



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. The term seems to be flying past, especially with the Year 8 camps in Wellington happening in the first three weeks. I have been fortunate to be able to visit all classes during their camp and I have been impressed by the behaviour of the children. They seem to be making the most of this opportunity and it is pleasing that they have been able to attend camp in such a disrupted year. I have to thank all of the staff who have given so much of their time and effort to ensure these camps have been a success, and also to thank the parent helpers who have supported our teachers and learners on these trips. Without this support these kinds of events cannot happen. For those in Year 7 it is likely that we will be offering these trips next year. If you wanted to set up an automatic payment to help with the cost you would be most welcome to contact the school office – even a small amount weekly will help to offset the final account.

Thank you to those of you who have been able to support the PTA through selling raffle tickets. This is a really good way to raise some extra money for our school and we do appreciate the generosity of our community. The Student Council is holding a Pink Shirt Day next Wednesday (more information is contained later in this newsletter) and we are asking for a donation of one item of non-perishable food. These items will be collected and used in our two minor prizes in the PTA raffle. Again, your support is really appreciated. Also coming soon is our PTA Quiz evening. These have proved highly entertaining in the past and I have heard a whisper that last year's winning team is returning this year – it would be good to see some serious (and even some not so serious) competition for them. Please order your tickets through the school office. Our intention is that this night would suit people over 18.



As we move closer to the end of the school year may I remind our Year 8 parents that their children really should have enrolled at a high school by now. If you are unsure of the process, I would suggest that you call your nearest high school for more information. Whilst every child has a right to attend their local high school (i.e. in the school zone) it really does help if you take time to pre-enrol your child. Likewise, if you or someone you know is considering enrolling at Kirkwood for next year please make sure an enrolment form has been completed and returned to the school office just as soon as possible. Also, if you have any specific requests for class placement in 2021, please let Mr Aitken or Miss Toalamai know. Again, thank you for your help with this.

Tonight we have our regular Board meeting in the school staff room. Interested friends and whanau are most welcome to attend. Next Wednesday is our PTA meeting and again you are most welcome to attend. I do hope you are continuing to enjoy your association with our school. Please remember we are here to work with you and your child; do not hesitate to ask if we can help.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden
Principal

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.

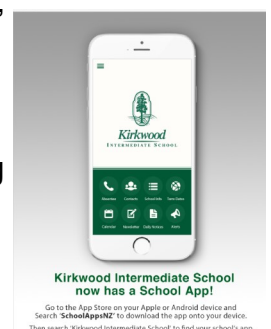
You may download SchoolAppNZ directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have downloaded the App you then select search and select Kirkwood Intermediate School.

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/>





Kirkwood School PTA Quiz Night

The PTA are raising money to update computer hardware and physical education equipment

Sunday 8 November 7.00pm – 9:00pm

in the School Hall

Teams of 4-6 people @ \$10 per person

Tickets available at the school office or fill in the form below.

This is a BYO event (please bring a drinking vessel).

Limited numbers

Some nibbles will be provided for each table.

If you would like any further information, please email the school office:
school.information@kirkwood.school.nz

Please place the slip below in an envelope marked - Kirkwood Quiz Night, together with the payment, and return it to the school office.

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Quiz Night support ticket/table request for your quiz team.

Name: _____ Contact Number: _____

☐ I would like to purchase Individual Quiz tickets at \$10.00 each

☐ I would like a team table of (4-6) @ \$10 each = \$

☐ I would like make a donation

☐ Enclosed total amount \$_____ or paid via internet banking to PTA
account number 12-3147-0327925-00..... (date)

Please note: This is to be paid into the PTA account

Kirkwood Intermediate Home & School Association; 12-3147-0327925-00

Particulars: Child's Surname, First Name; Ref: Quiz



Wellington Camp

Camp highlights from Room 12.





