



**Northland
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Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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Sitting ICAS English

A large number of our Year 4 – 8 students are currently taking part in the annual ICAS tests for writing, English and mathematics. ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) is based at the University of New South Wales and students from across Australia, New Zealand and South Asia take part. These tests are very challenging and participation is voluntary.

Building Project Update

At the end of the second term we held a building project information evening for members of our community. At this meeting the following points were raised as part of the discussion:

- Envelope treatment, consideration of surroundings, softening of the building via cladding
- Location
- Building bulk and height, bulk all along driveway. Feels like is all inwardly focused, back of a supermarket, no relationship with street/city/view
- Hard up on boundary along length of boundary, 2 buildings perhaps?
- Nature preservation
- Connectivity to the community
- Driveway related concerns
- Entrance to school, Underpass
- Separate play spaces for different ages
- Morning sun play area
- Review no decant - parents happy about kids being in/beside construction site?
- Construction issues - access, noise, traffic
- Impact of geotechnical issues on siting of building
- Encroachment, the school on WCC land encroachment

These items have since been discussed by the design team and various options have been considered and costed to address some of these points.

We do have to work within the allocated budget and the Ministry of Education has to deliver the equivalent of ten classroom spaces, a hall and a library to a combined fixed square meterage. When the then Minister of Education announced funding for the project in December 2016 it was clear that the \$8 million provided was a finite resource. The entire project includes construction costs and consultant fees and had allowed for the nature of the site. This is the same for all Ministry building projects across the country.

At the information evening we shared the Master Plan Refresh, bulk and location concept. This is used to determine how big the building will need to be to meet the project's requirements – school educational brief, ten classrooms etc. It did not mean that this was the final shape of the building nor did it show the cladding to be used nor the number and size of the windows. These are items that will be determined as the design team works through the Preliminary Design phase and cost various concepts. Recent school designs by our architects show buildings with a large number of windows that provide a lot of light to the classroom spaces. Our new building will have lots of windows on all sides so our students can see out and our neighbours and visitors see in. The proposed underpass in some form will provide a very visual link from the street to the school playground – far more so than currently exists.

Northland School is the tightest school site in the country with this number of students. The placement of the building along the Harbour View Road boundary provides us with additional playground space and a reduction in shading on play areas. It will still provide us with separate play spaces for different age groups in the school but these will be far more linked than currently. Our new playground development project will further enhance our spaces making these far more attractive and purposeful for our students.

For some of those attending the meeting the potential use of the driveway during construction was a cause for concern. A traffic management plan will be developed involving

the key stakeholders to ensure that there is continual access to the driveway and our neighbouring houses. A condition assessment will be undertaken to ensure that the driveway both during and at the end of the project will be maintained in its present condition.

Two years ago the initial concept for the building had it potentially sited along the boundary of Northland Road and up to the main entranceway. The construction budget alone required for this design was in the order of \$8m. Extensive geotech investigations showed that the concrete wall along the Northland Road fence was not strong enough to take a heavy building nearby and that the ground behind it was very poor and would require extensive foundations and substantial site specific structural works to achieve the build. The ground along Harbour View is significantly better and the cost saving is extensive as a result.

Questions were raised about the possibility of siting the building closer to the corner. The school fenceline on the corner of Northland and Harbour View Roads is not within the school boundary – this is WCC land. The actual boundary is much closer to the small pedestrian gate and extends down the wide steps to the straight boundary along Northland Road. Again the tight nature of the school site limits the opportunities available for locating the building.

A few people queried the school's decision not to move students to another site while construction is underway. When we consulted with our school community three years ago the large number of parents who attended were clear that they wanted to keep the children on the current site. Various "decant" options were considered such as setting up temporary classrooms on the school tennis courts off Harbour View or moving to spare classrooms at Cardinal McKeefry School as had been the case in 1998 and 1999. At the moment Cardinal McKeefry School could take two or three classes – we need space for eight. The costs of bringing in relocatable classrooms to the tennis courts was at least \$1.5 million which would have had to be funded from the overall project budget.

The Board of Trustees and our design team have explored many possibilities. The concept shared at the meeting in early July is the solution to a very challenging project.

As decisions are finalised about shape, cladding and size of the building the Board of Trustees will continue to share these with you.

A reminder that we have a community information evening planned for Wednesday 23 August to share some of our ideas about what the internal layout could look like and to hear about some of the current trends in education and teaching and learning programmes that are driving changes to modern educational spaces.

The meeting will be held in our library commencing at 7.30pm.

Geoff Davenport,
Chairperson Board of Trustees

Jeremy Edwards
Principal

School News

Whānau Hui – Monday evening

Tēnā koutou katoa

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the Term 3 Whānau Group Hui, on Monday 7 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Following this there will be a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee.

We encourage you to come and share your ideas so that we can further discuss our school whakatauki and reflect on Matariki week 2017.

