



**Northland  
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

# Newsletter

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## *PMP for Years 1 and 2*

PMP (Perceptual Motor Programme) is a motor coordination programme for our Year 1 and 2 students that is comprised of sequential movement activities across different areas that include eye tracking, balance, fitness and hand/eye co ordination. All of these activities help prepare our students for the more formal part of our classroom programmes.

## **The Principal Point**

Next week our 87 students in Team 4 (Year 7 and 8) head off to Palm Grove Camp on the Kapiti Coast for the week. A huge amount of preparation has gone into making this camp a success. As well as the students we have 15 parents and 3 teachers looking forward to a very busy week of outdoor activities. This year's camp has a science focus with trips planned to Kapiti Island (very weather dependent) and Nga Manu Bird Sanctuary as well as a few of the more traditional school camp activities such as orienteering and a high ropes course. The alternate year's experience is based north of Upper Hutt and has a focus on outdoor adventure activities.

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, Katie McGrath 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 *fine still days*, *fine but windy days* and *wet weather*. We hope that they get to use just the plans for fine still days.

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.

Next week our students in Years 4 – 6 are sitting a variety of PATs (Progressive Achievement Tests). These are standardised tests undertaken in most schools in New Zealand at this time of the year. The results give a great deal of important information to the classroom teachers on the strengths and areas for development for each child in reading, listening comprehension and mathematics. Year 3 children have a listening comprehension test that follows the same format as the other tests. Year 7 and 8 students will sit their PATs the week following their camp on the Kapiti Coast.

We use the PAT results to monitor each child's progress closely from one year to the next to see trends. As well, the information is collated for each year level and we are able to track cohort groups over time to follow their progress.

Our students complete their allocated PATs on-line using Chromebooks and laptops. This allows instant access to the results as soon as a child has finished the test. We are also differentiating the tests by asking some students to sit more difficult or easier tests depending on their ability. This will help provide us with more defined information on what a student can or cannot do – this is especially useful information for some of those very able students.

PATs are just one assessment tool we use to help determine a child's progress. The information gathered through PATs is a "snapshot" at this time of the year and is just one part of our on-going programme of monitoring and assessment. The tests do give us some very important information on each child and on the school as a whole. At our parent interviews in mid-March we will share various assessment information with you and explain how the results are used to inform programme planning and how decisions are made on the next learning steps for each child.

***Jeremy Edwards – Principal***

## School News

### **Meet the Teacher/Parents Evening – Tonight, Wednesday 15 February**

Join us this evening for an informal opportunity to meet your child's teacher. Bring some dinner, have a picnic - the school will have its two BBQs available 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 and 6.30pm for your child to introduce you to them.

The Team 4 meeting will be held at 6.15pm and will outline the camp programme and organisation to be held 20 – 24 February. This meeting is an opportunity for Team 4 parents to hear about activities planned for that week.

### **Emergency Text Messaging – Test**

Last Friday, 10 February, we sent a text message to all caregivers as part of our trial of our emergency text messaging service. If you did not receive the test message then please contact us so we can update our database.

### **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 patrol team are trained by the school's police education officer and the supervisor's role is purely as another set of eyes.

### **Before School Care – Now Available from 7.30am**

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 8.35am. 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.

### **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.

### **Scholastic Book Club**

Thank you to all the parents who ordered books from Issue 1. We collected a total of \$224.90 in Scholastic Rewards. This will go towards buying new books for our School Library.

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## Board of Trustees News

### **Minutes Secretary Wanted**

The Board is looking for a new secretary to record the minutes from the meeting, type these up and distribute them to the Board within a week. This is a paid position. For further information please contact the school office.

## **The Yummy Apple Fruit Company**

Northland School is in the swing of collecting 'Yummy Apple' stickers for 2017. Not only are we eating healthy apples but it allows Northland School at the end of the year to purchase Sports Equipment determined on the number of stickers collected.

