



# Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. The second term seems to be flying by as the days get shorter and the weather much more winter like. However I know that the staff and students are enjoying the refurbished classrooms with double glazing, much better insulation and their own heat pumps. We are really looking forward to the end of the refurbishment which remains scheduled for the end of this year.

With our return this year to Wellington for the Year 8 camp programme it is really important that we know numbers. If you do not want your child to attend the camp please let your child's teacher, or the school office know as soon as you can. Please also remember that if we feel we cannot trust a student, or if their behaviour is not up to our expectations, we will be unable to take them on this trip.

The next meeting of our school Board is next Thursday 20 June, at 5:15pm in the school staffroom. All interested people are welcome to attend.

You may be aware that the Government has set some ambitious targets for student attendance. They have also produced a very useful document for schools that compares our attendance rate with the previous year, and with the expected goal. The Government has set a target of over 90% regular attendance, which equates to missing 5 days of school in a term. For Term 1 our school managed to have only 57% of our students attend regularly (ie over 90% attendance). This compares with only 47% in Term 1 2023 but falls well short of the government's goal. 30% of our students scored in the irregular absence section (between 80% and 90%) while 8% had moderate absence (between 70% and 80%). 5% of our children were identified as having chronic absence (less than 70% attendance). When we look at these figures, we can clearly see that we are struggling to meet the target set. I have had the opportunity to discuss some of these figures with some of my colleagues at other Intermediate schools in Christchurch and we fall noticeably behind most of them. I am interested in ways that we as a community can work together to improve our students' attendance – any thoughts you may have would be much appreciated.



At the end of this term all parents and caregivers will be receiving a written report on their child's progress. This will be sent out through the Hero App, so please keep an eye out for it. This report focuses on progress and achievement in Reading Writing and Maths and will be helpful as a conversation starter at our next set of Teacher-Parent-Child interviews, scheduled for the beginning on next term. Again, please keep an eye out for the booking code and take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher.

Next week sees the start of our Open School sessions. If you know anyone who is considering Kirkwood as an option for next year, please encourage them to come and have a look around our school. With applications for enrolment now open it is a good time to see what we have to offer. Over the last two years we have been able to offer a place to all children who were enrolled before the first close off date, and I'm confident that we will be able to do the same this year.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden  
Principal

## ***2025 Enrolments***

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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.

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.

## ***Open School Sessions***

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

- Please visit [school interviews](#) to book your session.
- Use Booking Code **pgkar** and follow the steps as instructed.

If you do not have internet access, please call the school office (348 7718). We look forward to seeing you.



## *Kirkwood Intermediate Whānau Hui*

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

Ko Ōteauheke te maunga

Ko Takamatua te moana

Ko Takitimu te waka

Ko Ngāi Tahu te iwi

Ko Ōnuku te marae

Ko Timblick tōku whānau

Ko Stacey tōku ingoa

My name is Stacey Timblick and at the start of this term I took over the role of Māori and Pasifika liaison. My whānau come from all over the mōtu. I mihi to Akaroa but grew up in Geraldine. I have been teaching here at Kirkwood for almost ten years and am excited to get stuck into this new role.

On behalf of all the kaiako at Kirkwood, I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming Whānau Hui. We would be thrilled if you could pop along and celebrate Matariki with us.

Date: Wednesday 26 June

Time: 7 - 8pm

All classrooms will be open for whānau to look through. Teachers and students have been working towards this event and will have learning and art to share. You are welcome to come in for the whole hour or to pop in for a short time as you are able. There will be kai to share and hopefully a Kapa Haka performance to watch.





## Kirkwood Kid for a Morning

We were excited to welcome over 70 Ilam School students for 'Kirkwood Kid for a Morning' on Tuesday. They were able to experience two different classroom activities, have a go on the adventure playground, and enjoy a Technology lesson. Our Kirkwood students were really excited to show these Year 6 students some of the opportunities they can look forward to next year at Intermediate school

NEW EXPERIENCES



## Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Wednesday 26 June**. 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](http://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.

READING



## Year 8 Wellington Camp

The total cost for the 2024 Wellington camp is \$760. **A \$250 deposit needs to be made now** and the remaining \$510 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.

## PTA Friends of the School

Our Parent Teacher Association (Friends of the School) meeting will be held on **Thursday 4 July at 6pm** in the staffroom.

All welcome to attend.

## Chocolate Fundraiser Profit

This years chocolate fundraiser made a profit of approximately \$9,000. This is an amazing result and we are very grateful to all of our families for their support with this fundraiser.

We have a few boxes remaining if anyone would like to sell these.





## Sports Councillor's Report

Over the last couple of weeks Tuesday sport has started. The newest team for Kirkwood is our Girls' Rugby Sevens. They have performed exceptionally winning twice, drawing once with only one loss. The feedback from those back at school has been a fun afternoon, had by all.

The Hockey B team had a 3 all draw against Hillmorton Red. The player of the day was Veronica who has just come back from injury. She scored once with two goal assists.

Last Thursday we had Cross Country in glorious conditions. This year we had a new course going out onto the main road. Everyone gave it their all. Well done to everyone who participated and good luck to all the students representing Kirkwood at CAIMS. The house chants were ecstatic and congratulations to Rutherford-Battern who took out the House Cup.

By Sean and Dolph.



## Tuesday Sport Transport

If your child is going home with you from the sports field on Tuesday afternoons, please see the coach before you do so.

No child will be allowed to leave unless they are in the company of a parent.

For any other arrangements please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support.

## Tuesday Winter Sports Results



Please visit our website for last weeks Tuesday winter sports results, including the Friday night basketball games.

[Sports Results](#)



HOMESTAY

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## *Home Stay Families*

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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 Director [alisonxie@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto: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

## *School Driveway*

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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

## *Guitar/Ukulele and Bass Lessons*

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Guitar/ukulele and bass lessons available at Kirkwood.

Please contact Andy on 027 214 1821 or [andrew-marra@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:andrew-marra@hotmail.co.nz)

## *School Calendar*

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Please view via our [website](#)



Term 2 Week 7



13 June 2024



## Community Notices

**\$15 Student Haircuts** - This week only on Thursday and Sunday from 9am - 6pm. Fresh Barber Cuts - 292 Lincoln Road, Addington Mall.

**Mātua Pai, Parenting Adventures** - On Saturday 24 August at the McFaddens Centre from 9am - 3:45pm. Topics include behaviour management, role modelling, gaming, confidence and much more. Free child care onsite. Book [here](#).

**KidsFest** - welcomes back favourites like The Christchurch Brick Show, while also introducing a bunch of exciting new events this year. Browse the full list [online](#) and start building your own schedule!

**High School Enrolments** - Please remember to check High School websites to ensure you enrol your child before the deadlines.

**Swimming Canterbury** - Have a go carnival for 2024 is on Sunday 16 June. Participation is free, please register via their [website](#).

**Prime Research** - Do you enjoy sharing your opinions, want to take part in cutting edge market research and get paid for it? You can join the panel today - click [here](#).

**Madagascar The Musical National Tour** - Please visit the [website](#) for information on how to book. They are visiting Christchurch on 9 - 11 July.

**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.

**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](http://www.kipmcgrath.co.nz/avonhead) or phone 03 3427110.

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

## Sports/Clubs

**Midcourt Masterclass** - With Erikana Pedersen & Kimiora Poi on 13 June at 4:00pm - 5:30pm at the Hagley Netball Courts. Visit [website](#) for more information.



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