



Korakonui School Community Newsletter

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KORAKONUUI SCHOOL


Welcome to our Korakonui Community Newsletter - Term 1 2023


Inside this issue; Welcome, from our Principal Tom Cochrane, Meet Mrs Gera, Community Barbeque, 2022 End of Year Prizegiving Awards and our upcoming major fundraiser in aide of our school swimming pool refurbishment.
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... you are invited to our Korakonui School Fundraiser

Friday 10th March ~ 7pm


‘Beats by BINGO’

	... throw back jams	With DJ Dan	... sing alongs	
Held	in	MPR	School	Hall
FUN		PRIZES		AUCTIONS
	Tickets \$50 pp		BYO refreshments	
	Dress Code Emulate your fav musician!	ADULTS ONLY	Supper Provided	


Your ticket includes 5 rounds of BINGO
Doors open 6.30pm - shows start at 7pm


Join us for a social night of fun
Proceeds to our School Pool Refurbishment Project
Courtesy Van Available At The End Of The Night


Thank you to all our generous sponsors ~ Tickets available from the school






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16th February 2023

Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to everyone in our school community for 2023. We hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. We are excited to welcome our students back to school, and extend a warm welcome to our new families who are joining our school community and a very warm welcome to Mrs Gera who has been appointed as the new teacher for the Wharepuhunga Class.

This term we have many exciting events planned for our students including swimming lessons, swim safety lessons at the Otorohanga pools, our school and inter school swimming sports, the 'Be Right Eat Right' Magic Show, Cricket sessions and of course our exciting classroom programmes, that will focus on developing well rounded, engaged and happy students who are supported to be the best they can be and ready for the exciting challenges and journeys they're heading towards in the future.

Last Monday our school, much like the rest of our wider community, took a beating from Cyclone Gabrielle. We were in comparison to many, lucky and escaped any serious damage, aside from a few torn shade sails and fallen trees/branches. Whilst the cyclone has been a tough experience for many in our wider community, and of course right across the country, it was heartening to see first hand the community spirit that Kōrakonui is known for. I was so pleased to see and hear stories of the way the community came together to help and support each other, clearing trees, repairing damaged property, sharing generators and genuinely checking in to make sure our neighbours were okay. Kōrakonui really is a fantastic community to be a part of. Acts like those seen over the past few days are such important life lessons for our students. Thank you to everyone for all you've done to support those in need this week.

We're looking forward to a fantastic 2023 school year and look forward to sharing our many successes with you.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tom Cochrane
Principal

principal@korakonui.school.nz



Kōrakonui School Community Barbeque

To reconnect with our school community after the summer break, and to welcome all our new families to Kōrakonui School, we've planned a BBQ and a relaxed afternoon of food, fun and games on **Tuesday 21st February**, from 5:00pm - 6:30pm.

We would like to warmly invite our community onsite to join with the staff and students, to mix and mingle and have the opportunity to meet and get to know our staff whilst re-engaging with our school.



Thanks to generous sponsorship and support from Pak'n'Save Te Awamutu and Silver Fern Farms, we have been able to organise free BBQ sausages and bread for all our students, staff and guests. We will also be selling ice blocks for \$1.



We will have games and activities for our students, with the parents highly encouraged to get involved too. We will also have the school pool open. Parents are required to supervise their children whilst in the pool area.

**We look forward to seeing you all at 5pm
on Tuesday 21st February.**

School Pool

Fibre glassing and plumbing refurbishment work on our school pool was completed at the end of last year, just in time to open for over the summer break. It has been fantastic to see so many people making use of this facility. We are also most appreciative of how well looked after and respectful the community has been whilst using the school pool. For anyone who missed out on a pool key over the holidays, these can still be hired from the school office. If you're interested, please contact Faye. Swimming sessions for all classes commenced on Friday 3rd February. Swimming is a core part of our Term 1 school curriculum. Please ensure your children bring their togs and towel every day. If your child is unable to swim, please contact their class teacher to let them know.



New Staff - Welcome Mrs Gera

We have just one staffing change for the 2023 school year. We said farewell to Whaea Xavia at the end of 2022, and we welcome Mrs Ruthie Gera, teacher of Year 5 /6 students in Wharepūhanga Class.



Mrs Gera is an enthusiastic, kind and dedicated teacher. We truly value her skills she brings to Kōrakonui School. She has already made a great impression on our staff and students and it is a pleasure having her involved in our school.

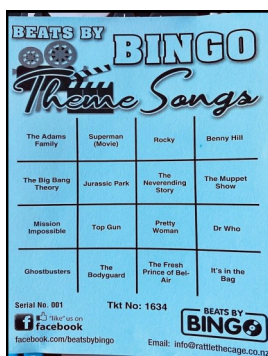
Term Dates 2023

- 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 wks)

Kōrakonui School Fundraiser Beats by Bingo Night

It's Bingo time!