This year Northland School will be sending home individual sheets for each family. When this sheet is full please contact Angela Scholten in Room 7 for extra ones, or collect one from the office.

Happy eating and collecting.

*Thank you, Angela Scholten (Sports Co-ordinator)*

## **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 2017**

Term 1	Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April
Term 2:	Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July
Term 3:	Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
Term 4:	Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

## **Diary Dates for 2017**

### **Term 1**

15 February, Wednesday	• Meet the Teacher evening, 5.00 – 7.30pm
20 – 24 February	• Team 4 Camp, Paraparaumu
24 February, Friday	• Girls Futsal Tournament
28 February, Tuesday	• Cricket Tournament
8 March, Wednesday	• Team 4 Swim programme begins
14 March, Tuesday	• Capital E – Team 1 • Year 3 Sports Festival
21 March, Tuesday	• Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm

## 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 - Every Tuesday**

"Sushi Lunches" provide a sushi delivery service every Tuesday - order for your child's sushi via [www.wrapitup.co.nz](http://www.wrapitup.co.nz). Orders are received up until 9.00am on Tuesday morning.

### **Subway Lunches Friday - Luncheonline**

A great healthy lunch option – order online and delivered to school each Friday check out [www.luncheonline.co.nz](http://www.luncheonline.co.nz)

### **Wests Junior Rugby Club**

Wests Junior Rugby Club would like to invite your children to play rugby this season. Our rugby season starts on May 5/6 and you can register online and check or FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz>

The Nursery Grade is for girls and boys aged 3 – 5, before they move on to Rippa Rugby at U6. Tackle Rugby starts at U8 and it is age and weight graded.

The club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 4 March (1:00 – 3:00pm). At the Saturday session we will have the Rugby World Cup so kids and parents can get a photo with the greatest trophy in world rugby!

### **Waterside Karori Football**

Sign up for the Football Season. Waterside Karori welcomes boys and girls to register to play for the club in 2017. By becoming part of Wellington's biggest football club you get all kinds of opportunities to play football and have lots of fun with your friends. Please register now at <http://karorifootball.co.nz/juniors/registration/> . Registrations close 28 February.

### **Attend the Life Flight Open Day on 19 March!**

Life Flight is opening their hangar doors for their annual Open Day on Sunday 19 March! Held at their Air Rescue Centre near the Lyall Bay Warehouse, it's an exciting day of emergency service demonstrations, delicious food and entertainment for the entire family. Entry by donation to Life Flight Trust. We hope to see you there! Find out more at [www.lifeflight.org.nz/openday](http://www.lifeflight.org.nz/openday)

### **Elements Rhythmic Gymnastics**

We have classes available from Monday to Saturday, minimum. numbers apply. Our classes are in Thorndon, just opposite the Botanic Gardens. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a mix of dance and gymnastics. It develops hand-eye co-ordination through the use of apparatus – rope, hoop, ball, clubs and ribbon. We are the only rhythmic gymnastics club in the Wellington region. Email [info@rhythmicgym.nz](mailto:info@rhythmicgym.nz) to arrange a FREE trial.

For more information about Elements and our classes, visit [www.rhythmicgym.nz](http://www.rhythmicgym.nz)



## **Brass Lessons**

Professional musician (New Zealand Symphony Orchestra) and experienced teacher offer brass lessons for students of all ages in Wadestown. For more information please contact Tom on 027 728 4052 or email [moyerayre@paradise.net.nz](mailto:moyerayre@paradise.net.nz).

## **How Do You Say Star Wars and Pokemon in Mandarin?**

Find out and learn conversational Mandarin with Ni Hao Children's Community! A Mandarin class will be held in the school library on Thursdays 3:20-4:10pm, beginning Thursday 16 February. Through games, fun activities, hands-on tasks and role-playing, children will pick up Mandarin Chinese and have the chance to practise it with their classmates. These 50-minute classes provide full immersion in the language so that the children learn and absorb in a Mandarin Chinese speaking environment. These classes are for beginners from any cultural background who are new to or not fluent in the language. How about learning Mandarin with a few friends? Parents are also welcome to stay and learn with the group. The more the merrier! Visit [www.nihaocc.org.nz](http://www.nihaocc.org.nz) for more info or to enrol online.

