



Kōrakonui School

Community Newsletter

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KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Welcome to our Kōrakonui Community Newsletter for Term 2, 2024
We would like to share with you our students highlights and experiences so far this term

Oh My What a Maimai ~ Our 2024 Maimai Day was an incredible event filled with fun, teamwork and showcasing the awesome abilities of our students. We had 28 teams competing this year, by far the largest field of competitors we've had, and wow the standard of maimai being made was fantastic!

This year we had amazing sponsorship and support. Thank you to Hunting and Fishing Cambridge, Wright Fishing and Outdoors, and Haddad Menswear for your prize donations. We also had Brandt and NZ Hunter Magazine come onboard to help us run the day and provide fantastic prize donations!

A huge thank you to Robbie Barrowcliffe from Brandt Cambridge and Luke and Samantha Care, from NZ Hunter Magazine for your support. Robbie was fantastic at the BBQ cooking up a storm and provided some awesome prizes for the students as well as donating food for the BBQ. Luke was our judge for the day and also provided some amazing prizes for the students, while Samantha took stunning photos of the day!

Well done to all the students who took part and a huge thank you to all the whānau for your help and support on the day. That was a huge amount of foliage shipped in and out for the day, and we appreciate how much time was spent gathering and supplying these resources for the students.

Our team's maimai were judged on teamwork, following the criteria, how well camouflaged the maimai was, how sturdy it was, how well it could fit the whole team inside, and how creative it was. It was a tough job for Luke to judge as the standard was incredibly high! Congratulations to;

1st Place - Magpies (Cooper Shepherd, Spencer Brown and Harrison Leslie) 2nd Place - Quackers (Harrison Boyden, Luke Leslie, Bentley Bryant and Tide Smith) 3rd Place - Slay Ducks (Georgia Boyden, Olivia Watkinson and Nicola Ravenscroft) Highly Commended - Duck, Duck, Boom (Stan Wing, Max Watkinson and Edison Port).

Lastly a huge thank you to Miss Powell our lead organiser for this event and to all the staff who helped and supported her. This is a fantastic event for our school and we really appreciate all you do to make this happen.

Year 7 & 8 Camp at Camp Adair ~ Bayley class had such an amazing time at Camp Adair earlier this term. We were hot favourites with the camp instructors, being praised for excellent manners, and having kids that actually care about one another. They showed this by helping each other get harnesses on, and encouraged everyone to be their best in every activity. It was a privilege to be on camp with these students.



Winter Champs ~ On Friday 7th June, our senior school attended the Winter Champs Tournament at Ngāhinapōuri School. This tournament brings together the rural schools surrounding Te Awamutu for a day of fun competition in netball, rugby and football. This year's teams again represented Kōrakonui proudly, displaying great sportsmanship and teamwork. Congratulations to all the students who took part and our teams who reached quarter and semi finals level. A huge thank you to all the staff, parents and caregivers who supported us with transport, supervision and coaching, and special thanks to Te Awamutu College and their four Year 12 students who acted as referees for the day - your support is most appreciated!



Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser 2024

This Fun Box contains 45 bars of the best sellers from the Cadbury 35g-60g Range! At \$2 these make selling easy with just one coin required! Our annual chocolate fundraiser is strongly supported by our community. This year we are fundraising to subsidise camps and class trips. Please call in to the office to collect your 'Fun Box'.



18 June 2024

Dear Kōrakonui Community,

As we approach the end of another action packed term, we are thrilled to reflect on the many exciting events that have brought our community together and enriched our students' learning experiences.

Our term kicked off with an engaging visit from Life Education in week one, where our tamariki learned valuable lessons about health and well-being. Following closely was Bayley Class embarking on an adventurous journey to Camp Adair in week two, where they built resilience and camaraderie through various outdoor activities.

Over recent weeks we've celebrated Pink Shirt day, held our annual 'Oh My What a Maimai' competition, had students compete to a high standard at the interschool EPro8 competition and took part in the Winter Champs Tournament at Ngahinapouri School, where our students competed in rugby, football and netball.

At every event our students have impressed us with their team spirit, resilience and enthusiasm to take on opportunities and challenges. It has been an absolute pleasure to see the students making the most of the great opportunities our school and wider community provide, and lovely to reflect on what a rich learning programme we provide here at Kōrakonui School. If you haven't already, go over to our school's Facebook page and give it a 'Like' to follow us and keep up to date with all the amazing things happening in our special part of the world.

