



Kirkwood INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. School remains focused and busy, and our goal is to continue this right up until the last day. Your support with things such as uniform will be much appreciated. If, for some reason, your child is unable to wear correct school uniform to school we would appreciate you either writing a note, or emailing your child's teacher. Thank you for your support with this.

The PTA raffle was drawn last week with three very surprised but very pleased winners contacted on Friday. My thanks to Kerryn from the New Zealand Police who came in and supervised the draw. We hope to have photos of the winners and their prizes in our next newsletter. Thank you to all who purchased a ticket for our raffle. We will be able to let the PTA know how much we raised at their next meeting.

The school Board of Trustees will meet tonight at 5:15pm in the school staffroom. Interested people are most welcome to attend meetings. The PTA will hold their last meeting for the year on Wednesday 2 December. Again, interested people are welcome to attend.

Details of our end of year assemblies are later in the newsletter. We welcome families to attend but ask that all Kirkwood children are in correct school uniform and remain seated with their families. The Year 8 assembly is a popular event and our school hall can get very warm – please be aware of this if you are intending to attend.

School reports and testimonials will be coming home on the last Friday of the term. These reflect the progress your children have made and can be very useful moving forward. I would be interested in any comments you may have about the structure of the reports – please feel welcome to email me should you so wish.



As the year begins to draw to a close I know many are looking forward to the Christmas break and to putting 2020 behind them. If you or someone you may know has yet to enrol for high school or for Kirkwood in 2021, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible,

Thank you for your on-going support of our school.

Best wishes

Phil Tappenden
Principal

Kirkwood Intermediate School App

Please ensure you have the Mobile App so that you receive information and alert messages. This has replaced our current messaging system.

This is free for users.

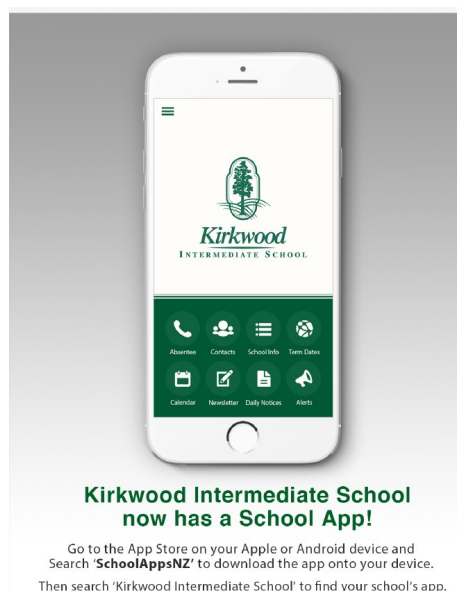
You may download SchoolAppNZ directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have downloaded the App you then select search and select Kirkwood Intermediate School.

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/>





Inter-Intermediate Schools' Athletics

On Tuesday 17 November Kirkwood Intermediate took a large squad to the Canterbury AIMS Athletics at Nga Puni Wai. Overall it was an excellent day with some very good individual performances and relay results. Here are some of the standouts:

PLACING:

Emma A (R1)	3rd Y8 Girls' Shot Put
Connor F (R1)	2nd Y8 Boys' High Jump
Angus D	3rd AWD Shot Put and 2nd 60m Sprint
Joshiah E	2nd Y7 Boys' 100m Sprint

HIGH FINISHING:

Jesse G	4th Y8 Boys' 1500m
Saracen M	6th Y8 Boys' 1500m
Zavier T	7th Y8 Boys' 1500m
David C	9th Y8 Boys' High Jump and 7th Y8 Boys 60m Sprint
Hannah J	6th Y8 Girls' Discus and 6th Y8 Girls Shot Put
Ilai A	10th Y8 Boys' Long Jump
Joshiah E	4th Y7 Boys' High Jump
Corbin J	7th Y7 Boys' High Jump
Michael F	5th Y7 Boys' Long Jump
Eli C	7th Y7 Boys' Long Jump
Blake N	4th Y7 Boys' 800m
Sienna R	6th Y8 Girls' 800m
Dylan G	4th Y8 Boys' 800m
Jade C	5th 200m Girls' Open Grade and 5th Y7 Girls' 60m Sprint
Connor F	4th 200m Boys' Open Grade and 8th 100m Sprint Y8 Boys'

RELAYS:

8 x 50 Relay Team	5th in the final
Y7 Girls' 4x100m	5th in the final
Y7 Boys' 4x100m	5th in the final
Y8 Girls' 4x100m	4th in the final

Thanks to Ms T, Lizzy and Mr McWhirter to taking us there!



Brain Busters

The crew from the TV show Brain Busters came out on Tuesday and let us taste what their programme was like. There were a couple of spot prizes and Ash from Sheppard/Freyberg won the house competition. It was a fun afternoon for the whole Year 7's.



Korean Language and Lexia Awards

Awards were given out from the Korean Language school. Two students are chosen from the Korean Language Teacher who display great understanding, participation, effort and interest in the language. Xavier and Juliette were given this award.

