



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



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 2025.

Our Year 8 students are preparing for camp in Wellington over the next few weeks. 8GS (Monday 21 October - Thursday 24 October) and 8HE (Tuesday 22 October - Friday 25 October) are on camp next week while 8MB are on camp the following week (Tuesday 29 October - Friday 1 November). The last classes to head off for camp are 8TT (Monday 4 November - Thursday 7 November) and 8SC (Tuesday 5 November - Friday 8 November). We have our fingers crossed for fine weather. We are sure that all those involved will make the most of all the opportunities camp offers and will represent Kirkwood proudly.

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 on to become Year 8's.

For 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 transition information smoothly. It is helpful when whānau 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 discussion with us about this, then please let the office know.

For our Year 7 students, their transition is more settled as we plan to mostly keep teachers and classes together. There may be occasions where it is better to shift a student to a better fit class. If we think this is the case we will be in contact with parents directly. Please get in touch with the office if you would like to discuss classroom placement for your child for 2025.



We have a Teacher Only Day coming up on Thursday 14 November. Our focus for this Teacher Only Day will be to catch up with recent changes to the curriculum. School will not be open for instruction on this day, so you will have to make other arrangements to look after your child.

Over the last two days we have had our Athletics Programme and the students have come in full of enthusiasm, house spirit and demonstrating our Kirkwood values. It was a successful time, we will share some photos with you in the next newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui

Kim Robertson
Deputy Principal

Year 8 Wellington Camp

Any outstanding amounts owing for the Wellington Year 8 camp are now overdue. Please ensure immediate payment is made for any outstanding balances.

If you have any queries please contact the school 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.*



School Garden

In front of Rooms 12 and 13 there are three brand new garden beds.

If you have any leftover seeds from your home garden that you don't want and that are still before their 'best before date', then we would welcome any contributions.

Please drop them off to Room 13.

Thank you





Ki-o-Rahi

On Friday 20 September Mr Burke took two teams to a Ki o Rahi tournament at Cuthberts Green which was run by the Aranui Community Trust.

The tournament, for Years 5-8, was run over two days. It was a great day and the weather was amazing. We caught up with a lot of friends from other schools then all of the schools played a huge game of touch together during lunch time.

*There were no scores taken, it was just about having fun and playing Ki o Rahi. There were awards given to schools that demonstrated the values of Rangatiratanga, Whanaungatanga and Manaakitanga. The recipients were presented with a taonga. **Kirkwood earned the award for Manaakitanga.***

We are all proud of our efforts.

Neko





Athletics Day Preparation

Last term 8GS helped some of our Year 7 classes (7LB, 7YY and 7MB) with athletics and other games. These activities ranged from power with shot put, technique with high jump, and fun activities like three legged races. There were two or three members of 8GS at each station teaching the students the technique. We saw lots of support from students in 8GS and some of our teachers. We also saw a lot of grit and determination with students who kept trying after failing especially on the speed climbing where students pushed themselves beyond their limits to reach the top. One of the games most students seemed to enjoy was SJ tag. You play this game by holding a circle piece of wood with two people who stand on opposite sides and score points by tapping your opponents knees.

We interviewed some students. Andrew and Nathan from 8GS were both taking activities, Andrew was teaching shot put and Nathan was teaching SJ tag. They both said it was great fun teaching students how to play and supporting them. They both saw a lot of skill and power on show. We also interviewed Fynn from 7YY on how the activities went. He said he had a lot of fun with a variety of activities, his favourite being high jump. He said he enjoyed the range of skills needed for each activity, like the physicality, teamwork and strategy.

This was a great way for students in 8GS to learn some important leadership skills and strategies. It was also a great way for the Year 7's to prepare for the upcoming athletics while having fun.

By Sean and Dolph 8MB.





Athletics Training Continued



Past Student

We are delighted to have received a special book from Sean Ryan (past pupil) for our school library.

