



**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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*Our senior students led our newest students and their families and new staff onto our main court area as we welcomed them to Northland School last week. The whole school was part of this powhiri which was entirely led by members of our kapa haka group.*

## The Principal Point

Playground space is important to us. According to the Ministry of Education Northland School has the least number of square metres of playground space per student of any school in New Zealand. Of the next nine schools on the list, six are in Wellington. Such is the reality of being a school on top of a hill in the middle of a city. When the new building project is completed in about two years and the existing two-storey building demolished we will have more playground space – we might even move a few places down the Ministry’s list! When our building project finally starts we will lose some of our precious space and we are looking at ways of providing additional opportunities to use the school-owned tennis courts across Harbour View Road as well as having our students off-site at other venues such as at the Northland Memorial Community Centre.

About five years ago a group of keen parents, staff and Board members got together to start the playground redevelopment project with the aim of replacing the 30 year old structure in the main court area. This was built in the late 1980s using parents and army personnel and was typical of playground structures of the time and included the highest slide in Wellington that did move in gale force winds – not an uncommon occurrence in Northland. The playground committee embarked on extensive consultation with students, staff and playground experts and undertook some serious fundraising endeavours. Together with two very generous donations the committee raised \$100,000 in a 18 months for a new playground. It was intended to link this with the building project and make use of the contractors and easy access during construction. The extensive delays and complete reconfiguration of the building project has meant that the entire redevelopment of the playground has had to be put on hold. The money is quietly gathering interest (now over \$114,000) and is always ringfenced for the playground in any Board financial reports. Now that we have certainty (location and timing) of the building project thinking and planning for the playground can start again. We look forward to members of the committee (who still have children with us) reconvening later in the year.

Our Board of Trustees in the meantime will shortly make a decision on the replacement of the junior playground adjacent to the school entrances on Harbour View Road. The current playground will be demolished at the start of the building project. It cannot be relocated as it would then be non-compliant with new playground regulations. Our Board of Trustees has considered several options for the new junior playground that will be sited on what is now the butterfly garden between Room 12 and the end of the admin block. Already we have started to move the butterfly garden in readiness for this new play area. This project will be funded from the Board’s reserves with grant applications also being made to various trusts. Funding for this project will not come from the money already set aside for the main playground development. The building project also means that we will have to move the old, but much used, bars and climbing frame to a new location. We hope to have both the new junior playground and the old climbing equipment installed in late April during the holiday break.

After many years of behind-the-scenes work it will be great to have some actual progress being made on many fronts with playgrounds and buildings. Our many thanks to all those parents who have given so generously in time and expertise over the years to make these projects a reality.

**Jeremy Edwards – Principal**

## School News

### 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.

### Lost Property – Scooters

We have a variety of scooters that have been left at school for some time. If you have misplaced a scooter please see Tony, our caretaker, check under the stairwell by Room 9 or come to the 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.

### Registering to Play Netball – Northland School Teams

Registrations are now open for the winter netball season. Registration is available for all students in Years 2 - 8 and all abilities are welcome. All new Year 2 and 3 players receive a FREE netball! The club is parent/volunteer led, no previous experience in coaching or netball is required, just a keen interest to see your child learn new skills and watch them enjoying sport, so please think about becoming involved.

Information and registration can be found at [www.sporty.co.nz/northland](http://www.sporty.co.nz/northland). Registrations close 7 March.

### 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.

## **Disco - 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 will not want to miss!

## **Quality of the Week – Enthusiasm**

Enthusiasm is being inspired – full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness – giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude.

## **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**

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.*

### **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....

### **Wellington College Art Collection Exhibition**

On Friday, 8 and Saturday, 9 March, Wellington College's Alan Gibbs Centre will be transformed into a showcase of Art and Creativity!

Parents, caregivers, students, Old Boys, future students and the general public are encouraged to feast their eyes on this visual extravaganza. Featuring significant works from the Colleges' own collection – many that have never been seen by the public before. Original works from Wellington College staff are available for sale along with some selected prints of historical works. An exhibition of student art from years 9 – 13 round out this inspiring exhibition – a chance to see the artists of the future.

