



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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Tū mai Te Ahūmairangi, tū mai hoki tātou
As Te Ahūmairangi stands, we also reach for great heights

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Recently the whole school dressed up for PJ and Hot Chocolate Day. The Student Council raised over \$420 for Starship Hospital. Thank you for your support.

School News

Year 7 and 8 Mathswell Competition

Best wishes to the Year 7 and 8 Mathswell team who are competing this week at Newlands Intermediate School in the Wellington competition:



Thank you for the 450 cans collected as part of this year's Cans for Good promotion. These have now been donated to the Salvation Army.

ICAS Information

Entries for ICAS English and Maths competitions close on Friday 30 August. Entries for ICAS Writing have closed.

Jane Batchelor – Associate Principal

School Disco – Friday 20 September

Our Home and School Committee is hosting a school disco for our students on Friday 20 September at the Northland Memorial Community Centre. More details on the organisation and times for the different age groups in mid-September.

Western Zone Swimming Sports – One More Adult to Help

We require one more adult to assist with the timing of races at the Western Zone Swimming competition to be held on Tuesday 27 August. If you are able to assist with this please contact Angela Scholten on angelas@northland.school.nz

Keeping Safe on the Slide After School

The wide slide is a very busy place after school and we urge parents to be vigilant when supervising their children. Please remember we go down the slide and climb up the ladder.

Before School Care

Before school care is available each day from 7.30am in our library/staffroom. There is a small charge for this service. Beccy Harding is our Before School Care supervisor. Although we have staff at school from 7.00am they are not available to supervise. Parents who arrive earlier than 7.30am are asked to remain with their children in the library/staffroom until Beccy arrives.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Keep munching those apples – not only are they good for you they help the school with sporting equipment. Keep collecting; we have extra collection sheets available from the school office.

Kāhui Ako Update

Northland School is one of six schools involved in Te Kāhui Ako o Te Whanganui a Tara. This Community of Learning also involves Wellington Girls College, Kelburn Normal School, Karori Normal School, Wellington College and now Brooklyn School. It has a focus on promoting collaboration across our schools' community to support the wellbeing and optimise achievement outcomes at all stages of education. Jane Batchelor is our Across Schools Teacher and Alex Oliver is our Within Schools Teacher.

Here is the latest newsletter update.

What's Been Happening

The first part of the year has had a focus on building a strong team, developing knowledge of our Achievement Challenges and developing skills in the analysis of data. Our team has continued to meet weekly and spent most of Term 2 working with Senior Leadership Teams across all schools to understand responses from the Wellbeing at School survey from 2018.

The two big themes that have come out of the overall Kāhui Ako Wellbeing analysis are the importance of Respectful Relationships for Learning and the Values that underpin learning.

Highlights of Our School Visits

In all schools there is pride in the student work and it was fantastic to see work displayed so prominently on the walls. The values are expressed in all schools in different ways. Groups work collaboratively, learning how to work in groups, having a chance to choose how to respond and a variety of tasks to help learning. Technology to support learning is a strong feature in all schools. Students know their learning and can explain what they are doing. Students are respectful and were happy to talk to adults.

Some Key Actions

Schools have teams working on Achievement Challenge Areas to build teacher knowledge and understanding. Each school has many initiatives that are occurring to support Wellbeing for staff and students. The New Zealand Council for Educational Research are guiding our work. We are sharing ideas and building connections with other Kāhui Ako in the Wellington Basin.

Welcomes

We are very excited to welcome Brooklyn School who are joining our community of learning. They had already done some work with us and their strategic plan closely reflects our

achievement challenges. Early childhood centres are also beginning to connect with our Kāhui Ako with a strong focus on a smooth pathway to school.

