



**School Newsletter**

**Term 3 Week 7 2017**

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. We are into Week 7 of Term 3, with only three more weeks to go until the end of term. This term has flown by and it's always lovely to see spring arrive with the warmer weather. This weather change will be good for drying out our field. Progress has been made with the City Council cleaning out our creek. This is a great first step towards improving our drainage.

Our Year 8 classes have been competing in a Korfball tournament for the last few weeks, with the Year 7 competition about to begin soon. I have entered two korfball teams in a Canterbury competition which will be held on Monday 25 September. Traditionally we have done well in this event even though we do not have professional coaches.

We also have a staff/pupil netball game coming up which is always a lot of fun. The staff are more confident than usual, possibly because we have a Silver Fern in our team this year.

We have had extensive work completed in front of our Kirkwood Avenue site. The carpark has been redone and the old fence has been replaced. We were left with a space of about 10 metres by 1 metre. This area will become a garden using native edible plants which can be used in our Food Technology programme.

We have three pupils attending the NZ AIMS Games (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools). Emma P is competing in the running event while Caleb B and Ryan S are competing in the BMX event. Good luck to these three pupils.

Later in this newsletter you will find an invitation to a meeting on the New Zealand School Curriculum. The Kirkwood Intermediate Board of Trustees will oversee a review of our curriculum in 2018. In preparation for this we are collecting ideas on our curriculum from pupils, parents and staff. It would be really great if you could set aside some time to come along and share your thoughts at this meeting on **Tuesday 19 September from 6:00pm until 8:00pm**. For further information, please refer to the notice later in the newsletter.

Best wishes

Peter Aitken  
Acting Principal

**Full payment for Wellington Camp is due by the end of Term 3 – three weeks away!  
Please ensure that this is paid as soon as possible.**

## Wellington and Otago Camp

As full payment needs to be paid by the end of Term 3 it is strongly advised that a regular automatic payment be set up for the balance of the amount.

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 or Otago camp.

### Camp dates are as follows:

Tuesday 17 – Friday 20 October	Rooms 3 & 4	Wellington
Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 October	Otago Camp	
Tuesday 31 October – Friday 3 November	Rooms 1 & 2	Wellington
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 November	Rooms 5 – 6	Wellington

### School Cell Phone

For texting absentees only please.

027 4163414.

(Please note – we do not reply.)

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.)

Thanks.

### Homework Club



This is held on  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
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.

Drink & biscuits will be provided

### Road Safety



Please can you emphasize 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.

### Scholastic Book Club

Book Club orders are due by  
**Tuesday 19 September.**



Please post your order in the office slot.

### Internet Banking

The school bank details are as follows:

**Account Name: Kirkwood Intermediate Board of Trustees**

**Account Number: 12-3147-0180900-00**

**Particulars: Child's name (surname and first name)**

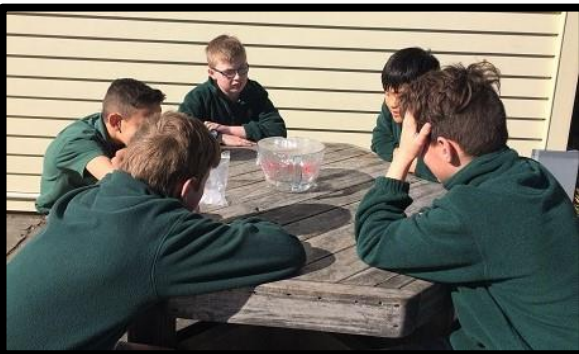
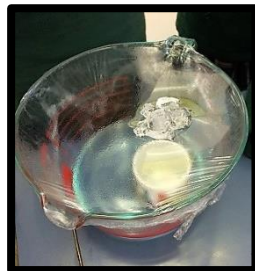
**Reference: Parent's/caregiver's name (surname and first name)**

For those of you who wish to pay by internet banking for any school activities during the year, please make sure you return the permission slip, ticking the box saying that you are paying via the internet.

## Science in Room 10

Room 10 have been studying Space in Science and wanted to look at how Earth is unique. Therefore, we recreated the water cycle.

The pupils filled the bowls with boiling water and left the glass in the middle empty. They then gladwrapped the bowls and put a piece of ice on the gladwrap above the little glass. The boiling water evaporated, and then condensed on the roof of the gladwrap. It turned into precipitation on contact with the cold ice and slowly rained down into the little glass!



## Science Continued

Leading on from our water cycle work, we also created clouds in a bottle and tested the surface tension of water.

We tested this using 10-cent coins and pipettes. It turns out the surface tension is impressive and our record was 85 drops of water onto one coin!



