



# *Kirkwood*

## INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter, the first for Term 4. School has started well with the first two of our Year 8 classes travelling to Wellington on Tuesday. I was able to visit them in Wellington on Wednesday and was impressed by the way the children are conducting themselves. I know they will be hoping for a smooth crossing tomorrow as they make their way home. If I could ask parents to park their cars on the road, it will make collecting children much easier. I am sure those children yet to travel will be very much looking forward to their trip. Can I take this opportunity to thank the many adults, including our staff, who have given their time so willingly to ensure these camps are a success. Your efforts are much appreciated by our school community.

I have no doubt that this term will pass very quickly but, on behalf of our PTA I would like to ask your support for two fund raising activities happening this term. The first is the raffle which you should have heard about by now. We are asking our families to sell one book of tickets if possible and to return money and ticket stubs to school as soon as possible. The first prize for our raffle is a signed All Black jersey, kindly donated by Anton Lienert-Brown, a past pupil of our school. The other event is our school quiz evening. Tickets for the quiz are limited so if you want to challenge yourself against the opposition I would suggest buying your tickets just as soon as they come on sale. The PTA are strong supporters of our school and we appreciate all they are doing to raise funds to spend on our school and our children.

Could I remind our community that children are required to travel to and from school in their correct uniform, not their PE gear, every day of the week, with the exception of Tuesday afternoon, where they can wear their PE gear home.



Shortly senior staff will begin forming classes for our current Year 7 students who will be moving through to Year 8 in 2021. If you know your child will not be returning to Kirkwood next year, could you please let the office know as soon as possible. Also, if you have any specific requests for your child next year, please forward them to either Mr Aitken or Ms Toaolamai by the end of next week. We will do our best to work with your requests, but cannot guarantee we can meet all requests. Thank you for your help with this. Mr Aitken's email is [p\\_aitken@Kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:p_aitken@Kirkwood.school.nz) or Ms Toaolamai [tamarat@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:tamarat@kirkwood.school.nz)

We are also looking at starting to establish our Year 7 2021 classes. It would be a great help for us if you could encourage anyone you know who is considering enrolling for next year to do so as soon as possible. This will allow us to more accurately prepare for next year. Again, thank you for your help.

As I wrote earlier, I am sure this will be a busy term. However, please know that we are here to work with you and your child and if we can help in any way, please just ask. Thank you for your on-going support of our school.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden  
Principal

## Quiz Night

Place this date in your diary  
Kirkwood Intermediate School

### Quiz Night

**Sunday 8 November**

Tickets \$10 per person or \$60 per  
table (Maximum of 6)

We would appreciate any donations  
of gifts or services to support the  
night.

More details will be emailed to you  
soon.





## ***Kirkwood Intermediate School App***

Our school now has a Mobile App for information and alert messages. This has replaced our current messaging system.

We would like as many caregivers as possible to download the App this is free for users.

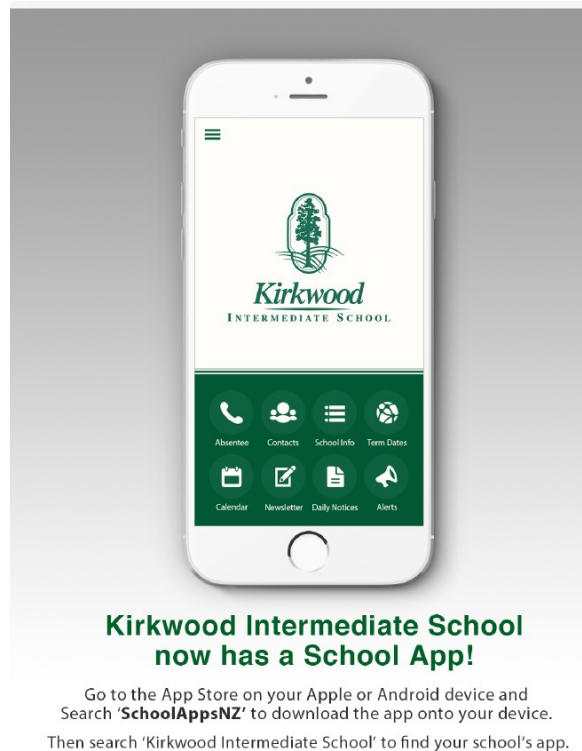
You may download SchoolAppNZ directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have downloaded the App you then select search and select Kirkwood Intermediate School.

There is a facility to download a link onto your computer, 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/>



## ***Scholastic Book Club***

Orders are due by Tuesday 10 November.

Please post your orders in the office slot.







## Law & Order - Police Dog Visit

Last term the Year 7 classes were fortunate to have Lyall and Kelly from the New Zealand Police come to visit.

