



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. I do hope you had an enjoyable Labour weekend despite the variable weather. It is always good to have some time to spend with families and friends.

Currently our Year 8 classes are participating in the Wellington camp. I was lucky enough to visit two classes on camp last week and one this week. It was such a pleasure to see motivated and well behaved students representing our school so well. Camps like these ones take a lot of organisation and commitment from so many on the school staff, and also from our wonderful parent helpers. I am sure the two classes going next week will also have a worthwhile time, and I know they will represent our school with pride.

Term 4 is always a very busy term. It is great to see our Year 7 students showing increasing maturity as they get ready to be our school leaders next year. If your child is in Year 8 I hope that they are now sure of their high school for 2025, and that they feel ready to move. If you should know anyone who is still thinking of applying for our school for 2025 we do have places available in Year 7 – please encourage them to talk to our staff and apply as soon as possible.

You may have noticed that the building work at school has focused on our Administration area and that work is beginning on our school hall. This is the final stage in the current plan. We are hoping that we may be able to move into the administration area before the end of this school term, but unfortunately we will not have use of our hall until around the end of March next year. This will mean that our final assembly for our Year 8 students will be held at Riccarton High School, in their school hall, as we did last year. We really appreciate Riccarton High School allowing us to use their facilities for this assembly. More details will be given out to families a bit closer to the time.

Thank you for all your support of our school – it is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden
Principal



Teacher Only Day

Our Teacher Only Day is on Thursday 14 November. School will be closed on this day. Please make alternative arrangements for your child.

Thank you for your support.

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





Year 8 Wellington Camp Highlights

The Wellington camp was a great learning opportunity for the Year 8 students.

We went to Te Papa, Wellington Museum, Capital E, Parliament, National Library, Space Place, Police Museum, War Memorial and Zealandia. All of these places taught us something new from WW1 to the native birds of New Zealand.

But after a big day of walking and learning it was really nice to go back and relax in our bunkrooms at the Haka House with our friends!

The ferry and the train ride was also a beautiful scenic experience for everyone because for many of us it was our first time on a ferry or a train.

We also got a few praises about our behaviour from the ferry and train staff as well as all of our parent helpers so we felt quite proud.

In conclusion we all think that the camp was a great experience and everyone enjoyed it!

By Jade and Hannah (8HE)





WELLINGTON CAMP

Camp Highlights continued





Mental Health Awareness Week

Last week classes and groups did a range of activities focused on the important of positive mental health and well being. This year the nationwide theme was Community is What We Create Together. This theme arose from the challenging last few years we have all had and how we can get through these difficult times by coming together as communities so that a sense of belonging, purpose and connectiveness is achieved for everyone.

The Ways of Wellbeing framework is a great starting point and applies to all of us no matter what our individual and community connections:

Staying connected: talking and listening, being there.

Being active: do what you can, enjoy what you do, focus on having a positive mindset.

Give: your time, your words and your presence.

Take notice: remember the simple things that give you joy.

Keep learning: embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself.

Also regularly using the Pause, Breathe, Smile Mindfulness strategies particularly Mindful breathing. Allowing time to be calm, appreciate what you have around you, giving yourself space to think and to reflect on your personal goals and achievements no matter how big or small all contribute to our happiness and the happiness of those around us.

Last week a group of Kirkwood students went to Ilam School to read stories and do some activities with junior school students. This was our way of reaching out to our local community. The 5 and 6 year old children were delightful and the Kirkwood students came away feeling really good that they had made connections even in a very short time with many children. The Kirkwood students, without exception said they loved the experience, wanted to stay longer, enjoyed the hugs they received from a number of children and were amazed at how well they listened and responded to them.

These are just some ways parents can use the Ways of Wellbeing framework at home with their children:

Stay connected: asking about how the day went, sharing how your day went, what were the positives, eating dinner together, watching children play sport or other extra curricula activities, staying aware of events at school.

Being active: doing physical activities together such as going for a walk through native bush or a pleasant spot, playing games with your children, trying new physical activities together.

Give: be present in your child's life, having a clear set of family values that are respected and treasured, having set times where there is no cellphone use by adults or children, listening and being encouraging, knowing your children's friends and their parents.



Mental Health Awareness Week - Continued

Take notice: listen to the sounds of birds in the morning, actively watch the spring growth and talk about it with your children.

Keep learning: try new experiences that don't need to cost money such as going to a different park/place, go for a walk or bike ride somewhere new, try new foods that you have researched and cooked together.

During COVID times many families became very creative with ways of staying connected and having fun together in a world where there were many restrictions. While this was a very difficult time, these were the positives. Keeping that mindset going is a challenge for us all but really worth it.

Andrea Knight
School Counsellor

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

Last Friday night the Kirkwood School Choir performed at the Town Hall for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival. For many it was their first time performing in the wonderful Douglas Lilburn Auditorium, and to a sold out audience of 1500 too! This year's theme was E Tū: Hand in Hand, which focused on the relationship between Sport and Music, highlighting the Paris Olympics that were held earlier in the year. The School Choir have been rehearsing 10 pieces for two Terms and sang beautifully. They all thoroughly enjoyed the experience! We have many talented Year 7's that will lead the way for next years choir. Representing Kirkwood in the representative groups this year was Mathilda & Christina (Senior Choir), and Lucia & Freyia (Concert Band).

A massive thank you to Lev from 7ST for accompanying the choir for their rehearsals. It's been a while since we've had a pianist to accompany the choir, and his valuable skills ensured we were well prepared for the festival. We're very lucky to have him!

