



KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Kōrakonui School Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our Kōrakonui Community Newsletter for Term 1, 2024

GALA 2024

**BBQ sausages - Burgers - Spiders
Baking Stall - Whittaker's Chocolate
Field Games - Face Painting - Swimming**



Kōrakonui School Gala

**We warmly invite our school
and wider community to our**

2024 Twilight Gala
held on

Friday 22nd March from 5pm till 7pm

We are planning a fun event for our students and a great opportunity for our community to come together and connect. We will have loads of great things available for everyone to enjoy including the pool being open, tug o war, games, a BBQ and food stall with burgers, sausage in bread, spiders and chocolates for sale. The Wharepuhunga Playcentre will be holding their traditional baking stall which is always loaded with delicious treats. Please save the date and come along to support this event.

The gala is a great opportunity for the community to come into school and meet our new staff and check out all the building projects we've done over recent months.

A huge thank you to PAK'nSAVE Te Awamutu and Silver Fern Farms for their generous donations of food to support of school gala.

***Please note whānau are required to supervise
their children when using the pool.***

Kōrakonui School Stock Scheme



We were delighted with the continued success of the Stock Scheme in 2023. There has been an annual Fundraiser since 1992. The Stock Scheme provides much needed funds that support the school to provide fantastic opportunities for our students. We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to Lance Gower, who ran the stock scheme with dedication, skill, and enthusiasm over the past few years. Lance's commitment to Kōrakonui School and the Stock Scheme has left a lasting impact on our school.

The success of the Stock Scheme would not have been possible without the generous support of our graziers and donors. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and the pivotal role you play in supporting the school. The funds raised last year were used to cover the remaining cost of the school pool refurbishment and purchase more devices to allow us to reach a 1:1 ratio. For 2024 funds are being used to update furniture throughout the school.

As we look to the future, we are excited to welcome James Kay and Simon Fookes, who will be taking over the responsibilities of the Stock Scheme. Both James and Simon bring a wealth of knowledge and a fresh perspective to the Stock Scheme, and we are confident that under their guidance, the Stock Scheme will continue to flourish.

6 March 2024

Kia ora koutou,
Welcome back to everyone in the Kōrakonui community for 2024. We start this year with 147 students. We hope you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. It is always exciting to welcome our students back to school, hearing about all their great summer adventures and seeing how much they've grown! Our year started with our Mihi Whakatau to welcome our new staff and students to Kōrakonui School. This is always a special event and it was lovely to see more whānau coming along to be a part of this.



This term we have many exciting events planned for our students including swimming lessons, swim safety lessons at the Ōtorohanga pools, our school and inter school swimming sports, the EPro8 engineering/technology competition, the Colour Run, camp for our Year 5-6 students at the Ngāruawāhia Christian Camp, and of course our exciting classroom programmes. Our learning programmes 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.

This term has started extremely well with many exciting initiatives and opportunities available. Thanks to the dedication of our amazing staff and the unwavering support from our wider community, Kōrakonui School continues to be a hub of engaging activities and learning opportunities for our students.

We really appreciate the amazing support we have received from whānau and the wider community for our events thus far. There was a great turn out for the Junior Swimming display last Friday. It was lovely to see extended family coming along and supporting our junior students. Our swim safety sessions in Ōtorohanga also received great support with transport, supervision and assistance in the pool, making these experiences that much more successful.

Over the summer we had a significant amount of property work happening. The exterior of the junior block was repainted, and the interior of Te Kawa and Mangatutu classes repainted. New doors were installed for Lethbridge, Mangatutu and Te Kawa classes and vents were installed into the pool changing shed doors, to improve air flow. A shelter was installed for the Lethbridge class cloak bay area to ensure the students' bags are protected from the weather. New cubby holes were installed for the students of Wharepungua and Mangawhio classes to keep their bags well sheltered, we had a new office built next to Mangatutu class for our Learning Support Coordinator, a new pump shed was built and lastly the senior toilet block was completely remodelled.

It is great to see our school looking so fresh and inviting. We are currently working on an upgrade to our water system which will involve installing a new water tank, replacing old pipes and water lines, upgrading our filtering system and replacing our school bore. Most of this work will happen in the next school holidays, which we hope will cause minimal disruption to the staff and students.

