



# Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Nau mai and welcome to our latest Kirkwood Newsletter. Term 3 has been settled and positive and we are expecting this to continue over our last week or so.

Today we recognise those students who have excelled in their chosen fields with our Blues Assembly. There is a great deal of hard work and determination behind the scenes for these students and it is wonderful to have a chance to celebrate their achievements. Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou (Congratulations to those students). This wiki (week) is Te wiki o te reo Māori (Māori language week) and our students have impressed us with their efforts to increase their understanding and use of te reo Māori.

Tomorrow we have a PTA Pizza fundraiser, where students can order pizza through the PTA for lunch. The cost of each pizza is \$7. We really appreciate the support and hard work of all involved.

Next week the Year 7 classes have visits to the Art Gallery and Quake City that they have been working towards. The Year 8 classes are preparing for Wellington Camps next term. The full payment of \$760 must be made before the end of this term. Any payments that come in earlier are much appreciated. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

At the last Board meeting we received advice that the Ministry of Education has approved the renaming of the school to become "Kahikatea Kirkwood Intermediate". This name is designed to tie in the school's closeness to Pūtaringamotu Dean's Bush, and the use of the Kahikatea as the school emblem. The Board has employed a graphic designer to help with the development of a new school logo and font for our school name. It is intended that this will be in use from the beginning of next year. The Board thanks all those in the community who responded while the Board were discussing the renaming.



You will also find attached to this newsletter the Draft 2025 Annual Plan. As part of our consultation process the Board invites you to look through this document and send any thoughts or comments to the Board via the [school.information@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:school.information@kirkwood.school.nz) email address.

The Board would appreciate any correspondence being received by the end of this term.

Mr Tappenden is away for the remainder of this term marketing the school overseas. He is looking forward to returning in Term 4.

Ngā mihi nui

Kim Robertson  
Deputy Principal

## Year 8 Wellington Camp

Full payment of \$760 must be made before the end of this term. Any payments that come in earlier are much appreciated

Please contact the office if you have any patai (questions).

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 Pizza Lunch Friday 20 September

Dominos Pizza orders and \$7 (cash only) payment will be taken by the PTA in Room 1 between 8am and 9am on the day.

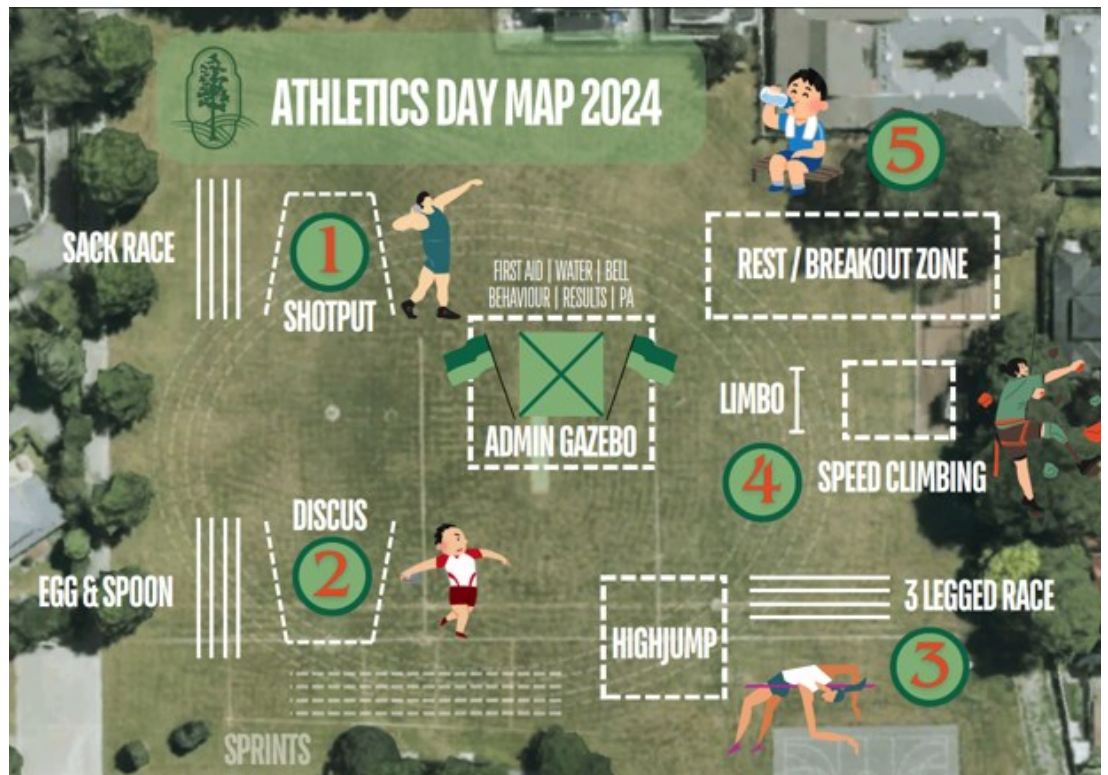
Flavours available: Ham and Cheese, Pepperoni, Cheese and Vegetarian (gluten free bases are available). One pizza per student and these are mini pizzas.



