



Kahikatea Kirkwood

Intermediate School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. Term 3 seems to be flying by, helped by the increasing length of sunlight we are having and ever so slightly warmer temperatures. It's good to be able to see our children out making use of our playing field and challenge course during break time. Hopefully this will continue as we move into Spring.

Could I remind all families that next Monday 24 August is a staff only day. There will be no staff available to safely supervise any of our students, so please help us by making alternative arrangements for you child/children. Thank you for your support with this.

Tonight is our scheduled meeting for the Board of Trustees. Board meetings are held in the school staff room, starting at 5:15pm. Interested parties are welcome to attend.

On Tuesday night we had a team entered in the E-Pro8 competition. The four Year 7 students from Room 10 had made the semi finals. Half way through the night they were running second equal, however by the end of the night they came in 7th place due to their last challenge not being finished. Mr Powick was very impressed by their attitude and abilities throughout the competition. Thanks must go to Mr Powick for his work leading up to this competition and to the students and their families for their hard work and support.

Last night our school entered two teams into the annual Cantamath competition. These teams were ably coached by Mrs Eum and did a great job representing our school. The Year 7 team placed 8th out of more than 70 teams and our Year 8 team earned a perfect 100 points, meaning they got all 20 math's problem solving questions correct in 30 minutes! A big thanks to the teams, their families and Mrs Eum for all the hard work and enthusiasm.

In just under two weeks, applications for enrolment in Year 7 2027 will close for our first cut off. Currently we still have a good number of places available and we are confident that we will be able to accept all who apply before this cut off date. If you should know any families who are considering enrolling their child at Kahikatea Kirkwood for Year 7 2027 could I please ask you to encourage them to do so by Monday 31 August. Thank you for your help with this.

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

Kind regards

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.

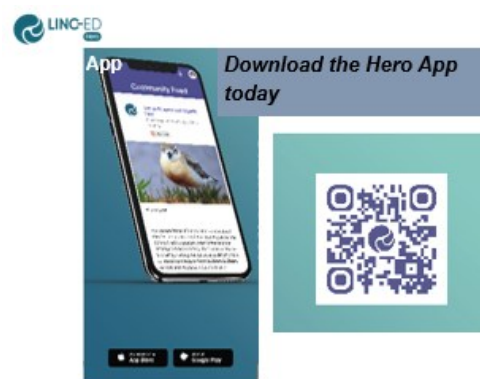
School App

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





Table Tennis

It was a great opportunity for us to play at Table Tennis Canterbury every Tuesday during the Winter Sports season. We all have tried our best not only to win but also to make progress. Everybody was included and played hard. I had a great time with my team and I wish I could play more. We were really glad that Kirkwood A and B team took the second and third place respectively at the final.

-By Seungwon (A team)



Water Polo

During the Term 2 holidays in June, Danique and Jun Beom competed in the Water Polo Winter Festival, a South Island Tournament. Their hard work paid off with the team winning Bronze Medal in the B grade. Congratulations to Danique and Jun Beom on their great effort.





Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser

To help raise money towards pickleball sets, the Kahikatea Kirkwood Friends of the School (PTA) are putting on a Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser on **Wednesday 26 August** at lunchtime.

How does it work?

Come and see our friendly PTA members at the school office on the morning of the fundraiser to place and pay for your order.

Cost: \$3.00 per sausage (cash only). Limit of 4 sausages per student. Collect your pre-ordered sausage from the sausage sizzle stand at lunchtime.

What's included?

Choice of:

- ♦ **Lamb sausage** (NZ lamb, Gluten Free, Dairy Free and Halal friendly – supplied by Maihan Butchery)
- ♦ **Vegan sausage** (Gluten Free)
- ♦ One slice of bread (*gluten-free bread available on request*)
- ♦ Tomato sauce and mustard .

Thank you for supporting our school!

