



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. I would like to thank you all for your support of our Teacher Only Day held on Monday. I know that these days can be difficult for families, however, this day was really valuable for us as a school. We met with staff from nearly all the Intermediate schools in Canterbury and looked in some depth at the changes that are currently happening in education, especially as we move towards a refreshed curriculum and a common practice model. There will be more work needed on this, and more discussion with our community. We are waiting to hear the direction the new government will bring to education before consulting with our community on any changes. I am sure there will be much to read about soon.

As the weather begins to warm up we are hoping to open our school pool in the next week or so. Teachers will let children know when swimming begins. It is expected that all children will participate in the swimming programme when it does start.

Thank you for your on-going support with our uniform. It is important that we maintain standards around the school to ensure a positive end to the school year, and your help is really appreciated.

Preparations are well underway for next year. We are able to offer a small number of places for out-of-zone students in Year 7 next year. If you know of anyone considering their child's future and you think our school may be a good fit, please ask them to contact the office for more details.

We are planning to hold our Year 8 assembly at Riccarton High School Hall on Wednesday 13 December, starting at 7:00pm. Children will need to be in correct school uniform and must sit with their families. This will be a reasonably formal assembly. More details will be given to our Year 8 group in the near future. Please remember at the completion of the Year 8 final assembly they do not return to school i.e. they do not come to school the following day. Our Year 7 students finish school at the completion of their final assembly therefore will be required to leave school at 12:10pm on Thursday 14 December.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. It is much appreciated.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden
Principal

Trip to South Korea

As you may or may not have heard, Amael and I just came back from South Korea. It was such a fulfilling experience and we would like to share a bit about it with you.

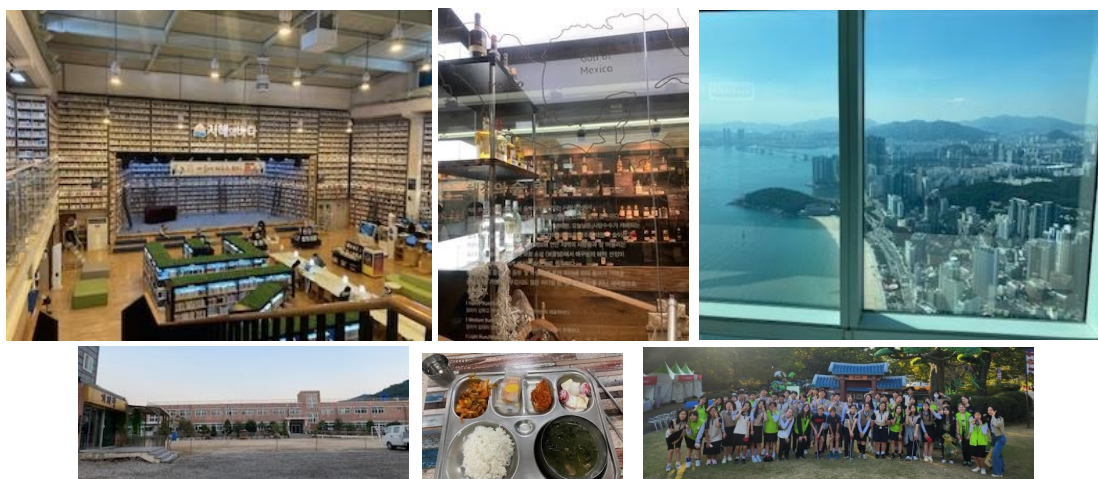
After an entire 24 hours of near sleepless travel, we arrive at the wonderful school of Sunin International Middle School. Two hours of sleep later we get up for our routine of morning exercise, breakfast and classes. Then we are at the welcoming ceremony. We continue our classes until lunch and finally, Sport. After that we pack our bags and leave with our homestay family for an extended weekend. On the weekend we do fun activities such as visiting Jinju castle, a zoo, fireworks and other cool things. Notably, Eileen travelled to Busan and I even met the Mayor of the city.

The following week was a blur of long school hours, field trips and Korean culture. We met up with some Korean friends from back in NZ and learnt about Korean ways. We left once more to our homestay families, where we went paddle boarding, ziplining and firework watching. We also went trampolining over water, as well as visiting a science museum.

To begin an awesome second week we went on a field trip to a one-hundred floor sightseeing tower called Busan X the Sky. Overlooking the beautiful city of Busan, this massive structure offered us a great time with glass floors, Starbucks and majestic views of the second biggest city in all of Korea. The second day we visited a huge library called Masan Wisdoms Sea Library (There was no sea but it was amazing anyway!), followed by the Muaksoju (a soju factory), a fascinating place. The last day was all school before long hours of travel and a return home.

This trip was probably one of the most eye-opening experiences I will ever have in my life. Everything from the super kind locals, gorgeous views, field trips, and food were amazing and really made me appreciate both Korean and New Zealand culture. Although school was rather tiring (we had a bit over 13 hours of school a day!), the welcoming atmosphere and students made that time pretty short. We're both so grateful we got this opportunity and strongly recommend this trip to anyone who has the chance to do so next year.

Amael and Eileen.



Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Tuesday 28 November**. You can order online or pay by cash at the office. Please post any cash orders in the office slot.

To order online, please follow the instructions below:

LOOP is the easy way for families to order and pay for Book Club. Log in, or create a new account at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile;
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class;
3. Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for);
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue;
5. Make payment via credit card.

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: Year 8 Camp

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

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](#)

School Calendar

Please view via our [website](#)

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

Netsafe— Supporting young people to be safer online. Join a free presentation & discussion for Parents & Whānau. The webinar will be on 29 November at 7pm. Please click on the [link](#) to join the webinar.

Dynamic Developments - For speech and language therapy services, visit their [website](#) for more information.

Barista Class at International Culinary Studio - Learn the art of crafting espresso beverages. For more information visit their [website](#).

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

Delta Rhythmic Gymnastics - Come and try a free trial class. To book, please [email](#) Erica.

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 .

Holiday Programmes

Junior Chef Holiday Programme - Give your child the gift of being self-sufficient in the kitchen. Two course coming up in the summer holidays. Click [here](#) for more details.



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