



Kahikatea Kirkwood

Intermediate School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. The third term is well underway and it is good to see the children settled. Tuesday sport has concluded this week. I would like to thank the many teachers and parents/adults who have supported our teams this year. It is always pleasing to see our students engaged and participating in appropriate ways. Without the support of adults, we would not be able to offer opportunities such as these.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to make the time to attend the Teacher – Parent – Child interviews earlier this term. I know the staff find these valuable. I also appreciate the feedback about our report forms. Many have commented on how valuable the next learning steps are. I hope these will give you a good understanding on how to help your child make progress.

The deadline for pre-enrolments for 2027 Year 7 students is the end of this month. Could I ask our families to let any one who is considering enrolling next year to ensure their enrolment applications are sent to the school before the cut off date. All children who live in zone are guaranteed a place at our school. We are sure we will also be able to confirm all out-of-zone applications if they are received in time. Thank you for your help with this.

The Friends of the School/PTA have scheduled a sausage sizzle for Wednesday 26 August. There will be more information to come, but this is a tasty way to support our committee. The sausage sizzle will be followed by a short PTA meeting at 2:00pm – all interested parents are welcome to attend. At the last PTA meeting the committee donated over \$2,000 to the school to assist with resources including pickle ball sets, class dictionaries and te reo Māori word games. These kind donations are much appreciated by all in our school community.

Please always remember that we are here to work with families, whānau and children to ensure that our students achieve the best they can. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your on-going support – it is much appreciated.

Ngā mihi

Phil Tappenden
Principal



2027 Enrolments

We are accepting 2027 enrolment applications until 31 August 2026.

Please visit our Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate [School website](#) to complete an online enrolment application and [email](#) copies of the required documentation (as listed on the Enrolment Form) to the school office

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

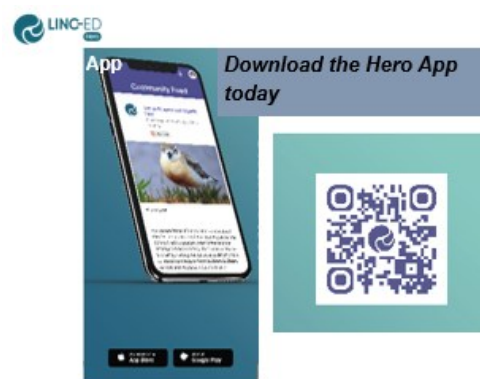
School App

Our school uses the **Hero APP** for communicating to our school community.

This is also our **emergency contact system**.

Please click on the following link for instructions on how to download:

[Hero App](#)



Daffodil Day 2026

Awareness and fundraising to support Daffodil Day will be held on Thursday 27 August.

All students and staff are encouraged to dress up in yellow to acknowledge this day when we support individuals, whānau and friends either going through a cancer journey and others who are supporting them.

Please bring a gold coin donation. There will also be the opportunity to purchase cup cakes and biscuits with yellow icing. These will be sold by the School Council to add to the fundraising. Each item will be sold \$1 each.

Classes will produce a poster advertising Daffodil Day that is placed in their classroom window.

Our thanks in advance for your support for a health issue that affects so many people.

The School Council and Andrea Knight, School Counsellor





Christchurch Girls' High School Orchestra Day

On Wednesday 29 July, selected members of our School Orchestra were given the opportunity to play with a combined orchestra featuring students from Christchurch Girls' High School (CGHS) and Cobham Intermediate. They all had a wonderful day, learning with senior students, and developing their skills. They rehearsed throughout the day and performed a concert in the evening to whānau and friends.

Ngā mihi

Lawrence Botting

Teacher in Charge of Performing Arts



A Message from the Public Health Nurse

My name is Natasha and I am the Public Health Nurse for your school. The Public Health Nursing Service (PHNS) work with tamariki and their whānau where health and wellbeing concerns impact on their home and school lives.

Please contact me if you have any health concerns for your tamariki.

waea pūkoro: 03 383 6877 ext: 99620,
021 576 248

īmēra: natasha.graham@tewhatuora.govt.nz

HEALTHY SLEEP HABITS

Here's some great tips to ensure our tamariki get enough sleep:

- Tamariki aged 5-13 years need 9-11 hours of sleep each night to help their body and brain develop
- Encourage exercise during the day
- Create a routine of going to bed at the same time each evening
- If you can, keep the bedroom for sleeping only
- Keep cell phones, computers, TV's and video games out of the bedroom
- Replace screen time 1 hour before bedtime with calming activities such as bathing, music, and reading
- Keep the bedroom dark, quiet, and comfortable



For more information: healthify.nz/hauora-wellbeing/s/sleep-and-children/



6 August 2026



Food Technology

On Friday 31 July our Year 7 and 8 students in T8 Food Technology took on the exciting challenge of sharing their culture through food. Each student prepared a dish that reflected their cultural heritage, creating a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our school community.