Kōrakonui School is hosting a 'Beats by Bingo' night on Friday 10th March, 2023. Our 'Beats by Bingo' fundraiser is to raise funds to cover our much-needed pool refurbishment. Our pool had severe leaks, damaged plumbing, and an outdated filtering system that didn't meet the standards required for a pool of its size.



Confidence and safety in and around the water is vital for our children. Students at Kōrakonui School swim daily during Term one and four. The pool is a community resource and is open to locals over the summer period, so families can make use of and enjoy this resource, whilst supporting children to continually develop their water confidence and skills. Between the school children and the Kōrakonui community, the pool gets a lot of use!

We have raised \$39,170 so far and called upon our local community to provide labour and resources to cut costs. Our 'Beats by Bingo' fundraiser aims to help us raise some of the remaining \$21,966 needed to cover the cost of the pool refurbishment.

If you would like to make a donation towards the pool refurbishment fundraiser, your contribution will be gratefully received ~ Thank you.

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

'Thank you' to Tarsh and our fundraising team, and the many sponsors supporting this fundraising venture.

Please contact Tarsh Bryant if you would like to contribute in any way.

tarshbryantpm@gmail.com

Dates for your calendar

Friday 17 February - Assembly 2pm MPR All Welcome

Tuesday 21 February - Community BBQ 5pm-6.30pm

Thursday 23 February - Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm

Monday 27 February - 'Be Bright Eat Right' Student show

Monday 6 March ~ Student Puppet show 'The Boy with Wings'

Tuesday 7-8 March - Senior Bush Survival Camp

Thursday 9 March - Swimming Sports Otorohanga Pools

Friday 10 March - Major Fundraiser Beats by Bingo MPR

Mon 13 - Fri 17 March - EPRo8 Year 7/8

Tuesday 14 March - Parent Interviews 1pm-5.30pm

Friday 17 March - Lower Waipa Swimming Interschool

Thursday 30 March - Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30pm

Thursday 6 April - Last day Term 1



Our school makes regular use of our school's Facebook page to advertise/highlight events and activities taking place and to send priority messages with our community. If you haven't visited our page to give it a 'like' and follow, please do so. It is a great way to stay connected and up to date with what's happening at our school.



Korakonui School

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2022 End of Year Prizegiving Awards

Class Awards ~ Academic Excellence -

Grace Rapley, Stella Stacey, Sadie Bryant, Jaxson McFall, Stan Wing, Ava Port.

Academic Effort & Progress - Maggie MacDonald, Georgia Boyden, Lincoln Kirk, Rosie Morgan, Edison Port, Tyreese.

Values - Cooper Hogg, Annabel Brown, Lily McGillivray, Ayla McArthur, Valor Takataka, Benji Allen.

Competency - Paisley Carlton, Maiden Palaganas, Vincent Rennie, Marie Wing, Kendall Campbell, Anthony Whitmarsh

Year 8 Awards

Tennis Trophies - Caitlin Foote ~ Taylor Phillips

Swimming Trophies - Eden Honeyfield ~ Angus Campbell

Athletics Trophies - Brya Comins ~ Jackson Rumbal

Cross Country Trophies - Eden Honeyfield ~ Zac Wing

Smith Family Sports Trophy - Eden Honeyfield/Zac Wing

McNeil Family Trophy (Cultural Leadership) - Honour Takataka

Inwood Award (Speech Competition) - Honour Takataka

Student Council Service Award - Caitlin Foote

Chick Family Trophy - Layla Van Hout

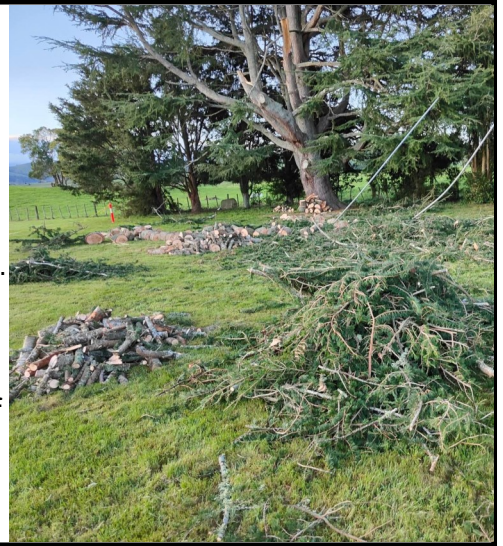
General Excellence Cup - Caitlin Foote

Lethbridge Memorial Dux Trophy - Eden Honeyfield (pictured)



Our school took a bit of a beating on Monday night, with several trees and large branches falling, but otherwise we were in good shape.

Huge thank you to the Dorsers family and Grant Honeyfield for taking care of the debris.



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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



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