



**KORAKONUI SCHOOL**

# Korakonui School

## Community Newsletter

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Welcome to our Korakonui Community Newsletter for Term 4, 2025

Our highlights this term ...



**2025 Athletics Champions**  
Hunter McGillivray & Jean Palaganas



**Christmas Tree**  
**Trail 2025**

Destined for Main Street  
Te Awamutu



Mr Morgan, Zebong, Teller of Tales' gave us a leaving gift. He bought a special pirate show just for us with his friend, Zebong, Teller of Tales'. He wasn't short of volunteers either, all the best Mr Morgan, you will be missed !



**2025 Boys Tennis Champion**  
Maxi Custodio  
Runner Up: Louis Dorssers



**2025 Girls Tennis Champion**  
Lily McGillivray  
Runner Up: Kaia Keighley



**8 December 2025**

Dear Kōrakonui Community,

As we reach the end of 2025, it is a pleasure to reflect on what has been an exceptional year for Kōrakonui School. This year has been one to remember, marked by memorable events, new staff and whānau joining our community, and a wide range of rich learning experiences that have seen our kura continue to thrive and move from strength to strength.



Term 4 is always a busy and exciting end to the school year, and 2025 has been no exception. Our Ag Day was bigger than ever, with incredible support from new and long-standing whānau, generous sponsorship, and the introduction of a new combined Super Cluster for Group Day. It was wonderful to see so many smiling tamariki enjoying one of our most valued and traditional rural celebrations.

Our school and cluster Athletics days were both highly successful. Students produced excellent results, and even more impressive was the outstanding sportsmanship and support they showed one another throughout both events. Our annual Book Fair was another highlight, raising a record amount of funds to further strengthen our classroom libraries. Book Character Day once again stole the show, with students arriving in an amazing array of creative costumes. Thank you to all the families who put so much effort into bringing these characters to life.

This term also saw outstanding camp experiences for our tamariki. Our Year 7–8 students enjoyed an action-packed camp in Wellington, while our Year 3–4 students experienced an unforgettable overnight adventure at Mt Pirongia Forest Park Lodge. These events are highlights of the school year and are only possible through the incredible support of our community—fundraising efforts, the Stock Scheme, and the parents who give their time to join us on camp all ensure that these opportunities are possible and memorable.

Across the school, class trips have continued to provide exciting hands-on learning experiences. Again, the support of our community—both financially and through parent help—makes a tremendous difference and is deeply appreciated.

Last week, our annual Kōrakonui Tennis Tournament was in full swing. It was wonderful to see students practising during every available break time, showing real dedication and enjoyment. Congratulations to everyone who took part. The quality of tennis this year was fantastic!

Our school year will conclude on a high note with our **End-of-Year Assembly on Friday 12th December at 1pm**. We warmly welcome our wider community to join us for this special occasion, which will include student performances and the presentation of our end-of-year awards.

As this is our final newsletter for 2025, I would like to acknowledge our incredible staff, our hardworking and enthusiastic students, and our wonderfully supportive families. Your collective contributions make Kōrakonui School the vibrant, connected, and thriving kura that it is.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Trustees, I wish you all a safe, restful, and happy holiday season. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2026 for another fantastic year at Kōrakonui School.

Warm Regards, **Tom Cochrane**, Principal

## 2026 Classes and Staffing

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

<b>Bayley Class</b>	(Year 7-8) Matua Fraser
<b>Wharepuhunga Class</b>	(Year 5-6) Mrs Gera
<b>Mangawhio Class</b>	(Year 5-6) Miss Powell
<b>Lethbridge Class</b>	(Year 3-4) Miss Trusler
<b>Ngahape Class</b>	(Year 3-4) Mrs Geyser
<b>Mangatutu Class</b>	(Year 1-2) Ms Leather
<b>Te Kawa Class</b>	(Year 0-1) Mrs Graham

Miss Knight, Mrs Phillips and Miss Cornish 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  
JP Dainty - Caretaker  
Jess Riddle - After School Care  
Bree Beattie - Learning Assistant  
Jo Harty - Learning Assistant  
Niki Rennie - Learning Assistant  
Lizelle Buckley - Learning Assistant



We're excited to share that our pool opened for daily swimming on Monday 17 November! We are incredibly grateful to Grassroots Trust for their generous grant, which has enabled the installation of our new pool heater. This means warm, enjoyable swims - even on cooler days. We are truly grateful to the Grassroots Trust for supporting this project, and to David from Waipa Pool & Spa Services, Cambridge, and Dave from Phase Electrical, for their work on the installation.



