

# KIMBOLTON SCHOOL



**April 2, 2025**

I may have spoken about this in the past but I am a big believer in setting high expectations around student learning. Reasons why I believe so strongly in this include the following.

- Improved Student Performance:
  - When teachers hold high expectations, students tend to rise to the challenge. They are more likely to put in greater effort and achieve higher academic outcomes.
  - Research indicates that students whose teachers have high expectations show greater academic gains.
- Increased Motivation and Engagement:
  - High expectations convey a belief in students' abilities, which can significantly boost their motivation and engagement in learning.
  - When students feel that their teachers believe in them, they are more likely to believe in themselves.
- Development of a Growth Mindset:
  - High expectations encourage students to view challenges as opportunities for growth rather than obstacles.
  - This fosters a growth mindset, where students understand that their abilities can be developed through hard work and dedication.
- Improved Self-Esteem and Confidence:
  - Meeting high expectations can significantly enhance students' self-esteem and confidence.
  - They gain a sense of accomplishment and develop a belief in their own capabilities.
- Preparation for Future Success:
  - High expectations prepare students for the demands of higher education and the workforce.
  - They learn valuable skills such as perseverance, resilience, and a strong work ethic.

Greg

**We set  
high expectations**



**Attitude**  
*Ngākau reka*

We have a can do attitude.

We act responsibly at all times.

We show enthusiasm and commitment in all we do.

- We set high expectations.  
- We have a growth mindset.  
- We take risks with our learning.

- We work hard, even when no one is looking.  
- We focus on what we need to be doing.  
- We react appropriately to different situations.

- We persevere, even when challenged.  
- We give a range of things a go.  
- We talk about our learning with others.

## Sculpture Festival

We look forward to entering our class exhibits in this year's Sculpture Festival and seeing how they stack up this weekend.

I would also like to personally thank the parents who are helping with our fundraising on Saturday. I look forward to seeing you there and hopefully the lamb rolls continue to be one of the highlights of the day for the visitors.

## El Rancho Camp

Further information will come out next week about this, and we will be asking for parent interest in attending. If you are looking to support this camp, keep an eye out for the next layer of communication.

## Rippa Rugby

Well done to our team who performed admirably at the recent Rippa Rugby tournament at the domain. They finished fourth overall which was a pleasing effort. Mr Jensen was impressed by the efforts and improvements through the day, and most pleasing for me was to hear from him that the students were regularly demonstrating the values of our school.

## Year 7 and 8 Cluster Camp

This took place last week and despite poor weather on the final day, students spoke positively about the experiences they had and the opportunities to interact with a wider group of Year 7 and 8 students.

## West's Tigers and Free Kim Kai

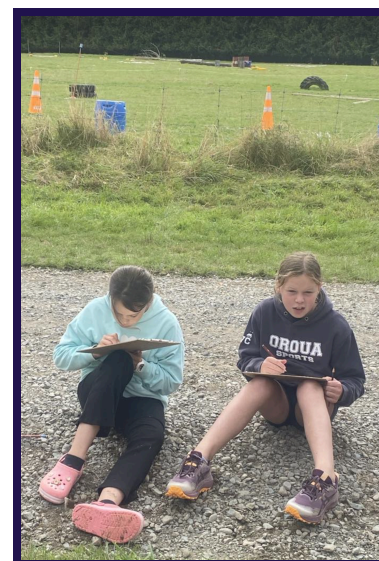
Thanks to those of you who voted on what the West's Tigers will beat the Warriors by. Unfortunately, the Tigers were unable to win the match, meaning there could be no winner of free Kim Kai. Fingers crossed the result is different when they meet each other later in the season. At least for the Tigers fans amongst us.

## Easter Raffle and Mr Codyre Assembly

The Easter Raffle will be drawn next Friday at the Mr Codyre assembly. Thanks to those of you who donated prizes and to students who sold tickets. Any tickets not returned by Friday will not be in the draw, and you'll need to refund money to purchasers. We do still have some spare tickets if you want to sell any more tickets.

## Cluster Events Consultation

The consultation around Oroua Cluster events will come out in the next few days. Feel free to fill this in, giving your honest thoughts and opinions.



## School Pool Building.

The work on this moved along quickly and the building is complete. It will be a few months before we swim again, but it is nice to see the building complete and we now eagerly await summer, so we can swim again.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

These will be on Tuesday, May 13. School will finish at 12.15 on this day, however we will supervise students that need to stay until 2.30. Paperwork will come out soon, and it is very important that if your child needs to be supervised you fill in the form, so we can safely manage our numbers. There will be NO After School care on this day sorry.

## Matariki Performance and Shared Meal

You may remember the success of this event two years ago and it is back. The date is to be confirmed , but hopefully you will have seen the poll on Hero and filled it in, allowing us to make the best decision possible, when setting the date.

## KIMBOLTON SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMITTEE

As a fundraising group we are looking forward to a break in events, after the Sculpture Festival this Saturday.

There is just 1 more spot we need to fill in the roster for Saturday, 11:45 to 2pm.... Please help by putting your name down if you haven't already. Judy can help if you cannot access the document.

As well as the great help we get from many families to run these events we also need to acknowledge 2 significant sponsors so far this year:

Firstly, thanks to Woolworths Feilding for the sponsorship of \$100 worth of products. That went a huge way to purchasing our items for the swimming sports burgers.

Secondly, thanks to Hellers who last year gave us 300 sausages for Pet Day. This was enough to cover Pet Day and Swimming Sports.

These sponsors meant that our profit was significantly higher.

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)

## CAM Testing

See attached flyer on the last page of the newsletter and let us know if you want to be entered and we will send home an entry form on paper for you.

This is a user pays opportunity. Let us know by the end of this week if you wish to register your child.



## School Dental Service

The school dental service will be assessing Kimbolton School students beginning 28th April 2025. They will make contact with you directly. If you have any queries please contact them on 3236686.



### 2025 Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions



Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These skills-based competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. For further information, please consult the CAM website [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/).

The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can only register for the year level they are currently in. Each student can enter in one or more subject. Each competition will provide parents/caregivers with an individual student report of their child's overall performance. These are available through your school. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first week of Term 3. **The competitions are to be administered at school, under exam conditions and supervised.**

All participating students will receive a certificate, and a prize will be awarded to the top student nationally in each competition. If two or more students share the same top score, then the prize is awarded to the student with the highest speed and accuracy.

NOTE: Our policy is **not** to release test papers. The tests are provided primarily as a competition and not as a teaching resource.

Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CAM website [www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/cam/)

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Please return THIS section to the school office by \_\_\_\_\_. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
to participate in the 2025 KIWI competitions. Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject	Year Level	Entry (Inc GST)	Fees enclosed
English		\$9.90	
Mathematics		\$9.90	
Science		\$9.90	
<b>Total</b>			\$

Name of Parent /Caregiver: .....

Signature : .....