



Kirkwood INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. The weather does seem to have a spring feeling and that is certainly allowing our students time to play outside with their friends at interval and lunchtime.

This week we have seen the Intermediate School Invitational Tournament being held at a range of venues in Christchurch and Ashburton. This is the first time we have held the event in this format and it was pleasing to see so many children involved. I would like to thank all the staff, volunteers and parents who helped make this possible – especially Lizzie and Tom for organising the basketball and providing vans to transport our children – a much appreciated effort! I'm sure the results will be available at a later date, but always worth commenting on is the positive behaviour shown by so many of our children.

Yesterday was our scheduled ski day. Unfortunately the weather was not helpful and Mt Hutt was closed. Due to the time of the year we are unable to offer an alternate day.

Tonight we have our scheduled Board meeting at 5:15pm in the school staff room and next Wednesday 23 September, we will hold the scheduled PTA meeting, again in the school staff room. Next Thursday 24 September is our Disco evening – a reminder that tickets are pre-sold through the school office - \$10 gets your child admission and a goodies bag. The event is subject to Christchurch being at Covid Level 1, which currently seems very likely.

At the end of next week we will be closing for the school holidays. This two week break will be welcomed by all of our school as a great time to rest, relax and refresh ready for Term 4. Term 4 starts with our Year 8 camps to Wellington over the first three weeks. I am sure that the rest of Term 4 will



fly by, and before we realise it we will be preparing for Christmas! I do hope though, that there will be much learning and a fair bit of maturing to do before then.

Could I ask parents to check their children's clothes before they leave home for school please. Children are required to wear their correct school uniform – including the correct socks and shoes – to school every day, and to leave school correctly dressed in uniform every day except Tuesday, when they can wear their correct PE uniform home. Your support in this would be much appreciated.

Another area of concern for us at the moment is what some of our children are having for lunch. Most of our school bring healthy food for morning tea and lunch but some children are bringing big bags of potato crisps or Doritos, bottles of energy drink or fizzy drinks and not much else. It would be really helpful if your child brings a well balanced lunch and has no money to spend on junk food. Please do not allow them to bring fizzy drink or energy drinks – they are not good for children, especially at school. Again, your support in this will be much appreciated.

I do hope that you are enjoying your association with our school. Please feel welcome to contact the school should you have any queries or suggestions.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden
Principal

Community Feedback

We are always interested in finding out what our community thinks about our school curriculum.

We would appreciate it if you could complete the following surveys as it provides us with valuable information.

[Technology Survey](#)

[Social Science Survey](#)

[Mathematics Survey](#)

If you are unable to access the Google Form please contact the office and a printed version will be sent home with your child.

Thank you for your support



EPro8

Due to the current Covid restrictions not all parents could attend this event. If the parents of the participants would like photographs or videos of the challenges built and testing process, then please email Julie Anderson j_anderson@kirkwood.school.nz



Homestay's Needed

We are currently looking for homestay families to host long term students who may be coming next year, 2021 when the border reopens. They will follow the government rules and be isolated for 14 days before they can move into the community.

We also welcome interest from families who may prefer to host short term students.

For those interested please contact Alison Xie, our International Coordinator alisonxie@kirkwood.school.nz. Alison will give you Homestay Application forms along with a Police Vetting form. These need to be filled out and delivered to the school office.

Thank you



Kirkwood Students Taking Action

With loads of excess fabric being dumped into landfills all over New Zealand and the world, Kirkwood's students are taking action!

Using anything from old jeans, dresses, t-shirts, grandparents old ties, upholstery and soft furnishings industry waste, even whitebait nets that were imported from China but had to be modified, leaving unused nylon pieces, there is no fabric left unused!

Students complete this challenge by following The Five Steps of Design Thinking – a world-wide system for innovation to create high fashion hoodies - ready to walk the runway, toy monsters, bags and even covid masks.