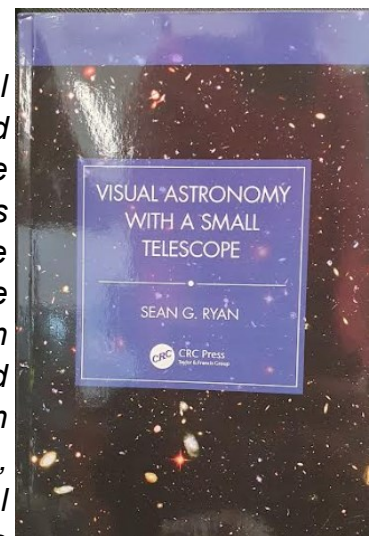
The Book is called 'Visual Astronomy with a Small Telescope'. Sean has provided a copy of this practical popular astronomy book to help inspire today's future scientists.

Please see comments below from Sean:

I was a pupil at Kirkwood Intermediate School almost 50 years ago - 1975 and 1976 - and cultivated a love of science and astronomy in the school library. My experience at Kirkwood was transformative; I loved school for the first time ever, and was immersed in a classroom culture where knowledge and learning were valued. I can honestly say that my career started in the Kirkwood library. I went on to complete university degrees in NZ and Australia, worked in Canada, USA, Australia, Japan and the UK as a professional astronomer, and have spent the last 18 years as a Professor of Astrophysics in the UK. I trace my roots back to the Kirkwood Library.

Sean Ryan

Term 4 Week 1



17 October 2024



Year 8 Technology Students - Recycled Bags

The Year 8 Technology students have created bags they made from recycling grain bags.

They save these bags and repurpose them into useful shopping bags, boot bags and wet suit bags.

Well done.

Ms Ross.



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Celebrating Successes

Tegan, from 8HE, competed as part of a team at the Springston Trophy during the school holidays. Tegan's team competed in a three-day event that included dressage, cross-country and show jumping. The team came 2nd out of 31 teams (with 4-6 members per team) from across the South Island.

Kei runga noa atu!



Congratulations to Alysha, from 8TT, who competed as an individual at Waimate A & P Show.

She competed in 'Round the Ring' and 'The Working Hunter' events and placed 2nd and two 4th's.

Well done!



Hannah, from 8HE, competed at the Gymnastics Nationals in Palmerston North during the school holidays. She is the national vault champion for step 8 and also placed 2nd on bars.

The Canterbury team she was part of also finished in 2nd place. What a great achievement!

Tino pai!





PTA Quiz Night

Please see information below with regards to the PTA Quiz Night fundraiser which is being run by the PTA. Please get your teams of 4 - 6 together for a fun night out, children are welcome to be part of your team. Funds raised will go towards a new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished hall, new classroom devices and sports equipment.

Additionally we are asking for your support for the quiz night. To make this fundraising a success, we require donations of prizes or vouchers that can be used for the raffles, quiz prizes or a silent auction. If you are able to support the school please contact the PTA via email: pta@kirkwood.school.nz

In return, we can highlight any family or business donations as a supporter in our School newsletter and at the event. By providing prizes/vouchers, you can encourage our school community to visit any business that have kindly donated prizes.

Thank you for your support.

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**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



School Fun Run Crazy Colour Day

The PTA are holding a School Fun Run Crazy Colour Day as a major fundraising event this year! The event will be held on Tuesday 3 December (time to be confirmed). We are really hoping to raise over \$10000 which will go towards a new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished Kirkwood School Hall, new classroom devices and sports equipment.

Students should have been given the sponsorship forms to bring home so keep your eyes peeled for them. Once you have the form, you need to sign them up for a Student Profile Page at schoolfunrun.co.nz. You'll be able to access online fundraising and the page also allows you to get donations from family and friends from overseas.

Students who raise \$10 or more will receive a reward, and the more money you raise the better the reward, and the more you help the school!

We're looking for all students to participate and we're organising a great day for our community. On the day we would love as many people as possible to cheer the kids on, We're also looking for some helpers on the day, so if you're available please email the PTA

You can follow this link to find out more: [YouTube](#)

If you have any questions about the Crazy Colour Day please contact the PTA via email: pta@kirkwood.school.nz.

Thanks for supporting the school and we hope to see you at the event!

SCHOOL FUN RUN





Flute Performance

Towards the end of last term, we were lucky enough to have a performance by our flute students at Kirkwood. Samuel K, Rose, Lucia and Soi played a chamber piece called 'Danny Boy', an Irish ballad, accompanied by Mrs Just, their tutor.