## School Counsellor

Available on

**Mondays 11am – 4pm**  
**Wednesdays 8am – 4pm**

Students can self-refer or be referred by home or school.

Please ring the school office on ph 348 7718 and leave a message if you wish to get hold of me and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Regards  
Sue Molloy

## Computer Monitors

We have 20 old computer monitors to give away.

Please call the office on 348 7718 if you are interested.

Thank you.



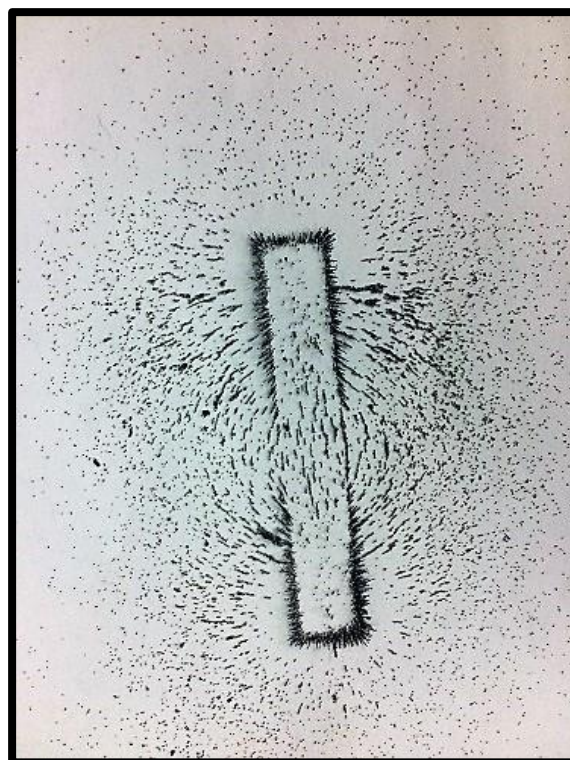
## Celebrating our Pupils

Congratulations to Logan B who was awarded the Most Improved Forward for U11.5 Rolleston Black Rugby team this year.

Well done Logan.

## Magnetic Field – Room 10

We created a mini version of the Earth's magnetic field by placing a magnet under a piece of paper. We then lightly sprinkled iron filings on top. The filings fell in a pattern showing the effects of the North and South poles.



## Quiz Night Coming Soon

Please save the date for the  
**Kirkwood PTA Quiz Night.**

Avonhead Tavern  
Sunday 29 October, 7pm

Tickets cost \$10 per person and seating is available in tables of up to six people.

More information to follow

## Kirkwood Intermediate School Curriculum Meeting

The Kirkwood Intermediate Board of Trustees will oversee a review of our curriculum in 2018. In preparation for this, we are collecting ideas on our curriculum from:

- Pupils;
- Parents;
- Staff.

In order to get views from our parent community we are inviting you to an evening on

**Tuesday 19 September  
6.00pm – 8.00pm**

The evening itself will feature:

- An introduction to our present curriculum;
- Discussion groups chaired by senior staff;
- Minutes from each discussion recorded;
- Supper at the conclusion of the evening.

Parents will be asked to join groups in which they have an interest. These groups are likely to be:

- Te reo Māori;
- Technology;
- English (Reading, Writing, Speaking and Spelling);
- Mathematics;
- Science and Social Science;
- PE and Health;
- The Arts.

If you are interested in participating please contact the office on ph:348 7718 or email: [school.information@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:school.information@kirkwood.school.nz) as soon as possible.

Thank you



## ***Our Term Calendar:***

(you can also refer to our website:  
[www.kirkwood.school.nz](http://www.kirkwood.school.nz))

Friday	8 Sept	HPV Vaccination
Monday	11 Sept	Girls' Self Defence
Wednesday	13 Sept	Kapa Haka Performance at Westfield Riccarton Year 7 Science Competition at Christs College
Monday	18 Sept	Girls' Self Defence
Tuesday	19 Sept	Year 7 & 8 Individual Chess Competition School Curriculum meeting for parents
Wednesday	20 Sept	<b>PTA Meeting</b>
Thursday	21 Sept	<b>BoT Meeting</b>
Tuesday	26 Sept	New Zealand Institute of Sport, Year 8
Wednesday	27 Sept	New Zealand Institute of Sport, Year 7
Thursday	28 Sept	Blues Assembly New Zealand Institute of Sport, Year 7
Friday	29 Sept	End of Term 3
Monday	16 Oct	Beginning of Term 4
Tuesday	17 Oct	Wellington Camp – Rooms 3 & 4
Friday	20 Oct	China Trip leave
Monday	23 Oct	Labour Day
Tuesday	24 Oct	Year 8, Otago Rail Trail Camp Invitational Tournament
Wednesday	25 Oct	Invitational Tournament
Thursday	26 Oct	Invitational Tournament <b>BoT Meeting</b>
Monday	30 Oct	Science Road Show
Tuesday	31 Oct	Wellington Camp – Rooms 1 & 2
Wednesday	1 Nov	China Trip Returns

