



**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**



Practising for her retirement by drinking coffee in Croatia!

The Principal Point

Marie's Retiring

After 24 years devoted service to the students of Northland School Marie Boyer-Blaikie has decided that it is time to hang up her whiteboard pens, put away all those little readers, and leave the teaching of our very youngest students to the next generation.

Since she started her teaching career at Northland School as a Beginning Teacher Marie

has always been a vital part of our learning community. Her vivacity, sense of humour and concentrated work ethic have helped many young children successfully start their school days. She has taught over 600 children from Year 1 to Year 8 and all have benefited from her commitment to her learners. She has spent many hours after school, in the evenings and at the weekend preparing just the right activity for her students. She loves the Internet, belongs to many Pinterest groups and blogs - all so she can find those extra special ideas that will make a difference.

Marie has had a major impact in other ways at Northland School. She was the lead in-school facilitator for the first ever ICT professional development contract in New Zealand and working closely with teachers from three local schools. She also oversaw the introduction of computers in education into Northland School – we have come a long way since those very first days of floppy disks, standalone PCs and dot matrix printers. Marie has also had a major influence in her role as Associate Principal. We all value her wise words and careful

consideration. Her phrase of “we do what’s best for the children” has certainly influenced many of the decisions that we have made.

We wish her well in her retirement but we also know that, like other Northland School retirees, we will be asking Marie to come back as a reliever now and then or if we are really lucky we might be able to encourage her to maybe start another Year 1 class later in the year. In the meantime we hope that Marie is able to spend quality time with her ever growing number of grandchildren as well as experiencing the delights of overseas travel that is not constrained to just school holidays!

We are holding a special afternoon tea for Marie on Monday 11 December at 4pm in the library. If you would like to join us to acknowledge her contribution to the school and listen, or perhaps contribute, to our anecdotes please RSVP to Julia and Ann in the school office office@northland.school.nz or 475-7596.

Year 8 Leavers’ Dinner

On Friday we hold a special evening for our Year 8 students to mark their transition from Northland School to college. This is always an amazing evening as we acknowledge their contribution to our school and reflect on many of their personal achievements. As a staff we have spent time over the last month discussing these noteworthy accomplishments. We have also talked about what an amazing group of young leaders they are and how much we value their contributions to the school. At this time of the year we talk a lot about how their special input into Northland School and how this helps make it such a special place - this year is no exception. Despite college looming so large in their near future our Year 8s have remained their usual focused and hardworking selves – ready to leave but still an essential part of Northland School.

Our thanks to the parents of our Year 7 students who organise this event so that our Year 8 parents are able to sit back and enjoy this special occasion. Just another example of the ways that our parent community contribute so much to our community of learners.

End of the School Year - Nearly

Reports are now finished; class lists are finally completed after numerous tweaks and changes over the last few weeks as we work to ensure a balance of abilities across the different rooms; budgets have been approved; the Board of Trustees has met for the final time; the Student Council has held its last event (a great fun day last week) and with much end of year administrative tasks nearing completion we can see the end of the school year is just over a week away. It is approaching incredibly fast and soon it will be 2pm, Friday 15 December. We still have some important things to complete or mark – the Year 8 Leavers’ Dinner, the community carols night at the Northland Community Centre on Saturday at 5.30pm, a morning tea at 10.30am on Monday for all those parents who have helped us during the year, a farewell to Marie Boyer-Blaikie at 4.00pm also on Monday, and special end of year activities for some classes. It will only be after 2pm Friday next week that we can consider that the end of the school year has really and truly arrived.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Celebrating Student Success

EPRO8 –Congratulations to our students who came fourth in the EPRO8 Grand Final.

Regional Athletics - Congratulations to our students who took part in the Regional Athletics Championships yesterday in 'searing' hot Masterton.

Classrooms for Children Who Will Be in Years 1 – 3 in 2018

For children who will be in Years 1, 2 or 3 in 2018 we will email parents on Monday 11 December information about their child's classroom and teacher.

End of Year Reports – and Classes for 2018 - Years 3 – 8 – Live from 11 December

End of year summary reports on student progress for children in Years 3 - 8 will be available through our parent portal from midday Monday 11 December. If you do not have Internet access or would prefer a hard copy of your child's report then please contact our school office.

Included in the report itself is your child's attendance for this year to date and, where relevant, their teacher and room for 2018.

