



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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Our very youngest learners on the first day of the school year.

The Principal Point

Welcome to the start of the 2017 school year. We hope everyone was able to find some sunshine and calm days somewhere in New Zealand this summer. Tomorrow, Thursday is our school picnic at Wainuiomata Pool. Although the forecast is not fantastic we think at this stage that the weather will let this special whole-school event take place.

We welcome 24 children and their families to the Northland School community. Some are just beginning their primary years and others have transferred from other schools in New

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Zealand or relocated from overseas. Judging by the big smiles before school, everyone (including parents!) seemed very keen to start the new school year. Thank you for ensuring your child came to school with stationery ready for the first day. This has certainly helped focus the children and contributes positively to the important quick start of a new school year.

Our thoughts are with the Bukholt family who lost a much loved father and husband last weekend. We know that they have received a great deal of support over the last few years from the Northland community and that this will continue into the future.

We welcome Juliet McPhee and Katie McGrath to our full-time teaching staff – Juliet is teaching Year 5 and 6 in Room 10 and Katie to Year 7 and 8 in Room 13. We also welcome a number of teachers back to the staff in different roles with Eileen Brennan and Liz Synge returning to part time hours. This term Marie Boyer-Blaikie is on leave and will return to start our third Year 1 class in May.

My thanks to all of our staff who have spent many days over the last fortnight planning, preparing and organising programmes and classrooms. Their efforts have contributed significantly to the very smooth start of the school year.

On the second to last day of the 2016 school year the Minister of Education announced \$8 million of funding for our delayed building project. This will replace the two storey teaching block and library that has had some long-standing weather tightness issues as well as providing us with much needed additional teaching spaces. This project is already moving quickly with the appointment of architects expected this week. The next stage in the process will be a review of the master plan concept developed in 2015. It is expected that this year will see design work completed with construction tentatively scheduled to begin in the first half of 2018. The Board of Trustees will keep our parent fully informed as decisions are made or ideas and feedback are sought.

Certainty of funding for this building project means that our amazing Playground Committee will now be able to work alongside our appointed building architects to develop a new playground to replace the old structures in the main hard court areas. We are certainly looking forward to this project moving ahead in the next year.

This year Year 5 – 8 students will be able to bring a specified digital device (BYOD) to use at school. Please note that there is no requirement for a student to have their own device. The only device that students will be able to use at school is a Chromebook of some form. Further information on Chromebooks and the agreed rules for its use are available from our school website under the **Useful Information** tab.

There are lots of pieces of paper coming home with this newsletter including picnic information, Team newsletters and EOTC permission forms. Please take the time to read all the information and complete and return those permission forms.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

School Picnic

Our school picnic will be held tomorrow, Thursday 2 February, at Wainuiomata Pool. There is no alternative date for the picnic. If the weather is doubtful we will make a decision early in the morning. Please check our website from 8.00am if unsure. Further information is included with this newsletter.

Waitangi Day

We will be closed on Monday 6 February for Waitangi Day.

EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) Permission Form

We do seek parent permission to take students out of the school grounds on trips or visits. A copy of the EOTC permission form will be coming home today with each student (unless already signed for this year). Please read the notes attached and sign and return the form. It would be appreciated if all forms could be returned by tomorrow, Thursday, ready for our picnic day.

Meet the Teacher/Parents Evening – Wednesday 15 February

This year we are holding an informal evening for families to meet their child's teacher on Wednesday 15 February. The school will have its two BBQs available 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 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.

Team 4 Camp 2017: Information

There is a link on the school's website for relevant information and any newsletters that are sent home. Parents of Year 7 and 8 students are asked to check this from time to time.

Before School Care – Changes in Hours

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. This year 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.

Lunch Orders Start Tuesday 7 February

School lunches begin on Tuesday 7 February (sushi) and Friday 10 February (Subway). Order forms (Subway) or sign up information (sushi) is available on the school website.

