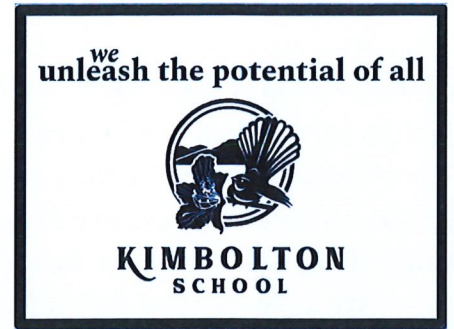


KIMBOLTON SCHOOL



November 20, 2024

The sun has been shining for two full days, children are chirpy, teachers are smiling and the pool is filling up with clean water. It must be getting close to summer holidays. A time we all love, particularly those educators who put in a lot of effort to support student learning through the 40 weeks of term time.

If I had a dollar for everytime I have been told how lucky I am to have such a long summer holiday I would be able to replace the pool building by myself. The job good educators do is underestimated by many and having been involved in education, including being a student, for pretty much my whole life I am in a strong position to advocate for a decent break for us all.

My love of having a good summer break means that as well as tidying up 2024 and preparing for prize giving and other associated end of year activities, I am also already planning forward to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our students and community in 2025 and beyond. If you want to come and have a chat about things you're loving that we do, or areas where you think we could even more strongly benefit student learning and well being I would love to hear from you.

The holidays are also an important time for students to unwind, and recharge their batteries. Here are three benefits for students in holiday time.

Enhanced Creativity: Free time allows children's imaginations to flourish. They can engage in creative activities like drawing, writing, or building, which stimulates their minds and problem-solving skills.

Stronger Family Bonds: Holidays offer opportunities for families to spend quality time together. Shared experiences, like games, outings, or simply talking, strengthen family bonds and create lasting memories.

Physical Recharge: Active play and outdoor activities during holidays promote physical health, improve sleep quality, and boost energy levels.

Greg

Oroua Cluster Athletics

These are on Friday and we look forward to seeing you all at Timona Park.

They start at 10am, so we suggest kids start arriving from 9.30am. Prizegiving is scheduled to be at 1.20pm.

Students do require school shirts, appropriate footwear and school hats. Food will be available to purchase but it is a good idea to bring some of your own, especially a drink bottle.

A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL BUSES DO NOT OPERATE ON THIS DAY.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

Back in July we had our first visit from the Education Review Office, since I started at Kimbolton School. Our reviewer was on site for a couple of days, looking very closely at a wide range of aspects of school life. It takes a while for them to collate all their thoughts and we recently received our final report. I thought I would share a few snippets from them.

- We acknowledge the collective effort, responsibility and commitment by all to ensure that the child remains at the heart of the matter.
- Learners express a positive sense of belonging and pride in their school that supports their wellbeing and engagement with learning.
- School leaders ensure expectations for high quality teaching and learning practices are clear, well implemented and responsive, to support all learners.
- Teachers and staff implement structured and well-matched learning programmes that assist students to engage and make progress with their learning.
- Students needing additional in-class support benefit from consistent and targeted assistance, this contributes to learner progress within positive and inclusive classroom environments.
- The teaching of the school's curriculum provides students with a broad range of opportunities and experiences in which to participate and apply new learning.
- The board and leaders have a clear focus on embedding the school's vision and values, prioritising the implementation of improvement goals related to achievement, learning and wellbeing.

Whilst the majority of the report was positive, one area that needed addressing was attendance. I will be working alongside the board to address this over the coming weeks. It is worth pointing out that regular attendance means the student is present for more than 90% of the term. We are also aware that we do not want sick children at school, so this target can prove challenging.

- In relation to the Ministry of Education's 2024 attendance target, a small majority of learners attend school regularly; the school is yet to meet the target and is working to improve attendance for all learners.

2025

We can confirm that the first day of school, for students in 2025, is Wednesday, January 29, next year. The last day will be Thursday, December 11.

Upcoming Dates

November 21: School fun athletics morning.

November 22: Cluster Athletics @ Timona Park.

December 9: Prizegiving

December 13: Last day of school. Ends at 12.05pm

February 21: Cluster Triathlon

March 7: Cluster Swimming Sports

March 27 / 28: Year 7 and 8 Camp - Sixtus Lodge

Cross Hills

From the school, let me say thank you to all of the community who supported the car parking at Cross Hills. I am told the rain made it very muddy, which added to the challenge. As a school we appreciate the efforts made with fundraising.

Room 2 River Trip

On Monday, as part of their current studies, Room 2 went on a river trip. See below some writing from students, along with a couple of photos.

