



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. It seems that winter is coming with cooler mornings and quite a grey feel around the city. I know the children and staff are appreciating the newly refurbished classrooms, with much better insulation and their own heat pumps. Meanwhile our boiler has finished working, and this has meant greatly reduced heating options in the administration area. Our staff are coping well at this time, but I know they are looking forward to the refurbishment being completed by the end of this year (all going well!).

At this time of year it is common for our Year 8 students and their families to be thinking about next year and which high school they would like to attend. It is very important that families keep up to date with when open days and nights are taking place, and when enrolment applications are due in to the school. It is really helpful for all schools to have a good idea of how many students will be attending their school in the following year – please make sure you get your applications in by the due date.

We are beginning our enrolment process for next year as well. This year we hope to hold three Open School sessions towards the end of this term. If you know anyone who is considering sending their child to our school in 2025, please encourage them to look at our website and book a time to visit. If these times don't suit, please feel welcome to contact the school office and make a different time. With our refurbishment being completed this year, we will be able to offer more places in 2025. I know that the thought of us having a school zone can be worrying for parents, but please know that for the last two years we have been able to offer a place to every student who had applied by the due date. Your help in promoting our school is always much appreciated.

Next Tuesday our winter sports programme begins. This will see many of our children leaving the school to compete against other schools in sports such as football, netball, rugby, table tennis and hockey. I am sure all of our children will be great competitors and will enhance our school's reputation. For those staying at school staff have been busy working on a great programme to keep



them all focused and busy. Thanks to all of our parents who have offered to support our sports programme.

Tonight we have a meeting for our PTA-Friends of the school in the staffroom at 6:00pm. All interested families are welcome. Our next Board meeting is two weeks today. Again, interested whānau are welcome to attend.

Tomorrow we will announce the prize winners for the chocolate selling competition. A big thank you to all who supported the school's PTA by selling (or buying) chocolates.

I will be absent from school next week. Should you have any queries or concerns, please feel welcome to contact our Deputy Principal, Mrs Kim Robertson.

Thank you for your on-going support of our school, it is much appreciated.

Phil Tappenden
Principal

2025 Enrolments

We are accepting 2025 enrolment applications until 31 August 2024.

Enrolment applications will be subject to being in-zone or by winning a place through our out-of-zone applications.

Out-of-zone enrolment applications are certainly welcome. We envisage accepting the majority of out-of-zone enrolments so please do not be put off applying.

The enrolment of out-of-zone students is governed by the provisions of the Education and Training Act 2020.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot for out-of-zone places is required, it will be held the following week. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three working days of the ballot being held.

Please visit our 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.



Sir Edmund Hillary's Hut and Antarctica

Our Year 7 students had the opportunity to attend a presentation on Sir Edmund Hillary's Hut and Antarctica by the Antarctic Heritage Trust. This was accompanied by an interactive Virtual Reality Experience that allowed students to explore Sir Ed's Hut and how they lived whilst exploring Antarctica.

This was a highly educational experience for the Year 7's and a great introduction to Virtual Reality for those that hadn't had the opportunity previously.



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Tuesday 28 May**. You can order [online](#) or pay by cash at the office. Please post any cash orders in the office slot.

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.



Recycling in Technology

Some of our Year 8 students in their soft materials class have recycled animal feed bags making them into a convenient shopping or every day bag.

Others in the class made cards and were gifting them on Mother's Day.

Well done, the students did a fantastic job.

Ms Ross,
Technology



Kirkwood Open School Sessions

This year we are hosting groups by appointment for various dates in June and July.

The Open School appointments run for approximately three quarters of an hour and are a group session. Your child is welcome to attend with you.

- You may book your appointment via our School Interview booking system. Please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code>
- Please use Booking Code **pgkar** and follow the steps as instructed.
- Please enter your name as the person booking but do not enter it again. You will need to enter the names of all others attending the tour as guests.

If you do not have internet access, please call the school office (348 7718) and we will be able to make a booking for you.

We look forward to seeing you.



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Home Stay Families

We are looking into the future for homestay families to host short and long term international students for 2024 and 2025.

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

Thank you

Guitar/Ukulele and Bass Lessons

Guitar/ukulele and bass lessons available at Kirkwood.

Please contact Andy on 027 214 1821 or andrew-marra@hotmail.co.nz



SchoolDocs Policies for Review in Term 2

Term 2 review topics

- **Employer Responsibility Policy**
- **Appointment Procedure**
- **Equal Employment Opportunities**
- **Teacher Relief Cover**
- **Safety Checking**
- **Police Vetting**
- **Classroom Release Time / Timetable**

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:

- 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.

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.

Thank you for your support with this

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)



Community Dental Notice

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon.

- **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.**
Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
- The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:
 - Cleaning/Scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
 - Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
 - Fluoride Varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
 - Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.
- If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)
- **Year 8 students:** all year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their year 8 check-up.

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Pink Shirt Day

Please mark your diaries for our upcoming Pink Shirt Day!

This will be happening next week on **Wednesday 22 May**.

Money raised will be donated to the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand, raising awareness about bullying prevention.



Community Notices

HIGHSCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Hagley College	Wednesday 29 May, visit website for more information
Hillmorton High School	Monday 27 May, visit website for more information
Lincoln High School	Thursday 23 May, visit website for more information
Christchurch Boys' High	Tuesday 21 May visit website to book
Christchurch Girls' High	Tuesday 21 May, visit website for more information
Rolleston College	Tuesday 21 May, visit link for more information
Nelson College (Boarding)	Saturday 18 May, visit website for more information

For other high schools, please visit their website for information.

Madagascar The Musical National Tour - Please visit the [website](#) for information on how to book and dates they are visiting Christchurch.

Deliverers Wanted - Get fit with part time work delivering newspapers and mailers into letterboxes. [Email](#) with your name, address, email and phone number if interested.

Community Healthcare Cleaner - Part time cleaners wanted, flexible hours to suit parents and students. Please show your interest [here](#).

Christchurch City Council School Travel Survey - This 5-10 minute survey will improve understanding of school travel patterns. Please complete before 5pm 31 May. The survey can be found [here](#).

Dynamic Developments - Sounds-write structured literacy support group program. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

Kip McGrath Avonhead - Book a free assessment [here](#). Helping your child to succeed and feel more confident in a small safe environment. To book your free assessment visit www.kipmcgrath.co.nz/avonhead or phone 03 3427110.

Envirokids Upcoming May Free Events - Sessions run between 1am - 1pm on a Saturday. Meet at the Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens.

Resene - Thank you Resene for the kind donation of umbrellas for our school use. They will come in very handy.

Sports/Clubs



Marist Albion Junior Rugby - Funding sponsorship available to cover registration fees, mouthguard and club training jacket for 2024. This is for Year 7. If interested or you would like more information, please email the [club](#).

Rhythmic Gymnastics Club - Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics has beginner classes 5 days a week with various locations around Christchurch. For a free trial and further information, please [email](#) the club.



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