



**Northland  
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

# Newsletter

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## Building Information Meeting – Wednesday 23 August, 7.30pm

We will shortly be holding a parents information meeting with our architects to share some of the current ideas that are influencing the design of modern teaching and learning spaces. Callum McKenzie, from our architects McKenzie Higham, will show some of his firm's recent work at Thorndon and Khandallah Schools that are currently under construction as well as the firm's earlier award-winning work at Amesbury School. We will share some of the concepts that are currently being developed for our new learning spaces scheduled for construction from mid-2018.

The new building will have three learning studios or innovative learning environments (ILEs) to meet the demands of 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning. When these spaces were first introduced about 6 years ago these structures were large open-plan spaces. There has been a noticeable change over the last three years in the design of these spaces as experience shows how to make effective use of these spaces to meet learning and student needs. The large spaces have gone and now there are smaller breakout rooms that provide a variety of learning areas depending on the needs of the children. As adults we all have our preferred ways of working – there are times when we need to work with a group and there are times when we need to be able to concentrate on our own. We also know that there are some children who thrive working in a group situation where for others a single desk without distraction or interference from others is the way that they learn best. Our design will reflect these many and varied learning styles.

Our new building will not have the traditional single cell classrooms. There will be clearly defined and divided spaces that our students can call "home" and they will continue to have that important adult who is the significant influence in their daily learning. The new spaces will allow our Year 3 – 8 classes to work more flexibly in their Teaching Teams - something that Teams 3 and 4 have been trialling this year. Our Year 1 and 2 classes will continue to be based in single cell traditional classroom spaces once the new building is completed towards the end of 2019 or early 2020.

There is a great deal of work underway to develop the preliminary design of the new building with weekly meetings with a staff advisory group and Board representatives as well as meetings between project managers, architects and consultants. Several of our staff have been visiting new schools around the country to see teaching programmes and these new learning spaces in operation. We took lots of photos of things that we liked and of things that

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we weren't so sure about! Our architects were with us on these visits and certainly took note of our preferences.

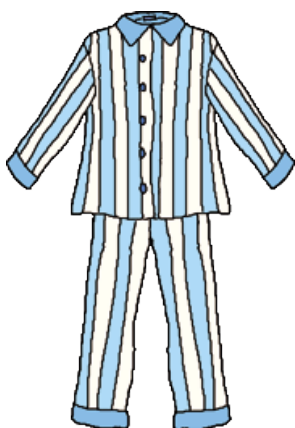
The challenges of our constrained site are many and we will work through these over the next ten months. The design team is working through a process that will deliver the equivalent of ten classrooms, a library and a new multi-use space that is nearly twice the size of the current Viggers Centre.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting on Wednesday 23 August at 7.30pm in the library.

**Jeremy Edwards**  
**Principal**

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## School News



### Student Council PJ Day and Hot Chocolate

We have a pyjama and hot chocolate day on the Wednesday 30 August to raise funds for Starship Hospital. Hot chocolates will cost \$2.50 and will come with free marshmallows and chocolate fish. Order forms are included with this newsletter and are also available from the school office and the school website. Orders need to be returned by Thursday 24 August. Student Councillors will be visiting classes each day to collect orders.

### Disco – Friday 25 August

Our “Around the World” disco is booked in for Friday 25 August.

**Juniors Years 1 – 4 students** from 5.00 – 7.00pm.

Junior disco students require an adult with them for the 2 hours.

**Seniors Years 5 – 8 students** from 7.00 – 9.00pm.

Gaming Room – for the first time there will be a Gaming Room at the Senior Disco. Enjoy games with your friends, bring along a board game, cards etc. Please no trading on the night!

Senior 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.





## Northland School Book Swap

Does your child have a pile of books sitting in their room that they have already read? Do you wish you had the opportunity to exchange them for more exciting reading material?

**Then, the Book Swap is for you!**

### **How it works:**

From Monday 28 August through to Friday 1 September, students may bring in “gently used” books. Student librarians will collect them from the classrooms every day of this week. Each book turned in will earn one token, which students will then use to acquire books at the Book Swap. Maximum number of books a student may bring in is **3**.

On Monday 4 September (Teams 1 and 2) and Tuesday 5 September (Teams 3 and 4) from 12:45 - 1:30pm, students may come to the library and select books of their choice based on the number of tokens they have (1 token = 1 book).

### **Book criteria:**

- Suitable for children in Years 1-8
- Gently used condition: cover on, no rips, or bent edges. No writing or colouring on them.
- Colouring/activity/sticker books will not be accepted.
- Old public library books, or kids’ meals books (McDonald’s), will not be accepted.