Wenwen played a solo piece called 'March of the Kings' which was also accompanied by Mrs Just. It was lovely to hear a snippet of what they've been learning so far this year.



Term 4 ezlunch Promotion

Every week for the first five weeks of Term 4, customers who order ezlunch will be in the draw to win one of two \$50 ezlunch vouchers!

All ezlunch orders placed for delivery between **Monday 14 October and Friday 15 November** will automatically be entered.



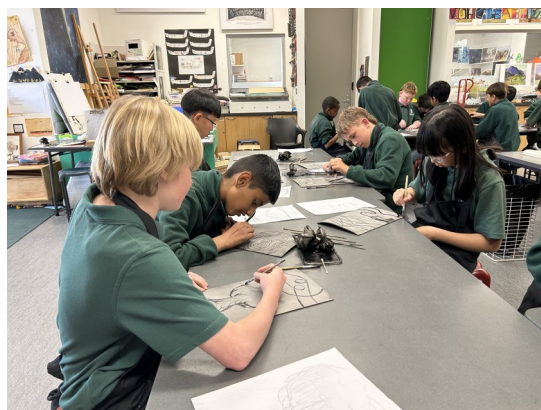


Art Gallery and Quake City

As part of our Science Unit our Year 7 students visited the Christchurch Art Gallery and Quake City.

While at the Art Gallery they investigated Mixed Medium Art and they completed a related art workshop. While at Quake City they looked at how the Canterbury Earthquakes impacted the environment and the people of Canterbury.

YEAR 7 TRIP





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](#)

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/>

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](#).



CCC Park Smarter Around Schools

Please see flyer from the Christchurch City Council below with regard to smart parking around schools.

Please also remember **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.

SAFETY

Park smarter around schools

Help us create a safer environment around your kura – for all ākonga (students), mātua (parents) and kaimahi (staff).

Common parking restrictions

Parking restrictions are in place to help keep everyone safe and reduce congestion.



This will be at the safest drop-off and pick-up place. You can stop here for three minutes only – enough time for children to say goodbye and leave the car.



This means parking is restricted to the number of minutes on the sign. P120 means you can only stop there for 120 minutes.



Broken yellow lines along the edge of the road mean you can't stop, pull over, or park there at any time.



You must leave a one metre gap between your car and any driveway.



You must not park your car on the footpath or in a way that blocks the footpath.



You must not stop or park within six metres of any crossing or intersection.

Breaking these rules can result in a fine.

For more tips, head to ccc.govt.nz/schooltravel



Christchurch City Council



Home Stay Families

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

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Period Products

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

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)





Community Notices

Casting Call - Kids wanted for International TV Series - This series is shooting in Auckland and they are looking for a boy aged between 10 - 12 years old who is pākehā with blonde/brown hair and blue eyes. This is a paid opportunity if chosen for the role. In interested please [email](#) with a recent photo, name, location city, age, height & contact details.

Supporting Teens to Manage their Screen Time - A webinar all about supporting teens to manage their screen time is on Thursday 24 October, from 7:30pm - 9:00pm (with Q&A). There is a cost of \$18 per person. Please book [here](#).

Selwyn Diwali, The Festival of Lights - Saturday 9 November. An afternoon and evening full of cultural richness, vibrant performances, and community spirit at the Lincoln Domain. More information [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 or phone 03 3427110.

World Games Event - On 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.

Children's Day 2025 registrations: 2 March 2025 at Cuthbert's Green, Shuttle Drive, Bromley. Children's Day is a FREE community event running from 11am till 3pm, which is about celebrating our Tamariki. The day is about having fun, learning and gaining information. All activities are free. Register your interest [here](#).

Luminaires Singing and Acting Workshops Term 4 - Please [email](#) for more information.

Sports/Clubs

Win the BNZ Breakers to Your School - The classroom with the most votes will win a visit from the BNZ Breakers on 4 December. Everyone who enters the competition will also get the opportunity for a free children's ticket with every adult ticket purchased. More information [here](#).

FC Twenty 11 Term 4 programmes are open for registration for those of you who would love to continue to play football <https://fctwenty11.co.nz/> for further info.



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