



KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Korakonui School

Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our Korakonui Community Newsletter for Term 4, 2024

Our highlights so far this term ...



Winners of the Group Day 'Shield' for Team of 3 Leading:
Gemma Honeyfield, Kayla Cole-Baker, Evie Milne



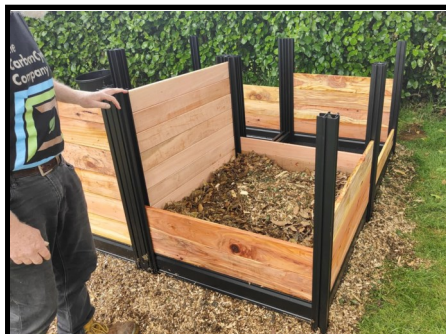
Book Character Day & Kiwi House Visit



Christmas Tree Trail 2024
Destined for Main Street Te Awamutu



2024 Athletics Champions Sam Ryan & Stan Wing
Junior Athletics at Ngahinapouri



Rabo Community Fund

Our kura has taken a significant leap towards sustainability with the launch of an innovative composting system. Students played a vital role in its construction, gaining hands-on experience.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Rabo Community Fund, Otorohanga Charitable Trust and Otorohanga District Council Community Grants Fund for making this dream turn in to reality. Thank you to the team at The Carbon Company for the installation



OTOROHANGA
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Community Grants Fund



3 December 2024

Dear Kōrakonui Community,

As I write this piece for the newsletter, it's hard to believe we are already in December - the year has truly flown by! Reflecting on the 2024 school year, it has been an incredible journey for our school community.



Kōrakonui School has continued to thrive, welcoming 29 new families and five new staff members into our growing whānau.

This term, in particular, has been packed with exciting events, exceptional learning experiences, and countless achievements. From the classrooms to the sports fields and beyond, our students have shone brightly. Here are just a few highlights from what has been a remarkable term:

Ag Day: With 70 animals participating, this was our largest Ag Day in years. The atmosphere was electric, and it was heart-warming to see so many extended family members join the celebrations. Hosting Group Day was another highlight, where Kōrakonui School excelled in individual events and proudly won both the team of three for lambs and calves.

Athletics: Our students showcased their athletic talents at both the school and Lower Waipa Athletics Days. The results were outstanding, but even more impressive was the sportsmanship, effort, and exemplary behaviour our students displayed throughout.

Scholastic Book Fair: In Week 5, our annual book fair exceeded expectations, raising significant funds for our classroom libraries. The highlight was, of course, Book Character Day, where our students and their whānau created stunning costumes for the parade - a true celebration of creativity and community spirit.

Class Trips: Our junior students represented us at the Lower Waipa Junior Athletics Day, and our Year 2-3 classes enjoyed an exciting trip to the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House. This week, our Year 5-6 students are heading to Ninja Valley and Water World, while our Year 1 students will visit the Hamilton Zoo. These trips have offered incredible learning experiences and plenty of fun along the way.

Upcoming Events: The Year 7-8 Senior Formal on December 4th is set to be a fantastic evening, followed by the Kōrakonui School Tennis Tournament next week, where our senior students will compete for the coveted tennis cups.

We will finish the year on a high note with our end-of-year prize giving assembly on Friday, December 13th. This special event will feature student performances and the presentation of our end-of-year awards—a fitting way to celebrate the achievements of 2024. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this celebration.

Thank you to our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families for making this year so memorable. Your commitment, enthusiasm, and community spirit are what make Kōrakonui School such a special place.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2025 for another fantastic year!

Warm Regards,
Tom Cochrane, Principal

2025 Classes and Staffing

We are pleased to announce that all our current staff are returning for the 2025 school year with the following classes;

Bayley Class (Year 7-8) Matua Fraser
Wharepuhunga Class (Year 5-6) Mrs Gera
Mangawhio Class (Year 5-6) Miss Powell
Lethbridge Class (Year 3-4) Mr Morgan & Miss Knight
Ngahape Class (Year 2-3) Ms Leather
Mangatutu Class (Year 1-2) Mrs Cork
Te Kawa Class (Year 1) Mrs Graham

Mrs Phillips and Miss Knight will continue to provide classroom release time for our teachers across the school. Our awesome support staff are all back again next year, continuing with their roles;

Faye Ashmore - Office Manager
J.P Dainty - Caretaker
Kaitlyn Baker - After School Care
Bree Beattie - Learning Assistant
Vangie Calingacion - Learning Assistant
Jo Harty - Learning Assistant
Niki Rennie - Learning Assistant
Lizelle Buckley - Learning Assistant

Te Awamutu Rotary Club Essay Competition



Earlier this term, Billy achieved an incredible milestone by winning the **11 Year Plus category** in the prestigious Rotary Club Essay Competition! Billy's talent as a writer has truly shone through - not only in this competition but also in his outstanding speeches over the years, which have captivated and inspired us all.

This award is a well-deserved recognition of Billy's creativity, dedication, and remarkable skill with words. What a fantastic achievement, Billy - your Kōrakonui School whānau is so proud of you! Keep reaching for the stars! Scan the QR code to enjoy his Writing!



Thanks to the incredible generosity of our local farmers, we are thrilled to announce that we've raised an amazing **\$1,000** through Fern Fuels! This funding has allowed us to order not one but **TWO brand-new pickleball sets** for our students to enjoy next year.