Another award went to a student who had completed our Lexia Reading Computer Programme. Makayla from Room 10 was the first student to finish Lexia Power UP at Kirkwood ever.

Isabely and Isadora finished Lexia Core 5 this year. A large amount of time and effort has gone into reaching these goals.



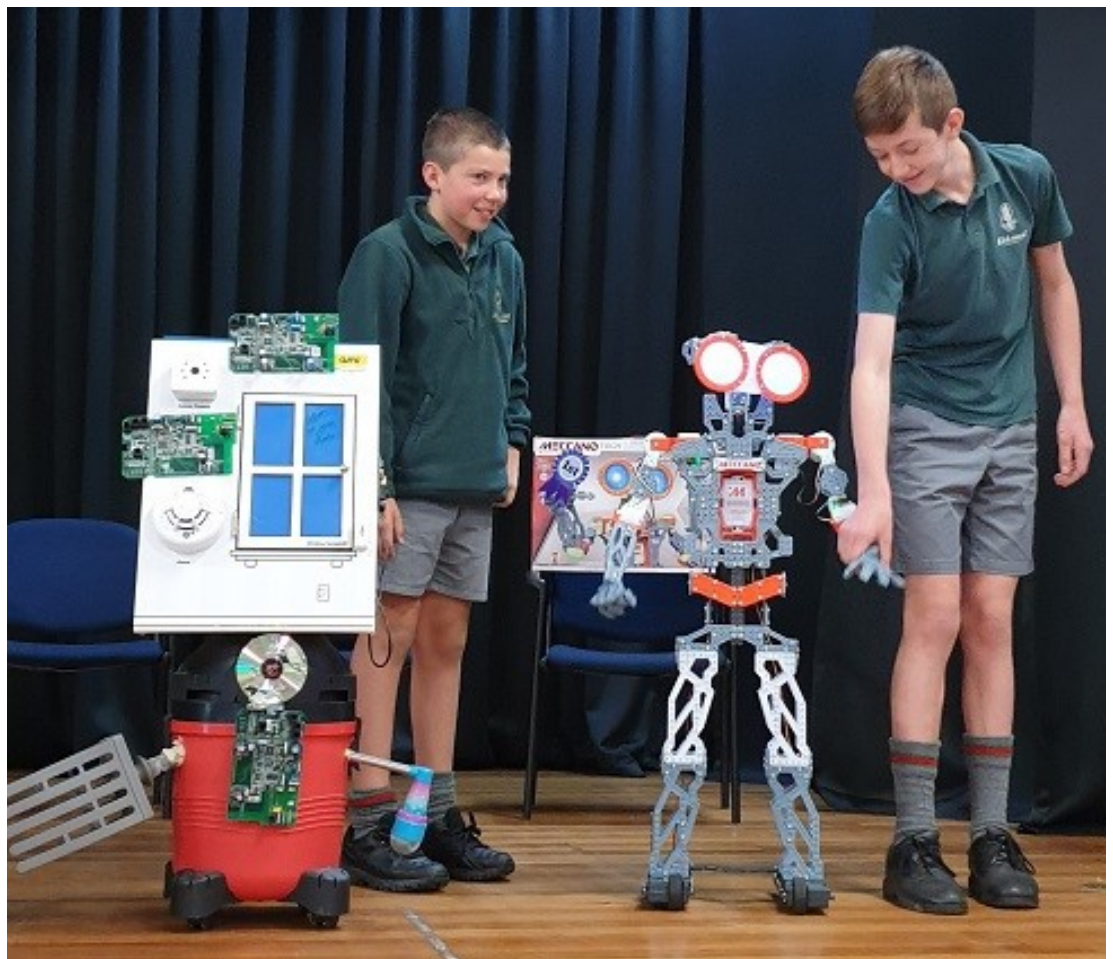
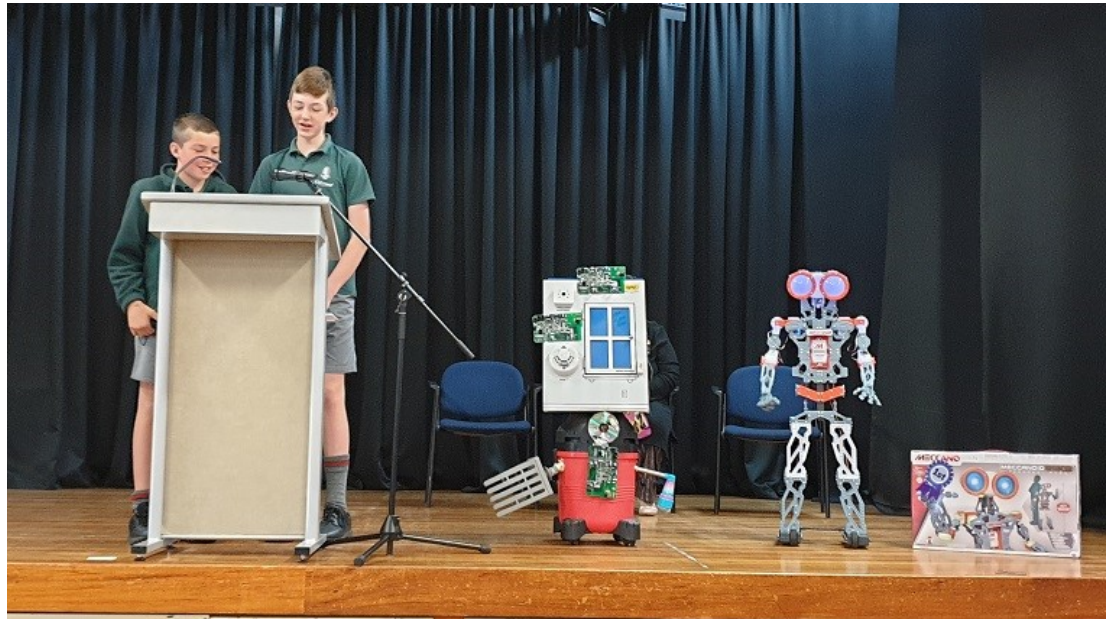


