

August 6, 2025

Some great news coming up for our students is that we are close to finalising the details of free swimming lessons for all Kimbolton Students. We will update you in the next newsletter. To celebrate this, I thought I would come up with five reasons learning to swim is important.

It's incredibly important for children to learn to swim, and here are five key reasons why:

1. **Drowning Prevention and Water Safety:** This is by far the most crucial reason. Drowning is a leading cause of unintentional death for children, especially those aged 1 to 4. Learning to swim equips children with life-saving skills like floating, treading water, and getting to safety, significantly reducing their risk of drowning. Swim lessons also teach vital water safety habits and awareness.
2. **Physical Health and Development:** Swimming is a fantastic full-body workout that's gentle on joints. It builds cardiovascular fitness, endurance, muscle strength, and coordination. Regular swimming can contribute to a healthy weight, improve lung capacity, and enhance overall physical well-being.
3. **Confidence and Self-Esteem:** Mastering swimming skills gives children a huge boost in confidence. Overcoming challenges in the water and achieving new milestones fosters a sense of accomplishment and self-reliance, which can positively impact other areas of their lives.
4. **Lifelong Skill and Enjoyment:** Once learned, swimming is a skill that lasts a lifetime. It opens up opportunities for various water-based activities, from leisurely dips at the beach or pool to more structured sports like water polo, surfing, or diving. This ensures they can safely and happily enjoy aquatic environments throughout their lives.
5. **Cognitive and Mental Benefits:** Swimming requires a lot of coordination and concentration, engaging both the body and mind. Studies suggest that children who learn to swim at an early age may show improved motor skills, cognitive development, and even academic performance. It can also be a stress-reducing activity and contribute to better sleep



Greg

Turf Off Cuts

If you would like to have some pieces of turf, similar to the school turf, we have plenty to give away. Perfect for stopping weeds growing, kids to play on and making things at home.

El Rancho Camp

The final timetable for this, with transport groups etc will come out Thursday. If you have any queries around camp, please get in touch with Michael.

Cluster Speech Finals Date Change

On our Community Calendar we have Cluster Speech Finals down for Wednesday, August 27. This date has since changed and these will now be at Kiwitea Hall on Thursday, August 28.

Pet Day Date Change

This has been moved back a week, to October 24. We apologise for the late change.

Rangitikei Tough Kid

Transport lists for this will come out shortly and we look forward to taking most Year 3 - 8 students on this adventure.

Hygiene

We recently reminded students around the need to be washing hands regularly and thinking about personal hygiene. We also spoke to the boys about ensuring they improved their aim when using the toilets. We ask that you reinforce these points at home.

Celebrating Success

One of our school values is that we acknowledge and celebrate success. To allow us to rolemodel this more I am encouraging you to let me know when your child has been successful in areas outside of school. Things like rep sport, player of the day, winning art competitions, finally baking a pavlova that doesn't break and flatten, etc etc. My intention is to share these successes with our community, via the newsletter. I would require the successes by the Monday prior to the newsletter going out. Remaining newsletter dates this term are: August 27 and September 10.



Well done Totara House

Yesterday, Mrs Early, Judy and Mr Codyre got to accompany Totara house on their trip after getting their marbles over the line.. A great time swimming was had, and the hot chip sandwiches were very much appreciated in the cold weather.

Here are some quotes from the day.

I enjoyed swimming. It was warm and fun. - Deaglan

Playing in the water with the inflatables was great. - Leah

The swimming in the big pool and small pool was a lot of fun. -

Victoria

I liked the big slide and the hot chips. - Noah

The day was fun. I loved swimming the most. - Milla

The day was exciting. Everyone had a good time. - Indy



AgResearch

AgResearch have recently conducted some interviews with a handful of local farmers in the Haynes Creek Catchment. These interviews followed the successful planting day that Room 1 participated in last term. To show their gratitude for the time farmers gave to support the research of the group, Melissa visited school to present Room 1 with a koha. This koha will be used to support Enviroschools at Kimbolton School this year.



KIMBOLTON SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Our meeting for this term is on Thursday 4 September at 2:40 at the school. Everyone is welcome, including having children in tow. (There will be some seniors around to help keep an eye on them).

At this next meeting we will be discussing the Pet Day BBQ requirements and planning for our largest annual earner, the car parking at Cross Hills Fair (Sat 15 Nov). If you have ideas for these events please come along or pass your ideas (along with an apology) to someone who can be there.