As we look ahead, we are eagerly anticipating our Matariki Celebration on Thursday 27th June. We warmly invite all our whānau to join us in this special event, celebrating the Māori New Year with a host of activities and shared kai.

Our annual Speech Finals Evening is on Tuesday 25th June in the MPR. This is always a great night and the standard of our speeches is always excellent. We are eagerly looking forward to once again seeing students from all age groups taking part and developing their confidence and ability to speak in public.

Thank you to everyone in our wider community for your continued support and involvement. For those of you able to make it, we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Matariki Celebration.

Warm regards,
Tom Cochrane,
Principal

Matariki 2024



Welcome to New Staff



Due to continued roll growth we employed a new learning assistant earlier this term. A very warm Kōrakonui welcome to Niki Rennie, who is working in our middle school as a learning assistant to support students with their learning.

Niki has already made a great impact at our kura as a kind and patient team member. Niki we are lucky to have yet another awesome person joining our team!



Korakonui School

John Parsons

On Wednesday 5th June we were privileged to host John Parsons, who conducted Internet safety sessions for our students, staff, and parents. These sessions were once again extremely informative and well worthwhile. John shared many key messages and provided excellent advice on not only keeping ourselves and our children safe online but also on building good habits and behaviours around technology use. These practices are essential for setting us up for successful lives in today's digital world. We trust that all parents who attended the evening session found it invaluable.

John Parsons

Cyber Safety and Risk
Assessment Consultant

John works with education, health and private sectors, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology.

John is a published author of "Keeping Your Children Safe Online" and a social commentator who works throughout New Zealand and Internationally.

"Empathy is a gift children share between themselves every day, so when we see it we should acknowledge it, and when possible, reward it" — John Parsons



Pink Shirt Day

On Friday 17th May we celebrated Pink Shirt Day - a day to celebrate diversity and promote kindness and inclusion. As well as the usual anti bullying discussions and activities, Lethbridge Class



made Pink Shirt Cupcakes! The sea of pink shirts worn by students and staff alike was fantastic and a testament to our commitment to having a bully free and inclusive school environment. Check out our school's Facebook page for photos of our day.

Ukulele

This term Matua Fraser has been teaching senior students how to play the ukulele.

It has been awesome to see the students' enthusiasm for this great opportunity.

We've had so much interest we've even had to purchase more ukuleles!



House Points

As we approach the halfway mark for the 2024 school year, our House Points competition is still a tight race. With the points from swimming sports, Winter Champs, Maimai Day and our values awards all included.

Congratulations to Weka House who led with a fantastic 465 points!

Current House Points Standings



Tui 427



Kiwi 414



Weka 465



Dates for your calendar

Friday 21 June - Assembly 2pm MPR - All Welcome

Tuesday 25 June - Speech Finals 6pm MPR - All Welcome

Thursday 4 July - BoT Meeting 5.30pm - All Welcome

Friday 5 July - Assembly 2pm MPR - All Welcome

Friday 5 July - Last Day Term 2 - bus runs as normal

Monday 22 July - Term 3 starts

OXFORD PIES Fundraiser - order forms home 1st July

This popular annual fundraiser is available to everyone in our wider community. Orders and payment are due by Wednesday 31 July - delivery of goods here on Thursday 8th August.

We so appreciate your support with this fundraising venture.

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.

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



Kōrakonui School Stock Scheme

Here at Kōrakonui 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 donators, 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 contact our stock scheme co-ordinators.

James Kay or Simon Fookes

Thank you for supporting Kōrakonui School

Email: stockscheme@korakonui.school.nz

Community Notices

Please be aware of an upcoming road closure that may affect our community. The Ōtorohanga District Council will be upgrading the bridge deck on Lethbridge Road, necessitating a road closure. This may impact parents and our bus route. The work is scheduled to start in late June, with the closure in place in early July, weather permitting. Updates will be available on the Ōtorohanga District Council's Facebook page and website.

We will share more information as we receive it.

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For the 2024 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.

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 - Wed 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 - Friday 13 December (9 wks)

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Public Access Defibrillator
located on outside wall at
Whakamaramara Marae
655 Wharepuhunga Road
(town side of Korakonui School)
'Caring for our community'



RECYCLING STATION @ KORAKONU
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



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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



Wharepuhunga Playcentre