Due to the promotion of one of our Across School Leads, we have appointed a new Across School Teacher. Phil McIntosh from Karori Normal School has just joined us. He currently teaches Year 2 and 3 learners. He has been teaching for 11 years and is passionate about creating environments where learners feel empowered

What we are working on at the moment

Our main focus this term is spending time in each school talking with student focus groups. We are very privileged to listen to their voice and are proud of the young citizens that are in all of our schools. Once we have collated the conversations we will be sharing what we have learnt from all students as this will underpin our work going forward. We would like to thank all students across our Kāhui Ako who have taken the time out of the classroom to come and share their thoughts with us. Some of the questions asked were:

- What does wellbeing, feeling good about yourself mean to you?
- If you had the opportunity, what would you like to change/plan in your school?
- What decisions do you get to make about your learning?
- What would you describe as a successful Learner?
- Can you tell us what prepares you for the future? How do you know?

For further information about our Kāhui Ako visit: www.kaotewhanganui-a-tara.weebly.com/

Quiz Night Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to the quiz night last Thursday. We raised \$854 and had a lot of fun! Thanks to Creswick Garage, Swet Group Fitness, Interislander, Picnic Cafe and Weta Workshop for providing some great raffle prizes that a few lucky people took home. Thanks also to One Fat Bird for hosting us.

Quality of the Week – Courage

Courage is a personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

Diary Dates for 2019

Term 3

22 August, Thursday	Mathswell, Year 7 and 8
28 – 29 August	NIWA Science Fair
3 September, Tuesday	Student Council – Northland School’s Got Talent, 1.00pm
4 September, Wednesday	Te Papa Trip – Team 2

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5 September, Thursday	Pizza Thursday, Home and School
10 September, Tuesday	ICAS Writing ASB Stadium sports programme, Team 1
11 September, Wednesday	ASB Stadium sports programme begins, Team 4
11 – 12 September	Calendar Art Display, 3.00pm (Wednesday), before school (Thursday)
17 September, Tuesday	ICAS English ASB Stadium sports programme, Team 1 Board of Trustees, 7pm, Room 12
18 September, Wednesday	Artsplash Choir, 5.00pm
19 September, Thursday	ICAS Maths Twin Day – Student Council
20 September, Friday	School Disco, Community Centre
24 September, Tuesday	ASB Stadium sports programme, Team 1
27 September, Friday	End of Term Community Assembly, 9.30am

Term Dates for 2019

Term 3:	Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
Term 4:	Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December

Term Dates for 2020

Term 1	Tuesday 4 February – Thursday 9 April
Term 2:	Tuesday 28 April – Friday 3 July
Term 3:	Monday 20 July – Friday 25 September
Term 4:	Monday 12 October – Wednesday 16 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.

Kelly Sports Summer Series Football And Netball Competition

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN, get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or our Netball Summer Series Leagues.

Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Netball at Samuel Marsden (Karori) & Karori Normal School beginning 25 October 2019.

There is a break over Christmas then we start up again in term 1 2020.

It's a great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months.

For full details and to enrol your team visit www.getyourgameon.co.nz/kellysports email summerseries@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

International Springboard Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Come and be inspired at the Pacific Junior Diving Championships this weekend at Kilbirnie Pool 23-25 August. Over 60 young divers, aged 12-18yrs, from around the Pacific region will compete in this inaugural event. Three Wellington divers join the New Zealand team competing against teams from Malaysia, Adelaide, Sydney and Queensland.

See www.wellingtondiving.org.nz for more details or contact Barbara on 027 485 8888

Johnsonville Junior Softball for ages 5 - 14

Registration with Johnsonville Junior Softball Club is open on the 25 August (via <https://www.sporty.co.nz/jvillesc/>). Subs are \$70 per player with full uniform provided. Further details available on our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/jvillescjuniors/> or contact johnsonvillejuniorsoftball@gmail.com or phone Sue 027 276 0644.

