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School Closed – Wednesday 15 August

Northland School will be closed **all day** on **Wednesday 15 August**.

Several afterschool care organisations are providing supervised programmes on Wednesday 15 August. Further information on these and contact details are in our Community Notices section of this newsletter.

Please note that afterschool programmes will not operate on that day (chess with Scott Wastney, guitar with Aabir Mazumdar and keyboards with Alicia Cadwgan).



Judging at the school swim sports

A Note from the Board of Trustees

The NZEI has advised the Northland School Board of Trustees that the principal and teachers at our school will be taking strike action on Wednesday 15 August 2018.

The school will need to close during this strike. The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern. Thank you for your understanding.

Geoff Davenport – Chairperson, Northland School Board of Trustees

School News

Northland School Swimming Sports

An amazing morning was had in the pool last Thursday when Years 3 – 8 took part in the Northland School Swimming Sports held at Karori Pool. It was fabulous to see so many parents friends and relatives supporting their children.

Well done to all students that took part and congratulations to the swimmers who have qualified for the Western Zone Swimming sports to be held on Friday 24 August at the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre:

Dress Up Day – this Friday

As part of our Book Week, we would like to invite our children to dress up as their favourite book character this Friday (10th August). Weather permitting, we will have a parade at 9:15am outside Team 4. We are looking forward to seeing the children in their fabulous costumes!

Library Team – Rachele and Lizzie

School Vision

We have recently emailed all families seeking feedback on the review of our school's vision statement. We encourage families to share their thoughts and make a submission by Friday 17 August to janeb@northland.school.nz

Jane Batchelor – Associate Principal

Cans for Good

Over the next few days Northland School is collecting food cans to donate to the Salvation Army foodbanks for '***Cans for Good***'. Last year we collected over 900 cans to donate. If your child/ren could bring in one or two cans to help out that would be great. The cans can be anything from spaghetti, tomatoes, fruit etc. The deadline to bring in the cans is Monday, the 13 August. Thank you for your support.

Sushi Lunches – Unavailable on 14 August

We have been advised that sushi lunches will not be available on Tuesday 14 August.

Yummy Apple Sticker Time

Get munching and get collecting those Yummy apple stickers. All stickers add up to points which add up to ***Sports Gear*** for our school. Thank you and enjoy your apples!

School Production - Tickets

Our fabulous production 'Snapshots from the Past' is taking shape. No doubt you will have heard all about it from your children. The excitement level is high as each team is busy rehearsing and making props.

Performances are at 7pm on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 September at the Riley Centre at Wellington High School. All students are involved on both nights. More information about when the students need to arrive at Wellington High on those nights and parking at the venue will come home in the next couple of weeks.

Tickets are \$5 and are available from the school office or alternatively contact the office via email office@northland.school.nz, and pay by Internet Banking. Our school account details are ASB 12 3174 0326688 00. Please note Production in the reference section. There are plenty of seats available with 450 seats each night.

We look forward to seeing you there.



School Winter Wonderland Disco – Friday 10 August

Every child needs a permission form.

Counting down the days to our next Disco this **Friday 10 August** at the Viggers Centre! **See you all there!**

Disco Entry

- Entry is by a gold coin on the night.
- Every child needs a permission form to be brought on the night – available from the school office or download from the school website.
- Entrance to the disco will be by Room 10 by the outdoor play area.
- Junior Disco: Years 1 – 4: 5:00 to 7:00pm – all students require an adult in attendance for the 2 hours
- Senior Disco: Year 5 – 8: 7:00 to 9:00pm - all students will require permission slips with details of adults picking them up at the end of the night. Permission slips are available from the school website, from the school office and at the door on the night of the disco.

Parent Help

To make this disco another success we need parent volunteers, if you can spare an hour or two of your time, we would like to hear from you. We need 16 volunteers for the Junior Disco (Year 1-4) 5:00-7:00pm and 10 volunteers for the Senior Disco (Year 5-8) 7:00-9:00pm. We especially need help in set-up and clean-up before and after the disco. Kindly email Lizzie our volunteer co-ordinator lizziemasseurs@gmail.com

Food at the Disco

We will be serving dinner options at the Junior Disco (burgers and sausages) and the Senior Disco (burgers and sausages plus, at 8.00pm, pizza by the slice will be available), so no need to cook on that Friday!

For the Seniors

There will be other special treats (photo booth) and lots of fun things to do. There will be a Gaming Room. Enjoy games with your friends, bring along a board game, cards etc. Please no trading on the night!

