



Korakonui School Community Newsletter

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KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Welcome to the first termly issue of our Korakonui Community Newsletter - Term 4 2022

Inside this issue; Meet our Principal Tom Cochrane, updates on our school swimming pool refurbishment and major projects, Stock Scheme, our Twilight Gala and an advertising opportunity for your business. It's a cover to cover read to keep you, our community, connected.



A warm welcome is extended to our community for our annual

'Twilight Christmas Gala'

on Friday 9th December, 5.30pm start
on the school field

Stalls - Games - Food - Santa - Mini Auction
- Sorry No Eftpos facilities

Gala Goodies

Christmas decorations and cookies, pet rocks, lolly bags, bath bombs, pine tree platters, photo frames, spiders, apple bobbing, tin can nerf gun game, taco boats, talent quest, seedlings, face painting and loads more



Mini Auction Items ...

Christmas Cake
Toy Hamper
Christmas Ham
Beef Eye Fillet ...

Santa arrives at 7pm ~ Lollie scramble ~ Mini Auction to follow

'I am Hope' Gumboot Friday



... \$191 donated ~ 'Thank You'

28th November 2022

Kia ora koutou,

Wow this year has flown by, and I am already near the end of my first year as Principal at Kōrakonui School. Having been born and raised in Te Awamutu, it has been a great pleasure to move back into the area and reconnect many familiar faces from the past. There is nothing better than that feeling of 'being home'.



In 2003 I had the great pleasure of teaching for a term at Kōrakonui School. I remember the community being very passionate about their school, highly engaged in the school and the school being an incredibly happy and fun place to be. This experience nearly 20 years ago left its mark on me, and ever since I had aspired to become the principal of this wonderful school.

It is a great honour I have been given, to lead this fine school, and it is with great pleasure that I have found the same values, engagement and traditions I remembered are still strong at Kōrakonui. With Covid now allowing us to return to 'normal' it has been lovely to welcome our community back into the school and have our friends and family back involved in school events such as our recent Ag Day and school athletics day. With several major events still to come such as our Twilight Gala and Final Assembly, I'm looking forward to meeting and connecting with many more of you.

Our school has experienced a lot of change and uncertainty over the past few years due to Covid and staff changes. I'm pleased to report we've had a very settled school year in 2022. Currently the school roll is 135, spread over six classes. These six separate classes will remain the same next year. For the 2023 school year we have just one staff change. Sadly we say farewell to Whaea Xavia, who is returning to full time study. The board is currently making a new appointment, which we will announce in the very near future.

In September we held our Board Elections. These elections saw Paula Foote, Lance Gower and Tessa Honeyfield complete their terms on the board. Thank you to Paula, Lance and Tessa for all you've contributed over your time on the board. The newly elected board consists of, Jude Stacey (Chair), Gerard Dorszers, Stephanie Brown, Kate MacDonald, Cynthia Port and Lisa Leather (Staff Rep). It is exciting times to be on the board with many exciting projects underway. The new board is highly motivated and proving to be a fantastic team to work with.

With a stable staff and a very supportive school board, 2023 promises to be a highly successful year at Kōrakonui School.

Tom Cochrane, Principal

Staffing for 2023 and Classrooms - We are currently organising our classes for the 2023 school year. A lot of thought and time is spent deciding the makeup of our classes. If you know of anyone who is planning to enrol at Kōrakonui School next year, please encourage them to make contact with us, so we can factor these new students into our planning.

Te Kawa (Year 1) - Mrs Graham - Mangatutu (Year 2 - 3) - Miss Man - Ngahape (Year 3 - 4) - Ms Leather - Mangawhio (Year 4 - 5) - Miss Powell - Wharepūhanga (Year 5 - 6) - Appointment TBC - Bayley (Year 7 - 8) - Mrs Burrows

Term Dates 2023

Term 1 - Thursday 2 February - Thursday 6 April (10 weeks)

Term 2 - Monday 24 April - Friday 30 June (10 weeks)

Term 3 - Monday 17 July - Friday 22 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 - Monday 9 October - Monday 18 December (10 weeks)

Korakonui Swimming Pool Refurbishment

Many of you will have noticed the property work taking place around the school over the past few months. The first project has been a major upgrade and maintenance on our school pool. The pool needed work to improve the filtering system and repairs to fix significant leaking, and this work compliments our existing water heater and our new pool cover, that was installed last year. We have replaced the chlorinator and most of the plumbing and have installed a fibreglass shell, which required some serious concrete cutting and repair work. This has been a major project which has thus far cost approximately \$49,000 with a number of outstanding costs still being incurred.

Thanks to the hard work of Cynthia Port in grant applications, we have received;

\$10,000 from the Glenice & John Gallagher Foundation

\$10,000 from Otorohanga Charitable Trust

\$6,655 from Page Trust

\$8,714 from Trust Waikato

A huge thank you to these organisations



Over the past few weeks we have received some fantastic and generous donations from the wider community, to help cover the cost of the pool refurbishments. To date we have received \$3,800 in donations including some anonymous donations. Thank you to the following families for your generous contributions; Till Family, R Stacey Family, Est. PW Rye.

If you would like to make a donation towards the pool refurbishment, your contribution will be gratefully received. Donations can be made directly into the school bank account. Thank you.

