

# KIMBOLTON SCHOOL



**September 25, 2024**

Last week Michael and I travelled to Christchurch to attend learnings around the use of AI ( Artificial Intelligence) to enhance learning opportunities for students, to streamline workload for teachers and to look at how AI can support schools at the principal level. If you were in assembly last week you'd have heard a song for the cross country that was done in mere seconds. This is an example of the capability of AI and its use globally.

I consider myself more on the traditional side of education and life in general, but have come away with my mind blown with the potential of AI, now and into the future. If we consider the advancements over the last year, imagine where the world will be in five years, let alone when your kids are leaving school and entering adulthood. Whether we like it or not, AI is a thing and will continue to advance. We need to ensure we are giving students a well rounded education, and where practical utilise AI.

This does not mean that it is more important than core curriculum learning and getting students to be competent readers, writers and mathematicians will always be my first priority as Kimbolton School Principal, along with ensuring values are well embedded for students.

The main takeaway I took from the trip was around the increased use of screen time and the concerns that that would have on parents and teachers. The only genuine suggestion they made around this was to ensure that all screen time is purposeful for learning. As a staff we will be reviewing what we use computers and iPads for and where needed making changes.

I will be starting the holidays with a few days of golf in Queenstown and am hoping the snow melts very soon. I wish you all well with the upcoming school holidays with your kids and we look forward to seeing you all back on October 14.

Greg

## **Parent Teacher Conferences**

You will have received a form about these by now. Please try and get them back this week. These conferences are not compulsory, but we'd be more than happy to meet with you.

We are aware these are early next term, and hope to be able to let you know your conference time on the first day back next term.

## **Teacher Only Day**

Just to ensure you are aware, there is a Teacher Only Day on Monday, November 4.

## Cross Country

A great day was had at Waituna West recently for the Cross Country. We were proud of the students' efforts and were immensely proud of the way they supported each other.

Place getters were as follows.

2nd Violet Cadwallader  
4th Victoria Edwards  
1st MacKenzie Manley  
2nd Luke Brennan  
2nd Penny Masters  
4th Harper Brennan  
2nd Neave Manley  
1st Everlyn McGlashan  
2nd Lawrance Masters  
2nd Inka Ofoski  
1st Hudson McDougall  
1st Alex Manley  
2nd Jensen Keates  
4th Anu Poudel  
2nd Indy Walsh-Addenbrooke  
3rd Eve McDougall  
4th Grace Jenkins  
3rd Quinn McGlashan  
3rd Allazay Mason  
4th Naish Lane-Ford  
1st Solomon McGlashan  
3rd Keeliarn Clifton



## Pet Day Entries

You will have received a form for these entries this week. We are hoping to get them back by Friday thanks. If things change over the holidays we can adapt the entries.

## Kim Kai

Kim Kai is available this Friday. Orders tomorrow thanks.

For Term 4 the only change to the menu is that there will be no Milo.

## Newsletters from Term 4.

From Term 4 newsletter will only be sent out digitally, via the website, email and the Hero App. If you wish to still receive newsletters in hard copy format please let Judy know by emailing

[office@kimbolton.school.nz](mailto:office@kimbolton.school.nz)

## Internet Safety

We are aware that safety online is something that can cause concern as kids get older. The link below will take you to a great website with resources for Parents, Schools & Organisations to help keep kids safer online & increase emotional wellbeing.

<https://www.ourkidsonline.info/>

## Oroua Sports Club

I would like to offer my personal thanks to all the parents involved in the Oroua Sports Group. The opportunities they offer our students, that we would not be able to do, is really appreciated. I know the students appreciate the chances and as a school we are aware how fortunate we are to have the dedication from parents to run this group. - Greg

## Manawatu Young Achievers

On Monday night Charlie and Keeliarn were recognised at the Manawatu Young Achievers Awards. Charlie was recognised for Taiao (Commitment to the Environment Award) and Keeliarn received her award for Te Iho Pūmanawa (Whakamana Tangata).

## Kimbolton Kindergarten - opening soon!

Whānau Manaaki now have Kimbolton Kindergarten listed on their website under Find a Kindergarten. This is exciting for our community and a step closer to opening the doors. Search for Kimbolton at [wmkindergartens.org.nz](http://wmkindergartens.org.nz)

More details will be updated to the website as they come to hand so keep having a look there. In the meantime you can register your interest for your child's enrolment to kindergarten by emailing [info@wmkindergartens.org.nz](mailto:info@wmkindergartens.org.nz)

## KSSC

We have 2 fundraising events early in term 4 where we will be needing help from parents to fill rosters. Both rosters will be available in the first week of term, so please keep these dates in mind.

\*1 November, Pet Day: helping on the BBQ and selling food & drinks. You won't miss out on watching your child compete as we always free parents up to get away and watch if there is a clash with the roster.

\*16 November, Cross Hills Fair Parking: We ask for approx 2 1/2 hours of your time to help out on a rostered shift to manage the parking. No experience needed and you get a free ticket to the fair. This is a significant earner for our school and we need to fill the roster with support from friends and family of the school (high school aged children can help).

He rau ringa e oti ai - many hands make light work

The KSSC Committee: Janelle, Heidi, Sara, Georgia, Nat, Olivia, Gemma, Emma, Naomi