My favourite river activity was with Janelle. We saw a water spider, it was big and Mrs Morton was as fierce as a lion, well she was trying to be when she was taking a picture of it. - *Wyatt*

My favourite river activity was with Josh Brennan. We measured the depth of the river and the flow by timing how long a tennis ball took to float 10 m downstream. - *Neave*

I learnt that if you find invertebrates in your river, it means that the river is healthy. - *Inka*

At the river we were catching mayflies and other invertebrate bugs with nets in the water. - *Evie*

My favourite part of the river trip was when Christina showed us how rivers are affected by human life. She told us that there is run off that goes into rivers and kills the fish and invertebrates and that allows worms, snails and dragonflies to thrive. - *Lawrance*

The activity I liked most was with my Mum. It was basically fishing but it was fishing for bugs. It was quite fun. - *Leah*

One of our river activities was river clarity and the temperature of the river. - *Lyla*



Fun Athletics Day

You should have received the details for this and are welcome to join us on Thursday. As a late treat, if kids bring their togs the pool will be opened up for a while during the lunch break.

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Thanks to everyone who worked at the Cross Hills Parking event on Saturday. There were 7 families who did a double shift (or more), so double the gratitude to those people. Our success in fundraising is down to the help we get from the school community. Also, thanks to the Kindergarten group who filled the last few spaces we didn't fill. It's great to be working as a community to support the children at the kindy.

All our meetings are complete for the year. We will announce the date of the first meeting early in Term 1. We encourage everyone to be involved and understand what we do as a fundraising group. Even if it is just via a meeting apology and following up by reading the meeting notes that get posted on the messenger group. If you're not in the group and want to be, or you want to receive the meeting notes another way please contact me (02040704185).

Ngā mihi, Janelle Gillum (KSSC Chairperson)

Pet Day

The response to Pet Day was brilliant and with so many lambs and calves entered Kimbolton School won the Manawatu Oroua Boys & Girls Agricultural Club Past Presidents Shield. This is awarded to the school who has the greatest percentage of pupil participation in a school agriculture event. To my understanding we have never won this before so thanks and well done to all students who entered a lamb or calf. You can see the shield in a photo with our Year 8 students who entered either a lamb or calf.



Time to do some App Deletion

School Apps and Class Dojo will not be used at all in 2025. To make it easier for families all communication will be done via the Hero App

If you still do not have that App, it is strongly recommended that you download it. We try and communicate as clearly as possible but do require families to have the appropriate tools to get messages. A lot of what we currently also send out via paper will not happen next year.

A reminder that the App will still be used until December 13, 2024.

Rangiwahia Trip

The planning continues on this and we are hopeful to have the final organisation out by Monday. Thanks to the parents who have offered their support on the day. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Prize Giving 2024

Monday, December 9



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We would like to extend a warm welcome to those attending our prize giving picnic.

Arrive anytime from 4.30

- Pool will be open.
- Kids can play on the field, or playgrounds.
- Chance for adults to relax.
- This is not a shared meal event, but bring picnic food for your families or group.
- Eat when you're hungry.
- Be seated at 6pm, ready for the formal aspect of the evening.
- There will be tea and coffee available in the staffroom.

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This will ideally be outside.

- 6.10 Greg to welcome families and students.
- Karakia
- National Anthem
- Wayne to speak on behalf of the board.
- Song
- Student reflections
- Greg's Speech
- Presentation of Academic Awards. Class teachers to present.
- Janelle to speak on behalf of KSSC.
- Presentation of Class WAKA Awards. Class teachers to present.
- Year 8 Speeches
- Environment Award. Heidi to present.
- Song
- Trophy presentations. Wayne to present.
- Final words from Greg and presentation of the Linda Campbell WAKA Award.

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL POOL KEYS AVAILABLE

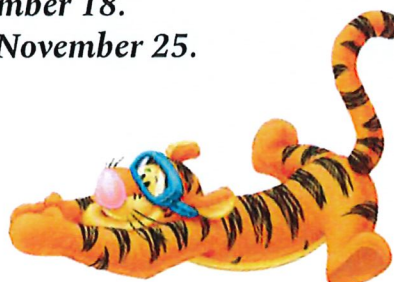


Keys \$40

Keys available from Monday, November 18.

Pool open to public from Monday, November 25.

***In exciting news, we are
recladding the pool building,
to ensure it meets ministry
standards. If you'd like to
make a donation to support
this project let us know.***



See Judy in the office or email office@kimbolton.school.nz

Thank You KSSC



The school pool building is old, fragile and in need of urgent replacement, to ensure the safety of all, and the continuation of swimming as we know it at Kimbolton School.

With thanks to a generous donation of \$20,000 from the KSSC we are able to get onto this straight away and with a contribution also from our board we are looking at having a new building completed by the middle of next year.

All those sausage sizzles, car parking, delivering phone books, donating loaves of bread, daggging sheep, amongst other things have allowed us to get onto the important task of replacing the unsafe clearlight with a stronger product.

This is a clear example of our school community working together to allow us to focus on our number one job, which is providing positive and varied learning experiences for all students.

On behalf of the board, students and staff I would like to say a big thank you to the KSSC for allowing this to happen so quickly.

Greg