Important Information for Parents and Guardians

The Home and School Committee hosts the disco but you are responsible for your child/ren. Parent volunteers are there to serve food and drink but are not there to care for children.

This is a great social evening for parents and guardians; please attend if possible (all junior disco children must have a carer at the disco).

News from the Board of Trustees

Notes from the July meeting of the Board

Principal's Report

- Room 3 will be full by the end of Term 3, with Marie Boyer-Blaikie and Liz Synge job-sharing the teaching in Room 15 when it starts in Term 4.

Curriculum Development

- The Board discussed the rationale behind updating the school vision in order to conduct the curriculum review, as the right vision is centrally connected to the curriculum review and is an essential early step to getting it right.
- It was noted that the current vision is not as relevant as it should be and that the school needs a clear, consistent and coherent vision to enhance the curriculum moving forward.
- Feedback has highlighted that the vision needed to be clear, easily understood and self explanatory.
- Initial concepts will be shared with the parent community, who in turn will be asked for feedback through the community survey.
- The Charter would be reviewed during 2019. The vision would be put in place well before then and that the Charter would be well consulted with the parent community.

Pastoral Report

- The Learning Support Report was tabled. Our programmes such as LEXIA and Reading Recovery are making a difference to those students. The Board requested more information on expectations and progress throughout the year.

Writing Review

The student engagement survey report was discussed. The results had been collated and staff will analyse, look at trends, discuss and write notes on findings. Staff involved were in discussion to look at where to progress next; the vision for writing across the school; and also to provide suggestions for work being trialled over the next three weeks, ie readings, activities, all age appropriate, will be monitored and tracked.

Strategic Discussion Points

Building Project

- Given the prevailing winds in Northland, baffles have been added to deflect the wind hitting the entranceway.
- Consideration needs to be given to the naming of the learning studios.
- Asbestos testing was carried out over two days during the school holidays. The project manager was awaiting a report and would provide a copy to the Board in due course.
- A relocatable classroom will arrive on site late in Term 4.

Health and Safety

- The Board enquired as to the timeframe on the water main replacement situated on Harbour View Road / Northland Road and the chaos of the many cones. The school had been advised that the works would be finished by Friday.
- The school is waiting to hear from WREMO re the emergency water tank to be located on the site of the school carpark.

Finance

- The June Accounts were presented. The Board noted the School's working capital position remained well above the policy minimum as at the end of June 2018.

Property

- A lot of work was completed during the holidays on repairing leaks. Room 1's leak is still to be repaired and investigations are underway above the staircase by the office.
- New windows had to be made to replace the original 1920s windows in Room 3. Additional windows in this block will also need to be replaced in the next holidays.

Community

- the Whānau group's next hui is on Monday 6 August.
- the Home and School Committee has arranged another disco on 10 August.
- It was discussed that Health curriculum should be consulted on every two years. Questions on this would likely be in the community survey.
- The latest ERO report is now available online and a link will be added from the school website.

HR

NZEI Industrial Action on 15 August - The Board agreed to respect the teachers' right to strike and that health and safety for the children was paramount, therefore the school will be closed on 15 August. Information will be provided to parents on the strike action and school closure.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday 21 August at 7.00pm, in the Staffroom. All welcome to attend.

Quality of the Week – Confidence

Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.

Diary Dates for 2018

10 August, Friday	School Disco, 5pm and 7pm Book Week Dress Up Day – Parade at 9.15am
14 August, Tuesday	ICAS Maths
15 August, Wednesday	School closed
16 August, Thursday	Technology Classes begin, Team 4

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21 August, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm, staffroom
22 August, Wednesday	National Monitoring Assessment, Year 4 Mathswell, Year 7 and 8
28 August, Tuesday	Mathswell, Year 5 and 6
3 – 7 September	Production Week (Rehearsal 4 Sept, Performances 5 (Wednesday) and 6 September (Thursday))
6 September, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
10 – 14 September	Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
10 September, Monday	Swimming begins, Team 1
11 September, Tuesday	Western Zone Netball (postponement Thursday)
12 and 13 September	Calendar Art Viewing (Wednesday - after school, Thursday - before school)
13 September, Thursday	Student Council – PJ and Hot Chocolate Day Wellington Zone Swimming
18 September, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm, staffroom
26 September, Wednesday	Science Roadshow
28 September, Friday	End of Term Community Assembly Superhero Dress Up Day End of Term, School Closes – 3pm

Term Dates for 2018

Term 3:	Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4:	Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Term Dates for 2019

The two different start and end dates are dependent on a workshop for teachers that may be held in early February. This is still to be confirmed.