Kelly spoke about her role at the Central Police Station processing people and ensuring support was sent out to events. As a sergeant, part of Kelly's role is to be responsible for all operational decisions and policing activities in a given town or city, particularly after hours. Sergeants may be the immediate supervisor of a section of frontline constables, and can lead teams of detectives, road policing staff or community-based staff.

Lyall is part of the Patrol Dog Teams. He introduced the classes to Knox, a German Shepherd, that works with Lyall when helping apprehend suspects. It was interesting and a bit scary to see Knox in action! Lyall shared a bit about the process when training the dogs and also the importance of working with dogs.

It was wonderful to have Kelly and Lyall share information about their important roles and how we as a community can help keep each other safe.







## Wellington Camp

Below are some preview photos of Room 1 at Wellington camp happening this week.





## ***PTA Raffle***

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As you are aware, our PTA are running a raffle to help raise funds for computer hardware and sports equipment. To this end we are asking that each family sell one book of 10 tickets at \$2 per ticket – meaning a return of \$20 per family.

There may be extra books to sell if you are interested in helping further.

We appreciate that some families may not be willing nor able to sell raffle tickets so please do not feel under any pressure – just return the unsold tickets to the school office the following day in a named envelope.

When you have sold your tickets, please return the ticket stubs and the correct money in a named envelope to the school office.

The raffle tickets have been issued yesterday, Wednesday 14 October. For those currently on the Wellington Camp, they will be issued on Monday 19 October.

We would appreciate if all ticket stubs and money could be returned to school by Thursday 12 November.

Thank you for your support with this.

## ***Homestay's Needed***

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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](mailto: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





## Transition Time

Year 8 Parents: Do you have your child enrolled in a high school next year?

With Term 4 upon us, our Year 8 students will find themselves heading off to high school soon. It is normal for students to feel nervous, anxious, and also excited about the prospect of moving to a new school. There are a few things you can do to help your child through this transition, and we recommend during Term 4 you spend some time preparing your child by helping them to do the following:

- Go and visit their new high school on the weekend, have a walk around and look into the classrooms;
- Accompany your child on the route they will normally take to get to school. If your child will be taking a bus, then travel on the bus with them in both directions;
- Ask your child how they feel about the transition and find out what they might be nervous about, then go and explore whatever it is that is making them feel that way to give them reassurance that it's not as bad as they may think it is;
- Check out the school uniform so they know what they need to wear, and because it can feel funny wearing a new uniform, reassure them that everybody will be wearing that same uniform;
- Contact the high school your child will be attending and ask them if you can visit for an orientation. This is a great time to discuss any worries your child has, and also to discuss any extra support your child may need from their new school in order to be successful.

We wish all of our students the very best with their high school years, and by getting engaged in the process you can help encourage and reassure them that the move to high school can be a positive experience.

Should you still feel your child needs extra support for transitioning to high school we can help. Please contact Janine Climo, our SENCo Coordinator at: [janineclimo@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:janineclimo@kirkwood.school.nz)

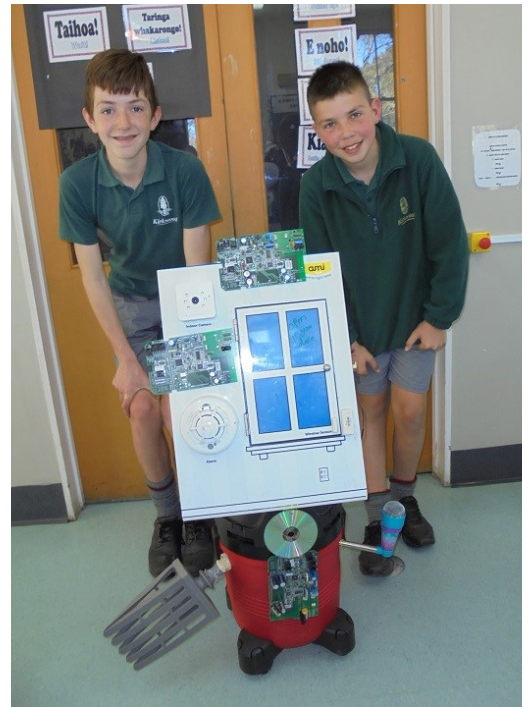
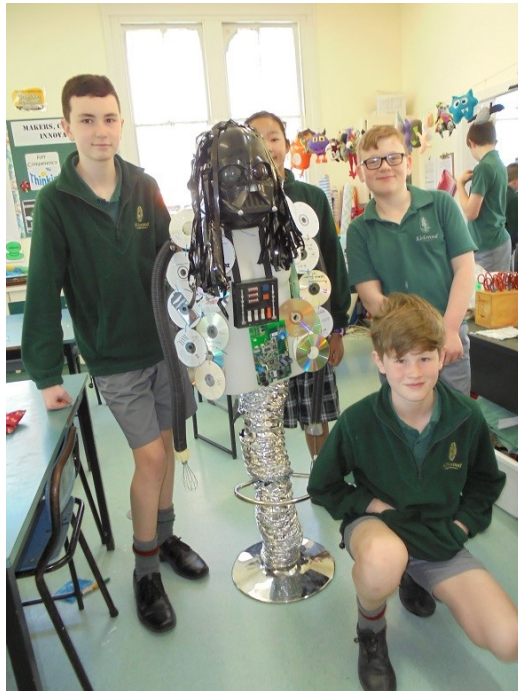