The shared lunch gave everyone the chance to taste a wide variety of authentic dishes while learning about the traditions and stories behind them. It was fantastic to see students proudly sharing their family recipes and introducing their classmates to new flavours from around the world.

Some of the delicious dishes enjoyed included alfajores, butter chicken, coconut chicken, ika vakalolo, fish tacos, Japanese golden curry, kimchi fried rice, ladoo, pani popo, mango lassi, Dan Dan noodles, rice paper rolls, and suafai.

It was a fantastic day of learning, connection, and celebration, reminding us that food is a wonderful way to bring people together and learn about different cultures.





Value Certificate Winners

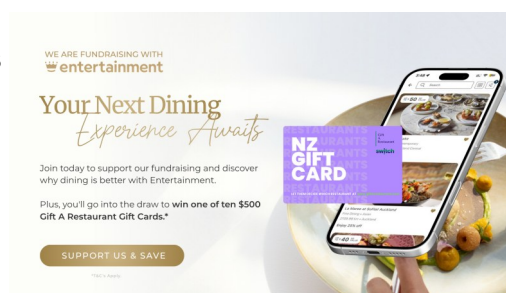
Congratulations to the Classroom and Technology Value certificate winners for Term 3, Week 1 & 3.



Entertainment Membership

Unlock 15,000 valuable offers across Australia, New Zealand and Bali.

You can order [Here](#)



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by Monday 17 August. To order online, please follow the instructions below:

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club. Log in, or create a new account at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile;
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class;
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for);
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue;
5. Make payment via credit card.





Winter Sports Results



SPORT (OFFSITE)	SCORE <u>WIN/LOSS/ DRAW</u>	OPPOSITION	Player Of the Day
Table Tennis A	3 - 0 Loss	Cobham 1	
Table Tennis B	2 - 1 Win	Cobham 2	
Table Tennis C	3 - 0 Win	Chch South Karamata	
Table Tennis D	2 - 1 Win	Kirkwood E	
Table Tennis E	2 - 1 Loss	Kirkwood D	
Table Tennis F	2 - 1 Win	Casebrook Sharks	
Basketball Boys A	26 - 38 Win	Cobham	Nathan
Basketball Boys B	17 - 16 Loss	Middleton Grange	Ronak
Basketball Girls A	28 - 8 Win	Cobham	Crystal
Basketball Girls B	17 - 35 L	St Margarets	Phoebe
Basketball Social	59 - 10 Loss	Heaton	Hugo



Water Polo News



Kahikatea Kirkwood Water Polo team has been playing at Parakiore most Friday afternoons during the term.

Water Polo is a fun sport that encourages you to work as a team, and practice your floating and swimming skills. Our Kahikatea Kirkwood team is great at working together and calling out to each other - we know that passing to each other is an important skill to help us go far in our weekly games. This also helps us make friends with other people at school who may not be in our classroom.

We enjoy playing games against a range of schools in Christchurch. Playing other teams is also a big part of working together as we support each other to try our best. One of my favourite memories of water polo this year was when we had our first win this term and we all jumped in the pool and yelled out Kirkwood.

*Danique
Captain of Water Polo team*



Policies for Review Term 3

Term 3 policies

- **School Community Engagement Policy**
- **Inclusive School Culture**
- **Enrolment**
- **Student Attendance**
- **Student Uniform/Student Dress Expectations**
- **Concerns and Complaints Policy**

We invite you to visit the site at <http://kirkwood.schooldocs.co.nz/> or click on the [link](#)

Our username is **kirkwood** and password **Kahikatea** .

If you would like to make any comments with regards to these policies please follow the instructions below:

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- Visit the website <http://kirkwood.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
- Enter the username (kirkwood) and password (Kahikatea).
- Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
- Read the policy.
- Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
- Select the reviewer type "Parent".
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

If you do not have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.





Making a Difference in our Community

Every week, Full Bellies provides more than 1,600 nutritious lunch bags to tamariki across Christchurch who need a helping hand. What began with just six lunches back in 2022 has grown into a community-wide effort supporting more than 31 schools every week.



As a community-funded charity, every lunch we provide is made possible through the generosity of local businesses, organisations and individuals.

There are many ways you can get involved.

Donate: Just \$8.50 provides a full day of nutritious lunches for one child. You can make a donation through our Full Bellies website using the QR code above.

Bake: We include 2–3 homemade treats in every lunch bag, meaning we need 4,000–4,500 pieces of baking every week. Every slice, muffin, biscuit and cupcake makes a difference. While a healthy lunch fuels learning, it's often the baking that brings the biggest smiles—a special treat that many children genuinely look forward to.

