



Kahikatea Kirkwood

Intermediate School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this last newsletter for Term 3. This term still has another week to go but does seem to have passed by very quickly. It is good to see the days getting a little longer, and the weather warming up. With daylight saving due to start over the first weekend of the school holidays, I am sure we will really feel like Spring is here.

We have a number of events scheduled before the end of the term including our first Blues assembly for the year, scheduled for next Monday. It is always good to celebrate student success and our Blues system is designed to do just that. Parents and whānau are invited to this assembly if their child is receiving a Blue. If this is you, I look forward to seeing you then. We also have a Friends of the School/PTA meeting scheduled for 2:30pm on Wednesday 23 September, and a Board meeting scheduled for 5:15pm on Thursday 24 September. Interested people are welcome to attend either of these meetings.

This week we are acknowledging Te Wiki o te Reo Māori. Students have been encouraged through the Daily Notices to be kaitiaki (guardians) of te reo, and they will all get the opportunity to watch our Kapa Haka group perform. Our Year 8 Māori students will also work towards finishing a second tukutuku panel for the foyer. This year's panel features a pātiki design, which symbolises manaakitanga - one of our five school values.

Today, we are holding our Dance Showcase! Students and teachers have been working hard over the past few weeks to put together their two-and-a-half-minute performances. I would like to acknowledge all the mahi that has gone into this showcase, with special thanks to our classroom and release teachers, as well as Lawrence Botting and Cassidy (dance teacher from Defy Dance) for their leadership here.

School will close for the term break next Friday 25 September at the usual time. Term 4 will commence on Monday 12 October at 8:40am. I hope you all manage to have an enjoyable and restful term break, and we look forward to welcoming you back for what will, no doubt, be a busy term.

Kind regards

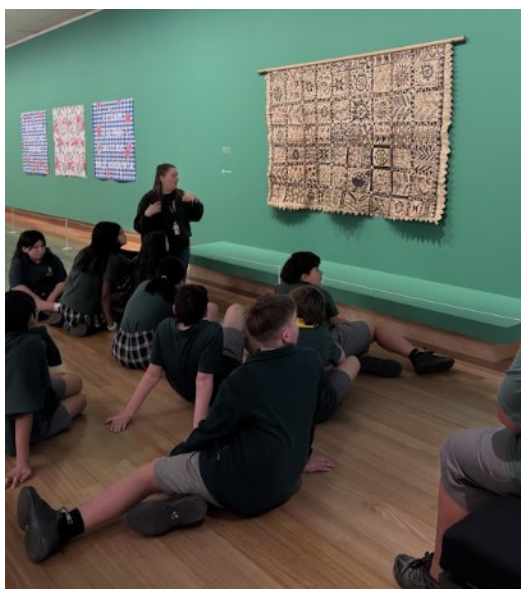
Phil Tappenden
Principal



Art Gallery & Quake City Class Trip

The Year 7 classes are currently having the opportunity to visit both the Art Gallery and Quake City.

While at the Art Gallery Room 8 explored 'Made in the Pacific' and completed a related art workshop. They then went to Quake City to learn how the Canterbury Earthquakes impacted the environment and the people of Canterbury.





CAIMS Basketball Tournament

The CAIMS Basketball Tournament is a new format for intermediate schools this year and was held at Parakiore, the new Sports Facility in Christchurch. The event was an overwhelming success for all involved, with teams playing eight games over the duration of the day.

Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate took a boys' and a girls' team. Our boys' team did incredibly well and finished 6th out of 18 teams, after a 5th & 6th playoff against Breens. The girls' team had some tough loses and gave it their all.

We now look towards Koru Games, where the format is 3x3 Basketball. We're sending a boys' and girls' team and are looking forward to the competition!



School App

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

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

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School Calendar

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University of Canterbury Student Teachers

Thank you so much to our UC ESOL student teachers, Gelei Chen (Gray) and Zhengmai Nie (Edison), for their wonderful contribution to our school community over the past three weeks.

It has been an absolute privilege to have both Gray and Edison join us this term as they hone their skills to become ESOL educators.