We look forward to swapping exciting reading material with your children!

***Rachelle and Lizzie, Northland School Library***

### **Western Zone Swimming Team**

Tuesday 22 August. Please meet in the Viggers Centre at 8.40am

**50m Boys Freestyle** – boys need to make their own way to the pool, ready to race as it starts at 9.30am. Please let me know who you are travelling with.

Northland School swim caps and school sports shirts must be worn. The caps will be provided on the day and sports shirts are available from the office. Please bring lots to drink and eat, 2 towels and warm clothes.

***Angela Scholten, PE Lead Teacher***

## Quality of the Week – Flexibility

Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn't work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

## Term Dates for 2017

Term 3: Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September  
Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

## Term Dates for 2018

Term 1: Wednesday 7 February – Friday 13 April  
Term 2: Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July  
Term 3: Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September  
Term 4: Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

## Diary Dates for 2017

Wednesday 16 August	• Home and School Quiz, 7.00pm
Tuesday 22 August	• Western Zone Swimming Sports
Wednesday 23 August	• Mathswell – Years 7 and 8 • Building Information meeting, 7.30pm
Friday 25 August	• School disco
Tuesday 29 August	• Mathswell – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 30 August	• PJ and Hot Chocolate Day
28 August – 1 September	• Book Swap Collection
Monday 4 September	• Book Swap, Teams 1 and 2
Tuesday 5 September	• Book Swap, Teams 3 and 4
Wednesday 6 September	• Playground Meeting, 7.30pm, staffroom
11 – 15 September	• Maori Language Week
Monday 11 September	• Year 2 Swimming programme begins
13 – 15 September	• NIWA Science Fair – Team 4
Thursday 14 September	• Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
Monday 18 September	• Artsplash Choir, 7.45pm
Tuesday 19 September	• Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
Wednesday 20 September	• Year 1 and 2 parent teacher conferences
Thursday 21 September	• Artsplash Dance, 7.45pm
Tuesday 26 September	• Western Zone Netball

Wednesday 27 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NS Idol – Teams 3 and 4</li> </ul>
Thursday 28 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NS Idol – Teams 1 and 2</li> </ul>
Friday 29 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• End of Term Community Assembly, 9.30am</li> <li>• School closes at 3.00pm for term break</li> </ul>

## 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.*

### Local Fresh Fruit and Veggie Co op

Join the Karori Fruit and Veggie Co op now! The co-op has been getting high quality variety of seasonal fruit and vegetables to their members for at least 2 decades. Currently the cost of a box is \$30. Members enjoy picking up their weekly box on Wednesday afternoon and list the benefits of the co op as:

- Being cost efficient by cutting out the middleman
- Supporting community engagement as we link up different co op members for their shared sorting tasks
- Providing variety and an element of surprise each week, helping us stay flexible and creative
- Ensuring that our families get 5+ a week
- Avoiding any wrapping of produce, they get sorted from wholesale crates into the members' boxes without any use of plastic.

If you are interested or for further information please e-mail [dagmar@actrix.co.nz](mailto:dagmar@actrix.co.nz) or ring Dagmar on 027 2759890 or 475 7284 (evenings).

### Mind Health for Parents

Parenting isn't easy, and not for the fainthearted. As parents, we want the best for our kids and at times can wonder if we're getting it right. You are not alone. This seminar will help you discover strategies to outsmart your kids as well as meet their deep needs. Learn how to become more resilient and less reactive. You will be taken on a *practical and light-hearted* journey to strengthen you as a parent and find ways to raise capable kids.

To register email: [office@thesmashclub.org.nz](mailto:office@thesmashclub.org.nz)

Childcare for children 5 and over available: \$5 per child (includes pizza) - drop off 3:15 pm at The SMASH Club Hall. Please note this on your registration (limited spaces) 17 September at Karori Anglican Church, \$20 per person and \$30 per couple, 3.30 – 5.30pm. Seminar presented by: Richard Black, MCouns (Distinction), MNZAC

Strength to Strength <http://www.strength2strength.co.nz/>

### Meet the Candidates Evening Aro Valley Community Centre - Monday 28 August 7-9pm

The event is a great chance to meet the Wellington Central candidates.

Each candidate will be given some time to speak and then it's from the floor question time. In true Aro Valley style water pistols are part of the action for those candidates who can't stick to their time limit. Let's hope the candidates remember their waterproofs!

Doors open at 6.30pm. Arrive early to get a seat.