Step one: Empathize - We empathized with stakeholders - usually a parent or guardian and think about who needs something we could make.

Step two: Define - We choose one problem to focus on, and start planning the aspects of the design.

Step three: Ideate - These little innovators then go through a series of ideas and possible outcomes until they've narrowed it down to one idea to sketch up and add notes about how to create it.

Step four: Prototype - Making and creating is the fun part, a first iteration of their design, which might include making patterns.

Step five: Test - We test our prototypes in different ways, until we are sure that our outcomes will be fit for purpose and useful.

Every day excess fabric is being thrown away into landfills. Usually good quality and in large amounts with years of life left. We kids have defined the problem and are creating and working on solutions.

The next generation is ready for innovating!

By Amber Room 6





Sports Tournament

A number of our students represented Kirkwood in the Intermediate School Invitational Tournament that was held at a range of venues in Christchurch and Ashburton.

Our students were involved in Badminton, Basketball, Netball, Rugby Sevens, Table Tennis and Volleyball.





Rugby Sevens - Boys' Team

The Boys' Sevens competition was held over two days this week as a part of the CAIMS Tournament. We had a squad of 14 take part, two late call-ups to help cover what was a very windy time down at Nunweek Park.

It was great to support our Girls' team as they were also there on the first day. We played five games and finished the first day in third place with two more games to come on the second day and then a split into top four, bottom four.

Heading into the second day, some players were carrying bumps and bruises but we finished in the top four to book a place in the semi-finals. It was a tough semi with Chisnallwood moving through on to the play off for first and second. Ritchie helped kick start us off in the third and fourth play off with a fantastic try right from kick off with Xavier converting successfully. From there it was a bit of one way traffic, Breens managed to nab a couple but the full time score was 50 - 14 to us. We even managed to get a cheeky Stallion move in which we also scored from - thanks girls!

A big thank you to Vern for coaching and reffing over the tournament as well as taking a few trainings and getting us to the Park. Thanks to Mr McWhirter for all the behind the scenes organisation. And lastly, thanks to the parents who also helped with transport and coming along to support us.





Rugby Sevens - Girls' Team

On Ratu/Tuesday this week a team of 13 went to Nunweek Park to take part in the Girls' Rugby Sevens competition.

It was the first time playing for most of the team and although we had several practices that included some tackling, there were definitely a few nervous faces as we started our first game!

We played six games over the day and only lost twice, both times to Chisnallwood. Each time we played, we made improvements and just about everyone in our team managed to score a try. Emma turned out to be a tackling machine, Anahera had several strong runs up the field and Hazel also stormed up the field always looking to pass to team mates. We even created a move off the scrum called Stallion which saw Selai score twice and Aimee score three times. It was also great to have most of our girls' help out other teams that were low on numbers, Katie even got a couple of tries for Chisnallwood but thankfully it wasn't against our Kirkwood team!

A huge thank you to Miss Toaolamai's rugby club, High School Old Boys for kindly lending us their Championship winning Women's team playing tops. We learnt a lot and had a fantastic tournament!



Basketball Information for this Week's Game

Games are held at either Wharenui Gym, located on the corner of Matipo and Elizabeth Street, or the Middleton Grange gyms located down Suva Street.

Court 1 – old gym, Court 2 – new gym.

All games this week are **semi finals**.

A Grade (Girls) - 4:00pm, Wharenui Gym, Kirkwood Girls' vs Villa Blue

A Grade - 7:00pm, Middleton Grange, Court 1 - Kirkwood 1 vs Hillmorton Tigers

B Grade - 4:45pm, Wharenui Gym, Kirkwood 2 vs MGS Girls' Red

B Grade - Kirkwood 3 - No game



Law & Order

Last week we were fortunate to have Kathryn Dalziel, one of Christchurch's top barristers come and speak to our Year 7 classes.