## School Community Pool Keys

Pool keys are available to our community - \$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](mailto:office@korakonui.school.nz)



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## Stock Scheme 2025

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

We had a hugely successful collection of weaned beef calves on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 18th November. Thank you to James & Kirstie Kay, Simon Fookes, Michael Kay, Ronnie Bird, Hadlee Bird, and Chris and Jude Stacey for helping with the pick up, tagging and delivery of the calves.

**'Thank You'** to our generous donors;

D & N McGillivray, Lupton/Milne Family, G & T Bryant, C & A Watkinson, K & H Southall, R & R Boyden, B & J Chick, C & M Carling, A & A Debique, D Bradbury & D Knop, S & A Anderson, R Whittaker.

**'Thank You'** to our graziers for your continued support;

M & R, & S Clements-Stewart, M & O Kay, E & F Kay, S & A Kay, S & A Fookes, T & L Fookes, L & M Gower, W & R Rapley.

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'**



## Final Assembly & Prizegiving 2025

Our school year ends on **Friday 12th 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**

## Term Dates 2026

*Plus Public Holidays During Term Time*

**Term 1 Friday 30 January - Yr 7/8 Students Only Leadership Day**

**Monday 2 February - Thursday 2 April (10 weeks)**

*Public Holidays: Friday 6 February Waitangi Day*

*Friday 3 April Good Friday*

**Term 2 Monday 20 April - Friday 3 July (11 weeks)**

*Public Holidays: Monday 27 April ANZAC Day Observed*

*Monday 1 June King's Birthday*

**Term 3 Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September (10 weeks)**

**Term 4 Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December (9 weeks)**

*Public Holiday: Monday 26 October Labour Day*

## Korakonui Kickstart

### Our Before School Programme

The Kōrakonui 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 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: Kōrakonui School does not have cohort entry  
Learners can start from 5 years old.**



## TREE AWAMUTU 2025

**Zion - 38 Churchill Street, Te Awamutu**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 6PM-8.00PM**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 6PM-8.00PM**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 6PM-8.00PM**



## WOODEN TREES

The wooden trees will be on display in the Te Awamutu CBD and Pak n Save shopping Center over the month of December during the opening hours of the adoptive businesses.

There will also be an opportunity to view all the trees together at Tree Awamutu.



These **FREE** events are brought to you with the help of



**Thank You** everyone for your generous donation.  
**Delivery 8th December**



**'Thank You'** for supporting the Fuel for Schools programme.  
Please nominate Kōrakonui School.

**Have a lovely Christmas and a wonderful break**



# Kōrakonui Community Directory



**RIDGELINEHOMES**  
New Residential Specialists

Matt Fookes 027 313 1317  
Paul Diack 027 448 4734  
info@ridgelinehomes.co.nz

New Home Builds • Renovations • Commercial



**Troy Sircombe**  
Qualified Arborist  
027 666 9461  
tsircombe@gmail.com

Tree removal & stump grinding  
Tree pruning, lifting & shaping  
Firewood ringing & splitting

Chipping  
Hedging & planting



**Local Event Catering, fresh baked goods.**

Custom Christmas hampers filled with  
delicious treats – a great staff gift.

**Jude Stacey 021 206 5430**  
nativenest.co.nz

## KJR CONTRACTING (2010 Ltd)



**KELVIN RICHARDSON 027 4970080**

KJRCONTRACTING2010@GMAIL.COM  KJR-CONTRACTING-2010-LTD

Loader Wagons ~ 3 Trucks ~ Digger  
Big square/round bales hay or silage ~ conventional hay or silage  
Maize complete job ~ contact Kelvin for all seasonal needs



## 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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# WHAREPUHUNGA Playcentre

**SESSION DAYS**

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

743 Wharepuhunga Road  
opposite Korakonui School

Call in or phone  
07 872 2540

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