



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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



Our school picnic was held last week at Otari Wilton Bush. The children seemed to really enjoy the freedom of the unstructured time and spent hours paddling in the stream or sitting in the shade and just being with their friends.

Our thanks to our helpers Brendan, Eleanor and Hannah who helped cook and serve 400 sausages.

A Message from the Police

Recently the NZ Police has received several reports of incidents of children being approached in the Western Suburbs during last week. This is a timely reminder to all families to report any suspicious or concerning behaviour that they observe to the NZ Police immediately. By acting promptly the person may still be in the local area and patrol cars can be sent straight away.

We would like parents to discuss the following important messages with their children:

- Discuss with your child how to get safely to and from school whether they walk, bike, scoot or go by public transport.
- It is preferable for parents to walk the route with your child prior to them walking to and from school each day. This is particularly important if you are not planning to walk to and from school with your child on a daily basis.
- if applicable encourage your child to walk with others to and from school and use main arterial routes which are visible.
- Encourage your child to report any suspicious activities they see to an adult or parent as soon as possible.
- Emphasise to your child that they are acting responsibly by reporting incidents promptly and praise them for their actions, remembering they have done nothing wrong.
- Anyone who has an immediate concern for any child's safety should not hesitate to call 111.

If you wish to report any other concerning incidents, please contact Wellington Central Police Station, phone: 04 381 2000 immediately and also advise the school as soon as possible.

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.

Last Friday's picnic at Otari Wilton Bush was a great success. It was the first time that we had taken the whole school to this area. Beforehand three staff had visited the site to make sure it was suitable, to check out safety issues and to develop a management plan for keeping the children safe at the venue and on the long walk to and from Otari. A risk analysis management plan was developed and staff were made aware of any issues and how these would be mitigated.

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. Perhaps it is the beginning of the school year but there are some issues in Harbour View Road that we all need to be aware of, in particular crossing the road on crest of the hill opposite the path to the tennis courts rather than further down the street towards Northland Road. Visibility is very limited at this point and we urge everyone (including parents) to use the designated crossing

point opposite the little pedestrian gate. Staff will be around this area after school to remind everyone about using this crossing point.

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. The owners of Otis and Louie, the dog groomers on Northland Road near the shops, have contacted the school concerned about children on scooters zooming by after school. They are worried that there are always cars coming and going across the footpath to Creswick Motors and that drivers may not see fast moving children on scooters. We have talked at school with our scooter riders and urge families to reinforce the safe scooting message.

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.

Thank you for all your support in keeping all of our students safe.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Whānau Hui – Monday evening

Tēnā koutou katoa

I would like to warmly welcome you all to this term’s Whānau Group Hui, on Monday 19 February at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Following this there will 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 discuss our proposed school whakatau and programme for 2018.

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

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Meet the Teacher/Parents Evening – Wednesday 21 February

This year we are holding an informal evening for families to meet their child's teacher on Wednesday 21 February. The school will have its BBQ available from 5.00pm and families are invited to bring their dinner and meet other members of our school community. Apart from Team 4 there are no official meetings to hear about class programmes etc. Instead teachers will be in their own rooms between 5.45 to 6.30pm for your child to introduce you to them. Full information about class programmes, class routines, homework expectations etc will be in Team or class newsletters.

The Team 4 meeting will be held at 6.15pm in the library and will outline the camp programme and organisation to be held 12 – 16 March. This meeting is an opportunity for Team 4 parents to hear about activities planned for that week.

Road Patrol Supervisors

We are keen to have our road patrols supervised 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.

Wanted: Very Hungry Caterpillars!

Many children are enjoying observing the butterfly life cycle in action right here in our very own school butterfly garden. If you have hungry caterpillars, feel free to send a few to our garden, there is plenty of food available.

Bedford Street Walking School Bus

We would be keen to get walking to and from school with other little friends in Bedford Street. We could start at 8am at 1 Huntingdon Street so that the kids get to school at 8.30am; participating families would take turns at being the "driver". If you are interested please email Kerstin.kramar@gmail.com or text 0211392834.

Before School Care

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. The programme is available from 7.30 until 8.35am. Rebecca Amos is the supervisor. 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.

Stationery Donations

If you have any unwanted stationery I have a contact in a Decile 1 primary school in the Hutt Valley who would very much appreciate it for their students.

Please leave in the labelled box in the Northland School Office, by this **Friday, 16 February**. Any questions – contact Kate 021 106 0204

Quality of the Week – Kindness - Ngākau atawhai

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.