It was interesting to hear about Kathryn's journey in becoming a lawyer and the different experiences in the courtroom. Some of her stories were very entertaining and others shared some very thought provoking situations.

Some students had the chance to try on Kathryn's wig and gown which she wears when in the High Court. It was quite an itchy wig and some students were not sure it suited them!





Kirkwood Intermediate School App

Our school now has a Mobile App for information and alert messages. We are trialing this App therefore we do not have all the features available yet. More features will be added when required. This will replace our current messaging system.

We would like as many caregivers as possible to download the App while we are in the trial period. This App will always be free for users. Any comments on this system would be appreciated.

There is a facility to download a link onto your computer which we will inform you about at a later date.

You may download SchoolAppNZ directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have downloaded the App you then select search and select Kirkwood Intermediate School.

Alternatively, you may download via the following link.

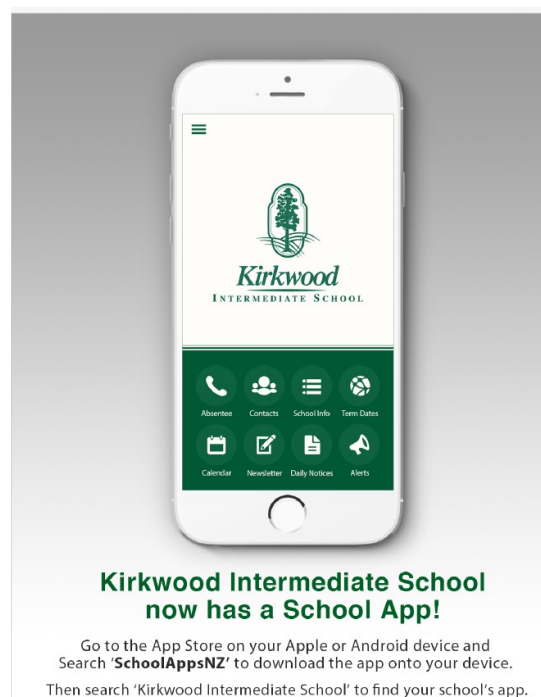
<https://kirkwood.apps.school.nz/install/>

To access the web portal please click on the following link:

<https://kirkwood.apps.school.nz/portal/>

If you are unable to download this App on your cell phone please email the school office at school.information@Kirkwood.school.nz This will give us an indication as to how many parents/caregivers are unable to access this information.

If you have any feedback please feel free to contact the office.





Year 8 Wellington Trip

Full payment should have been made. If not, please ensure this is paid now.

The school bank account is:

Account Name: Kirkwood Intermediate Board of Trustees;

Account Number: 12-3147-0180900-00;

Particulars: Child's name (surname first);

Reference: Wellington camp.

Camp dates are as follows:

Tuesday 13 - Friday 16 October	Rooms 1 & 11
Tuesday 20 - Friday 23 October	Rooms 6 & 12
Tuesday 27 - Friday 30 October	Rooms 4 & 9

PTA Quiz Night



The PTA are planning a Quiz Night for Sunday 8 November and there will be a raffle during the evening as one of our fundraisers for the year.

If you or your business would like to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact Lea-Ann Dow in the school office.

We will also be putting together a yummy food hamper as one of the prizes, so if you would like to contribute any non-perishable items towards this hamper (eg canned goods, biscuits, crackers, tea/coffee, confectionery, etc), please bring them to the school office.

Thank you!

School Cell Phone

For texting absentees only please.

027 4163414.

(Please note – we do not reply.)

If you have an urgent or important message that you want passed to your child, please ring the office on 348 7718.

If you text or email, we may not read the message in time.

Please note that it is a Ministry requirement to have a reason for absence so please ensure you let the office know.

Thank you.



Homework Club

Homework Club is held on **Tuesday afternoons from 3:00pm – 3:45pm.**

This is for pupils to do homework, research and to 'ask any questions' which is a service provided by the Christchurch City Library.

Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Aranui Clinic, 240 Breezes Road, Aranui,
- Lincoln Clinic, 35 James Street, Lincoln,
- Rangiora Clinic, 163 Ashley Street, Rangiora,
- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woolcombe Street, Timaru

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983

Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Daily Notices

Daily Student Notices may be viewed on our website

<http://kirkwood.school.nz/category/daily-notices/>



Talk Together Social Skills Groups

Enrolments are open for the Term 4 Social Skills Groups. They're offering classes online and in-person in Rolleston and Rangiora. These groups focus on theory of mind development, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, communication skills, strategies for managing anxiety and emotional regulation while looking at how to form friendships and maintain them. All while having lots of fun!

Talk Together groups support children to:

- Make friends & keep them
- Talk about their emotions
- Pick up on social cues
- Navigate social conflicts
- Manage their anxiety

Talk Together has made the commitment to provide this specialist service at cost to be as accessible to families as possible. These are small supportive groups with two professional facilitators. They provide personalised summaries for each child at the conclusion of the program with ideas to maintain progress. These groups are perfect for returning and new students. Spaces for these classes are limited so get in quick!

Rolleston

5-10yr & 11-17yr

6 week Social Skills & Anxiety Management Group

[Enroll](#)

Rangiora

5-10yr & 11-17yr 6 week Social Skills & Anxiety Management Group

[Enroll](#)

Online

5-10yr & 11-17yr

6 week Social Skills & Anxiety Management Group

[Enroll](#)

"He got off the computer on Tuesday night on a real high - he was happy and felt it had gone well. He is absolutely loving this course. Thank you so much, it is so nice to see him happy and engaged like this, it has helped his self confidence immensely."

- Parent of 15 year old



School Calendar

Our School Calendar may also be viewed via our website

www.kirkwood.school.nz

Community Notices

Christchurch City Council & New Zealand Institute of Sport present - Clarence Street Hoops, a day of Basketball, prizes and fun! On 1 October, 1:00pm - 3:00pm at 199 Clarence Street.

Studio One Performing Arts - If you are interested in Ballet, Jazz or Contemporary lessons, please contact Patricia Paul 372 9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

Santa's Mega Grotto - Due to the annual Santa Parade being cancelled this year, there will be an opportunity to view all the floats undercover in the QEII park from the mezzanine floor. For more information visit <https://www.facebook.com/www.chrithcurchsantaparage.nz>

Sports/Clubs

Selwyn Athletic Club - Registration day this Sunday 20 September 10:30am - 12:00pm at Brookside Park. \$2 sausage sizzle and Whittakers slabs available.

Christchurch Avon Athletics Club - Registration day for all new members on Monday 12 October, Christchurch Avon Club Rooms - Burnside High School from 5:00pm - 6:30pm. Any questions, please email marilynmorrison52@gmail.com

Phoenix Track and Field Club - New members welcome. Open Day on Sunday 27 September at Middleton Grange Hall (Suva St). Please contact phoxtreasurer@gmail.com or view the website www.phoxac.co.nz

Springston Tennis Club - Everyone welcome from pre-schoolers to veterans. For more information, please visit www.sporty.co.nz/springstontennisclub

Canterbury Croquet's Gateball Course - This is for 11 - 16 year olds and held in the school holidays. This is a 30 minute fast paced game played between two teams of five players. For more information, please contact Claire, 027 7104804.

Girls' Cricket - St Albans Cricket Club as all girls' teams. The season starts in October and they are now taking registrations for junior girls in years 2 - 8. Please phone Barry, 027 5356245 or Matthew, 027 6961010 if you are interested.

Selwyn Athletic Club - Registration day is at Brookside Park on Saturday 20 September. There will be activities running for the children.

Holiday Programmes/After School

CASPA Holiday Programmes - These programmes are designed to be fun and educational, providing a safe and creative environment for your child. To book online please visit caspa.org.nz

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