

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL



October 15, 2025

We recently took students to the Makino to celebrate their marbles getting to the top of their container. I was really happy to have received the following email, upon our return. These sort of emails help reinforce that we are well on the right track with what we are trying to achieve here and are a credit to our students, staff and school community.

Greg

Hi Kimbolton School!

I just wanted to pass on my praise of your whole school at Makino this morning 😊

I am a homeschool mum (having tried public school previously) and had my children swimming today while your school came in. You have restored my faith in the public system!! Every adult, whether they were staff or parents, was so lovely and kind with the children, they never raised their voices, they were attentive and friendly. It was such a wonderful thing to witness teachers who clearly enjoy their roles and not barking out instructions as is so often witnessed with school outings.

Your senior students were so caring with the younger students, pairing up to leave and interacting kindly with them.

It was just such a wonderful thing to see, and unfortunately so rare, that I wanted to let you all know what a wonderful job you are doing. The world is full of plenty of negativity so it's nice to spread the joy 😊 Please pass it on to your staff and Board.

Well done team,

From an impressed member of the public,

Assemblies

The next assembly is this Friday, from 1.55pm.

Ballet

If your child(ren) is attending the ballet on October 30, we should have their permission forms back. Logistics will come out early next week.

Cross Country

We look forward to sending 8 students to the Hunterville Cross Country on October 31. They all did well in the cluster event, so it will be interesting to see how they stack up in a bigger race.

First School Day 2026

There was a slight typo in this information recently. I can confirm the first day in 2026 is Tuesday, February 3.

Strike Day

Just a reminder email that school on the day of the strike, as mentioned below, due to unsafe staffing numbers, we ask that students stay home. In cases where you have no option but to send your child to school, let us know and we will sort something out for you.

This is Thursday, October 23. Please let us know this week if your child is needing to attend school, so we can plan for this.

Pet Day Photo Comp

Email these to principal@kimbolton.school.nz

Ideally get these in by the end of this week, or Monday at the latest, so we can get these organised.

Kimbolton School Support Committee

Just a reminder we are still looking for some support for Cross Hills, and Pet Day. The timetables have been shared via Hero. If you are having any issues filling them in please contact Judy or Janelle.

The KSSC is a vital part of our school, with fundraising supporting students' learning and in particular in 2025 has helped to reduce costs around opportunities outside of the classroom.

Their meetings can always be challenging to attend and this term they are trying something new to see if it makes it easier for people to attend.

The meeting is going to be on a non-assembly Friday. They are trying for Friday 7th November at 1:30pm. Mark it in your diary and hopefully Janelle and the rest of the committee will see you there.

KSSC Committee: Janelle G, Sara M, Nat M, Fiona Q, Olivia M, Georgia J, Lissah B, Emma B & Kirsty E.

Ngā mihi, Janelle Gillum (KSSC Chairperson)

Pet Day Timetable

Friday, October 24



General

Students deliver all non-food indoor exhibits to class on Wednesday.

Cakes and cupcakes are to be at school by 9.20 on the day of Pet Day.

Cakes go to the hall and cupcakes to classes. Note, not all classes are doing cupcakes.

There is no school on the day before Pet Day, due to the NZEI union led strikes.

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Lamb and Calf Competitions.

From around 9.30 students will arrive at school, ready with Lambs and Calves.

Keep animals down the far end of the field.

Judging commences from 10am.

At this stage we have 27 lambs and 9 calves entered. 😊

Indoor Exhibits.

Classes will be open to view these from about 10am.

No students to take certificates or work home before 1pm.

Dog Parade.

Scheduled for approximately 12.15pm

Greg will be judging this, in a range of categories.

The dog parade will take place, after the Lamb and Calf Competitions.

Dogs are not permitted on the field during the lamb and calf judging.

Dogs must be on leads.

Where possible dogs will attempt to complete a little course, and then the dog's owner (student) can show tricks from the dog.

This will take place on the turf.

Other Animals

There will be a photo competition for these other animals.

Cake Auction

The traditional cake auction will take place in the hall.

Food

The KSSC will be selling a range of food. Cash is needed.

KSSC Pet Day Fundraiser

If you are able to donate a loaf of white sandwich bread for the Pet Day fundraiser, please bring it in by Wednesday, October 22.

Pet Day

We look forward to seeing you all on October 24 for Pet Day. Bring cash for the delicious food, an umbrella for the far too common rain and enjoy seeing the student's hard work with their lambs, calves and indoor exhibits through the day.

Swimming

We are looking forward to having Sally take our swimming lessons, starting in November. You should have received a form to fill in, indicating what your child can do, so we can start making groups and doing timetables. If you have lost this, let us know and we will send out another one.

Year 7 and 8s.

This week I hosted a meeting where I went through a few things we are currently doing and things we are adding for our Year 7 and 8 students. If you would like to know more about this then please get in touch and I am happy to go through it with you.

Year 7 and 8 Opportunities at Kimbolton School in 2026

As a small rural school, to effectively serve our older students, we believe it is crucial to offer a strong core curriculum, whilst also ensuring that there are a range of opportunities for personal growth. Whilst all students at Kimbolton School benefit from small class sizes, a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy and a range of extracurricular, the following opportunities are available for Year 7 and 8 students.

SPORTING

- Rippa Rugby tournaments.
- Oroua Sporting Club teams in Touch, Netball, Hockey and Basketball.
- Cluster Triathlon, Swimming Sports, Cross Country and Athletics.
- Interschool Athletics and Cross Country.
- Penhey Cup Swimming.
- Rangitikei Tough Kid.
- Orienteering.
- Safe cycling lessons

Opportunities are not limited to what is on this document. We are always open to new ideas and opportunities that would benefit our older students.

