teacher only day with students and parents welcomed and an open day / sausage sizzle in a similar format to our start this year. Students then start in classes Thurs 3 Feb. This is all tentative and with covid-19 regulations permitting.

| Terms 2022 | Start | Finish |
|------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1 | Thurs 3 Feb | Thurs 14 April |
| 2 | Mon 2 May | Fri 8 July |
| 3 | Mon 25 July | Fri 30 Sept |
| 4 | Mon 17 Oct | Thurs 15 Dec |

Holidays 2022

Waitangi Day: Sun 6 Feb (Holiday on Monday 7 Feb)

Good Friday: Friday 15 April

Easter Monday: Monday 18 April

Easter Tuesday: Tuesday 19 April

Anzac Day: Monday 25 April

Queen's Birthday: Monday 6 June

Matariki: Friday 24 June

Labour Day: Monday 24 October

Buses 2022

Next year the Onepu bus will have a different contractor (Go-Bus). Same service and route but be prepared for a few hiccups on the first day. The town bus is likely to stay with Uzabus. We will provide further information just before school starts.

Covid-19 Related Updates

Cases continue to pop up around the country with cases in the Bay of Plenty. Schools will continue to do everything possible to minimise its spread.

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.

This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation
- we will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

And if we are at Red at any stage next year - face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in Years 4 – 13. Let us hope we move to orange before then.

Room 12 Gardening Project

During the past three months Room 12 have planted a variety of vegetable plants around the school. Including some very successful potatoes. Today was harvest day for the potatoes. All that hard work has paid off – the potatoes were harvested and cooked in the staff room. Well done everyone.



Mrs Walker, Matua Rima and Room 12 with the produce from their garden

Free Treatment for Skin Infections and Headlice:

Some pharmacies (chemists) can now help your children with free treatments for headlice (kutus), scabies, boils, infected bites, grazes and school sores thanks to funding from the Bay of Plenty District Health Board (DHB). This Pharmacy Kiri Ora service is FREE. In Kawerau just walk into Tarawera Pharmacy at 106 Onslow St, Kawerau and get help and medicine for free. If your child has scabies or headlice, pharmacists may also be able to help whānau who live with your child for FREE.

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.



Thank You

Thank you for your support and patience during 2021, especially with the challenging times brought about by the pandemic. Unfortunately, many events could not go ahead, and we were often faced with last minute changes to plans.

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

Stuart Cook
Principal