We're looking forward to a fantastic 2024 school year and look forward to sharing our many successes with you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Tom Cochrane

Principal

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Welcome to our new staff members ...



joining Kōrakonui School for 2024, Matua Fraser, Mr Morgan & Mrs Cork

We said farewell to Mrs Burrows at the end of 2023 and have welcomed Matua Fraser as the new teacher in Bayley Class, teaching Year 7 & 8. Matua Fraser is also the Deputy Principal for our Senior School Syndicate. He loves diving, hunting, sport and speaks te reo Māori, plays guitar and is an experienced kapa haka tutor. Matua Fraser has already made a fantastic impact at Kōrakonui School.

Due to our rapidly growing school roll, we have opened a seventh classroom - Lethbridge Class. Mr Lewis Morgan and Ms Amy Knight team teach our Year 4 students in Lethbridge. Mr Morgan is well known already by many in our community, from his role in judging our speech finals over recent years and also as Zebong the Storyteller. As well as being an amazing storyteller, Mr Morgan also loves mountain biking, animals and writing stories. In our junior school we welcome Mrs Heather Cork as the new teacher in Mangatutu Class, teaching Year 1 & 2. Mrs Cork loves animals and art and has a passion for the outdoors. Some of our students will fondly remember Mrs Cork from 2023 when she did a number of days here as a relief teacher.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 – Wednesday 31 January - Friday 12 April (11 weeks)

Term 2 - Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July (10 weeks)

Term 3 - Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 - Monday 14 October - Monday 13 December (9 wks)



Korakonui School

School Leadership Structure

We are thrilled to announce an exciting development within our school community! As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best possible support and resources for our students, we have established senior and junior syndicates, each with dedicated Deputy Principals.



We are pleased to introduce Matua Fraser as Deputy Principal for the senior school syndicate (Year 5-8) and Ms Leather as Deputy Principal for the junior school syndicate (Year 0-4). Both Matua Fraser and Ms Leather



bring a wealth of experience and passion to their new roles, and we are confident in the contributions they will make to our school and community.

For any questions, concerns, or queries you may have, we encourage parents to reach out to your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. Additionally, parents are welcome to contact Matua Fraser or Ms Leather directly.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to the ten students who applied to become student leaders in 2024. These students firstly needed to formally apply in writing for the position - detailing why they would make a great student leader. Secondly, the students needed to prepare and then present a speech at our first assembly for the year. We were incredibly impressed by the quality of applications and dedication shown by each student. Speaking in front of the school and wider community can be challenging, and all of you really represented yourself well. Our student leaders for 2024 are;

Tui House - Kendall Campbell & Stan Wing

Weka House - Gemma Honeyfield & Valor Takataka

Kiwi House - Mia Gall & Samantha Ryan

Bus Monitors 2024

We would also like to extend our congratulations to our newly appointed 2024 bus monitors: **Mia Gall, Dylan, Billy Cotton-Hirama, Briony Morgan, Hayden Williams, Louis Dorssers, and Jaxon Cathro.** We have every confidence that they will excel in their roles and contribute positively to the smooth operation of our school buses.

School Pool

The school pool has been open over the summer break, and 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.

2023 End of Year Prizegiving Awards



Class Awards ~ Academic Excellence -

Iris McArthur, Grace Rapley, Leila Port, Hayden Williams, Edison Port, Stan Wing.

Academic Effort & Progress - Hanna Jonck, Mila Cathro, Beau Leigh, Zara Boyden, Kaia Keighley, Kendall Campbell.

Values - Sophie Brown, Maggie MacDonald, Aria Spicer, Ayla McArthur, Max Watkinson, Samantha Ryan.

Competency - Harrison Boyden, Wyatt Andersen, Stella Stacey, Shane Honeyfield, Marie Wing, Dylan.

House Trophy winners - WEKA

Year 8 Awards

Tennis Trophies - Ava Port ~ Benji Allen

Swimming Trophies - Gemma Honeyfield ~ Stan Wing

Athletics Trophies - Ty - Macy Dorssers

Cross Country Trophies - Ty - Macy Dorssers

Smith Family Sports Trophy - Ty

McNeil Family Trophy (Cultural Leadership) - Benji Allen

Inwood Award (Speech Competition) - Leila Port

Student Council Service Award - Benji Allen

Chick Family Trophy - Ty

General Excellence Cup - Benji Allen

Lethbridge Memorial Dux Trophy - Ava Port



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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


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



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