Cheers,

Lawrence Botting
Teacher in Charge of Choir

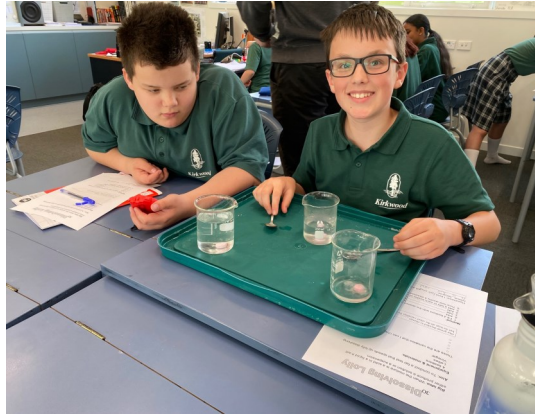




Year 7 Science Classes

This term the Year 7 classes at Kirkwood are learning about Change in Science.

7LB did an activity on Wednesday this week with fizzing lollies. They tried using different substances to see how this affected dissolving.



Mufti Day - Thursday 7 November

The funds raised are going towards a new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished Kirkwood School Hall, new classroom devices and sports equipment.

Theme: dress up as your favourite actor/ singer or sports person.

Year 7's please bring a gold coin donation and Year 8's see list below, these items will be used for raffles at the PTA quiz night

8MB chips, nuts, muesli bars, biscuits, crackers

8SC breakfast foods, jam, spreads etc

8GS Tea, coffee, milo, drinking chocolate

8TT Lollies, chocolate

8HE Cans/ jars – fruit, vegetables, pasta sauce etc





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.

Additionally we are asking for your support for the Quiz Night. Funds raised going towards a new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished hall, new classroom devices and sports equipment.

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.

**KIRKWOOD
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**QUIZ
NIGHT**

RAFFLES **ANSWER SPOTS**

SUNDAY, 10TH NOVEMBER

QUIZ 6:00-8:30PM
**\$60 PER TEAM 4-6 PEOPLE, CHILDREN
WELCOME**

**ARMADILLOS HALSWELL
29 ENSIGN STREET**

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

pta@kirkwood.school.nz

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ELITE PHYSIO, SNAP FITNESS, RESENE.



School Fun Run Crazy Colour Day

We're five weeks out from our School Fun Run's Crazy Colour Day! Thank you to all of those that have already created your online profile!

Currently we have raised just over \$4,000.00 of our \$10,000, so there is a way to go and I hope you'll keep supporting us! Remember, the money raised will be going towards a new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished Kirkwood School Hall, new classroom devices as well as sports equipment.

Please remember to keep sharing your online fundraising link. Text message is a great way to share your link, followed by social media and lastly, email.

Did you know that you can WIN a \$20,000 Ultimate Family Experience by setting up your student profile online and raising \$1 online? Just head over to schoolfunrun.co.nz. Once you've created your page there are some great things you can do. You can sign up for online fundraising, pick your target prize and even become a fundraising superstar!

Thank you again for your effort and I hope you will continue to help us fundraise throughout the event.

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!



Gross Money Raised

\$4,241.75

Total Enrolment:

289

Children With a Profile:

68

Children Raising Money Online:

39

Av. Raised Per Child Online:

\$108

The national average is \$120

Amount Raised Online:

28%

Of the national average of \$15,000

Active Online Fundraisers

13%

Your goal is to get 40% of students fundraising, so you have 76 to go, [click here](#) to see how

Number of donations:

125



SchoolDocs Policies Review - Term 4

Term 4 review topics

- Finance and Asset Management Policy
- Managing Income and Expenditure
- Financial Conflicts of Interest
- School Donations and Student Activity Payments / Attendance Dues and Other Income
- Expenditure
- Asset Management and Protection
- Property Planning and Maintenance
- Prevention of Bribery, Corruption, Fraud, and Theft

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** .

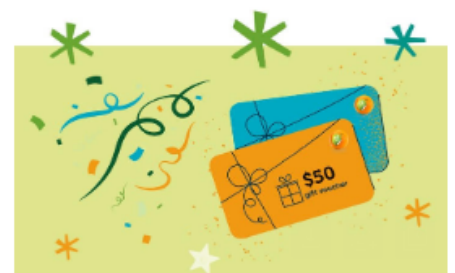
If you would like to make any comments with regards to these policies please follow the instructions below:

- 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.

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.





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](#).



HOMESTAY

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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 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

Period Products

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

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)

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Community Notices

Riccarton Community Street Party - Sunday 3 November from 11am - 1pm on Elizabeth Street. Fun for everyone with live music, bouncy castles, activities & games for the kids, free candy floss and sausage sizzle, free preloved clothing, free plants, competitions (grand prize valued at over \$500), and stalls. Lots of things are free and others at low cost so bring some cash.

Rakaia Garden Fete - A major fundraiser with 110 stalls of New Zealand Made goods, live music and six acres of privately owned botanic gardens. Happening on Thursday 21 November, 282 Awaroa School Road, Rakaia from 10 - 3pm. More info [here](#).

Summer Studio Performance 'The Shift' - Two shows being held on Saturday 16 November. Please [email](#) for more information.

From Bellies, Babies to Tweens' Market - On Sunday 17 November from 9 - 12 noon at the Halswell RLFC on Halswell Road. This is a buy/sell new & pre-loved market to help families in the community. If you would like to be a stallholder please [email](#) for information.

Boost Your Learning - Private tuition service's that can be offered anywhere in the country. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

Superflex Group - Social thinking groups aimed at helping students develop social and emotional skills. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

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.

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](#).

Luminares 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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