2017 Staffing

Principal – Jeremy Edwards

Team 1

Year 1

Room 1 Fiona Groube

Room 2: Hannah Fairbairn

Room 3: Marie Boyer-Blaikie (from May, Team Leader and Associate Principal)

Year 2

Room 4: Alice Trail (Team Leader for Term 1)

Room 5: Emma McElrea

Team 2 - Year 3 and 4

Room 6: Nathalie Lecaudé (Team Leader, Associate Principal for Term 1)

Room 7: Angela Scholten

Room 8: Lizzie Ryan

Team 3 - Year 5 and 6

Room 9: Jane Batchelor (Team Leader and Associate Principal)

Room 10: Juliet McPhee

Room 11: Vicky Harker

Team 4 - Year 7 and 8

Room 12: Alex Oliver (Team Leader)

Room 13: Katie McGrath

Room 14: Fiona Valentine

Part Time Teachers

Jo Geoghegan, Eleanor Ainsworth, Eileen Brennan, Ann Marshall, Liz Synge, Karen Sturgeon (Reading Recovery), Alicia Cadwgan (Music), Hemi Prime (Kapa Haka)

Support Staff

Julia Truesdale (Office Manager) and Ann Dalton

Teacher Aides

Rachelle Samaniego (Librarian), Erwin Palado (Lexia programme), Jo Michie, Sharyn Green

Before School Care Supervisor

Rebecca Amos

Caretaker

Tony Dawbin

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 amount 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 – 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.

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

2 February, Thursday	• School Picnic, Wainuiomata Pool, 9.30am – 2.00pm
6 February, Monday	• Waitangi Day, school closed
8 February, Wednesday	• PMP begins, Years 1 and 2
14 February, Tuesday	• Board of Trustees, 7pm
15 February, Wednesday	• Meet the Teacher evening, 5.00 – 7.30pm
20 – 24 February	• Team 4 Camp, Paraparaumu
8 March, Wednesday	• Team 4 Swim programme begins
14 March, Tuesday	• Capital E – Team 1 • Year 3 Sports Festival

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.

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. More info on our website <http://www.french.co.nz/schools>
Alliance Française Wellington

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 Website: <https://kiwichess.co.nz/>

Learn Mandarin Chinese

Creative thinking and problem solving skills. Understanding and appreciating cultures and diversity. Greater awareness of your own language. An expanded world view. There are many benefits to learning an additional language! Has your family considered learning Mandarin Chinese as an additional language?

Classes are held at Northland School on Thursdays in the library. Our 45-minute classes are practical, interactive, and song/rap and games-based - we don't sit at desks! Parents are invited to join their children in class too. Please visit www.nihaocc.org.nz.

Drumming Lessons Are Available With Tutor Andrew Mcpartlin

The lessons are held in the Viggers Centre Thursday's at lunchtime with the 1st lesson starting Thursday 9 February. Cost is \$10 per session, contact andymcpmusic@outlook.com or 0210323659 for bookings or more information.

Guitar Lessons at the School Library

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitarist and composer with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I will be taking guitar lessons on Mondays from 3.00 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6.00pm and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6.00pm at the school library again this year. Last year's lessons were very successful and I've received the thumbs up from students and parents alike.

This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning the guitar as it is a creative, fun and stimulating hobby. The slots get booked very quickly so get in touch asap. The fee for group lessons range from \$15/hr to \$30/hr for up to four students per group. The fee for 1 on 1 lessons is \$25 for half hour lessons and \$40 for hour long lessons. No previous experience is required. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

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 trimming hedges, mowing the lawns etc. I look forward to hearing from you.

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.

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Local Drum Lessons for children

Mark Lockett BMus Perf Jazz, Dip Mus, recently returned from performing and teaching in New York. Individual and group lessons available. A FUN APPROACH ! SEE:

www.drumlab.co.nz 021 0433 663

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 (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 or Lisa (022-140-2612) or e-mail us on nkc.jan@gmail.com Check out our website: www.nkc.org.nz