## **Herzlich Willkommen in der Northland Schule!**

My name is Nina Koch and I am offering German classes to German mother tongue students (or students who are very fluent in German and understand it without difficulties). The aim of our 30min Monday sessions is to practise the language skills in a fun way by doing speaking, reading, writing, and understanding activities. In case you would like to know more about the programme, please feel free to contact me: [kochnina@web.de](mailto:kochnina@web.de)  
Viele Grüße, Nina

## **Parlez-vous Français?**

### ***Bonjour !***

Would you like to learn some French? Come and join us in Term 1 2017!

A native French teacher from the Alliance Française Wellington will be happy to come and teach you after school. Courses are interactive and include learning, while playing and singing.

For any enquiries, please contact the Alliance Française Wellington at 04 472 12 72 or [schools@french.co.nz](mailto:schools@french.co.nz). More info on our website <http://www.french.co.nz/schools>  
Alliance Française Wellington

## **Marrzipan Drama Classes**

*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All children receive a certificate too to remind them they are awesome! You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) or contact Jex on 027 217 0693*

## **Chess Club**

Chess Lessons with the 2017 NZ chess champion.

Learn to play or develop your skills further. Lots of opportunities for chess tournaments this year. Northland School library, Wednesdays 3:15-4:15pm starts 8 February, \$90 per term.

To enrol or for further information please contact Scott Wastney:

Mobile: 021 155 7403, Email: [kiwichess@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kiwichess@xtra.co.nz) Website: <https://kiwichess.co.nz/>

## **Get Out in Otari-Wilton's Bush and Have Fun With Your Family!**

Saturday 11 March, Everyone Out in Otari is an adventure treasure hunt where you will need to work together to complete activities and navigate to secret points hidden throughout Otari-Wilton's Bush. You'll probably get wet, will definitely get dirty, are likely to learn something new and you'll absolutely have fun.

So what are you waiting for! Enter your family team now! Tickets can be purchased from Eventfinda.

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/everyone-out-in-otari/wellington>

Check us out on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/everyoneout/>

## **UpsideDowns Charity Quiz Night!**

18 February, Northland Memorial Community Centre. UpsideDowns provides speech therapy for children with Downs Syndrome, which can have exponential impacts on their ability to communicate with friends and family and be a part of our communities.

Free Hell's Pizza, Prizes and a raffle!

Get a team together (6-10 people) or come by yourself for some wine or beer and an awesome night for a great cause! Tickets \$20.

Buy through eventfinda 0800 BUY TIX (289 849) or on the door.

## **Karori Lions Karnival And Fair Is On Again**

Sunday 19 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 10.00 until 3.30 pm. Come along and have some fun.

## **Springboard and Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool**

Wellington Diving Club has a range of diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up. Why not try something new this year? Visit our website and come along for a free trial! We have several after-school sessions and cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive. We also run fun casual sessions on Sundays. For more information, please visit our website [www.wellingtondiving.org.nz](http://www.wellingtondiving.org.nz) or call/text Barbara on 027-485-8888.

## **Homestay Families Sought Urgently**

With International Students arriving weekly Marsden School in Karori is urgently looking for more Homestay families. We are keen to hear from potential hosts and are seeking families who will include their student in all aspects of family life, provide all meals and a separate bedroom with space to study. Payment is \$275 per week. For more information or to express your interest please contact the Homestay Manager for Marsden now; Lyn Brooks at [lyn.brooks@icloud.com](mailto:lyn.brooks@icloud.com) or call 021 054 3590.

## **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/baby sitting 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.

## **Afterschool Care Providers**

### **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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) (Wellington area), email [northland@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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 or Lisa (022-140-2612) or e-mail us on [nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com) Check out our website: [www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)