## Technology Extension

These ECO warriors have been building robots using all sorts of waste.

The team photographed below made Darth Vader's wife (Trish). Their names are Anton, Connor W, Jayden S and Chloe W.



Logan and Jamison were another team that made 'Lucy'. Lucy is a robot with a shocking surprise. She has a working electronic circuit to light up when singing. Lucy can also sound an alarm using a power bank - this sounds when opening the door.

## A message from our District Nurse







## 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.

## School Cell Phone & School App

**For texting absentees only please.**

**027 4163414 (Please note – we do not reply.)**

Alternatively, you may use our School App.

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.

## ***Crossing Riccarton Road***

Please can you emphasise to your children how important it is to cross Riccarton Road at the pedestrian crossing by Wharenui Road.

If you are dropping your child off opposite the school, they must walk down the road to this crossing. Please do not help them to cross opposite the school.

Thank you for your support with this.

Please ensure you **do not** drive up the school driveway (front & back entrances) to drop off or pick up your children either before or after school. It is too unsafe for our children.

Please also ensure you do not park over driveways or double park when picking up and dropping off your child. This also includes the cul-de-sac in Karamu Place as it is not only unsafe for your children but also upsets our neighbours.

Thank you for your support with this.

## ***Daily Notices***

Daily Student Notices may be viewed on our website

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

Alternatively, you can also view the Daily Notices on the School App.







## School Calendar

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Our School Calendar may also be viewed via our website

[www.kirkwood.school.nz](http://www.kirkwood.school.nz)

## Community Notices

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**Days of Ice** - Happening from 8 - 18 October, celebrating Christchurch's unique connections with Antarctica with 10 days of events and activities. For more information visit <https://www.christchurchnz.com/explore/whats-on/days-of-ice>

**Vegan Expo** - A family friendly event in Christchurch on Sunday 8 November at HAERE-ROA (UCSA, 90 Ilam Road), 10:00am - 4:00pm.

**Selwyn Fireworks Event** - This is still going ahead on Saturday 31 October at Foster Park. To book tickets, please visit [www.trybooking.co.nz/EOS](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/EOS)

**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](mailto:info@studioone.co.nz)

## Sports/Clubs

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**Arawa Canoe Club** - Looking for youth paddlers aged 10 and over. Sessions are held on Saturdays at 11:00am at Kerrs Reach, Wainoni. Contact Arawa 022 171 1890 or email [admin@arawa.org.nz](mailto:admin@arawa.org.nz)

**Halswell United AFC** - Summer Football fun. For more information and to register visit [www.hawkfootball.org.nz/summer](http://www.hawkfootball.org.nz/summer)

**New World Rolleston Kids Triathlon** - On Sunday 18 October. To enter visit [www.rollestonkidstriathlon.co.nz](http://www.rollestonkidstriathlon.co.nz)

**Children's Aikido Class** - Co-operative approach to conflict resolution. Physical and fun. Located in Heathcote. For more information see [www.aikido.gen.nz](http://www.aikido.gen.nz)

**Astros Baseball** - If you are interested in this sport, please contact [SouthernAstrosbball@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernAstrosbball@gmail.com)

**Riccarton Softball Club** - Taking registrations for this upcoming season starting on 17 October. Boys and girls tee-ball and softball teams as well as senior mixed and men and women grades. For more information contact [riccartonsoftball@hotmail.com](mailto:riccartonsoftball@hotmail.com) Register online at <http://www.sporty.co.nz/riccartonsoftball/Register-Here/Season-20202021>

**Springston Tennis Club** - Everyone welcome from pre-schoolers to veterans. For more information, please visit [www.sporty.co.nz/springstontennisclub](http://www.sporty.co.nz/springstontennisclub)

**Girls' Cricket** - St Albans Cricket Club as an all girls' team. 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.

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