Duathlon Results

Year 7 boys:

Blake N - 12th

Heath - 73rd

Rueben B - 88th

Year 7 girls:

Niamh - 54th

Mikayla - 76th

Year 8 boys:

Enzo - 24th

Liam R - 109th

Joshua V - 113th

Year 8 girls:

Zara - 39th

Katie F - 54th

Anna D - 56th

Sienna K - 57th



NZIS Coaching Sessions

This term we have NZIS (New Zealand Institute of Sport) students coming in over four weeks. On Ratu 20 October, the Year 7 classes had a fun games session to meet the students before beginning the coaching sessions.

It was great to play new games and also mix in with other Year 7 students. There were some traditional games like Capture the Flag and Octopus, a few groups had a Tug of War and also took part in some crazy relays!

We are looking forward to the coaching sessions that start next wiki. It's great to have organisations from our local community making connections with our kura. Thank you to Nicole and the students from NZIS!



Korean Cultural Experience

Last week on Rahina/Monday, Room 3 were fortunate enough to take part in a Korean Cultural Experience to help support our Korean Language lessons that we had during Term1 and 3.

We all enjoyed learning about the traditional clothing worn at celebrations such as Chuseok (추석) which is one of the biggest holidays in Korea. It is sometimes referred to as “Korean Thanksgiving” because it’s a special time for family, friends, and food. Some of the materials were very soft and thin with clever designs stitched in.

We were also taught how to play Tuho (투호). The purpose of the game is to aim and toss an arrow or stick into a metal jar from a certain distance. Players try to get their arrow in as many times as possible. The game is very easy to play but you definitely need to have good aim! This game is often played around Seollal Lunar New Year's Day and the Chuseok Mid-Autumn Harvest Festival.

To finish off, we had a go at K Pop dancing! This was heaps of fun and we all enjoyed the dance off. A huge thank you to Jenny and the lovely ladies, it was a fun experience for us all and a great way to learn more about Korean culture in an interactive way.





Science Road Show - Year 7

Last Wednesday, we had the Science Roadshow in our school hall. It was a very exciting experience and we learnt a lot. Despite the fact that it was a bit crowded and had to wait on turns for some activities, I think it was worth it.

The Science Roadshow instructors talked about some Scientific facts including Balloons and Bernoulli which was about air pressure, force, unbalanced pressures with a vacuum cleaner and many more. We also had a session about Kitchen Chemistry where we learned about density, acid-bases, CO₂ molecules, and several others.

The room was filled with all sorts of cool displays and fun exhibits such as balancing on a platform so a bubble in the water stays in the middle, seeing your own pupil and balancing a hard stone on your hand. My personal favourite was the huge wind blower fan. It was quite enjoyable.

Overall, I had real good fun going to the Science Roadshow with my friends.

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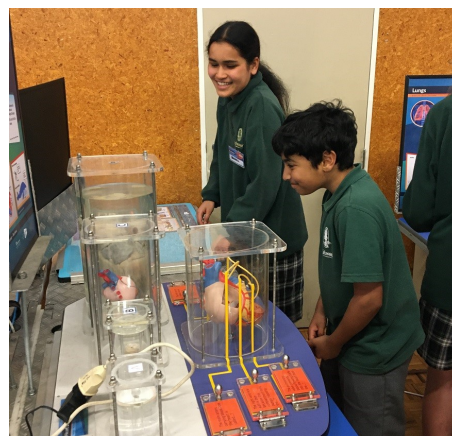
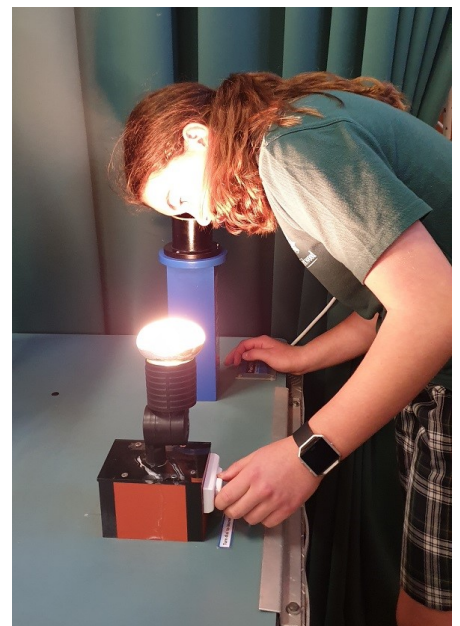




Science Road Show - Year 7

On Wednesday 21 October we had the Science Roadshow visit our school. It was an exciting, fun and amazing event with lots of different science displays and activities.

