



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Kia ora and nau mai to the latest Kirkwood Newsletter. Term 4 always has such a positive feel as the weather continues to improve, our Year 8 students start to prepare for new opportunities at high school and our Year 7 students look to become our leaders for 2024. Five classes have moved into our newly refurbished classrooms and feedback from students and teachers has been extremely positive.

Our new Library is also completed and almost ready for students. The finishing touches are being applied and we will have a blessing and opening ceremony next week on Wednesday 18 October. Students and classes will begin to use the new Library from Thursday next week. The librarians have already had a chance to see the new space and they are confident the students will be impressed.

As the weather heats up we need to keep sun protection in mind. We have moved the lunch eating areas to spaces which have the option of shade and all of the classes have sunblock available to students. Students are encouraged to bring in hats to use at break times or before and after school. Students are not restricted to a uniform sunhat. A sunhat that they prefer or have at home already is fine.

We have Year 8 students preparing for camps over the next few weeks. Rooms 3, 4 and 11 are on camp next week (Monday 16 - Thursday 20 October). While Rooms 5, 12 and 13 are on camp the following week (Tuesday 24 - Friday 27 October). We have our fingers crossed for fine weather and hope that all those involved will make the most of all the opportunities camp offers.

We have a Teacher Only Day coming up on Monday 20 November. We are sharing this Teacher Only Day with many of the other intermediate schools in Christchurch to work together to deepen our knowledge around the curriculum refresh. School will not be open for instruction on this day, you will have to make other arrangements to look after your child.

We have two sets of transitions happening at this time of year. Our Year 8 students are moving to high school and our Year 7 students are moving into Year 8.

For our Year 8 students, transition often includes open days and assessment days for the students. The classroom teachers are also asked for information by the various high schools and we also host a hui for the main high school Deans to help share information smoothly. It would be a real help if whānau can let the office know if students will be absent from school for Open Days or high school assessments. If

you feel that your child would benefit from additional transition support and you have not already been in talks with us about this, let the office know.

For our Year 7 students, we are beginning to think about classroom placement for Year 8. Some parents may have made placement requests last year, but some of these requests may no longer be relevant as students have settled and become confident at Kirkwood. If you have requests that you would still like to be considered or you have new requests around placement, please let the office know. We will do our best to accommodate these.

Ngā mihi,

Kim Robertson
Acting Principal

Benson's Visit

Benson (the black Labrador) visited Kirkwood Intermediate School in Week 9, Term 3 as he was staying with Mrs B.

Benson is a newly qualified Guide Dog, who lives and works with his owner in Hanmer Springs. Benson loved visiting Kirkwood and spending time in Room 1 and 2. Here he is with the Room 2 students. As you can see he has a solid fan club base.

Thank you for making him feel welcomed Kirkwood kids.

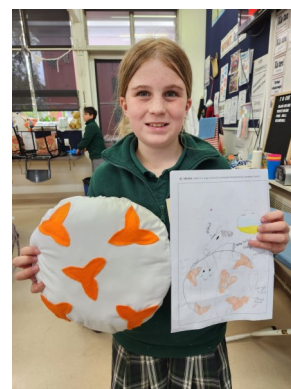
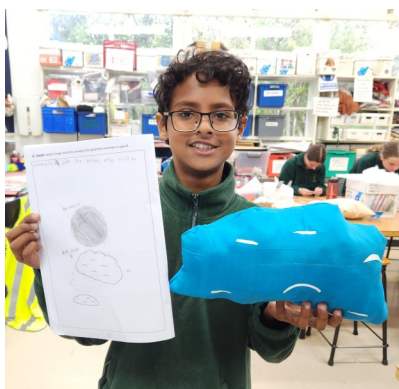
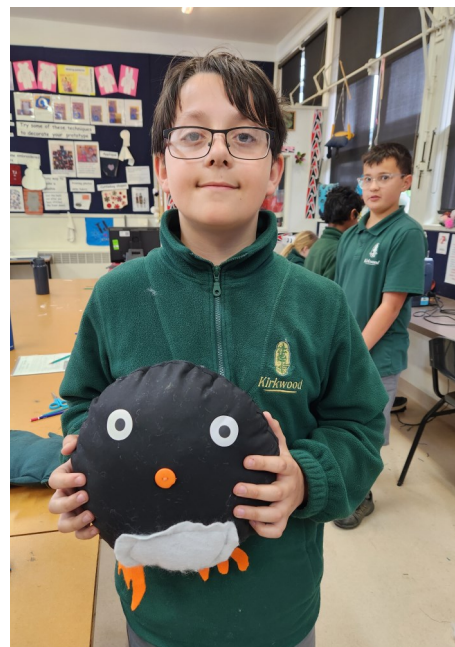


School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)

Technology - Soft Materials

For Turangawaewae students get to make a pillow around something that is important to them and the results are all very different



Year 8 Camps

Year 8 students will attend a four day camp at Omaka Scout Camp, which is just north of the Roto Kohatu Reserve. All students will sleep in tents for the duration of the camp.