*Whittle Knight and Boatwood -  
sponsors of our VisTab sign in  
system.*

Tania Ellis  
Team Leader - Property Management

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Celebrate the opening of Te Ara Otakaro – The Avon Trail** – Come and celebrate by joining the walk or ride along the river from New Brighton or the City to Kerrs Reach for a grand community fun day, with a gegatta, kids activities, food and live entertainment. For more information please see [www.middle.nz](http://www.middle.nz)

**Making Sense of our Kids** - With developmental psychologist Dr Gordon Neufeld. Seminars on 'The Roots of Attachment – Bonding with our kids' on Tuesday 26 September at 7:00pm – 9:00pm and 'Raising Children in a Digital World – How to take the lead' on Thursday 28 September at 7:00pm – 9:00pm. These seminars are held at South West Baptist Church with a cost of \$10 per person/session. Tickets available on [www.dashtickets.co.nz](http://www.dashtickets.co.nz) and using cash on the night.

**International Market and Beauty Expo** – Happening Saturday 9 September, 10am – 3pm at the Halswell community Centre. There will be International food and products, entertainment, make up, fashion artists and raffle prizes.

**Pegasus Fun Run** – Sunday 1 October, Pegasus town. Runners and walkers are welcome. Register online [www.pegasusfunrun.co.nz](http://www.pegasusfunrun.co.nz)

**Christchurch Vegan Expo** – Air Force Museum of New Zealand, 10am – 4:30pm on Sunday 8 October.

**Neighbourhood Week** – 27 October 2017 to 31 March 2018. For an application form and guidelines see [www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/neighbourhoodweek)

**TOUGHLOVE** – A six week parent support course with topics including boundaries and consequences, manipulation, resolving conflict and communication. Happening Tuesday nights from 7pm – 9pm at the Knox church on 12 September. Gold coin donation. Email: [toughloveusi@xtra.co.nz](mailto:toughloveusi@xtra.co.nz) or phone 03 3379452.

**Practical Community Space in Christchurch** – This year the University of Auckland and Canterbury are hoping to design a practical community space that would be implemented in the city next year for the youth. It would be very helpful if your child could fill in a survey in order for there to be a better understanding of the interests and view of those they are designing for <https://goo.gl/forms/ogavH08oaBrbQ3v02>

**Parent to Parent Support and Information Team** – Please visit their website for articles on topics parents often come to them for help [www.parent2parent.org.nz](http://www.parent2parent.org.nz)

## SPORTS/CLUBS

**Girls Cricket** – Come and give it a try on Sunday 10 September from 3pm – 5pm at the Sydenham Pavilion. Sign up at [www.sydenhamcricket.co.nz/clublincs/zone4](http://www.sydenhamcricket.co.nz/clublincs/zone4)

**New Zealand Dance Class Masterclass** – Open to young people with some experience in Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Street, Cultural or other dance forms. On Saturday 16 September, 2:30pm – 4:00pm at Southern Ballet.

**Hornby Junior Tennis** – Open day and registrations for beginners, Primary, Intermediate and High Schools on 9, 16, 23, 30 September from 10am – 11am at Hornby Domain. For more information phone 9424022.

**Motivationz Rugby** – Touch and Sevens Summer programme for boys and girls on Monday afternoons at Papanui Street School starting 11 September. For more info or to register contact Anthony on 021 2226340.

## PROGRAMMES/EVENTS

**Sport Canterbury** – Active kids holiday programmes held at Christchurch Boys High, Rolleston, Lincoln, Papanui and Westburn. Please see [www.sportcanterbury.org.nz](http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz) for more information.

**Mainland Football** – Holiday football programmes these school holidays. Please visit [www.mainlandfootball.co.nz](http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz) to register.

**Sport Canterbury Active Kids** – Now taking registrations for the October school holidays <http://www.sportcanterbury.org.nz/new-zealand/holiday-programmes/>

**The Buddy Zone Holiday Programme** – A social skills group for age 6-14 years starting in the Term 3 holidays. Call to book your place 021 2436877.

**Chisnallwood Intermediate School 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee** – All past pupils are invited to come along for a weekend of celebrations, 27 – 28 October.

**Please note: Kirkwood Intermediate does not necessarily endorse or support any of the services advertised**