



Kōrakonui School

Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our Kōrakonui Community Newsletter for Term 3, 2024

Fun times for our students participating in our annual events



Student vs Staff Netball



Tough Guy Gal Mud Run



Sports Camp



King Country Rippa Rugby



School Cross Country



Cross Country warm-ups



Inter School Cross Country



Daffodil Day



Ruben the Road Safety Bear

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17 September 2024

Dear Kōrakonui Community,

Earlier in the term, we received the sad news of the passing of King Tūheitia. His passing is a moment of deep sorrow for all those connected to Te Kingitanga and will be felt across Aotearoa. We extend our thoughts and sympathies to his family, in particular his wife Makau Ariki and their children. King Tūheitia's legacy of advancing the causes of Waikato-Tainui and Māori across New Zealand will be remembered for generations. As the only daughter and youngest child of King Tūheitia, Kuini Nga Wai hono i te pō becomes the eighth monarch of the Kingitanga, continuing the direct line to the first Māori King. We express our support for the new Māori queen as she continues her father's legacy of kotahitanga - bringing people together.

This term has been full of excitement, achievements, and community spirit! We've seen our school come together for a range of wonderful events, starting with the Oxford Pies Fundraiser, where we sold over \$9,000 of product. The funds raised have helped to subsidise school camps and trips, providing more opportunities for our students. A special thank you to everyone who supported the fundraiser, particularly Niki Rennie, Jude Stacey, and Mariesja Carling who helped with processing and packing the orders.

Our students were treated to a fantastic performance by the NZ Playhouse with their production of *The Reluctant Dragon*. This fun and heart warming show had students reflecting on important themes like friendship and kindness, all wrapped up in a hilarious storyline. We look forward to welcoming them back in 2025 for another great show.



The Totara Springs Sports Camp was a highlight for our senior students, offering three days of competition and teamwork. A huge thank you to Matua Fraser for organising the camp and to Mrs. Phillips, Tessa Honeyfield, Jacqui Ryan, Tom Wing, and Gerard Dorssers for their invaluable support on camp. These events wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and we're incredibly grateful.

We celebrated a successful day of competition during our school cross country on Friday, 23rd August. A huge thank you to Lenny Kay for generously allowing us to use his property, to the parents who volunteered as marshals, to Miss Powell for her fantastic organisation of the event, and to all the staff and parents for their support. It was inspiring to see all our students pushing their limits and showing true determination.

Congratulations to **Stan Wing** and **Gemma Honeyfield** who received the Champion Girl and Champion Boy Trophies.



A few weeks ago our Bayley Class students took on the challenge of the Tough Guy / Gal Mud Run at Lakes Ranch in Rotorua. The event not only tested their endurance and resilience, but was awesome fun! A huge thank you to all the whānau who provided transport and came along to support the students.

Our junior students recently had a delightful time learning essential road rules and safety tips with Ruben the Road Safety Bear. The sessions were not only educational but also a lot of fun for our young learners.

In the classroom, our teachers have been hard at work on professional development to improve literacy across all year levels. Our junior classes have begun using the Best Start Structured Literacy Approach (BSLA), and the early results are promising. In the senior school, the RT3T reading approach is helping students engage more deeply with texts. We're excited to see how these initiatives will benefit our students' learning and growth in the long term.

Last week our students competed in the Waipa Netball Tournament achieving excellent results. It was so pleasing to see so many students proudly representing our school. Congratulations to our Year 3-4 team who won their division.



On Friday 20th September, our kura takes part in the Te Taitūperepere Kapa Haka Festival, held at the Te Awamutu Events Centre. A huge thank you to Matua Fraser, Mrs Cork and their parent helpers for all the work you've put into preparing our students for this event - we can't wait to see them perform.

Still to come this term we are also looking forward to our upcoming Sailability Day at Lake Ngaroto, Lethbridge Class's overnight camp at Mt. Pirongia, and Bayley Class's rock climbing trip in Ōtorohanga.