Build a Robot

The ECO shop offered a robot building competition to a number of schools. The robot on the left is a mechanoid robot that Jamison and Logan built and entered into the ECO shops competition. They won first prize which was the robot on the right - this robot took them 5 1/2 hours to build.

The robot they won can drive around and the arms and legs can move. It also talks and answers questions when asked.

Jamison and Logan presented their robots in Assembly.





Tough Kids Event

On Thursday 19 November Kirkwood Intermediate took 83 students to the annual Tough Kid Challenge which was held at the South New Brighton Domain. The challenge consists of different obstacles over the 2.5km course.

Some of these included climbing over gates, tyres, and going through water. To finish off we were blasted with water.

It was a fun challenge that everyone enjoyed.

Bella - Room 11

Sport Canterbury have sent us the following link showing a video of the event that was held over two days <https://youtu.be/Sl6S-FgnCWo>





Rotary Speech Presentation

The Riccarton Rotary club invited Indiana, who was the 2020 Year 7 Rotary Speech Competition winner, to present her speech at their recent meeting.

She entertained the club members with her speech on 'The most frustrating part of growing up is...' Well done, Indiana.



Donation from Shoe Clinic

We would like to say a huge thank you to Shaun Farrell, owner of Shoe Clinic, Riccarton Mall and Northlands Mall. Shaun donated a very large box of sports shoes to our school.

Many happy students have taken a pair home and are enjoying wearing such awesome footwear.

Should you buy your school shoes from either Shoe Clinic or the Athletes Foot, please mention Kirkwood Intermediate School so we can receive a \$10 donation.

Thank you





Kirkwood's Got Talent

We have had two auditions for our Talent show on Tuesday 24 November and Wednesday 25 November during lunch time. Should we need another final audition it will be held on Wednesday 2 December.

The three judges this year are Mrs Climo, Mrs White and Ragavi M - the former Kirkwood's Got Talent winner of 2019.

The three categories this year are dance, singing and other. Once the winners are announced, all winners will be performing at the last whole school assembly on Thursday 10 December on stage.

Jump Jam News

Due to covid this year, Kirkwood was unable to attend the formal Jump Jam competition. However, our Jump Jammers have been working hard and practicing a lot. So to show off their efforts, they will be debuting/performing at the final whole school assembly on Thursday 10 November.

Homework Club

Homework Club finishes for the year next **Tuesday 1 December**.

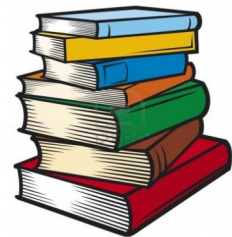
This is for pupils to do homework, research and to 'ask any questions' which is a service provided by the Christchurch City Library.

Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by Tuesday 1 December.

Please post your orders in the office slot





Netball/Basketball Courts

Ground was broken on Tuesday 10 November with the start of the new netball and basketball Court. The first job was a new drainage pipeline, then they dug out the court area.

It will be a standard size netball court and will be fully marked out according to Netball regulations.



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.



Buses

Please refer to the bus website for further details regarding the bus schedule on the final day. Please visit <http://www.metroinfo.co.nz/timetables/SchoolServices/Pages/default.aspx>. Thanks

Year 7 Final Assembly

The last day of school for Year 7's is

Tuesday 15 December.

There will be an informal assembly at 11:30am and pupils are expected to go home at 12:15pm

Year 8 Final Assembly

The last day of school for Year 8's is

Monday 14 December.

There will be a Final Assembly held in the evening from 7:00pm – 9:00pm.

Year 8 Email Addresses

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

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

The Eastern Suburbs BBQ 2021 - On 23 January at the New Brighton Skate Park. Come along for an alcohol free, free little mini festival on the beach with a few bands and a few food stalls. For more information please visit www.facebook.com/events/3209851559076384

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

Sports/Clubs

Studio One Performing Arts - For all enquiries for Ballet, Jazz and Contemporary lessons in your area, please phone 372 9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

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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