Please RSVP so that we know who will be able to attend. Phone: 475 7596, email: katiem@northland.school.nz

Naku noa. Katie McGrath - Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori

Team 1 Trip to NZ Film Festival - Thursday 10 August

Next Thursday, 10 August, Team 1 students will be attending a screening of “short shorts” at the Embassy theatre as part of the New Zealand International Film Festival children’s section. This screening is 65 minutes of short film animations. A separate letter has been sent home with Team 1 students.

Science Fair – On Display Next Week

Next week our Year 7 and 8 students will be hosting this year’s science fair. All of our Team 4 students have been working hard on their individual science inquiry and their efforts will be on display in the Viggers Centre. The fair will be open from 3.00 – 7.30pm on Tuesday 8 August and from 9.00 – 11.30am on Wednesday 9 August. All parents and caregivers are invited to view these amazing scientific investigations.

Home and School News

Home and School School Pub Quiz - One Fat Bird Karori

Wednesday 16 August, 7.00pm start. Tickets are just, \$15.00 per person.

A great night out, lots of laughs, challenges, spot prizes and raffles. Book the babysitter and gather the team. Or meet some new friends in a mixed team - just let us know and we will help.

Disco – Friday 25 August

Our “Around the World” disco is booked in for Friday 25 August – more details next week.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Northland School is in the swing of collecting “Yummy Apple” stickers for 2017. KEEP munching – just a few weeks to go! Term 3 is the last term to hand in all your Yummy Apple Stickers.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 catalogues have been distributed. Orders are due on Monday 7 August. Please return your completed order forms to the office. Please write legibly with blue or black pen only. If paying by cheque make it payable to Northland School; or you can place your orders online by the Book Club LOOP, simply go to www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz and open an account. Orders that are incomplete and/or with incorrect payment will not be processed. All queries to Ruth by email abenojar.yee@clear.net.nz Spare forms are available from the school office.. No late orders, thank you.

Quality of the Week – Respect

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

A message from our ...

Student Led Health and Safety Group

The Northland School Student Health and Safety group would like to remind parents and students alike on the importance of healthy eating.

We would first of all like to make everyone aware on the importance of healthy eating. Sugar is one of the main causes for young kiwi’s being overweight, not only this but it causes diabetes and other serious health issues. Ways to reduce the amount of sugar in school lunches is filling your diet with a variety of foods, things like fruits, veges, nuts, seeds, lean meats, whole grains and low fat dairy foods. Different colours provide your body with different nutrients.

Fizzy drinks are also full of sugar which is why health officials are encouraging schools to provide only milk and water in New Zealand schools. High quality water is provided from various water fountains located around the school.

The Health and Safety group urge parents to find ways of reducing sugar in their children’s school lunches.

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

Monday 7 August	• Whānau hui, 7.00pm
Tuesday 8 August	• Science Fair – 3.00 – 7.30pm Viggers Centre
Wednesday 9 August	• Science Fair – 9.00am - midday
Thursday 10 August	• Team 1 NZ Film Festival trip
Friday 11 August	• Year 7 Vaccinations
Tuesday 15 August	• ICAS Maths • Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 August	• Home and School Quiz, 7.00pm
Tuesday 22 August	• Western Zone Swimming Sports
Wednesday 23 August	• Mathswell – Years 7 and 8
Wednesday 23 August	• 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

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.

Sushi Lunches Has Moved to Another Website for Sushi Orders

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.

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 if you are interested.

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.

Private Tuition in the Arts

Enjoy learning with expert tuition in a fun and inspiring environment. Music lessons in trumpet, violin, guitar and musical exploration. Art, craft, costuming, creative yoga and mindfulness. Located in Brooklyn. \$65ph. Call Emily Clemett 020 40244007

Toi Taniwha Arts Project

Share a mindful space of community, creativity, self expression and fun, through games, art, music, drama, circus and yoga. Thursdays commencing 3 August in Brooklyn. Age 5 - 8 years 3.15-4.15pm. Age 9 - 13years - 4.15-5.15pm <https://enrolmy.com/toi-taniwha-arts-project> Toi Taniwha Arts Project on Facebook. Call Emily 020 40244007

Guitar Lessons – afterschool Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

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

Individual and group lessons are available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning to play the guitar. It is a creative, fun and stimulating hobby. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: 027 267 1634

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 or ring 04 472 12 72 to get more information. A bientôt!

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.

Scouting: Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things?

Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new keas (age 5 - 7), cubs (age 8 - 10.5), or scouts (age 10.5 - 14). Also have you considered becoming a Scout leader? This is a rewarding way to learn new skills, pass on your own skills, go on exciting adventures and get involved

with your local community. Please contact Rob@Wallace.gen.nz or see www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts for more information.

Kelly Sports Term 3

Kelly Sports is back with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives children a place to channel their energy.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Years 1 and 2) – Mondays 3.05 - 4.05pm - Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games and drills to build these skills.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Years 2 -4) – Mondays 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try football, netball, handball and Rippa Rugby. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games and drills to teach game sense and team play.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

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 (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