We had a talk about the air pressure around us and one of the instructors from the Science Roadshow got out a vacuum cleaner to show us an experiment. It was very interesting. One of the Year 7 teachers, Miss Timblick got to sit on a chair in a plastic bag holding a vacuum cleaner between her legs. At first it was reasonably easy to move her hands and arms in the plastic bag, but as the vacuum cleaner started sucking out a lot of air, the bag tightened its grip on Miss Timblick making it very hard, probably impossible to move her hands and legs in the bag. This experiment was my favourite part in the Science Roadshow.





Term 3 Sports Round Up

Basketball:

Boys' 2 Team - Finished 4th in their competition. A huge thank you to Richard and Lachie for looking after the team this year

Boys' A Team - Finished 3rd in the A Grade competition. A big thank you to Tom for guiding them throughout the year.

Girls' Team - Won their A Grade competition - went through without defeat this season. A remarkable achievement for the girls. A big thank you to Lizzy for coaching them this year.

Water Polo:

The team finished the term in 4th position in C Grade. With some impressive results against some of the top teams.



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by Tuesday 10 November.

Please post your orders in the office slot.



School Pool

The pool is on track for opening after show weekend.

Its been cleaned and full of fresh water.



University of Canterbury Kiwi Competition

The Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand curriculum.

These are online competitions and were held at the end of Term 2. We use The Great Kiwi Competition in place of the ICAS testing.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Merit and Excellence in English Maths and Science.

	<i>Merit</i>	<i>Excellence</i>		<i>Merit</i>	<i>Excellence</i>
English	Max W	Ryan S	Maths	Connor W Annabel D	Ryan S
			Science	Max W	

Speech Competitions

On Monday 19 October Anna-Bella and Indiana competed against a dozen other kura in the Riccarton Rotary Speech competition. Anna-Bella spoke about the three biggest issues facing New Zealand right now. Indiana spoke about the most frustrating part about growing up. Both Anna-Bella and Indiana did an amazing job representing Kirkwood, with Indiana winning the Year 7 section.

Ka rawe to both girls!

On Wednesday 21 October we again had two brave ākonga represent our Kura in a speech competition. This time it was for the Canterbury Intermediate Schools Speech Competition. Stella spoke about changing intolerance to others and Anna-Bella spoke about spending 48 hours in another person's shoes. Both speeches were very well prepared and entertaining. The competition was incredible this year and it was awesome to see our students compete so confidently.

What a tumeke effort!





Mufti Day

PINK SHIRT DAY

Kirkwood Student Council want you to wear a pink shirt along with your school shorts/culottes and school shoes on

Wednesday 4 November

Help us turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink this Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!



Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to support the PTA raffle.





PTA Raffle

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 by Thursday 12 November.

Thank you for your support with this.

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.

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

Our School Calendar may also be viewed via our website

www.kirkwood.school.nz

Community Notices

Next Chapter Parenting - A free parenting course that only requires parents to look, read, watch and hopefully gain out of the process. Please visit www.nextchapterparenting.co.nz for more information.

Greater Christchurch - Tell us what you want for 2050. Please click on the following link if you are able to spend around 5 minutes to answer some quick questions <https://research.ccc.govt.nz/surveys/sqvgzIz5zjx4m54013d46yr18d0544In0ty8gc26rc20kmdr3f0rq3tx0z8j> This needs to be completed before 8 November 2020

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

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

Sports/Clubs

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

Halswell United AFC - Summer Football fun. For more information and to register visit www.hawkfootball.org.nz/summer

Children's Aikido Class - Co-operative approach to conflict resolution. Physical and fun. Located in Heathcote. For more information see www.aikido.gen.nz

Astros Baseball - If you are interested in this sport, please contact SouthernAstrosbball@gmail.com

Springston Tennis Club - Everyone welcome from pre-schoolers to veterans. For more information, please visit 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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