Next term starts with our annual Agricultural Day. We warmly invite you all to come along and show your support for our students as they compete in this most traditional of rural events.

Thank you once again to our dedicated staff, volunteers, and wider community for all your support in providing these incredible opportunities for our students. Kōrakonui School is a vibrant and thriving place because of the commitment and care shown by everyone involved.

With warm regards,
Tom Cochrane,
Principal

Term Dates 2024

Term 1 - Thursday 1 February - 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)



Kōrakonui School Agricultural Day

Wednesday 16 October

Judging starts 10am sharp

Entry forms for calf, lamb or goats are due back Wed 18 Sept

Our community is most welcome to come join us and be apart of our annual day. We have Coffee N Que onsite and Wharepuhunga Playcentre supporting our day with the yummiest items to purchase for morning tea.



Grant from Vetora will be on the BBQ, plenty for everyone to purchase lunch.

*A huge thank you to **Vetora Waikato** who kindly sponsor our ribbons for this event.*

Dates for your calendar

Wednesday 18 September - Ag Day entry forms due back

Thursday 19-20 September - Lethbridge class camp Pirongia

Friday 20 September - Kapa Haka Performance at the Te Awamutu Events Centre

Tuesday 24 September - Tech for Yr 7/8 students

Wednesday 25 Sept - Masterpiece School & Sports Photos

Friday 27 September - Bayley class Rock Climbing
- Assembly MPR 2pm. All welcome.
- Last Day Term 3 - bus runs as normal

Monday 14 October- First Day of Term 4

Wednesday 16 October - Kōrakonui Agricultural Day

Wednesday 23 October - Group Day Kihikihi Equestrian Park

Monday 28 October - Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 1 November - Waikato Show, Claudlands, Hamilton

Korakonui Kickstart



Our Before School Programme

The Kōrakonui 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.**

29th Te Awamutu Altrusa Home and Garden Ramble

Sunday 3rd November 2024
9.30 am ~ 4.00 pm

Tickets \$30, available from 1 October



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Kōrakonui School Stock Scheme



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. This money allows us to provide the best possible education for the kids in our community.

Stock Scheme 2024/25 - Thank you in advance, to those who have reserved and are rearing a beef calf donation at present. One of our team will be contacting you over the next few weeks, to confirm and then plan a pick up for early November. If you are new to our area and would like to donate to our school stock scheme or could offer grazing, please contact James or Simon.

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 027 4608891 or Simon Fookes

Email: stockscheme@korakonui.school.nz ~ **Thank you for supporting Kōrakonui School**

Kōrakonui Community Directory

Operation Southern Land

Meet your local Police & Neighbours

Share your local concerns. Need some advice?
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Monday 23rd Sept

10am - 12pm Rosenvale, 363 Parklands Rd, Puhue
12.30pm-2.30pm Pukeatua School, Arapuni Rd

Tuesday 24th Sept

10am- 12pm Wharepapa Sth Hall, Wharepapa Sth
12.30pm -2.30pm Arohena Hall, Arohena

Wednesday 25th Sept

10am -12pm Korokonui School, Wharepuhunga Rd
12.30-2.30 Mahihi, Kio Kio Sports Club



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Hi Everyone - Excited to invite you all to a venue that is near you for Operation Southern Land. We will have the Police, the rural team and others such as Civil Defence and Rural Support, join us for a visit around the rural communities. We want to make sure we know what is going on in your neighbourhoods. Do you need any help or advice about something? There is no set speaker times, just come along when you can and take 5! A good opportunity to meet Police that work in your area and meet your neighbours off farm. Hopefully we have placed enough locations over the 3 days that you can make it to one of the events. AFFCO is kindly lending me their BBQ trailer so I will be supplying you Brunch or Lunch depending on what time you come along. Always keen for any BBQ kings to have a go and join in too. We will be at each venue for 2 hours then move on to the next location.

Kind Regards Mandy Merson, Community Safety Officer



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