



**Northland
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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**



Gathering at our evacuation assembly point.

The Principal Point

On Monday morning the whole school was involved in an earthquake drill. Even our very youngest students knew the procedures to follow (drop, cover and hold) and when the “shaking” stopped they all followed their teachers’ instructions to move to our assembly point on the tennis courts opposite the school on Harbour View Road. Once we had everyone accounted for we then got families to sit together. Feedback after the Christchurch earthquake noted the importance of families being reunited as soon as possible.

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If we ever have to evacuate the school for whatever reason the tennis courts are where parents, family friends and caregivers should come to collect their children.

While we were practising our earthquake drill it came to our attention that a school in Northland was in “lock down”. In the coming weeks we will also practise for this scenario. Over the last ten years we have had to go into lock down mode on three separate occasions following police advice. If this happens again our priority is always to ensure that all the children are safe before informing families through our emergency text messaging system and referring them to our website for further information and updates. The last time a lock down occurred some of our senior students sent a text message to their families letting them know and the flood of phone calls to the school did cause a problem so we ask that families do wait until we can communicate with you first.

We have had to close the entranceway to the school that leads up from the carpark on Northland Road. We have had some guttering come off a few brackets and until this is repaired the path and steps including the Tiger Turf by the carpark are closed. Please keep away from this area. We regret the inconvenience that this may cause. The repair may take some time as access to the high roofline is difficult and may require scaffolding.

Cyclone Gita that devastated parts of Tonga has had a dramatic effect on one family who had recently attended Northland School before returning to support Pea village. We received information on Friday that the Toumu’a family was safe, their house was undamaged but all around them there was utter desolation. One of our families keeps in touch with the Toumu’a family and received this message from them.

*I've not got to the school yet because of flooding and debris but will try to soon to get pics for you. The village is a mess. Most Pea families struggle at the best of times, but getting the finances to stretch to roofing iron, nails, timber, etc is going to hit so hard. We don't know when electricity will be reconnected. There's sporadic running water. Water and mosquito borne illnesses as well as crop shortages are going to be our biggest struggles for the months ahead. It's tough going. But at least we have a roof over our heads and our belongings don't get drenched every time it rains...- **Ruth Toumu’a**.*

Northland School has a sister school relationship with Pea Village School and over the years our Student Council and families have fundraised a number of times to send the school much-needed stationery and sports equipment. Parents too have donated a lot of extra equipment to the village school.

We are helping to co ordinate a number of fundraising efforts for the school and the village over the coming weeks. We are holding a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 7 March and order forms are included with this newsletter. Caroline Wood is organising a bake sale to be held at the Underground Market on Sunday 11 March – see information in this newsletter. If you would like to make a donation to the village and the school then we are accepting these and will forward the money to the family to distribute as they see fit. Donations can be made via Internet banking **12 3174 0326688 00** - please put *Tonga* in the reference line.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Carpark Entrance Way Closed

The path and steps leading up to the school and the Tiger Turf are closed until repairs can be made to some loose guttering. Please use the Harbour View Road entrances to enter the school grounds.

Meet the Teacher/Parents Evening – Wednesday 21 February - Tonight

We are holding an informal evening for families to meet their child's teacher tonight, 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.

Netball Season 2018

Registrations are now open for the winter netball season played in Terms 2 and 3. Come and play for the Northland School Netball Club and become part of a great team. Students of all abilities are welcome. Years 7 and 8, pre-trial training begins this Saturday 24 February to prepare for our trials on the 10 March. All details for all ages is available on our website www.sporty.co.nz/northland. Registrations close on the 9 March.

Pizza Thursday

The first Pizza Thursday for the year will be on Thursday 1 March. Order forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website. Orders need to be received by 3.00pm, Wednesday 28 February. Late orders are unable to be accepted.

Western Zone Cricket - Adults supervisors urgently needed

We urgently require the assistance of 3 adults to supervise 3 teams in order for them to attend this event on Tuesday 27 February. The adults (or older siblings, cousins, grandparents etc) are needed to attend the event at Karori Park on Tuesday between 9am-2pm, supervise a team of children and possibly act as scorers for the games. The school would provide transport to and from the event if necessary.

Unfortunately if we do not have an adult for each team, the teams will have to be withdrawn from the event. Please contact Angela Scholten via email, before Friday at noon, if you are able to assist. Thank you - angelas@northland.school.nz.

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.

Bedford Street Walking School Bus

A Child in (Room 2) just started school and we would be keen to get walking to and from school with other little friends in Bedford Street. We could start at 8am 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.

Northland School Needs Tennis Balls

To all tennis players and friends of those who play tennis. If you are able to access free tennis balls, Northland School would gladly appreciate any donations to our sports buckets. Please contact Angela Scholten in Room 7, thank you very much.

Quality of the Week – Cooperation

Cooperation is working together for the good of everyone. It is willingness to respect others and to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Cooperation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

Diary Dates for 2018

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
1 March, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
7 March, Wednesday	Sausage Sizzle for Tonga
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.

Honda Scooter Stolen On Northland Road

My Honda Today 50cc scooter was stolen on Friday night (16 February). It was parked outside 119 Northland Road. It is light blue and has a spray-painted yellow stand, licence plate number 79YCT. If you have seen it anywhere, please call Bronwyn 976 4530.

Community Workshop: Northland Improvement Project

Do you think Northland could do with a spruce up? Northland Memorial Community Centre and Creswick Valley Residents Association are developing a plan of improvements to Northland area including the village and the Community Centre that we will submit to WCC to incorporate in their long-term planning.

*Come to a community workshop and tell us what you think. Drop in at **Creswick Garage, on Monday 5 March, 5:30 -7:30 pm.** If you cannot come along, send your ideas to creswickvalleyra@gmail.com or info@northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz. You could also leave a comment on our Facebook pages.*

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

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

Kids Go Free at Staglands on Children's Day

Staglands Wildlife Reserve will be celebrating Children's Day on Sunday 4 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 4 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

Kelly Club Holiday Programme - Tuesday 3 April

As Northland School gets an extra long Easter break, we will be running a holiday programme on Easter Tuesday down at the Northland Memorial Community Centre. Bookings can be made online at www.kellyclub.co.nz. For further information contact Charli 022 010 9973 or northland@kellyclub.co.nz.

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

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.

Play Rugby this Year

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 and 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 club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 8 March (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 10 March (1:00 – 3:00pm).

Drama Classes After School

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 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan!

Marrzipan will be running awesome classes that focus on key self-confidence and social skills at Northland School on Monday afternoons (3:05-4:05) on school grounds! We play fun, engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to friends at school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All parents receive

informative weekly e-mails and at the end of term, children receive a certificate to remind them they are awesome! Give me a call to organise a no-obligation Trial Lesson happening in Term 1 to try it out, or just call to chat about how our classes can benefit your child's development. There are flyers available at the office or Go to marrzipandrama.co.nz or contact Joyce at 027 387 0407 or email joyce@marrzipandrama.co.nz for more info!

Springboard and Platform Diving at Kilbirnie Pool

Wellington Diving Club runs diving classes for kids aged 5 years and up (plus separate Adult training sessions). Try something new - visit our website and come along for a 30min Trial Lesson! After-school sessions available on Tues/Wed/Thursdays and we cater for kids of any level from beginners to competitive.

For more information, please visit our website www.wellingtondiving.org.nz or call/text Barbara on 027 485 8888.

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

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