



**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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Scenes from the recent school picnic at Wainuiomata Pool. Several families have returned to the pool to make the use of the great facilities during this hot weather.

The Principal Point

Keeping our students safe is very important to all of us. Health and Safety is a monthly agenda item at our Board of Trustees and it is also a standard item at the weekly staff admin meeting on Friday. We also have a student-led Health and Safety Committee where these young people discuss health and safety matters that are important to them. Children often see things through a different lens to adults and are very aware of any issues needing attention in the playground or in classrooms.

Once the contract has been signed with contractors for our building project the very first meeting will have a Health and Safety focus as all parties work out how we keep all members of our learning community safe during the build. Consideration will be given to restricting access to the building site at key times before and after school. As these decisions are made we will inform our parent community so everyone is advised well in advance.

We do know that all our parents are also very health and safety conscious but we would like to remind everyone about keeping safe from traffic around the school entrances. Last year we introduced wardens at the Harbour View Road designated crossing point. This has made a huge difference to our students as they now all cross at the same point. A reminder that the area around this crossing point is not a drop off zone. It is a no stopping area. The wardens on duty do need clear visibility up and down the street when making decisions to “cross now”.

We have had discussions with the Wellington City Council through the Police about having school patrols or wardens at the Harbour View Road crossing point but it seems the lack of visibility for both drivers and pedestrians may preclude this happening.

Thank you to all the parents and families who use the pedestrian crossing opposite the school in Northland Road and who follow the instructions of our road patrols. We find that children are very good instant tutors if their parents (or grandparents) suddenly forget to wait until “cross now”.

Lots of our children ride scooters to school – some days there are over 90 parked outside classrooms. We do remind our students to take care when going past driveways and garages – the entranceway to the mechanics next door to Otis and Louie on Northland Road has a lot of traffic movement and caution when riding scooters in this area is essential.

Our Year 5 – 8 students have recently started the Pedal Ready bike skills programme operated through the Wellington City Council. Many of our students ride bikes after school and in the weekend and we have taken the opportunity to provide some additional safety tips and skills lessons from cycling experts.

If your child is going to be away or will be late to school please let the office staff know. You can do this by phone (leave a message), email (office@northland.school.nz) or by clicking on the absence form on the **Contact Us** tab on the school website www.northland.school.nz. Teachers check their attendance registers at 9.00am and our office staff will follow up any unexplained absences shortly after. If your child arrives after the bell goes at 8.55am they do need to check in with Julia and Ann in the office. Teachers also complete their attendance registers after lunch.

If you are going to be collecting your child during the school day please let your child’s teacher know. Also call in to the office to let them know when you are here.

Our Board of Trustees has recently considered the place of dogs in the school grounds. Dogs are welcome in the school grounds but they must be on a leash, controlled and with an adult. Dogs are not permitted inside school buildings unless these are “service dogs”.

Team 4 Camp

Next week our 80 students in Team 4 (Year 7 and 8) head off to the Palm Grove camp on the Kapiti Coast for five days. This camp is very early in the school year and a huge amount of preparation has gone into making this camp a success. As well as the students we have 22 parents and teachers looking forward to a very busy week of outdoor activities. This year's camp has a science focus with trips to Kapiti Island and Nga Manu Sanctuary. Our alternate year programme is based in the Akatarawas and has an adventure activity focus.

Taking a large number of children away for a week has involved a huge amount of planning and preparation and our thanks to Alex Oliver, Gabrielle Crothall and Fiona Valentine for spending many hours designing the programme, organising buses, developing rosters and making sure that there are a variety of plans for every weather eventuality. We hope that this wonderful summer continues for them.

We are indeed fortunate to have so many parents who contribute to events such as the Team 4 camp – a large number are taking annual leave from work to be involved. Without this level of support we could not offer such programmes.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Whakatau – a welcome

On Thursday 14 February we will hold our whakatau to welcome new children, their families and new staff members to Northland School. A whakatau is a simplified powhiri and at Northland School will be entirely led by our students. Our students will “call” our new people into the school – other students will reply on their behalf. All speeches for both tangata whenua and manuhiri will be given by our students as well. The whole school will support both groups with waiata. This will be followed by a hongi and then morning tea. Parents of new students are invited to meet in the staffroom at 9.15am for a short briefing before the whakatau commences at 9.30am.

Whānau Hui

Tēnā koutou katoa

I would like to warmly welcome you all to this term's Whānau Group Hui, on Monday 18 February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We encourage you to come and share your ideas. Following this there will a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee. 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

Road Patrol Supervisors – Can You Help?

We are keen to have our road patrols supervised by adults in the morning (8.30 – 8.55am) and in the afternoon (3.00 – 3.15pm). If you are able to help one morning or afternoon per week

please contact the school office. Our road patrols are trained by the school's police education officer and the supervisor's role is purely as another set of eyes.

Minutes Secretary Required

Our Board of Trustees is seeking a minutes secretary for their monthly meetings. Duties include taking the minutes of discussion and decisions, typing these up within a week and keeping the Board records and minutes folder up-to-date. This is a paid position. For further information please contact the school office.

Before School Care

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our old library space each day. This year the programme is available from 7.30 until 8.35am. Beccy Harding is the supervisor. Attendance can be regular or on an as needs basis. There is no need to book. The cost is \$7.00 per child before 8.00am and \$5.00 from 8.00am.

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.