### **Mandarin Foreign Language**

"Learning by Doing" immersion classes for Years 1 to 8 are being offered at Northland Memorial Community Centre in Term 3, Tuesdays 3:20 - 4:10pm, \$150 a term. These are small, social classes and based on conversation and interactive activities. You can also learn some Mandarin Chinese online, anytime at our YouTube channel **SAY IT AGAIN: Ni Hao Children's Community TV! View it online at: [tinyurl.com/nihaoctv](http://tinyurl.com/nihaoctv).** (This is a FREE learning resource, including stories, cartoons, songs for kids of all ages.)

### **Bellevue School (Newlands) Golden Jubilee**

Please join us on Saturday 16 September, 11.00am to 3.00pm, Bancroft Terrace, Newlands for our celebration event! It kicks off with an opening ceremony (blessing, speech from the Mayor, Powhiri and placement of a time capsule). There will be performances by the school, decade photos, entertainment, fun activities and games.

For more info, follow us on Facebook or email us at: [bellevuejubilee@bellevue-newlands.school.nz](mailto:bellevuejubilee@bellevue-newlands.school.nz) Gold Coin Entry

### **Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français ? – Afterschool Class**

Alliance Française Wellington returns to Northland School in Term 3 (every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm) to offer French afterschool classes. A native qualified French teacher will teach the language through interactive learning, while playing and singing.

If your child is in Year 6 or above, you can enrol now. Just email Alliance Française: [schools@french.co.nz](mailto:schools@french.co.nz) or ring 04 472 12 72 to get more information. A bientôt!

### **Do You Want to Play Junior Softball!**

Johnsonville Junior Softball is looking for players for T-ball, Mini-Pitch and Softball.

Ages 5 – 16 years old. Registrations are Sunday 27 August 12.00pm to 1.30pm and Thursday 31 August 6.00 to 7.30pm at the Philip Street Clubrooms in Johnsonville.

All information is available on our website [www.jvillsc.org.nz](http://www.jvillsc.org.nz)

### **Code Club – Afterschool on Fridays**

Code Club will be running in Term 3 for Team 4 students on Friday afternoons from 4.00 until 4.45pm. Please contact [emilymasonnz@gmail.com](mailto:emilymasonnz@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### **Come and Play Tennis - Everyone Welcome!**

Karori United Midweek Tennis Club caters for people of all levels from beginners upwards, interclub and social players, male and female. New members are always welcome to come and join in for a couple of weeks before signing up, and childcare for preschoolers is provided during our club mornings (Tuesday and Thursday). We are a friendly welcoming club so come, have a look and give tennis a go! Coaching is available.

Opening day is Tuesday 29 August from 9.30am. 18 Campbell Street.

Interclub players please sign up by Friday 1 September.

Senior club also available for weekend and evening tennis. [www.karoritennis.co.nz](http://www.karoritennis.co.nz)

### **Free Play at the Community Centre**

Every Saturday morning for Term 3 in the main hall at Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road. Hall is open from 9am-12pm. Everyone is welcome.

### **Guitar Lessons – Afterschool Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday**

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitarist with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons at the school library on Mondays from 3.00 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6.00pm, Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6.00pm and **Fridays from 3:30 to 5.00pm (New)**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning the guitar so if you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

Email: [aabir.maz@gmail.com](mailto:aabir.maz@gmail.com) Ph: [027 267 1634](tel:0272671634)

### **10 Weeks to Learn Ukulele – Afterschool classes**

Does your child want to learn ukulele? Playing music is fun and can be really rewarding. Ukulele is a great starting instrument for children – its small size and fewer strings means it's the perfect starting point for anyone's musical journey. This term I will be running a 10 week "Introduction to Ukulele" course at Northland School on Thursdays after school in the library. By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Name the parts of the ukulele.
- Read and play from ukulele tablature.
- Be familiar with at least 5 chord shapes.
- Play two instrumentals (songs).

The course costs \$200, which includes 10 group lessons along with all learning resources. Ukuleles will be provided for lessons, but children are strongly advised to purchase their own in order to make the most of the course (practice makes perfect!).

For more information, please contact Alexander by emailing:

[reid.alexandergraham@gmail.com](mailto:reid.alexandergraham@gmail.com).

### **School Lunches – Tuesdays and Fridays**

#### **Sushi Lunches**

Place your order for Tuesdays now via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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](mailto:sushilunchwellington@gmail.com) 220810781 [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz).

#### **Subway School Lunches**

We provide lunch to your child's school on Friday's. 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](http://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 \$18 for a full session, \$11 for a half session and \$19 for a casual session. You can find out more information [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) (Wellington area), email [northland@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com) Check out our website: [www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)