



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. It has been great to see more of the sun this week. It was unfortunate that the heavy rain last weekend had such an impact on our participation in the Winter Sports tournament, but I would like to congratulate all who were able to take part and thank those adults who supported our children so well. There will be more about this later in the newsletter.

As previously mentioned, the closing date for enrolments at our school is fast approaching. I am confident that we will be able to offer places for Year 7 2025 students to all who apply before this cut-off date. Please encourage anyone you know who may be thinking of joining our school next year to ensure they have completed and sent in the necessary documentation by the cut-off date of 31 August. Thank you for your support with this.

The PTA have organised a fundraising pizza lunch for tomorrow. Your children will have received all the details about this. If your child would like a pizza for lunch, please make sure they bring the correct money (\$7.00) to Room 1 before school tomorrow. We are really fortunate to have such a committed PTA – their work really is very much appreciated.

The school has been informed that we will have our regular visit from the Education Review Office in Term 4. We are very much looking forward to sharing our school and our progress with the review team. It is likely that the report will be published at the beginning of next year.

On Tuesday evening we were represented at the EPro8 competition by our top team. They performed really well and gained 6th place. They worked really well as a team. Thanks to Mr Dirkze and Mr Powick from our Technology team for all they did to support our teams.

Last night our two Cantamaths teams took part in an exciting mathematics competition. Ably coached by Mrs Eum they performed to a high standard and worked well as a team. Congratulations to both the EPro8 and Cantamaths teams for representing Kirkwood in the most positive way.



As we work through this term it is pleasing to see that our students are maintaining their focus, generally working pretty hard, and making good progress. We are continuing to focus on attendance and expecting to see overall improvement as we move into Spring. It is a great help when parents and caregivers notify the school of their student's absence – we really do appreciate the texts, emails, Hero notifications and phone calls. Thank you for helping us make sure our children are safe.

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.





Tuesday Winter Sport - Football

This year we were lucky enough to be able to take three teams to Tuesday Winter sport (we had over 100 students trial!). This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible support from two parents Kylie and Richard. Both the boys teams won all their games and the girls team only had one loss so it was a very successful season.

Our teams are also looking incredibly smart in their new football kits that the PTA has funded. Also a thank you to Cashmere Technical for kindly donating lots of bibs and footballs. We also had an incredible donation from two members of the public Jason and Joseph who have no links with the school but funded two students football fees and paid for two pairs of boots making it possible for these students to play.

Additionally to this I was able to collect over 30 pairs of second hand boots from the community for those playing football and rugby that may have not been able to play without them.

Vicky Rowe
Teacher in Charge of Football





Tuesday Winter Sport - Netball



Winter Tournament - Table Tennis

The CAIMS Winter Tournament for Table tennis was one of the most exciting experiences of my life. On the first day, we got off to a good start by winning all the matches which was groundbreaking! The second day was a big step up for the A team, consisting of Lennox, Remi, Adam and me. We played as hard as we could and lost only one game which qualified us to compete for the 3rd and 4th place. With everyone watching, my hands were shaking, but we fought hard and secured third place. A Blues badge coming soon! I think the tournament really bonded the Kirkwood A team and I am really grateful for the opportunity.
Written by Harshavarthen





Christchurch Word Festival

Last Friday 16 August, a group of 38 students attended a Books Alive event which was held at Haeata Community Campus. This was part of the Christchurch Word Festival and featured a panel of three New Zealand authors (Stacey Gregg, A.M. Dixon, and Raymond McGrath). These authors were finalists in the New Zealand Book Awards 2024. They all were fun, interesting, and very entertaining as they presented their books and their writing story. Stacey Gregg's book (Nine Girls) which she talked about and read a passage from, won the Margaret Mahy Book of the Year award, and was also the winner of the Junior Fiction category.

It was a great morning and enjoyed by everyone.



Kirkwood Blues Award

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/>

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)



SchoolDocs Policies Review - Term 3

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.





KickStart Breakfast Programme

This month Ray Ingle and I were invited to the Christchurch Town Hall, along with other key volunteers and coordinators, to a special function celebrating 15 years of the KickStart Breakfast Programme.

The KickStart Breakfast Programme has been instrumental in ensuring that students start their day with a nutritious breakfast. Since 2009, there has been more than 70 million breakfasts and run in over 1,400 schools nationwide.

This event aimed to recognize and celebrate the incredible efforts of the volunteers and coordinators who make these Breakfast Clubs possible as well as provide a wonderful opportunity to connect with those who share the passion for supporting our students well-being and success.

I was asked to speak at the event where I commented " I feel like the students who could benefit from the programme are often the ones that don't utilize it for various reasons" . There is absolutely no judgement of who comes to breakfast, it could be that they have had really early breakfast before catching the bus so come for a second breakfast, they got up late, there was nothing at home for breaky or they just want to come and hang out somewhere in the morning and catch up with their friends. Having breakfast is important in helping our students to thrive academically and personally.

Breakfast Club at Kirkwood is run in T8 every morning (except Thursday) 8:00am - 8:35am providing students a range of breakfast options. Fonterra and Sanitarium provide weetbix and milk and I have also got Countdown Church corner involved in the programme and they kindly provide Milo, toast, spreads and other cereals.

I look forward to seeing some more students utilizing his amazing initiative

Ms Rowe
Teacher in Charge

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](#)

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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 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

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

Absences

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

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





Community Notices

Be Eye Smart - Spend time outside everyday, Have less screen time (take a break), book an eye test and wear sunglasses.

North Canterbury Parent Support Group - Happening at the Pegasus Community Centre on Friday 30 August. They will be meeting in The Big Room from 9:30am - 11:30am, 8 Tahuna Street.

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 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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