Each Chromebook, either school or student owned, will have a Google Chrome Management Console downloaded. This provides our staff with much greater control of student access to the Internet when Chromebooks are at school.

For further information about BYOD and the Google Chrome Management Console please check our website under the Useful Information tab.

Fundraising

Ice blocks and sun hats for sale this Friday afternoon by the front gate. \$15 for a sunhat and \$2 for ice blocks.

SAVE THE DATE Friday 15 March - Our last school disco in the Viggers Centre!

The first school disco for the year will be on Friday 15 March. This will also be the last disco in the Viggers Centre and will have a special theme and activities. More details will follow. Keep an eye out for the newsletters and posters. It will be a very special night your children do not want to miss!

Quality of the Week – Friendliness

Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

Term Dates for 2019

Term 1:	Monday 4 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 December

Diary Dates for 2019

Term 1

14 February, Thursday	Whakatau for new students and families, 9.30am
18 – 22 February	Team 4 Camp, Kāpiti Coast
18 February, Monday	Whānau hui, 7.00pm, staffroom
19 February, Tuesday	Pedal Ready programme - Team 3, commences
21 February, Thursday	Te Matatini – Year 6, Westpac Stadium
25 – 29 February	Progressive Achievement Tests (PATs), Yr 3 – 8
25 February, Monday	Home and School Committee, 7pm, staffroom
26 February, Tuesday	Western Zone Cricket
28 February, Thursday	Western Zone Cricket, postponement date
4 March, Monday	Swimming, Team 4, commences
12 March, Tuesday	Parent Teacher Conferences
14 March, Thursday	Parent Teacher Conferences
15 March, Friday	School disco
19 March, Tuesday	Western Zone Football

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.

Karori Lions Karnival and Fair

The Karori Lions Fair is on again – Sunday 17 February at Ben Burn Park, Karori. Quality Stalls selling superb merchandise, adventure rides, children’s activities, raffles, lots of food and a full day of stage entertainment for the family. From 10.00am until 3.30pm. Come along and have some fun.

Makara Model School Twilight Fair

Makara Model School Twilight Fair coming up on 22 February, 4.00pm to 8.00pm. We are raising money to move the original school building (1800s) to the current school grounds as it is not being looked after or used in its current location and we need the space. Food, entertainment, stalls, and yes, there will be pony rides....

Karori Arts and Crafts Centre art classes (5 years to teens)

Term 1 kids + teens art classes begin the week of 18 February at the Karori Arts and Crafts Centre, and we are holding \$10 trial classes the week starting 11 February for most classes so that you can try the classes out. We have fun, hands on art classes for kids of all ages (from 5 years to teens) at 7 Beauchamp St, Karori (behind the Karori Rec Centre). We also have evening art classes for adults. Please book classes online at www.kacc.org.nz or email us at info@kacc.org.nz if you would like to book in for a trial class. We'd love to see you!

West's Junior Rugby Club

Invites **you** to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from 3-13, starting out at Nursery and Rippa before moving to tackle for the Under 8s onwards which are weight and age graded. Register online, ask a question or check our FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz> Games start in Term 2, but the club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our clubrooms at Ian Galloway Park on the Thursday 7 March (5:30 – 7:30pm) and Sunday 9 March (1:00 – 3:00pm)

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 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. See www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts or contact Mike Williams, 021 044 7645 or Northland.Scouts@gmail.com for more information.

Guitar Lessons

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 at the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to start (or continue) learning to play the guitar. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch. Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: 027 267 1634

Pre-school Music and Movement

Community run interactive and fun music sessions for you and your little one – followed by morning tea and free play time. Thursdays 10.00am during term time (entry by donation.) St Johns in the City Hall (corner Willis and Dixon Streets) (Casual attendance is fine.) Naomi Lane, phone 021 489 097

Drama

Sunshine Drama provides a creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 - 15 years of age. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence and build communication, performance and social skills. For 2019 class information or to arrange a free trial class, contact: Jenae 0274380533 or visit www.sunshinedrama.co.nz.

'Mainly Music' for Northland pre-schoolers

A fun interactive music session for pre-schoolers and their parents/carers to enjoy together on Wednesdays during term time from 9.30-10.45am at St Anne's Church Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads). Includes morning tea and playtime. No charge to come and

check it out. Thereafter \$5 per session. You are welcome! Please contact Catherine McIntosh on 021 408 179 or northlandmainlymusic@gmail.com

Drama Club

Afterschool Speech and Drama classes for children. I have small classes of approximately 5-7 students and all classes are grouped by similar age. Solo/group drama examinations are available for children of all ages. Please check the online class times for more details. Enrol your child at www.dramaclub.co.nz, or email Bridie at bridie@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593

Learn a new language the FUN way!

French language classes Term 1 2019. Fun Languages Wellington runs pre-school, lunchtime and after-school French classes at various Wellington locations. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home. Free trial class is offered.

Other local after-school French classes available:

Northland Community Centre	Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm All levels
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St Ninians, Karori	Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm - Beginners French
	Monday 4.15pm – 5.15pm – Advanced French
Khandallah School	Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Contact details: -021 462 042 E: annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcfclubs.co.nz or <https://www.facebook.com/funlanguageswellington/> for more information.



Kelly Sports TERM 1

Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 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 them a place to channel their energy.

Back to School Sports! (Years 1-2) – Mondays 3.05pm-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.

Back to School Sports! (Years 2-4) – Mondays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try **Circus Skills, Cricket, Football and Dodgeball**. 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.

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 220810781 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

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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