



Kōrakonui School

Community Newsletter

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KORAKONUI SCHOOL

Welcome to our Kōrakonui Community Newsletter for Term 2, 2025

OH MY WHAT A MAIMAI!

THE COMPETITION IS ON FOR YEAR 3 - YEAR 8!

GATHER A TEAM OF 3 AND BUILD YOUR MOST ELABORATE MAIMAI OUT OF UPCYCLED MATERIALS.

MAY 30

SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON

BUILDING: 11.30AM - 12.30PM

EXTRA COMPS:

\$2 ENTRY FOR DUCK CALLING

\$2 ENTRY FOR DUCK SHOOTING

BURGERS, SAUSAGES, CHOCOLATE MILK & ICE BLOCKS WILL BE FOR SALE.

WE WELCOME OUR COMMUNITY TO COME JOIN THE FUN!



On Friday 30th May
we will be holding
our annual
'Oh My What A Maimai' comp!



This day acknowledges the Game Bird Hunting season and supports safe and ethical hunting practices in a fun and competitive way.

Teams of 3, have one hour to build the most creative and/or elaborate Maimai, to be judged by Hunting & Fishing Cambridge. Try your hand at Rakiraki Range for 'duck shooting' and this year promises to be even more fun with the addition of our duck calling competition!

So come on down and join the fun this brings to so many! Maimai construction starts at 11.30am with judging at 12.30pm. We will be selling sausages, burgers, chocolate milk and ice blocks for all students/whānau on the day.

We also have a raffle filled with hunting goods. Tickets \$2 - (3 draws). Raffles will be drawn on the day.

Thank you in advance to our wonderful whānau for helping make this event a success once again.

A big thank you to our generous Maimai Day sponsors:

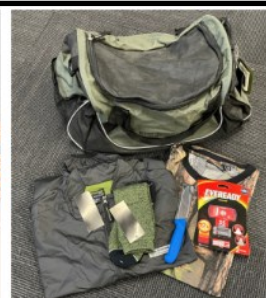
Brandt, the Stacey Family, Sika Show, School Kit, BT Meats, Haddad, Farm Source, Fish & Game Magazine, Doe & Co, Southall Digger Works, Greenlea, Wright Fishing & Outdoors Te Awamutu, & Hunting & Fishing Cambridge.

We appreciate your support!

Whanau Raffle Draw 1

Double pass to the Sika Show, cap, lunch bag, shotgun shell belt, kids beanies, duck caller, adult socks, women's shirt, women's farm track pants, stubby cooler, coffee cup, \$25 Doe & Co voucher, thermos, 2 x junior socks, weekender bag including a victory knife, windproof jacket, camo shirt, headlamp & adult socks

Thank you Wright Fishing & Outdoors Te Awamutu, Haddad Menswear Otorohanga, Farm Source Te Awamutu, Sika Show, James from BT Meats & Doe & Co for donating prizes. (Draws 2 & 3 over page)



27 May 2025

Dear Kōrakonui Community,

It's hard to believe we're already halfway through the term – time certainly flies when you're busy learning and having fun!

We wrapped up Term 1 on a high, with plenty to celebrate across our school.

At the Fred Amess Soccer Tournament, our students showed incredible skill and determination. We had three teams make it to the quarter-finals, two progress to the semi-finals, and one



of our girls' teams went all the way to win the final and take home the Shield – *ka mau te wehi!* A huge thank you to the whānau who supported us on the day, especially those who stayed through the wet weather to cheer on our teams. Your support means a lot to us.

Our Year 8 students enjoyed an unforgettable Bush Camp experience, right here in the beautiful Ngaroma Valley. By localising the camp this year, we were able to showcase the stunning environment we have on our doorstep. Special thanks to our local farmers, hunters, and the Te Awamutu Deerstalkers who helped make this camp possible.



In other events, our EPro8 teams demonstrated fantastic engineering and problem-solving skills at the inter-school competition. While we didn't come away with prizes this year, our students showed impressive teamwork and creativity throughout – well done to all involved!

Over the holidays, refurbishment work was completed on our old Ngahape classroom, giving it a fresh new look. While Ngahape students have decided to remain in their beloved poolside space, the Lethbridge class has now moved into the beautifully refurbished classroom and are settling in well.