## *Māori Language Week*

The School Council organised a group of 20 students to learn how to make a poi. This was to celebrate Māori Language week.







# Athletics Event

This year we're hosting our Athletics Events over two days.

**On Day 1** (Wednesday 16 October), we're running the bulk of our events (outlined below). The first day is a whole school event that screams participation and fun! We're hoping the sun is going to be in full swing for an amazing day. Teachers will be with their classes all day rotating around each event. House Points and Tohu (our values based reward system) will be on the line as well as various awards throughout the day. Students will be in full house colours (face paint encouraged) and we expect the usual chanting, shenanigans, and energy will be on full display. There will also be prizes for best dressed individuals and groups. Appropriate footwear will need to be worn (closed toe shoes/sports shoes compulsory).

**On Day 2** (Thursday 17 October) we're hosting our sprints and relay events and extension for our CAIMS students. School uniform and PE gear will be required on Thursday. Appropriate footwear will need to be worn (closed toe shoes/sports shoes compulsory).

**We would absolutely love it if you, whānau, could join us for all or part of the day to make this the best Athletics Day Kirkwood has seen. The PTA will be onsite, making it a community fun day not to miss.**

### PTA

The PTA will be there all day buzzing around supporting our teachers, handing out ice blocks and rewards. Come along and support them.

Micaela Brensell and Lawrence Botting  
Sports Coordinators

Rotations	Briefing	Rotation 1	Rotation 2	Morning Tea	Rotation 3	Lunch 1	Rotation 4	Lunch 2	Rotation 5
Times	8:45-9:00	9:00 - 10:00	10:00 - 11:00	11:00 - 11:15	11:15 - 12:15	12:15 - 12:30	12:30 - 1:30	1:30 - 1:55	1:55- 2:55
High Jump + 3 Legged Race	Briefing	8SC + 7MB	7YY + 8HE	Morning Tea	7AC + 8MB	Lunch Eating Time	7ST + 8TT	Lunch Play	7LB + 8GS
Speed Climbing + Limbo		7LB + 8GS	8SC + 7MB		7YY + 8HE		7AC + 8MB		7ST + 8TT
Shot Put + Egg & Spoon Race		7ST + 8TT	7LB + 8GS		8SC + 7MB		7YY + 8HE		7AC + 8MB
Discus + Sack Race		7AC + 8MB	7ST + 8TT		7LB + 8GS		8SC + 7MB		7YY + 8HE
Down Time (Adventure P.G + Relax)		7YY + 8HE	7AC + 8MB		7ST + 8TT		7LB + 8GS		8SC + 7MB



## Canoe Polo

Some of our akonga came along to the Canoe polo "have a go day" on Sunday at Jellie Park to experience this fun sport. These "have a go days" will be running for the next two weekends from 11:00am - 1:00pm at Jellie Park. Please email Justin from Mainland canoe polo at [schools.mcpa@gmail.com](mailto:schools.mcpa@gmail.com), if any students/ friends/ siblings would like to come and have a go. Please note this *isn't* a school run event and parents will be responsible for their own children.