Term 1:	Either Monday 4 February or Thursday 7 February – Friday 12 April
Term 2:	Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
Term 3:	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4:	Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 Dec or Friday 20 December

Community News

Community notices and flyers are included in this newsletter as a service to the school community. The inclusion of notices – and other material is at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The school staff and Board take no responsibility for the accuracy of information in community notices and flyers. Inclusion of these in the newsletter does not necessarily imply that school staff or the Board endorses any product, services or information advertised.

Northland Kidz Club – Wednesday 15 August

Full-Day Care Available for Teachers' Strike Day, Wednesday 15 August 2018. For this day, Northland Kidz Club is offering a holiday programme day from 8.30 am to 6 pm, based at the St Anne's Hall by the Northland Shops. We will be going to the Karori Swimming Pool, so bring your swimming gear,

morning tea and lunch. We will be providing afternoon tea, as usual. The cost will be the holiday programme charge of \$45 per child per day, \$20 for the third child onwards from the same family. Please book in as soon as possible, so that we know how many children to cater for. Contact Lisa (022-680-3075), Jan (022-140-2612) or e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Kelly Club - Wednesday 15 August

Kelly Club will be running a holiday programme on the Wednesday 15 August and can be booked in online at www.kellyclub.co.nz.

Pridelands – Wednesday 15 August

We will be running a 1-Day Fun Holiday Programme. This includes a great time in Central Wellington and an ice cream adventure at Chocolate Fish Café in Shelley Bay after which we will explore and enjoy the area including the harbour views.

Programme Locations: Wests Rugby Club and Berhampore School Hall

Time: 7am – 6pm, Shuttle Service Provided, 1-on-1 Support Care Available

As part of our service, we provide Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Tea (under Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme). This way we can help take the burden off parents.

Enrolment deadlines: enrol online by no later than 12pm on Tuesday 14th August.

How to enroll - online at www.pridelands.org.nz to express your interest and select 'Teacher only days/Extra school holidays' under holiday season.

Fun Holiday Adventures Terms and Conditions apply.

Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan!

We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a trial lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

School Lunches – Tuesdays

Sushi Lunches

Place your order for Tuesdays now via www.ezlunch.co.nz. It's the same team, sushi, varieties and prices, just a new website for orders. Order now for the rest of term.

sushilunchwellington@gmail.com 220810781 www.ezlunch.co.nz.

School Lunches – Fridays

Subway School Lunches

We provide lunch to your child's school on Fridays. We have changed the menu format, removing the need to select a size when ordering lunch. The size is now included with the meat/veggie selection. So, when ordering, first select the bread, then the meat/veggie and size, then the sauces. Finally, chicken has been added to the menu choice too.

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Before and After School Care Providers

Before School Care

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. Rebecca Amos is our supervisor and the programme operates from 7.30 until 8.30am. Attendance can be regular or on an as needs basis. The cost is \$7.00 per child before 8.00am and \$5.00 from 8.00am. No need to book – just turn up.

Kelly Club

After School Care is provided for the Northland School community at the Northland Memorial Hall. Kelly Club is an OSCAR approved service provider and our objective is to give children opportunities to do the things they enjoy in a supportive and encouraging environment. We have a grassy outdoor area where the kids enjoy playing sports when the weather is nice. We offer full sessions (3.00-6.00pm) and also a half session option (3.00-4.30pm) and are happy to accept both permanent and casual bookings. Our prices are \$19 for a full session, \$12 for a half session. You can find out more information www.kellyclub.co.nz (Wellington area), email northland@kellyclub.co.nz or phone 022 010 9973.

Northland Kidz Club

After meeting the children at Northland School at 3pm, we're off to nearby parks or the school grounds for a good run-around (weather permitting). Then it's off to Kidz Club at St. Anne's Hall by the Northland Shops (corner of Northland and Randwick Roads) for more afternoon tea and relaxing fun. We're a not-for-profit community organisation (OSCAR approved and Child, Youth and Family accredited), aiming to provide family-style child care at a reasonable cost - \$16 for regulars (\$9 for the third child onwards), \$20 for casuals (\$11 for the third child onwards). We welcome children from all schools – come for a visit and see what we do. Contact Jan 022-140-2612 Lisa 022-680-3075 or e-mail us on nkc.jan@gmail.com Check out our website: www.nkc.org.nz