



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. The usual fluctuations of Spring weather continue. We are hoping for some fine warm weather to allow us to start using our swimming pool – it seems unlikely after this week, but we are looking forward to sunshine soon!

The Year 8 camps have been completed for this year. We acknowledge all the help and support we have received from our families. A real highlight for me was being able to attend one of the whānau evenings – it was really good to see such a large number of people supporting both the camp and their children. While we have enjoyed using Omaka as our Year 8 campsite we are considering a return to Wellington next year. We are currently looking at costing and accommodation options. We intend to be able to tell our 2024 Year 8 families early in the New Year if this will be a possibility, along with an estimate of costs. Our Year 7 camp next year will be held at Ōnuku Marae – a little different than in previous years but this should be a very good experience for all involved. Again, more details including costs will be available in the New Year.

As part of the end of year proceedings the Board has agreed to support a hāngi for our Year 8 students. Our Kapa Haka tutors will manage the hāngi, but may ask for help closer to the time. We really would like all of our Year 8 students to participate, so while we will be asking for a financial contribution towards the costs, this will be optional – if families can't afford this then please don't worry, we will access other funding to support our children. Please feel welcome to contact me if you have any concerns. Next year we will hold a hāngi as part of our welcome to our Year 7 students at the beginning of the year, and the 2024 Year 8's will have their hāngi at the end of 2024.

At the last Board meeting we discussed our Strategic Goals for the next two years. Included in this newsletter are the three Strategic Goals the Board are considering. As a part of our consultation process the Board invites you to look at these goals and talk with your friends and whānau to determine if they suit our community. You are welcome to comment on these by emailing the school

or calling and talking through your thoughts. All comments are welcome and appreciated. It would be very helpful if you could share your thoughts by the end of next week if at all possible.

Please remember that next Friday 17 November is Canterbury Anniversary Day. Monday 20 November is our final Teacher Only Day for this year. School will be closed for these two days. We appreciate your understanding and ask that you make arrangements for your child/children not to attend school on these two days. Thanks very much.

With the on-going refurbishment of our school our Hall remains unavailable for large gatherings. We are currently in negotiation to find a space to hold our Year 8 final assembly, and we are hopeful that we will be able to invite families to attend as well. There will be more information available to Year 8 families soon. Our Year 7 final assembly will be held at school. With such limited space available we ask that this assembly be for children only. Again, more details will be available soon.

Thank you for your on-going support of our school. As the end of the year draws ever closer, we ask that you continue to support our school by reinforcing that our school rules – including uniform – will remain the same for the whole school year. Your support is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden
Principal



Strategic Goals for Community Consultation

1: Curriculum: To ensure that Kirkwood Intermediate has a curriculum that follows the National guidelines, as well as being relevant to our community and to our tangata whenua. The curriculum must reflect the Treaty of Waitangi, and must show how the school meets the National Education Learning Priorities. The curriculum must be inclusive of the needs of all learners

2: Student Achievement: The school is committed to achieving success for all students. The school has a great deal of achievement information that outlines which students are achieving and which are not. The school will prepare actions to enhance the level of all students' achievement, but will focus on those who need more support.

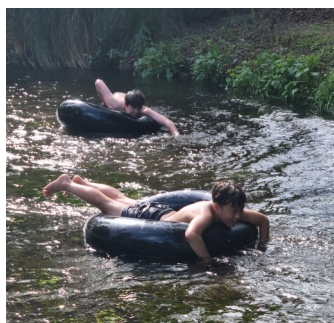
3: Learning Environment: The school is committed to providing a learning environment that is supportive and inclusive for all our learners, our staff and our community. As the school completes its refurbishment programme it will be essential to work with our cultural narrative to ensure our school is a welcoming place for all of our community, our Māori learners and whānau.

Year 8 Omaka Camp Highlights

In the first few weeks of Term 4, our Year 8 classes enjoyed their time at camp.

They swam in Lake Rua, participated in activities such as archery, paddleboarding, raft making, science experiments and overall had a great time.

Thank you to all the teachers, parent helpers and youth workers.



Kirkwood Kid for a Morning

We were excited to welcome over 80 of our 2024 students to visit for 'Kirkwood Kid for a Morning'. They were able to experience classroom activities, have a go on the adventure playground, and enjoy a technology lesson.

Our Kirkwood students were really excited to show these incoming students some of the opportunities they can look forward to next year at Intermediate school!



Jump Jam

A huge congratulations and well done to the Kirkwood Jump Jam Team. You represented Kirkwood fantastically on Saturday morning. You put in so much hard work and helped Miss Brensell and I out when we weren't sure what we were doing. Mahi tika ana!

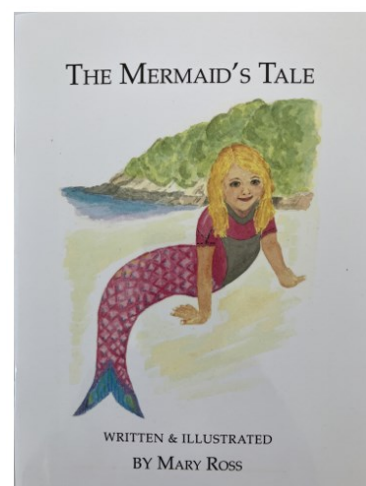
Miss Timblick

The Mermaid's Tale

Technology teacher Ms Ross has written and illustrated her third book. It is set on Waiheke Island and has a pertinent message for us all. A Kuia/Grandmother makes a mermaid's tail of sand for her granddaughter, stimulating the little girls imagination which takes her on an adventure with a little blue penguin, a dolphin, an orca, a stingray and a shark.