Partner with us: If your business is looking to make a lasting impact in our community, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Kate or Tayla using the details below.

Together, we're proving what a community can achieve when it comes together. Whether you donate, bake or partner with us, you're helping ensure more local Tamariki have full bellies and brighter days.

Thanks so much,
The Full Bellies Team

Tayla@fullbellies.co.nz

Kate@fullbellies.co.nz

Friends of the School (PTA)

Friends of the school (PTA) meeting at 2:00pm on **Wednesday 26 August**. Please meet in the office foyer and we will direct you to the meeting from there.

All are welcome to attend.



Year 8 Wellington Camp

The total cost for the 2026 Wellington camp is \$790. **Full payment is due by 21 August.** Any queries please contact the school office.

Please make payment via internet to the following school bank account :

Account Name:

Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate Board;

Account Number: 12-3147-0180900-00;

Particulars: Child's name (surname first);

Reference: Wellington camp.



Wellington Camp Dates

The Year 8 classes will be leaving for Wellington camp on the following dates in Term 4:

Week 2

- Monday 19 - 22 October - Room 13
- Tuesday 20 - 23 October - Room 12

Week 3

- Tuesday 27 - 30 October - Room 4
- Monday 2 - 5 November - Room 9

Week 4

- Tuesday 3 - 6 November - Room 3

Please mark these dates on your calendars.





Home Stay Families

We are looking into the future for homestay families to host short and long term international students for 2026 & 2027.

For those interested please contact Alison Xie, our International Director alisonxie@kirkwood.school.nz. Alison will give you a Homestay Application form along with a Police Vetting form. These need to be filled out and delivered to the school office. Thank you

Kahikatea Kirkwood Blues Awards

We offer Blues Awards for Academic, Cultural and Sports.

The goal of our Blues Awards are to:

- ◆ Acknowledge the achievement and attainment of our students;
- ◆ Acknowledge the depth and breadth of their attainment; and
- ◆ Acknowledge citizenship and students who display our school values;
- ◆ Encourage students to strive;
- ◆ Place a high value on 'In-school' achievement.

For details regarding eligibility criteria please visit our website:

[Blues Award Criteria and Application Form](#)

Period Products

Period products are available at the school office at no cost.

Lunch Orders (Friday's only)

You can order lunch via Ezlunch on Fridays by simply [clicking here!](#)

Sushi Ninja and Subway is available and will be delivered in time for lunch.



You may order (or cancel) **before 9am** on this day or schedule in advance. Click [here](#) to view the menu.

Orders are made online through your MyKindo account. One account for the whole family! Please [Click here](#) or go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering!

Note: for Apple and Android users download the mykindo app.

Help? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz or tel. 09 869 5200 weekdays 8am-4pm.

www.mykindo.co.nz

www.ezlunch.co.nz



Parakuihi Club/ Breakfast Club



At Kahikatea Kirkwood we are fortunate to have a **Parakuihi Club/Breakfast Club** before the school day starts on Monday - Friday from 8:20am - 8:40am.

We've got yummy cereals and toast with delicious spreads – all free, all for you! Bring your friends, fill your tummy, have a chat with the youth workers and get ready for a great day.

Thanks to our awesome sponsors: Anchor, Sanitarium, and Woolworths Church Corner.

Please look at the Daily Notices on our website for more information.

Road Safety

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

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)

School Driveway

Please ensure you **do not** drive up the school driveway (Riccartern Road & Kirkwood Avenue entrances) to drop off or pick up your children either before or after school. It is too unsafe for our children.

Please plan to pick up and drop off your child outside the Kirkwood grounds. Kirkwood Ave and Karamu Street are good options.

Thank you for your support with this

Dairy

Many children may be tempted to visit the dairy after school to buy food and drink. However we ask students not to visit our local dairy after school as they are not allowed on the bus with these items.

We suggest that you make an alternative plan with your child if they are hungry after school.



Community Notices

Kip McGrath - Does your child need extra help or extension? Is your child ready for high school? We can help at Kip McGrath Avonhead with face to face, small group tutoring with actual trained teachers. Help your child build confidence in a safe environment. Book for a free assessment visit our [website](#) or phone 03 3427110.

Sports/Clubs

Musical Theatre Workshop - Saturday 15 August from 11am - 1pm at 1 Sumner Road, Lyttelton Arts Factory. Full details and to register, please click [here](#).

Riccarton Softball Club - Registrations now open for the 2026/2027 season. You can register online [here](#).

Kung Fu Classes - Celebrating 10 years in Chch this year and to celebrate they are offering half price registrations for all new students. Register [here](#).

Harmony School of Music - Classes in keyboard, guitar and singing. Gold coin donation if low income family. [Email](#) Trish for more information.

Luminares - Acting and singing workshops at Cracroft Guiding Centre. Register [here](#).

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