



# Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. I hope you are all well and enjoying the increasing amount of sunshine we are experiencing. It is always good to have sunny days, even if we have a bit of a cold start first. I know our children really enjoy getting outside when the weather allows.

From next week the school office and all in the administration area will be moving into our recently refurbished classrooms. This will allow our builders to refurbish our administration area, and eventually our Hall. This will be the last stage of our refurbishment, and will hopefully be finished by the beginning of next year. At that stage the Board will be looking at our landscaping and enhancing our school environment. In the meantime we have established three raised garden beds in front of Rooms 12 and 13. The plan is to use these beds to grow vegetables and herbs for use in our foods room – something that I believe our children will enjoy and learn from. However, we need some soil to complete our project. If you know anyone who may be able to donate, or supply at a reasonable price, some screened topsoil we would love to talk with them. Please just ask them to contact the school office or myself. Thanks for considering this.

We are very fortunate to be hosting two teacher trainees from Korea for the next short while. Jun and Kelly are working in Rooms 6 and 4 and are very much enjoying the experience. We hope they will take good memories of their time with us when they return home. We are also fortunate in hosting a Technology teacher trainee. Mr Renwick is working with Mrs Rowe in the foods area. We also wish him all the best during his 8-week teaching practice with us.

I have no doubt that you will be hearing much from the current government about education and the achievement levels of students. Any progress that can be made to improve educational outcomes for children will be welcomed by our school. We know that there are many factors outside of school control, things such as poverty, poor housing, inequity in society to name only three. One of



the other factors that we can all do something about though, is school attendance. This can be a contentious area. On the one hand if your child is sick, we think they should not come to school. However, how sick is too sick? And then, how long should they be away? There are good resources and information available on the Ministry of Education's website, and also on the Ministry of Health's website. I would suggest that if you are unsure, reading these may be of value. However, there is another kind of absence – absence by choice. As a parent it is up to you to make the decision as to whether your child comes to school or not. When making that decision please remember that every day your child misses school, they miss learning, and they miss social interaction and growth. Please consider what the effect of absence today means for your child's future. As the Ministry of Education says, "Every Day Matters".

Our Tuesday Winter Sports programme has finished for the year, In general we have been really pleased with the attitude of all children taking part, and also those children who have remained at school. A big thank you to all staff and parents who have supported our children. Without parent help we would be very restricted to the numbers of children we could involve.

Enrolments for 2025 are due into the school office by 31 August. The Board resolved at our last meeting to increase the number of out of zone places for Year 7, 2025 to 140 places, so there should be plenty of room for all who want to attend. At the same meeting the Board resolved to reduce the number of out of zone places for Year 8 2025 to 15, to ensure our Year 8 classes do not become too large. If you know of anyone wishing to enrol their child here for next year, please encourage them to put in the application form by the required date.

Thank you for your continued support of our school. Remember that we are here to work with you as your child goes through our school.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden  
Principal

## 2025 Enrolments

We are accepting 2025 enrolment applications until 31 August 2024.

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.



## Teacher Only Day

We have a Teacher Only Day on **Thursday 14 November**. Therefore school will be closed on this day. The following Friday 15 November is a public holiday.

## EPro8

Congratulations to our two teams, The “Metal Muncher” and The “Cheese Monkeys” who performed really well on Tuesday night.

The “Metal Muncher” go on to represent us in the semifinals in a few weeks time having achieved 2nd place in the heats. A shout out to the “Cheese Monkeys” who made an awesome scooter, they only missed out by one challenge.



## Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Tuesday 20 August**. 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

READING



## *SchoolDocs Policies Review - Term 3*

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### Term 3 review topics

- [Concerns and Complaints Policy](#)
- [Media](#)
- [Performance Management](#)
- [Professional Development](#)
- [Protected Disclosure](#)
- [Staff Conduct](#)
- [Staff Leave](#)

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.

## *Tuesday Winter Sports Results*

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

[Sports Results](#)



## *School Calendar*

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Please view via our [website](#)



## School Orchestra

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*In Week 1 Term 3 Mr. Botting took the school orchestra to Christchurch Girls High School to be a part of a combined orchestra with other Intermediate and high schools.*

*We had a selection of instruments including strings, woodwind, brass, percussion and more.*

*In the morning we got dropped off then we were introduced to Mr. Michael Langdon, the Head of Music and Conductor at Christchurch Girls High School. We were playing 4 back breaking pieces of music and shortly after, stopped for morning tea. We practised and practised, then it was time for the absolute highlight of the day - a pizza lunch!*

*Afterwards we continued practising for the rest of the day. Eventually we went home to rest then arrived a couple hours later for a concert in the evening.*

*We had such a great time and the parents thoroughly enjoyed the music.*

*By: Violet and Wenwen (8MB)*



## Kirkwood Blues Award

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Kirkwood Intermediate School values and encourages personal excellence which has resulted in the establishment of our 'Blues' system.