Camp dates are as follows:

Camp 1: Rooms 3, 4 & 11 Monday 16 October to Thursday 19 October

Camp 2: Rooms 5, 12 & 13 Tuesday 24 October to Friday 27 October

The final cost for camp is \$220 per student. Thank you to all those that have paid the deposit. If you are unsure if you have paid, please contact the school office. If you are yet to pay, please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.

Refurbishment Update

We are currently on schedule for our refurbishment. Five of our classrooms are now completed and are up and running.

Our new library will be open at the end of next week. All of our classrooms will be newly refurbished by the end of Term 1 2024.

In Stage 3 we will be repairing the hall, old library and Rooms 1 and 2, followed by Stage 4 where the administration area will be worked on.

We envisage this work being completed by the end of Term 3 2024.

Asbestos Removal

Please click on the following [link](#) to view a letter received from HRS Construction Ltd regarding Asbestos removal in stage 2



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Tuesday 7 November**. You can order online or pay by cash at the office. Please post any cash orders in the office slot.

PTA Friends of the School

Our Parent Teacher Association (Friends of the School) meeting will be held on Thursday 2 November in the staffroom.

All welcome to attend.

Lincoln High Enrolment

If your child is going to Lincoln High in 2024 and has a formal diagnosis which will allow them to have a reader/writer for the testing on Thursday 2 November, please contact either Lincoln High Learning Support team or Janine Climo (SENCO) at Kirkwood as the school has specific criteria and limited spaces to have reader/writers.

Lincoln High has stated the following:

- Please note it is your responsibility to provide the reader/writer for your student. If they turn up on the day without a reader/writer they will have to be placed with the other students.
- Please also note we require a copy of supporting diagnosing report i.e. Seabrook report or other education psychologist report. We will follow up with families to ensure we have the paperwork required.
- Our Learning Support Department will use the report(s) to ascertain the best support for transition and learning needs for these students. These reports are also required as evidence if we do applications to NZQA for Special Assessment Conditions.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us at

janineclimo@kirkwood.school.nz

Ngā mihi nui

Janine Climo

Breakfast Club

It's great to see a lot of students coming over to have breakfast and socialise before school at Breakfast Club.



Period Products

Period products are available at the school office.

Kirkwood School 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](#).

Homework Club

Homework Club is held on Tuesday afternoons from 3pm until 3:45pm.

This is for pupils to do homework, research and to 'ask any questions' which is a service provided by the Christchurch City Library.

Drinks and biscuits will be provided.

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](#).

Home Stay Families

We are looking into the future for homestay families to host short and long term international students for 2023 and 2024

For those interested please contact Alison Xie, our International Coordinator 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

Kirkwood Intermediate School App

Our school uses the **Hero APP** for communicating to our school community.

Please visit our [school website homepage](#) for more information on how to download.

Community Notices

Envirokids Free Events for October - Events are run as pop in sessions so you can come anytime between 10am - 1pm on Saturday during the month of October. For more information visit @ChchEnvirokids on Facebook.

Understanding Your Brain - A presentation about building resilience & maximising learning will be held at La Vida Centre on Thursday 19 October at 7:30pm - 9:00pm. Please click [here](#) for tickets.

KiwiRail Coastal Pacific Train - This train on the Main North Line will be back in service shortly. Please remember to always expect trains from either direction and at any time and to stay off railway tracks and only ever cross the railway at approved level crossings.

GirlGuiding NZ - Hyde Park Brownies, Westburn Brownie and Pipins units are currently needing volunteer adult leaders. Please apply on the [website](#).

Family Times Magazine - Moving online at www.familytimes.co.nz

Positive life camp in Woodend - If you would like your child to have an opportunity to attend this camp, they need to be nominated by Monday 18 September. Please click on the [link](#) to nominate.

Kip McGrath Avonhead - Come for a free assessment. 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

Action Indoor Sports Hornby - Register your teams in their junior competition league during Terms 4 & 1. Competition starts Friday 13 October. For more details or to register, visit their [website](#).

Waimairi Surf Lifesaving Club - Are on the search for clubbies aged 7 or older. Please [email](#) for more information.

Riccarton Softball Club - If you are wanting to play tee ball/softball this season, please [register](#) now. Training starts in September, season starts in October.

School Holiday Programmes

Art Centre Activities - There are a range of free and reasonably priced events. For the full programme, please visit [here](#).

AKOTECH CodeCamps - Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. For more information and to book, visit their [website](#).



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