



Kirkwood

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to this edition of our school newsletter. Term 4 seems to be racing by, but it is good to see some sunshine. All going well we may be able to use our school swimming pool before the term break.

This week we have been hosting the Education Review Office on their regular visit to our school. The review team was on site on Monday and Tuesday and were positive in their findings around our curriculum, our teaching and learning, our leadership team, and our staff and student school culture. Particular mention was made of our work in student wellbeing, and our development of our Positive Behaviour for Learning programme. The draft report will be sent to our Board in February next year, and our final report will be available shortly after that. We found this process to be a very worthwhile time, and thanks must go to the review team for the way they worked around our busy school programme.

As you will know, the end of the school year is approaching and one of the things we like to do is to celebrate success. We will be holding four different assemblies this year. Details of these will be sent home closer to the dates. However, it is with regret that we can only have parents attend one of these assemblies – the Year 8 final assembly at Riccarton High School. With our school hall out of action until the end of Term 1 next year we do not have the ability to host whānau and friends at any of the other assemblies. We are so looking forward to having our school fully back to us next year – it has been nearly two years of some disruption. The way our staff and students have shown their resilience is truly inspirational. Thank you to everyone for your support over this process.

As we look forward to 2025 we also look forward to the further development of our two year programme. We feel that this will be a great move for our school. As part of the change, we will be asking parents and children for their opinions as next year progresses. We would appreciate your support in this process.



We currently have a small number of vacancies for our Year 7 group next year. If you know someone who may be considering joining us, it's not too late. Please ask them to contact the office if they would like to know more.

Thank you for your on-going support of our school. We are all looking forward to a great end to the year, and appreciate your help with this.

Kind regards

Phil Tappenden
Principal

End of Year for our Year 7 Akōnga

The last day of kura for our Year 7's is **Tuesday 17 December**.

There will be an informal assembly at 11:30am and ākonga are expected to go home at 12:15pm

Year 8 Final Assembly

The last day of school for Year 8's is **Monday 16 December**.

There will be a Final Assembly held in the Riccarton High School Hall at 7:00pm.

Year 8 Email Addresses

When pupils leave the school their email addresses are deleted. Therefore all important information should be saved.





SPORT

CAIMS Athletics Photo Highlights



Term 4 Week 7

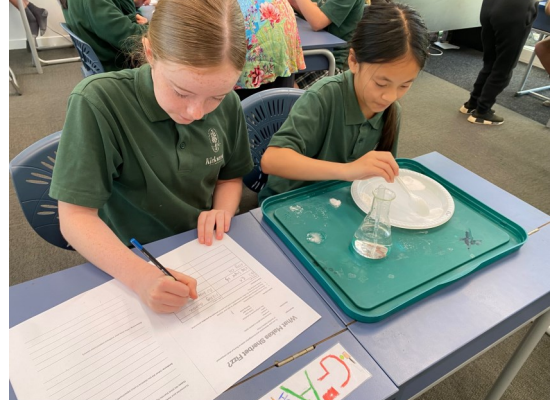
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Year 7 Science

Last week, as part of their science unit on change, 7YY learned about how scientists use evidence to back up their ideas.

The students had to design and conduct an experiment to make a claim about 'what makes sherbet fizz' and support their claim with evidence.



Student Safety

Please ensure you check in at the office when dropping off items for students or signing students out. It makes it easier for us to manage student safety to have adults waiting in the office area.

Thank you

Scholastic Book Club

Orders are due by **Monday 2 December**. You can order online or pay by cash at the office.

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.



THANK YOU

Quiz Night

Thank you to those that came along to support the PTA quiz night. We raised \$1,300 which will go towards the new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished Kirkwood School Hall as well as new classroom devices and sports equipment.

A huge thanks to the generous donations of prizes from the following companies:

- Elite Physio;
- Pizza Hut, Bush Inn;
- Burger Fuel, Bush Inn;
- Snap fitness;
- Specsavers, Westfield;
- Resene;
- Pak n Save, Riccarton;
- Mary Ross - author/artist;
- Cosett Calder Art;
- Clip and Climb;
- Kirkwood Intermediate families;
- Armadillos;
- Alpine Ice;
- Subway, Matipo Street;
- Christchurch City Council;
- First Aid Training Company;
- Flips and Tumbles



Cosette Calder

snap fitness 24/7



Mary Ross Art
336 followers • 0 following





School Fun Run Crazy Colour Day - Update

Thank you for all the support fundraising which will go towards a new Audio Visual (A.V) system for our near completed, refurbished Kirkwood School Hall as well as new classroom devices and sports equipment.

You have helped raise \$8,537.84. The colour run is being held on Tuesday 3 December starting at approximately 12:45pm come down and join in the fun.

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!



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Online

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Value Certificate Winners





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](#)

Please note: The last day for lunch orders will be Friday 13 December

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 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](#)

Entertainment Membership

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BONUS Multi City Membership Upgrade + BONUS \$30 Woolworths Gift Card with every Single City Entertainment Membership purchase.

Order [Here](#)

WE ARE FUNDRAISING WITH **entertainment**

It's The Season for Savings and Giving!

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LIMITED TIME OFFER ONLY \$70 (Valued at \$150)

The graphic features a smartphone displaying the Entertainment app, a wrapped gift box with a gold ribbon, and a Woolworths gift card, all set against a light background with gold streamers.



Community Notices

Cassidy-Davies Electrical - Are offering parents of students a 15% discount on all their services. Offer available from 2 December - 30 January. Spots subject to availability. To claim offer call 03 357 4176 and say the code 'SCHOOL24'

Ōtautahi Clean up Day - Happening at New Brighton Beach and the estuary on Saturday 30 November. Sign up at this [link](#).

Rolleston Brass Express - Travelling from the Weka Pass Railway, Waipara and travelling to Waikari to disembark for 45 minutes to listen to the Rolleston Brass performing and have afternoon tea. For tickets, please call Karen 027 449 7906 or [email](#)

Pirates of the Curry Bean - Tuesday 21 - Sunday 26 January at Auripo Theatre, Hagley College. Tickets from \$5 - book [here](#).

Hello Period: A New Zealand sustainable period care company, have given a 15% discount code if you would like to order any of their products. Simply use the code KIRKWOOD15 at checkout at helloperiod.com.

Youth Hub Christchurch Public Open Day - Happening on Saturday 30 November, between 10 - 2pm at 109 Salisbury Street to meet some of the youth providers.

Bricksabition Community Christmas Event - Happening on Saturday 7 December from 9am - 4pm at the Rolleston College Auditorium. Brick games and activities throughout the day.

Education Issues for Disabled Kiwi Tamariki - Please take this [survey](#) if you have a child struggling within the education system.

Music Man Jr Production - Ovation Theatre's 2025 production is looking for any actors or singers - no prior experience needed. Please register for this opportunity [here](#).

Envirokids - A free programme for kids aged between 5-13 years old that runs every Saturday from 10am - 1pm in the kiosk at the Botanic Gardens. For more information visit their Facebook page - [chchenvirokids](#)

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](#).

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.

Sports/Clubs

Litter Kickers - Football Classes for aged 18 months to 8 years. Giving your child a positive introduction to sport. For more information, please click [here](#).

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](#).

Girls' Summer Cricket Festival - If anyone is wanting to have a go (new players welcome), then please click on the [link](#) for more information and how to sign up.



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