There are quite strict criteria for receiving a Blues Award.

Please follow the link to view the Blues criteria:

<http://kirkwood.school.nz/our-students/achievements/>



## Message from our School Counsellor

Our School Counsellor would like to highlight the following links as they will take you through to informative video's relating to some interesting topics.

- **ADHD – parent program**  
<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/adhd/parent-education>  
Hania Wagenvoort Social worker and Jan Hassan Educational Psychologist Christchurch Methodist Mission talk about the ADHD Parent program
- **School attendance Yrs 1 to 8**  
<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/school-attendance/yrs-1-to-8>  
Adam Duchac, Makera Hansen-James Co-leads for Tupuranga/Pou Whirinaki and Graeme Norman Principal Te Kōmanawa Rowley School answer parents questions
- **Parent Education programs**  
<https://www.listeningtofamilies.co.nz/parent-education-programs> Becky Voisey, Jonathan Crosbie Kaiarahi Team Leaders Mana Ake and Julie Forman Counsellor Presbyterian Support answer questions about parent education programs

## Year 8 Wellington Camp

The full amount of **\$760** needs to be 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.





## Kirkwood Intermediate 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 information via our school website:

- Free for users. You may download **HERO** by LINC-ED directly from your Google Play store or Apple App store on your cell phone. Alternatively, open your browser and enter go.linc-ed.com
- Click NEW USER
- Enter the email address you have provided the school and click REQUEST PASSWORD LINK. If your email address is not accepted, please contact the school office.

There is a facility to download a link onto your computer, via the following link: <https://kirkwood.apps.school.nz/install/>

To access the web portal please click on the following link:

<https://kirkwood.apps.school.nz/portal/>

## Kirkwood Intermediate Canteen

Canteen orders are made online. Orders need to be made by 9:00am on the day. For information on how to order, please visit our [website](#)

The new and improved Kindo app is now available on the App Store and Google Play.

This redesigned app has been developed with the feedback and needs of both parents and schools in mind, offering a more user-friendly and efficient way to manage school expenses.

The all new Kindo App is here!

Simplifying School Payments for Parents

Available on the App Store | Get it on Google Play

Have questions? Visit support.mykindo.co.nz

Our helpdesk is open 8am - 4pm weekdays  
hello@mykindo.co.nz or 0508 454 636

The graphic features a smartphone displaying the app interface, two QR codes for app download, and a small illustration of a bird on a branch.





## *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

## *Absences*

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Please ensure you let the office know the reason for absence for your child via the Hero App.

If you are unable to access the Hero App, you can contact the school office by phone 03 348 7718 or [email](#).

## *Period Products*

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







## Community Notices

**Never Again: Hiroshima and Nagasaki 79th Remembrance Day** - Happening on Sunday 11 August from 11:00am—11:45am at the New Zealand World Peace Bell in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens. The event is free and open to the public.

**Our Musical Minds** - Dr Samuel Mehr will give a talk on the psychology of music on Wednesday 14 August at Ara City Campus, Building DL, Room DLECon, at 6pm. For more information please click [here](#).

**The Great Kiwi Circus Tickets** - Parent to Parent have secured free tickets to the Circus. If you would like some, they will be distributed on a 'first in, first served' basis. Please complete this [form](#) if you would like tickets.

**Science & Tech Classes** - After school groups on Monday and Tuesdays in Hornby or one to one sessions. Free trials available. Please visit [Brain Play](#) for more information.

**Free one to one tuition for ākonga Ngāi Tahu** - If you would like to apply for free one on one tuition, please click [here](#).

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

**Tots to Teens Magazine** - For the latest issue of this informative magazine, please click [here](#).

**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](#).

**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.

## Sports/Clubs

**Kids Classes in Aerial Yoga & Bungee Fitness** - Please visit their [website](#) to book or for more information.

**Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics** - Fantastic beginner classes 5 days a week. You can attend a free trial class, please email or see more information on Facebook.

**Riccarton Softball Club** - If you are wanting to play tee ball/softball this season, please register [here](#).



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