



Korakonui School

Community Newsletter

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KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Welcome to our Korakonui Community Newsletter for Term 3, 2023

This term we are looking forward to these annual events:



School Cross Country



Ukulele Lessons



NZ Playhouse Performance



King Country Rippa Rugby



School Cross Country



Sports Camp



Whole School Tabloids



We were delighted to receive funding recently from the **Otorohanga Charitable Trust**. We have used these funds to purchase more chrome books for our middle and senior school classes.

Between our fundraising efforts and this successful grant, we have achieved our goal of having a 1:1 ratio of chrome books to students from Year 3-8. This allows our teachers to provide much improved digital programmes, including running whole class sessions for digital technology.

Thank you so very much to the Otorohanga Charitable Trust for your support.

1 August 2023

Dear Kōrakonui Community,

As I write this term's community newsletter, there is a cold wind blowing and the rain just keeps on falling! I hope this newsletter finds you well, and that for those of you calving, that it is going as well as can be expected during such a wet winter.



This term has started positively and we are thrilled to share our appreciation of the incredible support received for our fundraisers. The Whittaker's Chocolates fundraiser and Oxford Pies fundraisers have been very successful, thanks to your generous contributions. Our successful fundraising efforts have helped us to provide a 1:1 ratio of devices to students in our senior and middle school and significantly improved our ratio of devices in the junior school. This allows our teachers to provide many additional opportunities for our students, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

In other finance news, we have recently had three more successful grant applications. The first from Gallaghers, who have kindly donated funds towards upgrading the security lighting around the school. The work for this is nearly complete and will make a significant difference in improving the lighting throughout the school at night.

The other successful grants were from the Otorohanga District Council who have provided funds for new trestle tables and a new mural to be created. The mural will be created in the coming months. A selection of students will get to work with artist Joe McMenamin to create a Kōrakonui themed mural for our office entry area.



Joe has developed many amazing murals for schools and other community projects throughout the country. This promises to be a very exciting development for our school.

Last term finished with a number of extremely successful events including our Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new families, many of which moved into the district with the farming change over on 1st June. It was fantastic to have friends and family attending to support our new students.

At the end of the term we held our annual speech finals. This was once again a special night, filled with fantastic performances by the students. Every year the quality of these performances just seems to get better and better.

Well done to all the students who took part, and congratulations to Leila Port who won the overall performance of the night, receiving the Inwood Family Trophy.



This term we have many exciting events and activities planned for our students including;

- **Weekly Ukulele Lessons:**

Our students are embracing the world of music as they participate in weekly ukulele lessons. These are opt-in lessons that all students have the opportunity to be involved in.

- **Cross Country Races:** The adrenaline is pumping as our students prepare to showcase their endurance and determination in the upcoming school, and then Lower Waipa, cross country races. We know they will make us proud with their performances.

- **The Treasure Island Show from New Zealand Playhouse:** Get ready for an unforgettable experience as our students delve into the world of adventure and imagination with the Treasure Island Show. It promises to be an absolute delight for all!

- **Whole School Tabloids:** Our senior students are again organising tabloid afternoons filled with fun and friendly competition for our whole school. These events really help to build strong connections across the school and create valuable planning and leadership opportunities for our senior students.

- **Sports Camp at Totara Springs (Year 7 & 8):**

Our senior students will again have the opportunity to show off their sporting skills, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories at the Sports Camp in Totara Springs. This is always a highlight of the year for our Bayley Class students - We can't wait to hear about their adventures!

- **King Country Rippa Rugby Tournament:**

Our school's rugby enthusiasts are excitedly preparing for the King Country Rippa Rugby Tournament. Last year our four teams all competed extremely well and achieved fantastic results, whilst demonstrating excellent sportsmanship. With the training and enthusiasm our students are showing, this year promises to be another successful event.

We continue to receive and appreciate fantastic support from our parents and the wider community. Your support really does make a significant difference to the opportunities we can provide for our students. We look forward to connecting with you and the wider community at our next event, the Kōrakonui School Cross Country. Please come along, cheer the students on and catch up with us over a tasty burger. It will be an excellent opportunity to strengthen our community bonds and share in the achievements of our incredible students.

With warm regards,

Tom Cochrane
Principal

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)

Korakonui Kickstart



Our Before School Programme

The Korakonui Kickstart programme will occur for the 4 weeks leading up to each child's 5th birthday, or entry to school. These sessions run on Friday mornings from 9am-10am and are based within Te Kawa class. This programme is designed to help the children prepare for school, to allow them to build relationships with the teaching staff, and their fellow students, as well as their older peers within Mangatutu class.

If you are interested in your child taking part in this programme, please contact the school office or our Principal, who will be able to give additional information.

**NB: Korakonui School does not have cohort entry
Learners can start from 5 years old.**

Dates for your calendar

Friday 11 August - Oxford Pie Orders Delivered

Thursday 25 August - School Cross Country

28-30 August - Senior Sports Camp

Friday 1 September - Lower Waipa Schools Cross Country

Friday 8 Sept - Ripa Rugby Tournament at Te Kuiti

Thursday 21 Sept - Masterpiece School & Sports Photos

Friday 22 September - Last Day Term 3 - bus runs as normal

Monday 9 October - First Day of Term 4

Wednesday 11 October - Agricultural Day

Wednesday 18 October - Group Day Kihikihi Equestrian Park

Friday 27 October - Waikato Show

Past and present families,

please check your children's wardrobes for Korakonui miniball singlets and kindly return to the office.

Thank You!



Agricultural Day Trophies



Thank you for returning your cleaned trophies to the office

Korakonui School Stock Scheme



Here at Korakonui School, we run a stock scheme as our major fundraising initiative. This money allows us to provide the best possible education for the kids in our community. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who's contributed to our stock scheme. To our donors, graziers, co-ordinators, your support makes a significant difference for the opportunities our students can reach.

How does it work? We ask of our farming families, for a kind donation of a weaned beef calf or grazing for these animals. Alternatively, proceeds from bobby calves or culled animals are welcomed. Donated calves are collected by the Stock Scheme Committee volunteers in November and relocated to grazing, through to maturity.

If you are able to be a part of our successful stock scheme programme, please complete and return our insert found in today's issue.

Lance 021 445853 or Jude 021 2065430

Thank you for supporting Korakonui School

Email: office@korakonui.school.nz

House T-Shirts \$20 available from the school office ready for Cross Country on Friday 25 August

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KORAKONUUI SCHOOL AGRICULTURAL DAY



Wednesday 11th October
Judging starts 10am sharp

Forms out next week for pre-school and school students entries for calf, lamb or goat

The community is most welcome to come down and be apart of our annual day. Grant from Vetora will be on the BBQ, plenty for everyone to purchase lunch.

Huge thank you to Grant and **Vetora Te Awamutu** who kindly sponsor our ribbons for this event.

vetora
Your local vet club



For the 2023 Bobby Calf season, please contact your AFFCO or buyer

AFFCO's Cash for Calves Programme has been a huge success since it launched in 2006. Thank you to our farmers who have taken part in the programme.
For every Bobby Calf supplied AFFCO donates 40 cents to our school ~ thank you for your support.



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Korakonui Community Directory



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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

743 Wharepuhunga Road
opposite Korakonui School


Call in or phone
07 872 2540

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



FUN, FUN, FUN FOR EVERYONE

QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



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