



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. School continues to be a busy place with our PTA Quiz Evening held last Sunday, and Kirkwood Kid for a Morning held on Tuesday for those children who are enrolled for Year 7 next year. Both of these were successful events. The reigning champions (consisting mainly of the Gunn/Dalziel family) successfully defended their title at the quiz evening. A highlight was the auctioning of a signed Canterbury rugby jersey, kindly donated by Daniel Lienert-Brown, an ex Kirkwood student. Interestingly, in this year's Canterbury NPC team we have three Kirkwood old boys – Daniel, Mitchell Dunshea and Josh McKay. We are intending to establish an alumni association so that ex students and their families can keep up to date with what's happening at our school – keep an eye on our web-page for progress with this.

The Kirkwood Kid for a Morning went well. I think all who attended enjoyed the experience and I hope they all feel a little more comfortable about their impending move to our school. If you know of anyone wishing to enroll at our school for next year please encourage them to get their enrolment forms in soon.

Recently families were given raffle tickets to sell on behalf of our PTA. If you have not yet returned these to school please could you do so by Monday at the latest. We need to account for every ticket before the draw next Friday. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Tomorrow is a public holiday so school will be closed for the day. We will re-start on Monday at the usual time.

I hope you are continuing to enjoy your association with our school. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if we can help in any way.

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.

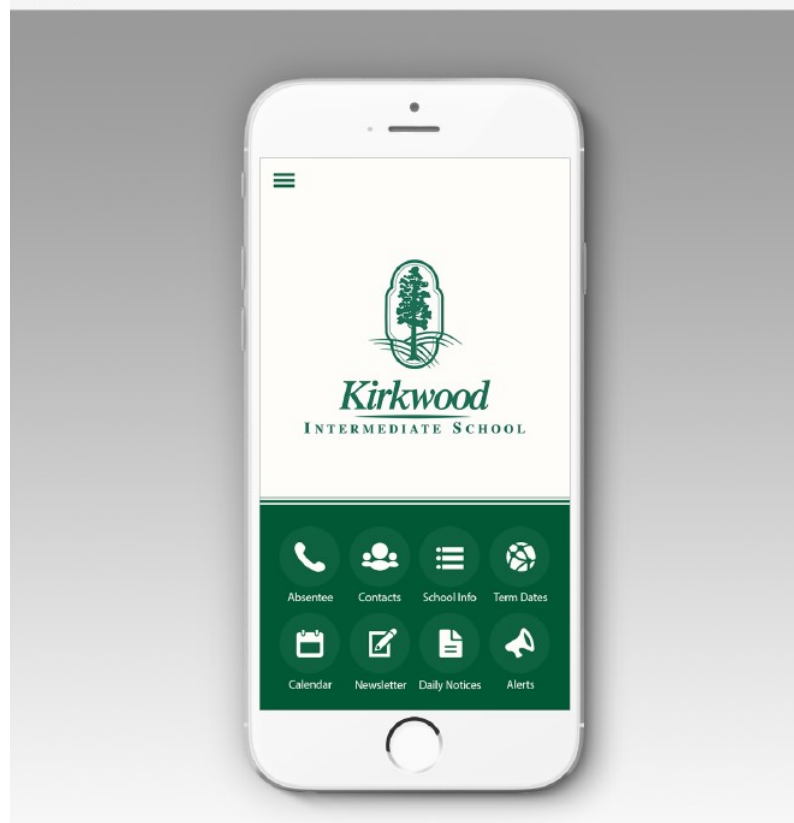
You may download SchoolAppNZ directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have downloaded the App you then select search and select Kirkwood Intermediate School.

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/>

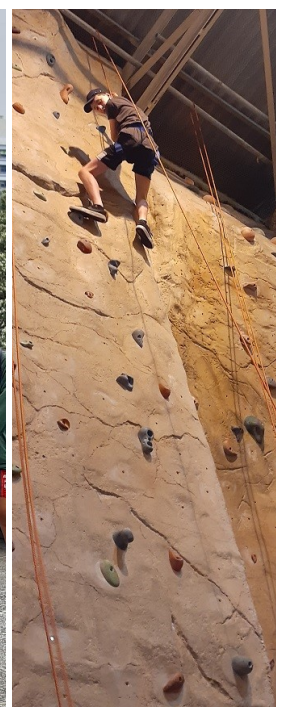
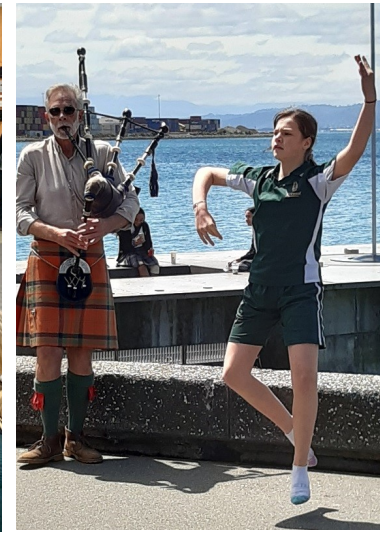


Kirkwood Intermediate School now has a School App!

Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and Search '**SchoolAppsNZ**' to download the app onto your device. Then search 'Kirkwood Intermediate School' to find your school's app.

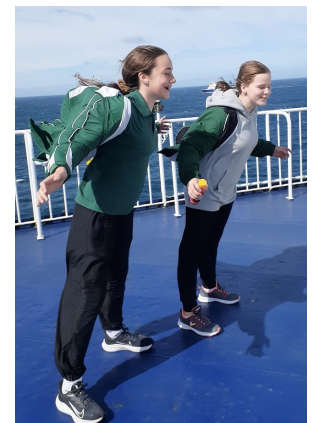
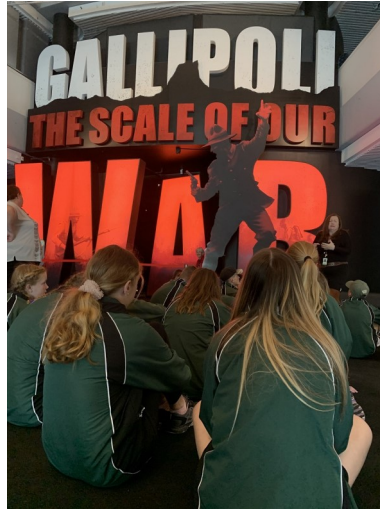


Wellington Camp Highlights





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Kirkwood Sports

Next Tuesday is the CAIMS Athletics, held at Nga Puni Wai. We are taking a large team consisting of Year 7 and 8 runners, jumpers and throwers. It should be a successful and enjoyable day by all. A report will follow in the next newsletter. Good luck to all who are taking part.

Next Thursday is the Sport Canterbury Tough Kid Challenge which is being held at the South Brighton Domain. The students will jog, run, slip and slide their way around the 2.7km course which consists of various obstacles and challenges. Two things are guaranteed: 1) Plenty of mud and 2) Plenty of fun. This year we are taking huge numbers and we know that they will enjoy themselves and represent our school with pride.

The Athletes Foot

On Tuesday 10 November Simon from The Athlete's Foot in Westfield Riccarton, came to school to hand deliver sports equipment. This equipment was generated from the purchase of shoes, through our school community.

Thank you for supporting The Athlete's Foot and purchasing your shoes there. Our school has significantly benefitted through additional sports equipment because of this. Each time a student purchases a pair of school or sports shoes from The Athletes Foot Riccarton or Northlands, they will donate \$10 cash or \$15 in the Athlete's Foot Vouchers for sporting equipment to our school.

You also have a 12 month guarantee on your child's fitted shoes.





Kirkwood Kid for a Morning

On Tuesday we had 80 Year 6 students join Kirkwood for the morning. These students are all enrolled for next year and it was a chance for them to have a look around their new school. They visited our Year 7 and 8 classes, enjoyed the playground at morning tea and tried out a Technology class. Most importantly they had a chance to meet possible friends and classmates for next year. It was great to see how excited they all are for their move here in a few months!



Year 8 Classes 2020

If parents have any concerns over placement for 2020, please feel free to contact Peter Aitken via email: p_aitken@kirkwood.school.nz

I will finalise classes by Friday 22 November so could any enquiries be made before then please.

Thank you



Kid's Lit Competition

The Canterbury Kids' Lit Quiz regional competition was held last Wednesday 4 November. Our two teams representing Kirkwood participated in answering 100 questions in 10 different categories.

Thank you to all who took part so keenly and to the support given by parents.

Members of both teams are photographed below, as well as a photo of the team who won the Blindness category, they each received a voucher for their prize.

An excellent result from our Kids' Lit dedicated readers.



Sunblock and Hats

We have sunblock available in classrooms for pupils to use which the teachers encourage the children to apply.

Children may also wear a sunhat (any sunhat they choose).



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.

Year 8 Email Addresses

When pupils leave the school their email addresses are deleted. Therefore all important information should be saved.



School Calendar

Our School Calendar may also be viewed via our website

www.kirkwood.school.nz

Community Notices

High School Reminder: All Year 8 pupils should now be enrolled in a high school.

Mandeville Craft Festival - A lovely relaxed day for the whole family on Sunday 6 December. Entry is \$5 per adult with over 120 arts and crafts stalls and live music. Visit the website to pre purchase tickets

www.mandevillecraftfestival.co.nz

Bilingual Language Development - An online workshop with a lot of practical things you can do to help children learn more than one language. Happening on 18 November at 7:30pm. Please visit www.talktogether.co.nz/workshops

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.

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

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Colgate Games 2021 - Athletes aged 7 - 14 years registered with any Athletics club are able to attend the Colgate Games. Entries close 23 November. Any questions, please come into the kitchen at Brookside Park and see a committee member on Monday or Wednesday nights at training.

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.



Holiday Programmes/After School

Elements Plus Holiday Programme - Designed for the 10 - 14 year age group. Learn new skills using pocket knives, ropes and possibly fire. Book through www.elements.aimyplus.com

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