



Kirkwood INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this last newsletter for 2020. School will finish for our Year 8 students at the conclusion of the final assembly on Monday evening. Our Year 7 students will be dismissed at the conclusion of the Year 7 assembly on Tuesday, approximately 12:15pm. We would appreciate all students leaving promptly at these times.

This has been an unusual year, and many people will be hoping that 2021 will be a lot more settled. It has been interesting to see how our country and our schools have adapted to our current situation. I think our community will join me in thanking our staff for their extraordinary efforts in these difficult times. I believe our students have really benefitted from the efforts of our whole school community.

At this time of the year we farewell those who will be leaving us. For many years our school has benefitted from the expertise and hard work of Deb Rowley and Ken Maynard. Deb began working at Kirkwood as the Bursar, and had transitioned into working with IT and assessment. She worked closely with Ken who has been the driving force behind the IT systems at our school – from the early days of one computer and no internet, through to developing an excellent network of over 100 devices. Both Ken and Deb have decided the time for retirement is right, and we wish them well for their futures.

Others to leave the school include two long serving staff members. Trevor Paterson is retiring from his position as a classroom teacher. Trevor has brought much enthusiasm to his role, particularly in the Art curriculum area. Mike Smith is also leaving us to pursue different opportunities. Mike, like Trevor began many years ago as a beginning teacher. His calm manner and professional approach has seen him take on various leadership opportunities and try many different things. His work in the Science curriculum area, and his passion for trying new things – for instance learning the ukulele – has been interesting to watch. To both Trevor and Mike we thank you for all you



have done, and wish you well for your future. We also farewell Rodolfo Lopez who has worked here as a teacher assistant. His work has been much appreciated.

As well as staff we have all of our Year 8 students moving on to many different high schools. We hope that our students will take with them not only the academic knowledge they have learned, but also a sense of what is possible for them. We have many students who, through hard work and a positive attitude, will continue to do well at high school. We wish them all well.

Many families will be finishing their association with our school at the end of the year. I hope that this has been a positive place for you and your children and that you leave us in good spirits. On behalf of our school I wish you all well.

Finally thank you to our PTA, our Board of Trustees, all of our staff and everyone who has supported the school this year. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and enjoyable new year.

Ngā mihi nui

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.

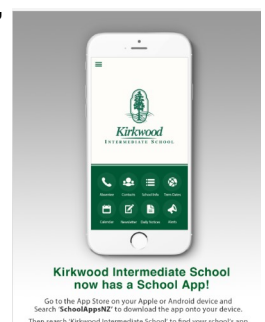
You may download SchoolAppNZ directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store. Once you have downloaded the App you then select search and select Kirkwood Intermediate School.

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/>





WINNERS

Raffle Prize Winners

Our thanks to Kerryn from the New Zealand Police who came in and supervised the draw of the raffle tickets.

Our winners are photographed below.



Toad in a Hole

Thank you to Lamond Poultry for providing 10 dozen free eggs to our school.

On Friday last week, some students, alongside Mr Aitken, cooked them on the BBQ with a slice of bread for students to enjoy.

THANK YOU



Wellington Camp Payments

Trevor Paterson, one of our retiring teachers, was gifted a rugby jersey from an ex Kirkwood student, Daniel Lienert-Brown.



Wellington Camp Payments

All outstanding Wellington camp fees need to be 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.



Year 7 Game Day

As a part of the Mathematics Programme, Year 7 have studied probability and chance.

On Tuesday 8 December there were some games that involve chance and calculating the probability of winning or losing at these games. Children designed their own games involving chance, with of course the odds in their favour.





Technology Final Assembly

Technology are having a short but special assembly for the Year 8's on Friday 11 December to celebrate two years of learning in the Technology area.

Our guest speaker is a pilot . He also has a business training and testing drone pilots. The police are one of his clients. He will be demonstrating a drone flying and navigating the hall. Parents are welcome to attend. The assembly will run from 10:00am - 10:40am.

A Note from the Counsellor

Over the summer holidays, if you or someone you care about needs support and assistance, here are some numbers you might find useful.

Please reach out and speak to trained mental health professionals via the following well-being and support services:

- Youthline – 0800 376 633 or free text 234
- Lifeline – 0800 543 354
- What's Up – 0800 942 8787 (5–18 year olds). Phone counselling Monday to Friday, midday–11pm and weekends, 3pm–11pm.
- Kidsline – 0800 54 37 54 for young people up to 18 years of age. Open 24/7.
- Need to talk? Free call or text 1737 support from trained counsellor
- thelowdown.co.nz – or email team@thelowdown.co.nz or free text 5626

If it is an emergency or you, or someone you know, is at immediate risk call 111.

School Buses

As the Term 4 draws to an end, the Metro school buses are also about to finish for the year. Some routes (682, 683 and 74) already ended last week. Most of the other routes will be ending in the next few days.

For more information about the school services, please visit <https://www.metroinfo.co.nz/timetables/school-services/>



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 (closed between 25th December to 5th January).

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

- Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston,
- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,
- Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,
- Timaru Clinic, Level 1, 18 Woollcombe Street, Timaru

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. 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

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.



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.

Netball/Basketball Courts

Making some progress on the new courts.





School Calendar

Our School Calendar may also be viewed via our website

www.kirkwood.school.nz

Community Notices

School Holiday Activities - For a lot of great ideas please visit this website

<https://www.allright.org.nz/articles/school-holiday-and-weekend-activities>

Ideas for cooking with children - Please visit <https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/family-life/family-meals-cooking/cooking-with-kids-teens>

Building good family relationships - Please visit the following website

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/family-life/family-relationships/good-family-relationships>

Nine Alternatives to Yelling - Please visit <https://parentingplace.nz/behaviour-and-discipline/9-alternatives-to-yelling/>

Tot's to Teens - Digi magazine is full of information for parents, please click on the following link <http://issue2012si.totstoteens.co.nz/>

Creative Junk - Sip and craft nights on Wednesday from 7– 9pm or 9:30 - 12:30pm, cost \$10 per person. Please email info@creativejunk.org.nz

Act2 Drama Group - Tangled, a fun witty family musical performance. For information please text or call Fay 021 0431108

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

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

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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