Korakonui School 12-3134-0048900-00 Ref: Pool Donation

We are planning a major fundraiser for March 2023 to help cover some of the remaining costs. We were very fortunate that a group of our farming school Dads were able to construct a temporary weather-proof structure for the pool (that was required for the Fibreglassing process) with some locally milled timber and large tarpaulins. This saved us nearly \$25,000 in funds that would have been needed for the plastic-wrapped scaffolding option that was otherwise required. A huge thank you to Lance Gower who provided the timber for the framing, and to David Keighley, Peter Bigham, Kelvin Port, Sam White, Craig Foote and Gerard Dorszers for all their help constructing the structure - and Sam White and Lance Gower recently deconstructing the 'tent'.. Great job everyone.



The other property project recently completed is the reroofing of the junior block. Whilst not the most glamorous of projects, the old roof was leaking and badly in need of replacement. This is the first of many property projects happening as part of our new Ministry of Education property cycle. Other projects planned for 2023 include;

- an interior upgrade of the junior block
- new carpets throughout most of the school
- a major refurbishment of the senior toilet block
- a new office space for our Learning Support Coordinator

Stock Scheme

In 1992 Malcolm Wakefield and Henk Bouma, Board of Trustees' members, started the stock scheme. Generous community members have given their free time, donated stock and grazing, resulting in significant donations being made to the school. The money raised over the years has gone towards many improvements and upgrades at classroom level - including computers.



Just over a week ago we had our collection of animals donated for the stock scheme. These generous donations are a major fundraiser for our school and support us to provide many great opportunities for our students. Thank you so much to the following donors for their generous support - and to the farmers who are again providing grazing, we are extremely grateful to everyone; Earwaker Family, H Bryant Family, Honeyfield Family, Lupton Family, Andersen Family, G Bryant Family, Chick Family, S Kay Family, Gower Family, McGillivray Family, Southall Family, Boyden Family, Leslie Family, Campbell Family, Foote Family, Stacey Family, White Family, Comins Family, Stewart Family, Fookes Family, Parrott Family, E Kay Family, Rapley Family, Hutchison Family.

Thank you to Lance Gower and to the Stacey whanau for your efforts collecting all the animals and delivering them to the graziers - and Craig and Tayla Foote, helping out with drenching etc on the day. This was a big job and is once again most appreciated.

Lastly thank you to the Honeyfield whanau and Lance Gower for your efforts managing the Stock Scheme in recent times. This is such an important fundraiser for our school, that requires a lot of time and management. Thank you for your efforts. We welcome James and Kirstie Kay into the role as Stock Scheme Coordinators. For anyone wanting information on the Stock Scheme, please contact James (027 460 8891) or Jude Stacey (021 206 5430).

Dates for your calendar

- Junior Lower Waipa Athletics Thursday 1st December
- Yr 7/8 Limestone Coast Kayak Excursion Raglan
- Friday 2nd December
- Senior Formal Tuesday 6th December
- Board of Trustee Meeting Thursday 8th December
- Assembly MPR 2pm Friday 9th December All Welcome
- Twilight Christmas Gala - school grounds 5.30pm 9th Dec
- Year 8 Leavers Dinner - Tuesday 13th December
- **Prize Giving Final Assembly - 1pm Thursday 15th December in the MPR - All Welcome - bus runs as per normal**

Congratulations Jackson (Yr 8) who has had his poem published in this months 'NZ Hunter' magazine!



CHASING DINNER

I rush towards the barks
 I slash my way through the thick supplejack
 I come to a clearing
 I spot the dogs scragging the huge, black, muddy boar from his muddy ears
 The boar sways his big black head from left to right trying to sink his jaw into the dog's shoulder
 The boar squeals at the top of his lungs
 I reach over
 Snatch the boar's muddy back legs
 And flip the beast over
 I whip out my knife from my sheath
 And drive it into his chest
 It squirms from its reflexes
 What a successful hunt!
 WRITTEN BY - JACKSON RUMBAL - AGE 12



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Korakonui Agricultural Day 2022

We had the nicest day for our school Ag Day on 19 October. Our students show cased their lambs, goats and calves to a high standard. Korakonui School was also well represented at Te Awamutu B&G Group Day and Waikato Show levels. All results can be found on our website under 'Agricultural Day'.



Korakonui Community Directory



Kora Care After School Programme

Runs daily term time only 3pm-6pm

In the Multi Purpose Room
Check out our website or contact Office for more details

Business Card Advertising Space

\$70 + GST (Per year - 4 issues)

To reserve your spot -

Contact office@korakonui.school.nz

Phone 07 8722762

**Pool Keys will be available
to our community families
for the summer holiday break**

\$80 per key

Contact the office to reserve your key



RECYCLING STATION @ KORAKONUUI

Located by the Bus Shed at Korakonui School

Bottles - Plastics - Cardboard

Only plastics with No 1 or No 2 are recyclable

PLEASE NOTE: If the recycling bottle bin is full - please
change the bottle bin by entering through the end door.

Thank You for keeping
this area clean



WHAREPUHUNGA Playcentre

SESSION DAYS

Tuesday & Friday mornings - Birth to 6 years old
and
Monday mornings - 4 to 6 years old



743 Wharepunga Road
opposite Korakonui School

Call in or phone
07 872 2540

**FUN, FUN, FUN
FOR EVERYONE**

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Come see us at the 'Twilight Christmas Gala' - our stall will be selling Playdough, Baking and Cookie Mix Jars



Our annual
Book Fair and Book
Character Dress-Up
Day and Parade was
a highlight of
Week 5.

Students also took part
in buddy reading,
sharing stories with a
younger/older child.

Such a fun day!