Each report will be available to download for your family on our parent portal accessible from our website www.northland.school.nz. To access this secure site you will need to use the email address that you have supplied us and that you used in the middle of the year. If you have forgotten your password then click on **forgot password** and follow the prompts. You will receive an email from Massey University about this! Our student management system is based at the university and all changes are made through the university's cloud server.

Previous Student Reports

Recently there have been instances where families have been unable to download previous reports for their children. We have contacted our software company to address this issue. If you are unable to download the latest report from next Monday then please contact us and we will email you a copy.

End of Year Community Assembly

All parents, caregivers and friends of Northland School are invited to our end of year community assembly to be held on Friday 15 December at 9.30am at the Northland Community Centre in Woburn Road. This is an opportunity to farewell those leaving as well as see just a few of our school cultural groups presenting.

Team 1 Assembly

Families of children in Team 1 (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15) are warmly invited to our final assembly of the year in the Viggers Centre tomorrow, Thursday, 7 December at 2:20pm. Please note the slightly earlier starting time and also that it is on Thursday, not Friday, because our Year 1 students have swimming lessons on Fridays. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Community Carols Evening

Our choirs have been invited to sing as part of the Community Carols evening this Saturday 9 December from 5.30 – 7.00pm at the Northland Community Centre. Please join us to share in this community event with children from Cardinal McKeefry School and the congregations of St Anne's and St Thomas More.

Morning Tea for Parent Helpers – Monday 11 December

Set aside time on Monday 11 December to join the staff for morning tea at 10.30am in the library. If you have helped the school in any way this year, please join us. This is our opportunity to say thank you for helping us in so many ways.

Last Days for Lunch Orders

The final day for Subway orders is Friday 8 December. The last day for sushi orders is Tuesday 12 December.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Northland School allows students in Years 3 – 8, with parental permission, to bring a Chromebook to school. There is no requirement or expectation for a student to have their own device. Please note that only Chromebooks are permitted to be brought to school for use in classrooms. Some of our senior students do have cellphones that are kept in their bags as these are for use after school.

In 2018 each Chromebook, either school or student owned, will have a Google Chrome Management Console downloaded. This will provide our staff with much greater control of student access to the Internet when Chromebooks are at school. We will be able to monitor sites visited and activity much more easily. Each console costs \$40 per device and our Board of Trustees will fully fund this cost for both school and student-owned Chromebooks.

For further information about BYOD please check our website under the Useful Information tab.

School Library Books

This is the final reminder for all books (not summer readers) to be returned to the library as we need to finalise our inventory, thank you.

2018 Information

School Starts

The first day of the 2018 school year is Wednesday 7 February.

Stationery Lists

2018 stationery lists for Years 2 – 8 will shortly be available on our website under the Useful Information Tab. Year 1 stationery packs are available from the school office.

School Picnic

We usually start the school year with a whole school picnic but because of the later starting date in 2018 we are unable to visit some of our usual picnic places. At this stage we are still seeking an alternative venue.

Year 7 and 8 Camp

The 2018 camp for Year 7 and 8 students will be held from 12 – 16 March at Camp Kaitoke, north of Upper Hutt.

Quality of the Week – Understanding

Understanding is thinking clearly. It is using your mind so that you can see the truth about things. It is paying careful attention and thinking about things in order to see their meaning. Understanding is having empathy and showing compassion. Understanding gives us the power to think and learn and also to care.

Diary Dates for 2017

Wednesday 6 December	• Year 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 7 December	• 2018 New Entrant visits • Team 1 assembly, 2.20pm
Friday 8 December	• Year 8 Leavers' Dinner, 5.30pm
Monday 11 December	• Parent Helpers Morning Tea, 10.30am • Year 3 – 8 Student Reports go live, midday • Afternoon Tea
Thursday 14 December	• Team 2 trip to Kilbirnie Rec Centre
Friday 15 December	• End of Year Assembly, 9.30am • School closes, 2.00pm

Term Dates for 2017

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

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 Community Carols – Saturday 9 December, 5.30pm

Join in singing Christmas Carols at the Community Centre on Woburn Road on Saturday 9 December at 5.30pm. Everybody is welcome and there is a free sausage sizzle to finish.

Northland Memorial Community Centre

The NMCC Open Day will continue every Saturday from 10:15am-1:15pm until 16 December, 2017.

Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Rd, Northland, Phone 475-8511.