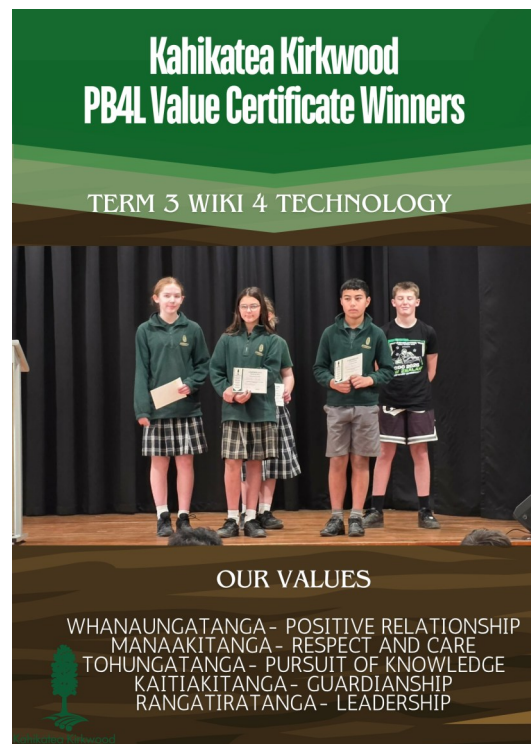
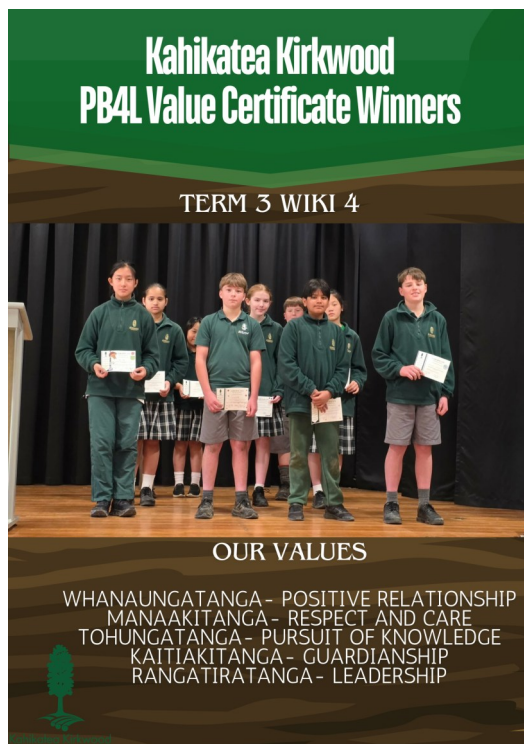
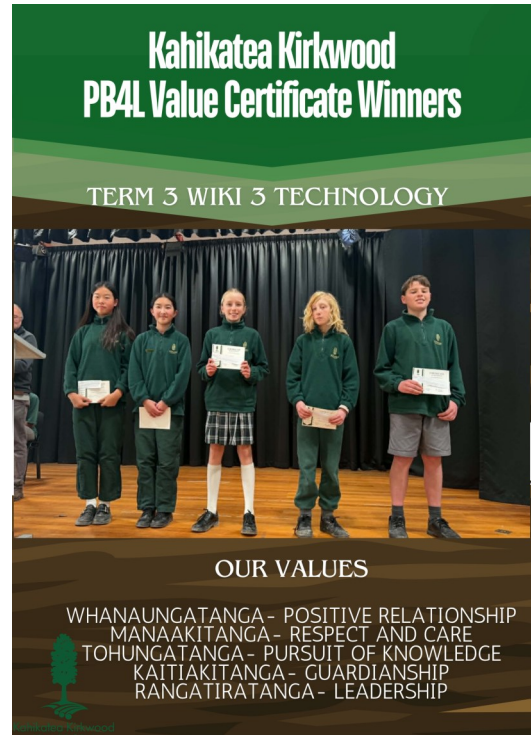
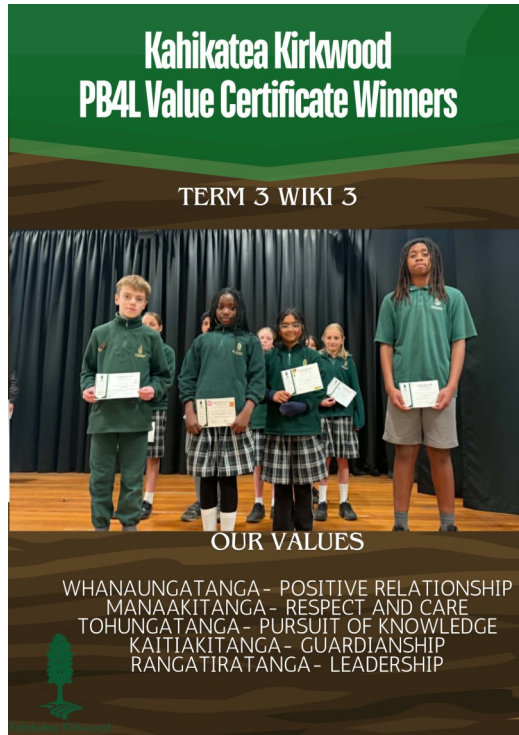
Friends of the School (PTA)