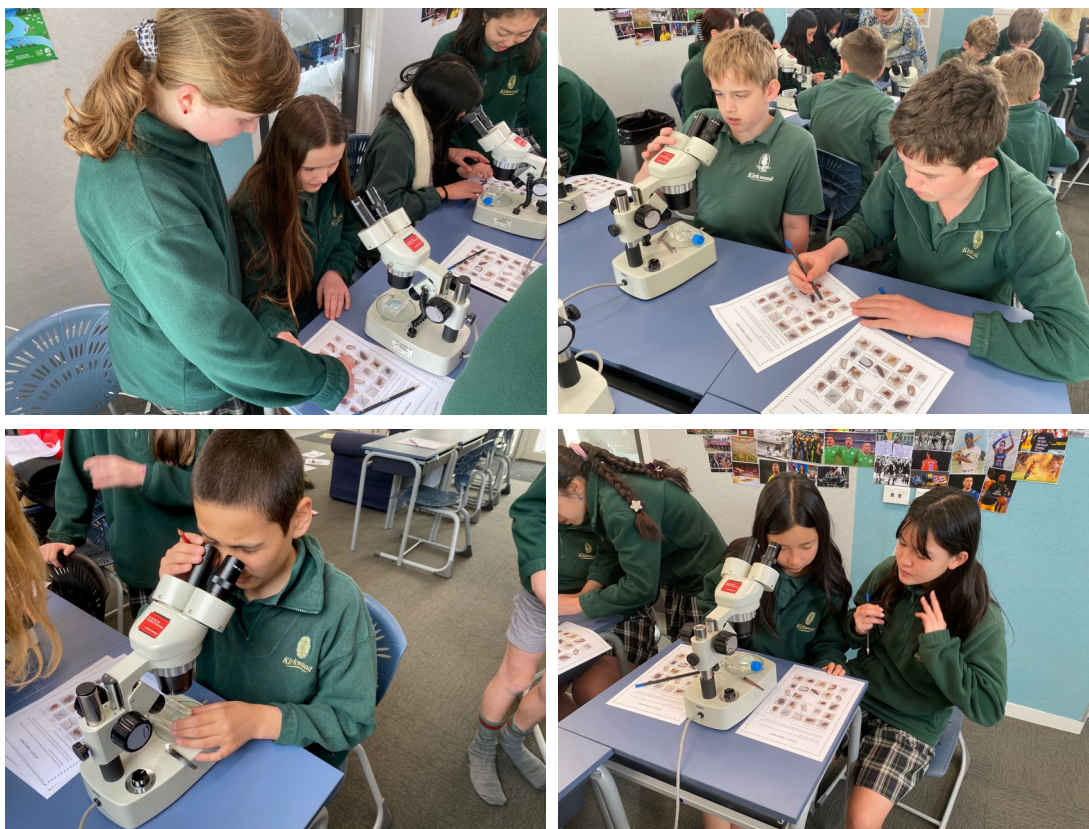


## Science: Soil Biodiversity

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On Tuesday this week, Room 8GS participated in some science education research for an Honours student and the University of Canterbury.

Hazel Fairweather, along with the Children's University, brought 15 microscopes into our classroom so that we could investigate soil biodiversity. We compared samples of soil invertebrates (tiny bugs) taken from Hagley Park and a native forest on the West Coast. It was fascinating to see what creepy crawlies are living beneath our feet. We saw springtails, mites, land shrimp, spiders, pseudoscorpions, worms and so much more.



## Science Survey

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Thank you to everyone who has submitted a response to our school science survey. We really appreciate your feedback. The class with the most responses at the moment is 7YY, who have completed 17 responses. We have a total of 92 responses, which is much more than we have had in the past.

If you have not yet completed the survey, here is a link:

[Science Survey](#)



## PTA support required

We would love the PTA and Friends of PTA to come and support us for the Athletics day (Wednesday 16 October).

This might be helping with events or recording results, or taking photos or handing out 'Tohu' (our vlues based reward system) or supporting/cheering/encouraging staff and students.

If you have time to **assist the Athletics Day on Wednesday 16 October** from 10am to 2.55pm ( morning/afternoon or both), please email Kirkwood PTA: [pta@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:pta@kirkwood.school.nz)

### **Other UPCOMING KEY PTA EVENTS:**

- ◇ *Kirkwood PTA **Domino's Pizza Fundraiser Lunch** Friday 10 September at 1pm (orders must be taken before school on the day)*
- ◇ *SAVE THE DATE: Kirkwood **PTA Quiz Night Fundraiser** on Sunday 10 November from 6pm- 8 pm-ish. See details below.*
- ◇ *Kirkwood PTA **Colour Fun Run Fundraiser** Early December (Date to Be Confirmed)*

KIRKWOOD  
INTERMEDIATE

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER**

**QUIZ STARTS AT 6:00PM SHARP**  
**\$60 PER TEAM 4-6 PEOPLE**

**ARMADILLOS HALSWELL**  
**29 ENSIGN STREET**

**LIMITED TABLES AVAILABLE REGISTER  
YOUR TEAM TODAY!**

[pta@kirkwood.school.nz](mailto:pta@kirkwood.school.nz)





## Women's basketball

### Mainland Pouākai Home Games – Free Children's Ticket with every Adult Ticket Purchased!

The Mainland Pouākai women's basketball team's players have enjoyed coming into school to deliver free coaching sessions to a group of our young girls each week. As part of this programme we have the opportunity for free children's tickets with every adult ticket purchased for any of their upcoming home games. With the season right around the corner, go to the link below to book the family to support the Mainland Pouākai team this season! This is an exclusive offer to our School as part of the Mainland Pouākai Girls Got Game coaching programme.