Diary Dates for 2018

19 February, Monday	Whanau hui, 7pm
20 February, Tuesday	Swimming begins, Year 7 and 8
21 February, Wednesday	Meet the Teacher/Parent evening
23 February, Friday	Girls Futsal Tournament
26 February, Monday	PATs begin – Year 3 – 8
27 February, Tuesday	Western Zone Cricket tournament
12 – 16 March	Team 4 Camp
12 March, Monday	Building Project, community information meetings, 5.00 and 6.30pm
13 March, Tuesday	Year 3 Sports Festival
20 March, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm Western Zone Football
27 March, Tuesday	Parent teacher conferences
28 March, Wednesday	Parent teacher conferences
30 March – 3 April	Easter holidays – school closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday
6 April, Friday	Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm

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.

Lost Scooter

A purple MGP scooter with no grips on the handles was lost last Friday. There was also a white helmet hanging off the scooter. If you find it or know where it is please return it to the office, thank you.

Private Music Lessons

Piano, singing or clarinet lessons available after school at Northland School. \$30 per half-hour lesson. I also have space for any parents who would like lessons during the school day. If interested please contact me! Alicia Cadwgan: 021 188 7161, alicia.cadwgan@gmail.com

"Herzlich Willkommen in der Northland Schule!

My name is Nina Koch and I am offering private German lessons to German mother tongue students every Monday before lunch time. The aim of our 30min sessions is to practise the language skills in a fun way by doing many speaking, reading, writing and understanding activities. In case you would like to know more about the programme, please contact me: kochnina@web.de

Free Sunglasses for New Entrant Students

Visique Optometrists is giving away free sunglasses to new entrant students. Northland School has been given vouchers for these free sunglasses. Simply collect the voucher from the school office and take the voucher with your child to Visique Karori to be fitted.

Guitar Lessons

Hello! My name is Aabir and I am a guitar player with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I will be taking guitar lessons in the school library on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm, Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm, Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm and Fridays from 3:30pm to 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to start (or continue) learning to play an instrument. If you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch. Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: 027 267 1634

Kelly Sports - Term 1

Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 with their fun and exciting classes.

"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 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try football, cricket, Turbo Touch and dodgeball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. 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

Easyswim Swim School Term One Lessons

Term one lessons have started, however it is not too late to book. Early Childhood from 3 months – 3 years, Pre School and School age lessons are all go. We have waiting lists on some levels, times and days but also the odd space here and there.

Easyswim's Splash Attack - a fun, non-contact water polo programme which involves learning and developing game sense plus passing and catching skills. Splash Attack has started at the Johnsonville School pool on 9 February.

To book call on 2347946 email book@easyswim.co.nz or visit www.easyswim.co.nz for more information.

Bonjour ! Parlez-vous Français? – More Students Required

Come and join our Alliance Francaise French class at Northland School in Term 1! The class is run by one of our native qualified French teachers. We need to have more students so we can start the class. For children Year 5 to Year 8. To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (schools@french.co.nz), or ring 472 12 72 to get more information. A bientôt !

Chess Club – Starts in Term 2

The afterschool chess classes at Northland School won't be running in Term 1, but will restart in Term 2. For enquires about the chess classes please contact: Scott Wastney kiwichess@xtra.co.nz or 021 1557403.

Karori Lawn Tennis Club, 226 Karori Road

Tennis coaching for children on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after school. Our younger players who are relatively new to the game have lessons at 3:15, while our older players are at either 4:15 or 5:15.

For more information, please contact Margaret Johanson at kltcjuniorstennis@gmail.com

Drama Club

After school Speech and Drama classes for children. I have small classes of approximately 6-8 pupils and all classes are grouped by 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 admin@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593

Wellington Schools Orienteering Series

The 2018 Wellington schools orienteering series is about to start and this Sunday 18 February, the Wellington Orienteering Club is holding our annual *have a go* event at Mt Albert (near the athletics track). Orienteering is a sport which teaches map reading skills and allows you to explore new areas in Wellington. This event is open to families with children of all ages and is a great way to get outdoors. Orienteering tends to be an individual sport, but we often have families going out together. This event is \$7 for juniors, and parents can have a go for free! If you have any questions please contact Ellie on csworienteering@gmail.com or visit wellingtonorienteering.org.nz

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments For 2018

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Although many of our classes are full, we still have some places available for trumpet, clarinet and choir. Visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz.

Wellington Young Voices

A regional children's choir which caters for keen young singers aged between 8 and 14 years of age. The choir meets each Monday from 4-6pm at a central city location and is holding auditions for new singers on Monday 12 February, and Monday 19 February. No previous experience is necessary. Some fees scholarships are available. See www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz for details. A small group of older children from Northland School take the bus down to the choir venue at St Andrew's on the Terrace New singers are welcome to join the group, email_cgwoodnz@gmail.com.

St. Anne's Summer Stalls

St. Anne's Church (corner Northland and Randwick Roads) will be hosting Summer Stalls on Saturday 24 February, from 1.00pm. Stalls will be setup outside if fine, or inside if wet and will include plants, books and household goods. Please leave any contributions at the back of the Church.

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

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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 \$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