#### ***Friday, 8 March - Opening Night***

- 6.00pm - 8.00pm: All school community and general public are welcome to join us at the opening evening
- Sale of available artworks will commence this evening so be in quick to secure one of these originals
- Refreshments Provided - thanks to our refreshment sponsor, Six Barrel Soda Co
- Tickets \$25 Adults / Students Free (with an adult) - available for sale on the Wellington College Website [www.wellington-college.school.nz](http://www.wellington-college.school.nz)

#### ***Saturday, 9 March - Exhibition Open Day***

- 10.00am – 4.00pm
- The exhibition and sale will be open all day
- Entry by koha
- Parking available on school grounds

Please contact Ali Brown for more information [ali@licoricedesign.co.nz](mailto:ali@licoricedesign.co.nz)

### **Winter Soccer**

Registrations are open for children (6+ years old, including those turning 6 this year) wanting to play football/soccer this winter with Karori FC. Children 9 years old + (including those turning 9 this year) have the option of trialling for travelling team. Children must be registered by this Friday 22 February for trials. Trials start this weekend. More information and registration details can be found at [www.karorifootball.co.nz](http://www.karorifootball.co.nz)

### **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 Ripa 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)

### **Girl Guiding for Girls 5-7 years**

Do you want your daughter to have fun trying new things, making new friends, learning leadership skills, having fun outdoors and much more?

We have spaces available in our local group for Pippins (5-7 years). We meet on Wednesdays in Wadestown from 5:30 until 7pm.

Email Inge at [wadestownbrownie@gmail.com](mailto:wadestownbrownie@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](mailto:aabir.maz@gmail.com) Ph: 027 267 1634.

### **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](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz), or email Bridie at [bridie@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto:bridie@dramaclub.co.nz). Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593

### **Children's Choir - Wellington Cathedral of St Paul**

My name is Michael Stewart and I direct the music at Wellington Cathedral of St Paul.

I am writing to you to let you know about the opportunity for children to gain a free music education and singing tuition at the Cathedral, an acknowledged centre of musical excellence. We offer two choirs at the Cathedral: the first, the Children's Choir, is for children aged 5-8. In the Children's Choir members are taught basic musicianship and singing technique in a weekly rehearsal, and join with the Cathedral Choristers for a monthly Thursday evening service.

The Cathedral Choristers are a robed choir of 8-15 year old children, whose skills are developed in singing technique, music theory, public speaking and teamwork through two weekly rehearsals. They lead the weekly Thursday evening Evensong service, with choristers reciting the readings as well as leading all the sung components. The training that the choristers receive has equipped many graduates to proceed on to national choirs, such as the New Zealand Secondary Schools Choir, and many of the world's leading singers can attribute their start in their profession to having been trained as chorister.

We currently have vacancies in both of these choirs. If you are interested in finding out more, please do not hesitate to contact me on 021 477 257 or at [dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz](mailto:dom@wellingtoncathedral.org.nz).

## 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
	Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm - All levels
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@lcclubs.co.nz](mailto:annick@lcclubs.co.nz) or visit [www.lcclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcclubs.co.nz) or <https://www.facebook.com/funlanguageswellington/> for more information.

## Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 3 March by offering Free Entry into The Reserve for All Children. In addition to their usual attractions visitors can enjoy free off-road tractor-trailer rides. So if you are looking for a fun Children's day outing for the whole family; meet at Staglands and Connect with Nature on Sunday 3 March.

\*Offer is not available with any other offer. Children (0-16 years) must be accompanied by paying adult. For more information visit [www.staglands.co.nz](http://www.staglands.co.nz)

## Northland House for Rent April - July 2019

Do you know of anyone keen to rent a house for 3 months (Term 2 plus the holidays either side)? A lovely 4-bedroom house, 10 minutes walk to Northland school is available, comes fully furnished (and with guinea pigs if you want them!). Family are going overseas for a sabbatical. Contact Antonia [antoniamilkop@gmail.com](mailto:antoniamilkop@gmail.com) or 021818080 for more information.

### School Lunches

#### **Sushi Lunches - Tuesdays**

Place your order for Tuesdays now via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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](mailto:sushilunchwellington@gmail.com) 220810781 [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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](http://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](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 022-140-2612 Lisa 022-680-3075 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)