"Leave only footprints" is the conservation message to inspire keeping our beaches clean.

It is retailing for \$15 at Scorpio Books and Smith's Bookshop at The Tannery.



Poi Making

It started with Maca in Room 12 wanting to learn to make some poi. So Ms Ross and Ms Johnson held a Poi making session in T6 with a few keen students. Now we can make a few for the Kapa haka group. The key skills were 4 string plaiting and getting the plastic wrapped tightly at the end.

These students can now pass their skills on to others.



Year 8 Camp

Full payment should have been made. If not, please ensure this is paid now.

The school bank account is:

Kirkwood Intermediate School Board of Trustees; 12-3147-0180900-00
Particulars: Child's Surname, First Name; Ref: Choir rehearsal

The final cost for camp is \$220 per student.

Athletics

An impressive turn out for the Kirkwood Athletics Day this year. Students, staff and parents were treated to a spring scorcher, the sunscreen was flowing. Students were seated in House groups and the House colours were impressive. It was with pride I looked out to see the vast majority of students having a super fun time cheering on their House and classmates.

There were superb efforts from athletes and the relays were hotly contested. The CAIMS team for Thursday 23 November meet at Ngā Puna Wai and will be announced on Wednesday. The house points are being crunched this week and will be announced this Friday 10 November.

The Rutherford Batten Band took out the coveted House Chant competition convincingly. One thing to consider was the lack of hats on the day. We'd like to remind all students and whānau that hats are able to be worn and are recommended at these type of events and each day at school.

Many thanks to the teachers, staff and students who put in huge amounts of work to make this day happen. Without this effort we cannot celebrate all that sport can give us. Thanks for the support from those parents who made it also.

Mr Burke



Golden Boots Winners

Last term the girls and boys competed in The Kirkwood Golden Boot Championships.

The winners were Maca from Room 12 & Roman from Room 9.



Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

On Friday 3 November, our school choir sang at the Christchurch Town Hall for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival.

We made Kirkwood proud, and we, including the other 1,000 students all had a wonderful time. We raised money for 'Make A Wish Foundation' and sang in front of lots and lots of people, all wanting to hear our beautiful singing.

Congratulations to all of us, and all of the other schools that participated.
Rose & Ciara (Room 2)



Social Media Issues

Kia ora e te whānau, recently, social media issues have been on the rise. We find it difficult to positively influence students online usage while they are away from school. However, we find that online usage outside of school can have a big impact on friendships, social interactions at school, student well-being and learning. We highly recommend that parents have access to - and check students cell phones and other devices, as well as their social media accounts, regularly. This allows parents to support students as they navigate potentially challenging social media interactions. Your support with this is much appreciated.

If you would like further advice around online safety, Netsafe is a great resource. You can also report online misuse through Netsafe. Check out their [website](#)

Entertainment Book Fundraiser

Order your Membership now:

<https://www.entertainmentnz.com/orderbooks/134158y>

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)

University of Canterbury - Spelling Bee

The Great Kiwi competitions are written by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and are based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

These are online competitions and were held during Term 3. We use The Great Kiwi Competition in place of the ICAS testing.

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Merit and Excellence in the Spelling Bee

- Christina from Room 9 was awarded merit;
- Karina from Room 11 was awarded excellence.



2024 Class Placements

Class placement requests need to be in by **Monday 13 November** so we can finalise our classes for next year.



School Policies for Review

The following SchoolDocs Polices are up for review this term:

Curriculum and Student Achievement

- Curriculum and Student Achievement Policy
- Student Achievement Information/Student Assessment and Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning
- Health Education

Please follow the instructions below to view:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

The username is kirkwood and the password is Kahikatea

Instructions for reviewers

- Follow the link to each policy in the table above.
- Read the policy.
- Click the red Policy Review icon at the right-hand top corner of the page. A new screen will appear.
- Select your role (board member, staff member, or parent/caregiver) from the drop-down list.
- Enter your name (optional).
- Submit your ratings and comments.

Online Gaming

Over the last few years, early adolescents are becoming addicted to a wide range of online Gaming programmes. Please visit the [website](#) to view a useful article about indicators that your young person is becoming addicted to gaming and some ways that you can support them to make changes so that they lead a balanced life.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any query about this or any other concern you may have about your child. My email is: andreaknight@kirkwood.school.nz

I am at school on Monday and Thursday and Tuesday until 1.00 pm.

Ngai mihi nui

Andrea Knight
School Counsellor

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 2024. Our current Homestay Fee rate pays \$320 per week.

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

Selwyn Stampede - Running & walking festival, 1km (kids), 5km, 10km, 21km & 20km relay. Click [here](#) to enter.

Boost your Learning - Private Tuition for primary, college or adults. Please visit their [website](#) for more information.

CASE Ocean School - Seeking individuals with a passion for nature and conservation, who thrive on hands on learning. Visit [website](#) for more information.

Homestay Families Needed - Canterbury College are currently looking for homestay families to host students coming over from Japan for three weeks from 28 November - 17 December. Please contact Doris at doris@cancan.com or phone 03 365 1920.

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

Athletics New Zealand - To search for your local club and register for the coming season, please click [here](#).

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



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