From working alongside Mrs. Climo in the ESOL room to actively engaging with the students in Room 5 and Room 9, their dedication, warmth, and enthusiasm have made a lasting impression on our tamariki and staff alike. We wish them all the very best as they continue their journey into teaching!



Lost Property

We have a number of puffer vests and jackets in our lost property. If your child is missing one, please encourage them to come to the office to see if it belongs to them.





Library News

Week 8 display provided information and photos of all the Year 8 students will see on their school camp to Wellington next term.



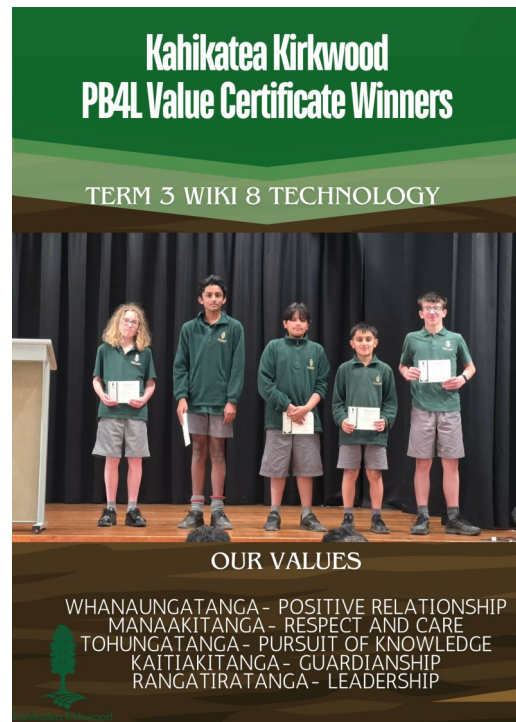
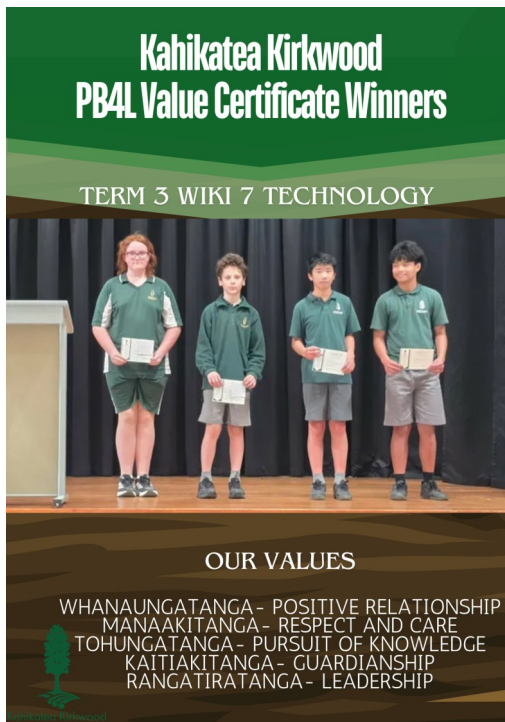
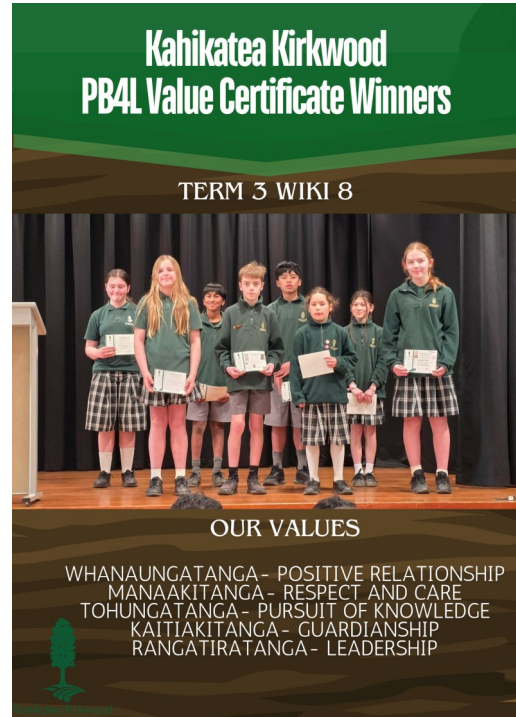
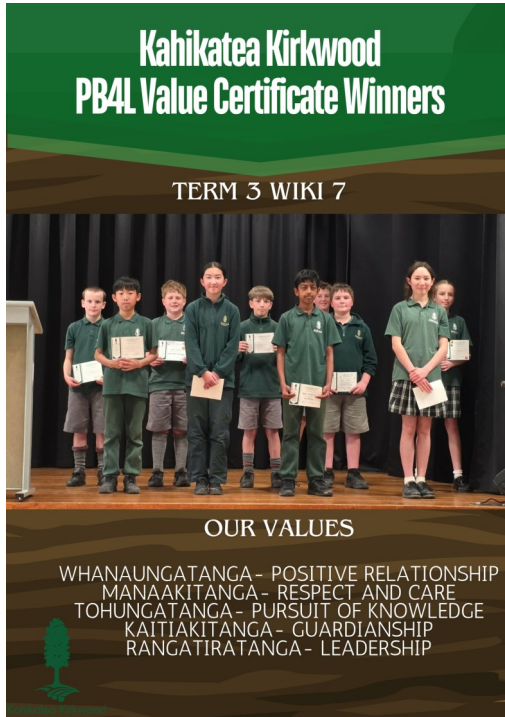
Week 9, Te Wiki o te Reo Māori, encouraging students to learn a few Māori words each day.