CURRICULUM

- Mathex.
- E PRo 8.
- Free Swimming lessons.
- Manawatu Literacy Quiz.
- Four terms of Technology at Feilding Intermediate, over Two Years. Includes cooking skills, wood technology and soft materials.
- Small group coding and digital skills lessons, targeted for Year 7 and 8 students.
- Local and regional speech competitions.
- 1-1 Digital devices.
- Multi Dimensional Planning in Inquiry.
- Teaching of Future Problem Solvers which focuses on 6 Life Long Skills for Learners.

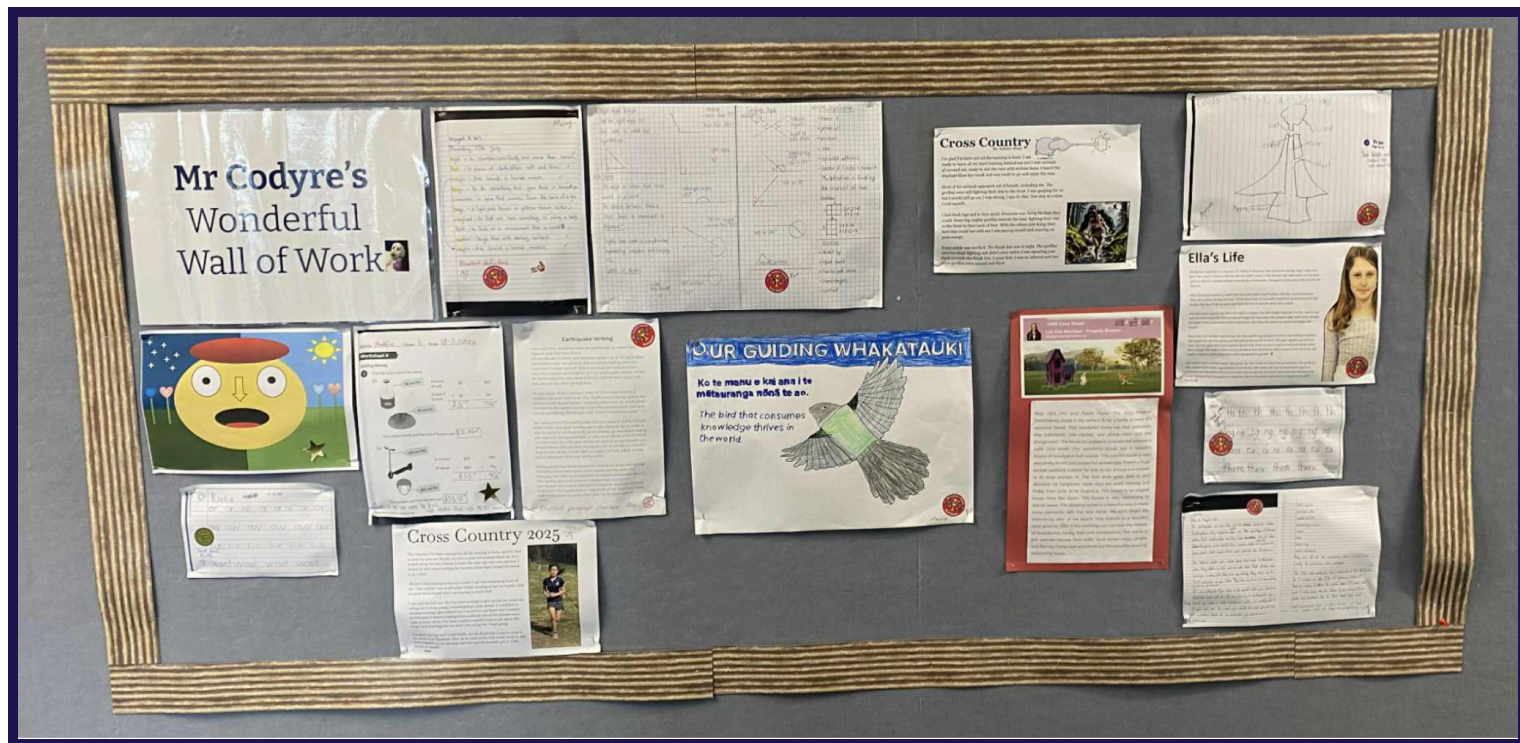
LEADERSHIP

- Oroua Cluster Camps.
- Out of our comfort zone cluster trips. This may include, amongst other things, tramping, bushwalks, mountain biking, high ropes, and rock climbing.
- Guaranteed to attend National Young Leaders Day and Grip Education over two years.
- Targeted high school transition opportunities.
- Assemblies.
- Fundraising Opportunities.
- House leadership.
- What is a leader? sessions with principal. (Y7 and 8).
- Preparation for high school sessions with principal in Term 4.(Year 8).
- Leadership opportunities within the school.
- Year 7 and 8 EOTC

School Photos

These are on Tuesday. If you are wanting sibling photos, you should have returned the form by now.

Mr Codyre's Wonderful Wall of Work



KSSC STOCK DRIVE

The KSSC is seeking donations of Dry Ewes to support the kids of Kimbolton School!

- We would be looking at collecting Ewes mid to late October (depending on numbers and works space)
- All proceeds will go to the KSSC and used to support the Kimbolton School kids both in and outside of the classroom.
- Any donations are greatly appreciated!!

**If you are keen to donate, please contact
Hayden Manley on 027 697 8917
by mid October.**