Term Dates 2025

Term 1 – Monday 3 February - Friday 11 April (11 weeks)

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

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

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



Term 2 began with a visit from Harold and Abby from the Life Education Trust. These sessions are always a highlight for our tamariki, offering engaging and important lessons around human biology, teamwork, and puberty. We are always grateful for this wonderful learning opportunity.

On Friday 9th May, our middle and senior students visited Whakamarama Marae. A heartfelt thank you to Matua Fraser for organising this special experience, and to all the staff and whānau who supported the day. Our students represented Kōrakonui with pride, showing respect, strong engagement, and beautiful singing. We are deeply thankful to mana whenua for the warm welcome and the sharing of knowledge that helps deepen our connection to this place and its people.

This term we are also excited to have launched our **Garden to Table** programme, led by Mrs Gera. Year 6 students were the first to take part, and it's been fantastic to see them getting hands-on experience in gardening, hygiene, and cooking. Thank you to all the staff and community members who have supported this valuable initiative – it's off to a wonderful start.

Another Term 2 highlight was our **Digi-Challenge Expo** held on Wednesday 14th May. Our students have been working hard over the past few months on digital technology and photography projects, and the results were impressive! Thank you to everyone who came along to view the exhibits – your support made the event a great success and gave our students a real sense of pride in their work.

Looking ahead, we're excited for our **Annual Speech Finals Evening** on **Tuesday 17th June** in the MPR. This is always a special night, with students from across the school showcasing their public speaking skills. We encourage whānau and community members to come along and enjoy the evening with us.

Later in the term, we will come together to celebrate **Matariki** with a community event on **Wednesday 18th June**. Last year's celebration was a beautiful day of connection, and we warmly invite you all to join us again this year for another memorable occasion.

And finally – one of our favourite events is just around the corner: **Maimai Day!** Taking place on **Friday 30th May**, this much-loved day brings students, whānau, and staff together for maimai building, games, laughter, and some seriously impressive duck calling. This year we're introducing a new **duck calling competition**, and we can't wait to see – and hear – the talent on display!

Thank you for being such an important part of our Kōrakonui whānau. Your support, time, and enthusiasm help make our school the special place it is.

Warm regards,
Tom Cochrane,
Principal



Korakonui Kickstart



Our Before School Programme

The Korakonui Kickstart programme will occur for the 3 weeks leading up to each child's 5th birthday, or entry to school. These sessions run on Friday mornings between 9am-11.30am 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.

House Points

As we approach the halfway mark for the 2025 school year, our House Points competition is a tight race. With the points from swimming sports and values awards included.

Congratulations to Tui House who led with a fantastic 353 points!

Current House Points Standings



Tui 353



Kiwi 339



Weka 333



Dates for your calendar

Friday 30 May - Maimai Day

Monday 2 June - King's Birthday - Public Holiday

Thursday 5 June - Assembly 2pm MPR - All Welcome

Friday 6 June - Winter Champs - Ngahinapouri

Friday 13 June - Fielday's Friday - Teacher Only Day

Friday 20 June - Matariki - Public Holiday

Friday 27 June - Last Day Term 2

Monday 14 July - Term 3 starts



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 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 contact our stock scheme co-ordinator.

James Kay 027 4608891

Thank you for supporting Kōrakonui School

Email: stockscheme@korakonui.school.nz



For the 2025 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.



If you are leaving the district at this time, or likewise, if you know of new families with primary school aged children moving into our area, please contact the school office to pre-enrol.

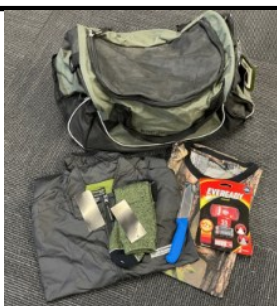
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Whanau Raffle Draw 2

'Weekender Bag & goodies'

Sponsored by
BT Meats



Whanau Raffle Draw 3

'Good with Nestle Box'

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School Kit



Korakonui Community Directory



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AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

Public Access Defibrillator

located on outside wall at
Whakamaramara Marae
655 Wharepuhunga Road
(town side of Korakonui School)

'Caring for our community'

ON SITE



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



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



Wharepuhunga Playcentre