Value Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the Classroom and Technology Value certificate winners for Term 3, Week 7 & 8



Friends of the School (PTA)

Friends of the school (PTA) meeting at 2:30pm on **Wednesday 23 September**. 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

Wellington Camp should now be fully paid. If you still have an outstanding balance, please arrange payment as soon as possible to ensure your child is able to attend camp. Thank you

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.





Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Monday 21 September**. 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;
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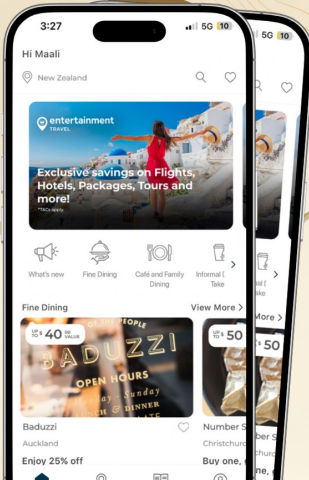
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Period Products

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



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](#)

Lunch Orders (Friday's only)

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

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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 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





Community Notices

St Christopher's Community Fair - Saturday 17 October, 9:30am - 12:30pm at St Christopher's Church on 244 Avonhead Road. Donation days 14, 15 & 16 October.

Tots to Teens - Please click [here](#) for the latest digital issue of this parenting magazine.

How to decide if your child is well enough for school - Please click [here](#) for info.

Online GP Care - Now free for all under 14's. For more information on how to use this service, please click [here](#).

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

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).

Riccarton Softball Club - There are still some spaces left for players, in particular the U13 girls and boys and the U15 girls teams. For more info and to register, please click [here](#).

Christchurch Avon Athletics Club - Registration day for all new members on Monday 12 October from 5pm - 6:15pm. Come to the Chch Avon Club Rooms, Burnside High. [Email](#) for more information.

Arawa Canoe Club - All abilities welcome. Happening on Saturday 3 October at 3pm, no cost. Please book [here](#).

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](#).

Holiday Programmes

Ilam School Oscar Holiday programme - Former Ilam students are also eligible to attend. Please phone 022 424 7490 or [email](#) for further information or to book.

BAPN Holiday Badminton Camp - 5 - 9 October. All info and to register found [here](#).

Canterbury Rams & Mainland Pouākai Holiday Camps - For info & to register, click [here](#).

Holiday Bible Club - From 6-8 October, 9am - 12 noon each day at Westburn School Hall. Run by South Island Baptist Church. A free event.

AKOTECH Code Camp - Happening in the Term 3 holidays. For more information and to book, please click [here](#).

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