Piano Lessons

Would your child like to learn piano but can't get to lessons? Learn from home! Online Piano lessons available for complete beginners aged 3 years+ and parents with no previous musical experience. Watch step-by-step video lessons and get personalised feedback from me using a unique video-upload feature. Optional individual (webcam) lessons also available. First week is free at www.katiesuzukimusic.com. Katie Dey - Experienced Suzuki Method teacher based near Nelson, New Zealand

Karori Baptist Church Youth Community – Friday Nights 7-8.30pm

Week 2-9 Term time at Karori Baptist Church, Marsden Village. Pulse is a place of games and community for Intermediate aged youth (Year 7,8,9). Get together to make friends and connect while enjoying a fun filled evening. Come along and bring your friends to enjoy our welcoming youth community. Any questions feel free to contact us at pulse@KBC.org.nz or Margaret 021 168 1151

Calling Students of All Ages! BMX Racing

Have-a-go at BMX racing this summer in Capital BMX in Karori. Our student BMX training and racing programme at Karori's local BMX track, Ian Galloway Park, is set to get underway. Hire a BMX, race helmet and gloves for just \$5 - (3 sessions only*) - just wear a long sleeve shirt and long pants with shoes. Join the novice training on Sunday club days – 9.30am to 10.15am weather permitting Following three have-a-go sessions, Club membership and a BMXNZ licence is mandatory to continue attending Capital BMX club days and training sessions. See our Facebook page for track and training updates, and book your 3 sessions at info@capitalbmx.co.nz.

Blended Family Success

Discover how to help children in your step family adjust and create a united, supportive home life. Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work. Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! ONE NIGHT ONLY. You must register to secure your place. When: Tuesday 17 September, 7pm – 9pm Venue: 21 Hania Street, Wellington Central For more information go to: www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events email: adele@stepfamilyhelp.info

Free Home Fire Safety Visits

Fire and emergency NZ offers these visits to help people make their homes fire safe for them and their families. You can contact your local fire station or email

FENZwellington@fireandemergency.nz

Onslow Rowing Club Book Sale

The Onslow College Rowing Club (OCRC) is holding a Book Fair fundraiser on Saturday 24 - Sunday 25 August (9am - 3pm). Our Book Fair includes coffee, cake and sausage sizzle sales. EFT-POS and parking is available - so book lovers everywhere can drive on up to take away lots of books! We have a fantastic selection and something for everyone. Funds raised assist our rowers and coaches, who put hours of training and top level effort in each season.

German School Wellington

For children in German speaking families in Wellington. Held at Karori West Normal School on Wednesdays from 4.00pm to 5.40pm. Ages 5+ welcome. www.dswellington.org

The Karori Community Book Fair

Friday 23 August from noon until 8.00 pm and then again on Saturday 24 August from 9.00 am until 4.00 pm. The book fair is being held at the Karori Baptist Church Hall again and a huge range of books are available.

Talavera Tennis Club

Has your young person tried tennis? Talavera Tennis Club at 148 Glenmore St is a small family friendly club with two tennis courts. It offers coaching and social tennis. There are also novice interclub teams for children who are new to the game.

Come and find out more at our Love Tennis open days on 7 and 8 September from 1pm to 4pm. Anyone can have a go. Or contact Talavera's junior club organiser Charles Mabbett on 0220 965 019. Google us! Talavera has a website and a Facebook page.

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup

Warmly invite interested families to our Open Day on Saturday 31 August, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). If you know of anybody else who is interested in our Playgroup and/or Preschool and may find the Open Day of interest, please let them know about this opportunity. For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz.

Wellington Primary and Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament

Tuesday 17 September for the Girls and Wednesday 18 September for the Boys at the Renouf Tennis Centre, 60 Brooklyn Road, Wellington.

Students can be entered in either "Year 6 and Under" or "Open" (Intermediate) grades. Due date for entering your students into this great and fun event is Monday 9 September. Please don't hesitate to contact Flo (flo@tenniscentral.co.nz) if you have any questions.

School Lunches

Sushi Lunches - Tuesdays

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 www.ezlunch.co.nz.

Subway – Fridays

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. Beccy Harding 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 \$19.50 for a full session, \$13 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