These fantastic additions to our playground activities will offer endless fun while helping our students sharpen their racket skills at an early age. Who knows? We might just be nurturing the tennis champions of tomorrow, ready to shine in future tournaments!

A **massive thank you** to all the farmers who supported this venture: **BK & SC Lawry, Faraway Farms Ltd, HB Farms Ltd, Hillside Farm Trust, J & K Partnership, LE Operative Ltd, NG & BD Simmons, Richmond Downs Ltd, Riddings Farm Ltd.**

You've made such a positive impact on our school community, and we couldn't be more grateful! Here's to more active, fun-filled lunchtimes and budding athletes in the making!



Stock Scheme 2024

Thank you to this year's generous donors and supporters.

We had a hugely successful collection of weaned beef calves on Thursday 14th November. Thank you to James Kay, Simon Fookes, Michael Kay, Ronnie Bird and Chris and Jude Stacey for helping with the pick up, tagging and delivery of the calves.

'Thank You' to our generous donors; K Vossen/J Munce, D & N McGillivray, D Earwaker Family, Lupton/Milne Family, C & J Stacey, G & T Bryant, G & T Honeyfield, G & R Campbell, C & A Watkinson, K & H Southall, R & R Boyden, B & J Chick, C & P Foote.

'Thank You' to our graziers for your continued support; M & R, & S Clements-Stewart, M & O Kay, S & A Kay, S & A Fookes, T & L Fookes, D & H Parrott, S & C White, L & M Gower, W & R Rapley and the Comins Family.

The ongoing Korakonui Community support for this wonderful fundraising initiative is so appreciative.

Our Korakonui branded stock scheme calf tags were kindly donated by Z Tags 'thank you'



Agricultural Day 2024

Congratulations to all the students who took part in Ag Day, Group Day and Waikato Show 2024. The dedication and effort you put into raising and preparing your animals for the day is a real credit to all of you. This annual rural tradition is always well supported by our community and sponsors. We thank our sponsors for their continued support, you play a major part in bringing our community together.

Our major sponsor **vetora** (thank you Grant), VE Vets, Greenlea Meats, Fern Fuels, Silver Fern Farms, Farm Source, Open Country Dairy, G & T Honeyfield, E & F Kay, C & J Stacey, FMG, LIC, Figure8 Fencing, Hoops & Scoops, Dairy NZ, Mitre10 Mega, Kelly Andrews Veterinary Services, Farmlands, VetEnt, Stewart & Cavalier.

As always, there are so many of our people behind the scenes who bring this day together 'Thank you all'.

The results for our Ag Day and Group Day are on our school website - www.korakonui.school.nz

School Community Pool Keys



Once the weather settles, we hope to be swimming in our beautiful refurbished pool before the end of this term! Pool keys are available to our community from this week - \$80 for the summer season, with a \$10 refund when the key is returned at the end of the season. Please reserve your key by contacting Faye: office@korakonui.school.nz



Final Assembly & Prizegiving 2024

Our school year ends on **Friday 13th December**, with our end of year assembly. The assembly starts at 1pm and goes through to until the end of the day at 2:50pm. This is a fantastic event, where we celebrate the achievements of our students, perform songs and farewell our Year 8 leavers. Friends and whanau are warmly invited to attend.

Buses will run at the normal times

Dates for your Calendar

Wednesday 4 December - Year 5 & 6 Day Trip

Wednesday 4 December - Year 7/8 Senior Formal - 6pm-8.30pm

Thursday 5 December - Te Kawa Class Zoo Trip

Thursday 5 December - School Disco post Senior Formal

Thursday 5 December - BOT Meeting 5.30pm - All Welcome

Friday 6 December - Assembly 2pm MPR

Wednesday 11 December - Year 8 Dinner

Friday 13 December - Final Assembly Prizegiving - 1pm - MPR

Friday 13 December - Last day of Term 4 - buses run at normal times

Term Dates 2025 *Plus Public Holidays During Term Time*

Term 1 Friday 31 January - Yr 7/8 Students Only Leadership Day

Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April (11 weeks)

Public Holidays: Thursday 6 February Waitangi Day

Term 2 Monday 28 April - Friday 27 June (9 weeks)

Public Holidays: Monday 2 June King's Birthday

Friday 20 June Matariki

Term 3 Monday 14 July - Friday 19 September (10 weeks)

Term 4 Monday 6 October - Monday 12 December (10 weeks)

Have a lovely Christmas and a wonderful break

Kōrakonui Community Directory

FESTIVE FUN & PHOTOS

SANTA'S GROTTO

DECEMBER 7TH

12.30 DIRECTLY AFTER THE CHRISTMAS PARADE


**360 RICKIT ROAD
TE AWAMUTU**

SANTA PHOTOS \$5
BOUNCY CASTLE \$2

**PROFESSIONAL
FAMILY PHOTOS
\$20 DIGITAL IMAGE
*LIMITED SPOTS***

**FAMILY PHOTOS
FOOD & DRINK**

COME ALONG, MEET AND SNAP A PIC WITH SANTA, UPDATE THE FAMILY PHOTOS BY BOOKING A PROFESSIONAL SESSION OR BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE WITH OUR BACK DROP. ENJOY SOME FAMILY FUN ACTIVITIES AND TASTY FOOD

 **RECYCLING STATION @ KORAKONUUI**
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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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



Wharepunga Playcentre