Value Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the Classroom and Technology Value certificate winners for Term 3, Week 3 & 4.





Library News

Week 4 display in the Library was an eye catching display of everything Room 13 had been studying about South Africa, the Springboks, Apartheid, Power and Politics.



Week 5 is Cantamath week therefore students were able to explore different areas of Maths.





Year 7 Ski Day

Our Year 7 group had an amazing day at Mt Hutt. What an adventure!





Netsafety Week

For information about setting boundaries and managing devices to prepare your children to handle online challenges, please click on the following link- [Netsafe link](#)



School Based Vaccination Programme

During Term 3 & 4 2026 the Public Health Nursing Service will be returning to school to offer HPV and Boostrix immunisations to Year 8 students. If you receive a consent form, please complete this form either YES or NO and return to school.

Any queries, email: CA-NPHS-Immunisationphn@tewhatauora.govt.nz





Kahikatea Kirkwood Rock Band

On Wednesday 12 August the 'Riccarton Rouges' performed for their first crowd at the Foosball World Cup, singing "Beautiful Things" by Benson Boone. The band was put together by a few keen students and have only had a few rehearsals. As the year goes on, I'm sure the band will perform on stage throughout assemblies and other events.

Band Members: Jun Beom - Keys, Lily & Emma - Vocals, Seungwon - Bass, Rupert - Drums and Ivan - Guitar.



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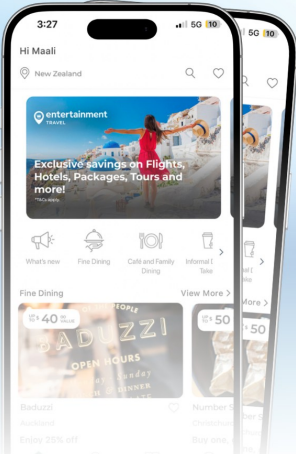
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Making a Difference in our Community

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

Week 4

- Monday 2 - 5 November - Room 9
- 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 (Riccarton 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.

Dyspraxia Support Group of NZ - Are holding a conference in Christchurch from 2 - 3 October called 'Paving the Way for Success'. For info & to register click [here](#).

Free After School Sports - At Harrington Park from 3:30am - 4:30pm. Open to the entire community ages 6 & up. For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

Sports/Clubs

Volleyball - In Term Four the Canterbury Volleyball Association are running a six week series after school on Tuesdays (4-5:30pm) inside at the Wharenui Sports Centre (Just down from Westfield Mall). These sessions are focused on learning skills and developing gameplay for Year 7-8's and open to students from any school - but we want to get as many Kahikatea Kirkwood students registered before the spaces sell out. Cost is \$60 for the six sessions and they start on Tuesday 20 October. More information and registration link is available [here](#). If Tuesdays don't suit, CVA also run sessions on Monday (Avon Hub), Wednesday (Heaton) and Thursday (Hillview).

Bring your team to the Mainland Pouākai Season - Entries are limited to one per person. The more entries your team gets, the higher your chances. More info found [here](#).

Pioneer Drama Service - For more information please visit their [website](#).

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.

Te Kura Hagley Park Tennis Club—'give it a go' Sunday 13 September 10am—2pm. All welcome.

Learn to sail: Pleasant Point Yacht Club (PPYC) runs learn to sail programmes from age 10+. For further info email: secretary@ppycsailing.nz or visit: [PPYC](#) website.

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