Book your free Children's Ticket Today & Support the Mainland Pouākai – [Ticketek](#)

**2024 Season**  
**HOME SCHEDULE**

03 vs KAHU	SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER RAPID: 4:00PM TAUHI: 5:00PM	07 vs WHAI	FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER RAPID: 6:30PM TAUHI: 7:30PM
04 vs HOIHO	SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER RAPID: 2:00PM TAUHI: 3:00PM	09 vs HOIHO	THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER RAPID: 6:30PM TAUHI: 7:30PM
05 vs QUEENS	SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER RAPID: 2:00PM TAUHI: 3:00PM	10 vs QUEENS	FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER RAPID: 6:30PM TAUHI: 7:30PM

SEMI FINALS: 14 & 15 DECEMBER    GRAND FINAL: 22 DECEMBER

**COWLES STADIUM, 170 PAGES ROAD, ARANUI**



## *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](http://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](#)

## *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/>

## *Entertainment Membership*

We are offering a **Bonus \$40 Woolworths eGift Card** with a Multi-City Membership or a \$20 Woolworths eGift Card with a Single-City Membership!

Why this offer is a win-win:

**Save Big:** Your supporters can enjoy amazing savings such as up to 25% off on theme parks, aquariums, and zoos, buy one, get one free on bowling, mini-golf, and ice skating, and more great deals on food and activities.

**Support Your Cause:** Not only will your supporters get these fantastic savings, but 20% of their membership purchase will be donated directly to your fundraising cause!

[Order Here](#)



## 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](mailto: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.

## School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)





## Community Notices

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**Christchurch Avon Athletics Club** - Club nights are Wednesday at Burnside High School. Registration day on Monday 14 October from 5:00 - 6:30pm at the Christchurch Avon Club Rooms (Burnside High).

**Christchurch Boys' Choir** - An auditioned, unbroken voice choir for boys. For more information on how to audition, please visit their [website](#).

**Free STEM Drop-ins** - Free coding for Term 3, drop in anytime on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. For more information please email [info@brainplay.co.nz](mailto:info@brainplay.co.nz)

**Envirokids Upcoming Events** - Come to the Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens on a Saturday anytime from 10am - 1pm to participate in free events. For more information, please visit their Facebook page @ChchEnvirokids.

**Audition Announcement** - Luminaires is seeking singers, dancers and actors for their next major show, 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. No experience necessary. For more information and to register visit click [here](#).

**Kirkpatrick Scholarship for Girls** - For those interested in applying for a scholarship for Year 9 in 2025 at this Nelson boarding school, please click on the following link - [Scholarship Application](#).

**Brick by Brick Show** - At Waitākiri Primary School from 9:00am - 4:00pm. Lego displays, lego competitions & Lego sales. \$2 entry.

**Win a Visit from the Pouākai + Free Tickets to a Game** - The classroom with the most votes will win a visit from the Mainland Pouākai during the week of 14 October. Enter [here](#).

**Kip McGrath Avonhead** - 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.

[Parent2Parent Magazine](#): Parent Support Groups, Family Fun Day Tickets, Christmas Party tickets

**French Classes for Children - Beginners**—for more information visit

[French class information](#)

**Selwyn Diwali - The Festival of Lights** Saturday 9 November. afternoon and evening full of cultural richness, vibrant performances, and community spirit at the Lincoln Domain.

**Junior Chef Holiday Programme**: email [admin@internationalculinarystudio.com](mailto:admin@internationalculinarystudio.com) or call 0275344149 for information.

**WORLD GAMES** event 19 October 12 noon -4:00pm as part of the Christchurch Heritage Festival. Fun-filled afternoon showcasing traditional games and sports from various cultures around the world.. Multicultural Recreation and Community Centre, 455 Hagley Avenue.

Kidz Kartz: learn about horse care, maintenance, ponies, race day prep etc. 25 September at Riccarton Park Racecourse—4:30pm until 5:30pm

Brain Bloom Room Clinic coaches available to help students with challenges. For more information please visit [www.brainbloomroom.co.nz/connect/](http://www.brainbloomroom.co.nz/connect/)

[Tots to Teams magazine](#)

## Sports/Clubs

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**Waimairi Surf Lifesaving Club** - Looking for juniors from 5-14 years as well as people interested in getting their lifeguard award. [Email](#) for more information.

**Canvas Bag Drama School** - Join in Term 4 for theatrical fun and learning. Term 4 drama classes begin on 14 October. Free first class trial. For more information visit their [website](#).

## Holiday Programmes

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**Elements Nature Based Play** - A great mix of planned experiences and play throughout their programme. Visit their website for more information.

**Junior Chef Holiday Programmes and Barista Classes**: email [admin@internationalculinarystudio.com](mailto:admin@internationalculinarystudio.com) or call 0275344149 for information.

School Holiday Fun : Arts Centre activities 27 September until 13 October

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