

KIMBOLTON SCHOOL



May 13, 2026

After parent teacher catchups yesterday, you may know a bit more about the changes to how schools record and monitor student learning.

As a staff we think we are working through the changes well, and I personally think that in a year or so, the changes will prove really positive for the New Zealand Education System.

What we have seen when discussing school wide assessment data is that the efforts that go into a student's first two years at school appear to be supporting learning and when analysing data it is clear that as students move through Kimbolton School they are being well set up for success at high school and hopefully beyond. In Mathematics we have nearly 90% of our school meeting or exceeding expectations, whilst in reading that number is 80%. Writing is a bit lower, but still well above national averages. We do not anticipate this data changing greatly with the new standards that have come in, but will view with interest our data in November.

Greg

World Vision Conference

Last Thursday I took Alex, Lawrance, Ashlee -Rose and Everlyn to Wellington to attend the World Vision Conference. We decided to experience the commuter train from Palmerston North and found it an easy way to get to Wellington. What was not as easy as we imagined was getting from the Railway Station to Lower Hutt. We had anticipated getting an Uber XL to the venue, but couldn't find one. This was good though as we got to experience staying calm, and working out the bus system in Wellington. We made the event, got home safely and took away some valuable learning.

Assembly

We look forward to seeing you at our next assembly on May 22. It will start at 1.55pm. The highlight of this assembly could be the prizegiving for the ANZAC Cove Model competition. We are hopeful of lots of exciting and creative entries.



Dress Up Day

On Thursday, May 28 we have a dress up day. The theme is Fairy Tales or Tigers. We look forward to seeing the creativity that the kids come up with. They can choose either topic.

ANZAC Cove Model Comp

These are due on May 21. We really look forward to seeing the students' creativity and what they come up with. We encourage them to enter. The information came out via Hero. If you want to know more, let us know.

Kim Kai

Kim Kai is going well. The sausage and bread option is proving popular and Milos are also good sellers. A reminder to get orders in by Thursdays.

Parent Teacher Catch Ups

Thanks to those of you who attended the parent teacher catchups yesterday. Hopefully you took something out of it, as we continue to work together to get the best possible outcomes for our students.

Orienteering

We wish our students well for tomorrow. Hopefully they enjoy the experience and maybe the opportunity ignites a passion. 😊

This additional opportunity for families has come through.

I have recently taken on the role of school liaison for the Red Kiwi Orienteering Club. We are holding a Have-A-Go Day, where students can try orienteering with club members to help, guide and give feedback. The event is open to students of any age, as well as teachers and parents. This is a great opportunity for students to have a go at orienteering before the school's competitions.

Details are: Sunday 17 May 2026, IPU (International Pacific University), students and families can start their chosen course or courses anytime between 11am-1pm.

KSSC

A reminder about the KSSC Meeting on Monday, May 18 at 2pm.

Also a reminder that we are collecting can tabs for Kids Can. We have already filled the container once.

Thanks to those of you who have contributed tabs.

Kauwhata Marae Trip

On Tuesday 19th May all students will be experiencing an EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) trip to explore local cultural heritage in our area. We will be visiting Kauwhata Marae, Te Ara Kura Road, Feilding, which is an opportunity for our students to connect with Te Ao Māori and our local environment.

The dress code for the day is as follows:

All girls/ladies will need to wear a skirt that is below the knees and school shirt

All boys/men will need to wear tidy shorts or trousers and school shirt