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2018

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, ukulele, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and trumpet. To enrol for 2018 visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz and enrol online. Enrolments open in December.

Kelly Club Northland

Offering a Pre-Christmas holiday programme at the Northland Memorial Hall from Friday 15 December (from 2.00pm) through to Friday 22 December 2017.

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. Kelly Club programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

The Pre-Christmas Kelly Club Holiday programme includes **Wet N Wild, scavenger hunt, cup cake decorating, sports, Christmas activities games** and much more.

The Pre-Christmas programme is now available to book online at

<http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/events/3105-Northland-Memorial-Community-Centre>

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email northland@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9973

Code Camp December/January Holidays

Samuel Marsden School: 18 – 21 Dec, 8 – 11 Jan, 15 – 18 Jan, 23 – 26 Jan

Maranui SLSC, Lyall Bay - 8 – 11 Jan, 15 – 18 Jan, 23 – 26 Jan

Thorndon Primary School - 8 – 11 Jan, 15 – 18 Jan]

Code Camp allows boys and girls from the ages of 7 - 12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence and initiative through design, creativity, solving problems and collaboration. Create games, apps and work with robots and electronic building blocks.

Book Now at www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp

Northland Kidz Club's Holiday Programme – Before and After Christmas

Join us in our adventures each day as we're out-and-about in the Wellington region. We'll be doing a lot of our old favourites (ice-skating, go-karting, mini-golf, Time Cinema, ten-pin bowling) as well as going to beaches, parks, play areas and swimming pools. We'll be on the ferry to Somes/Matiu Island, attending Circus School, learning jazz musical theatre style dance, touring Government House and going to the Lego Exhibition at Te Papa. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards \$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day. For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612), e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Northland Kidz Club - Meeting Children at 2 pm on the Last Day of School

We'll be meeting the kids when school finishes at 2 pm on Friday 15 December, and would love for you to join us at our end-of-year party. Come casually (\$20 per child) or as a regular (\$16 per child). If you're not already booked in for this day, contact Lisa on 022-680-3075.

Pre-Christmas Kids' Workshops: Dec 18, 19, 20, 8.45am to 12noon

Sustainability-themed workshops for kids aged 5 to 12 while you get Xmas errands done. Build a garden out of wooden pallets, upcycle found materials for Xmas decorations and cards, and take a walking tour of green Wellington. \$28 per session, bookings essential: sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events

Wilderkids: Jan 15 to 26, 8.30am to 3.30pm

A school holiday programme which gets kids exploring nature in Wellington Town Belt. Build a hut, make weed pesto, forage for food and bugs – and plenty more fun! \$56 per day, bookings essential. \$10 places available for Community Services Card holders, please see sustaintrust.org.nz/our-events for more.

Ocean Swim Wellington 28 January 2018

The Banana Boat Oceankids Wellington swim is coming up in January 2018. Oriental Bay is the place to be if you are 7-12 years old. Find out more and enter at www.oceankids.co.nz

Northland Kindy Calendar

We have created a beautiful calendar as a fundraiser this year. It displays historical photos from the Northland region including a picture by photographer Ans Westra. The calendar will be on sale on Thursday afternoon outside Rooms 4 and 5 for \$20.00. It makes a great Christmas gift too! Everyone is most welcome to come and take a look at the calendar after 2:30pm on Thursday the 7 December.

Child-Minding

Hello my name is Tessa (18) and have now finished high school and am looking for opportunities to babysit from December till mid-Jan. I have had many experiences looking after children of all ages and numbers, day time and evenings. Feel free to give me a call or text on 027 863 7640 if you would like a night out or someone to help out in the holidays!

Hannah Scholten Available To Help

It's almost Christmas and that means the holidays! So if you need a trusty and experienced babysitter I am willing to do the job leading up to/over the Christmas holidays. I'm also available for pet feeding and have experience with this also. I am in Year 11 next year and go

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to Wellington Girls College. So if you are interested please feel free to contact me by leaving a comment so we can get in touch! 0221825214

Babysitting

Hi my name is William Scholten. I'm 16 years old and attend Wellington Boys College in Year 12. I am seeking work looking after children/babysitting on weekends. If you would like to contact me my phone number is 022 1753061. I am also able to do other jobs as well such as trimming hedges, mowing the lawns etc. I look forward to hearing from you.

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 \$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