KSSC Committee: Janelle, Sara, Nat, Olivia, Fiona, Lissah, Emma, Georgia, Kirsty

Mathex

On Friday, Mr Codyre is taking Lawrance, Madison, Ashlee-Rose and Inka to Mathex. We wish them well.



First Person Fairy Tale Writing

Room 1 is doing some Fairy Tale work when Mr Codyre teaches them, now and again. One challenge is to use personal voice and first person, to write a fairy tale from the perspective of one of their characters. Here are some examples of the work so far.

I just don't understand why everyone says I'm old. I'm really only the 39 year old Theodora Crookedtwig. Everyone just says I'm old because I'm a witch. I am kind and I like to have visitors. It's just that I like to be warned before people just barge into my house, you know even though I am an adult I am still very delicate and I get disturbed very easily. - **Grace**

It was a sunny day with a little roof over my head but I felt really grumpy. Yes every day I do because you're thinking I'm the big bad troll but that's not the truth.. I just get hot and tired because I sleep on hard rocks!

- **Inka**

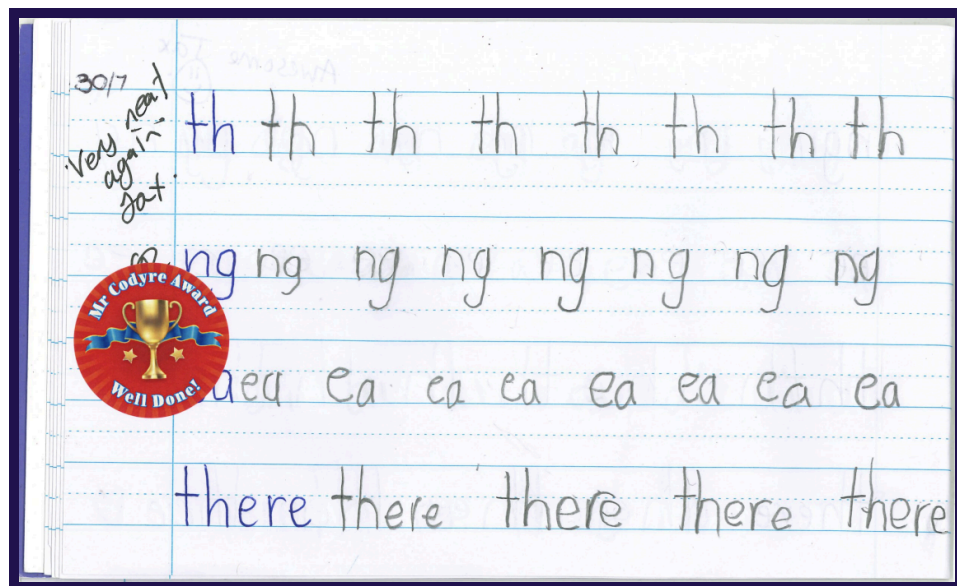
“Ugh!” I woke up again looking at the same wall, the same view it felt like I was in jail. I just wanna go to the outside world. Hi, my name is Rapunzel. I’ve been staying in a tower with no stairs and no door since I can remember. I wanted to experience the outside world. I had to paint my wall so I wouldn't get bored but it only worked sometime.

“Does my mum not even care?” I said to myself. - **Anu**

I’m Poppy, the smallest, smartest and bravest pig. I also have two older brothers called Leo and Jack(Jack is the eldest), and they are not like me, they are annoying, lazy, not very smart and don't like to do things properly or take their time. On Monday our wild trip started. I was so excited but my brothers weren't. - **Alex**

Mr Codyre’s Wonderful Wall of Work

This is a new feature in the office area. See Jax's fantastic handwriting below.



Free swimming lessons for all Kimbolton Students, commencing Term 4.



OUR GUIDING WHAKATAUKI

Ko te manu e kai ana i te mātauranga nōnā te ao.

The bird that consumes knowledge thrives in the world.



KIMBOLTON SCHOOL DAFFODIL DAY

Friday, August 29



Instead of wearing Yellow, wear as much of any one colour as you can. Feel free to make your hair look cool too.

Bring a donation

Best costumes win prizes

40% of Kim Kai takings that day to be donated.

Prizes issued in Assembly, from 1.55pm.



PET DAY IS COMING

Friday, October 24

we unleash the potential of all



Note change of date

