



**Northland
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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**



Scenes from the Western Zone Cricket Competition

On Tuesday six teams of enthusiastic cricketers headed to Karori Park for an action packed day. We were very proud of the focus, enthusiasm for new skill development and encouragement of both their own team mates and opposing sides that were displayed throughout the day. We witnessed some outstanding game play and all players improved as the day progressed. A special thank you to our parent helpers/coaches/umpires that supported our students on the day and of course to Angela Scholten who ensured a smoothly run day for all involved.

Katie McGrath and Juliet McPhee

The Principal Point

Contact Information - Update

Today (Wednesday) each child will be bringing home important information from the school. This includes a printout of the contact information we currently hold for each of your children attending Northland School.

Please check this information carefully, amend where necessary and return the complete form for **each child** to the school office by the end of next week, Friday 9 March. We rely on up-to-date information in case we need to contact you for any reason. We also use this information for our emergency text messaging system.

The medical information we hold for your child is available for you to check through our parent portal accessible through the school website. Please check this carefully and let our office staff know if there are changes and we will amend our records. To access this secure site you will need to use the email address that you have supplied us. If you have forgotten your password then click on *forgot password* and follow the prompts. You will receive an email from Massey University about this! Our student management system is based at the university and all changes are made through the university's cloud server.

Our school directory with family contact numbers is based on some of the contact information. With your permission we only include student and parent names, addresses and home phone numbers. We include cellphone numbers if there is no landline. We intend to have the directory printed and distributed towards the end of this term.

We offer parents the option to receive the weekly newsletter by email rather than through the family "postie". About a third of families use this option. Please indicate on the contact form if you wish to receive the newsletter by email. There will still be some brochures and newsletters that will continue to come home via your children. The newsletter is always available to download from our website.

Tongan Cyclone Fundraising

Following the recent devastating cyclone in Tonga we are helping to co ordinate a number of fundraising efforts for our Tongan sister school and local village over the coming week. Some families have chosen to also make a donation to the school and village. If you would still like to make a donation then then we are accepting these and will forward the money to our school's liaison 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.

Road Safety Update

On Tuesday this week I met before school with a representative from the Wellington City Council to look at the traffic safety issues around the school entrances from Harbour View Road. She will now set up a meeting with a traffic engineer to consider options for ensuring our children are as safe as possible when crossing the road opposite the school's pedestrian gate. The closeness of the bend at the top of the rise and the private driveway alongside the school boundary add to the difficulties of this area.

Thank you to parents, caregivers and grandparents for making the effort to use the crossing point by the school's pedestrian gate rather than crossing further up Harbour View Road on the bend. It has certainly made a difference for our students.

Digital Citizenship and Cyber Safety at Northland School

All BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) and school Chromebooks are now managed by Northland School through our new Google Chrome Management Console.

This enables us to ensure uniform set-up and protection of all devices in the school. We are now able to more closely manage the websites and apps which students visit by setting up device permissions as well as user permissions. It also gives us the ability to lock down Chromebooks to just the school account. Information has been sent home to all families whose children bring their own device to school.

As part of our Digital Citizenship discussions across the school we have become aware of a number of students using the multi-player gaming website/app Roblox at home. We have several concerns regarding Roblox, and whilst students do not have access to it at school, we feel it is important that all parents are aware of the issues surrounding this website. Further information about the Roblox site and app is included as a separate handout with this newsletter.

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.

Team 4 Camp – Additional Information

Information about the Team 4 camp is available on our school website under the Team News tab. This includes the risk assessment forms for the activities our students will be involved in.

New Northland School Sport Shirts

We will be placing an order for new sports shirts. If you would like to order one there are order forms available in the office. Shirts are \$30each. Orders close on Friday 16 March.

All Girls Futsal Tournament

To all the girls who took part last Friday at the All Girls Futsal Tournament you can be very proud of yourselves. Northland School represented by 8 teams dominated the field. There were blue Northland shirts everywhere. Along with some fantastic foot skills, passing and dynamic teamwork I am sure that I can say the girls had an amazing time. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who supervised the teams and supported the girls during this tournament.

Angela Scholten, Sports Coordinator

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Sausage Sizzle Fundraiser for Tonga – Last Day for Orders

We are holding a sausage sizzle on Wednesday 7 March for our sister school and village in Tonga. Orders close tomorrow, Thursday 1 March. All orders to the school office please.

Easter Holidays

Northland School will be closed for the Easter break on Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April **and** Tuesday 3 April. The school will reopen on Wednesday 4 April.

Scholastic Book Club 2018:

Kia Ora and Happy New Year! We would like to thank all families who ordered from the Book Club and supported the Scholastic Book Fair last year. Your purchase contributes to school reward points. We bought \$3,343.08 worth of new books for our school library in 2017. We're hoping you will continue to support the Book Club this year. Issue 2 catalogues will be distributed soon, extra catalogues are available in the library.

Important Changes to Ordering:

We are streamlining our Book Club orders at Northland School. We will only accept LOOP online orders. We won't be accepting paper order forms at the office anymore. All orders will be done via LOOP. Please go to <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

To register for LOOP online ordering:

- Fill in your details (parent)
- Create a password
- Enter your email details
- Enter your contact phone number
- Click on 'add new child' write your child's details
- Select School : Northland School (Wellington)
- Select Class level and Class Teacher

Once registered, you can start ordering. All Book Club orders will be delivered to school and distributed to your child's classroom. Any queries to Ruth by email abenojar.yee@outlook.com

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. All details for all ages are available on our website www.sporty.co.nz/northland. Registrations close on the 9 March.

Road Patrol Supervisors – Thank You

Our thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help supervise our road patrols in the morning (8.30 – 8.55am) and in the afternoon (3.00 – 3.15pm). We have two afternoon spaces (Wednesday and Friday) and one morning space (Friday) still available. 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.

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.

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.

Diary Dates for 2018

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.

Have You Lost Your Phone ?

Found in the school grounds an Huawei Gold Phone, please collect from the office.

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.

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.

New and Improved Everyone Out Adventure Game for Families

Get out and explore Wellington's beautiful Botanic Garden with your family. Work together searching for secret codes to unlock hidden boxes. March 11, 2pm - 4.30pm

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2018/everyone-out-autumn-series

For more details check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/everyoneout/

Also check out the second event in the Autumn Series Everyone Out in Otari-Wilton's Bush.

Give it a Go – Girls Rugby

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club is running a free introduction to rugby sessions for Year 5-8 girls at Ian Galloway Park, Sunday March 11 and 18 at 3pm. Learn the basics with other girls, and see if you like it. For more details visit <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz/>, contact Kirsty on 021 429 212, Stu on 027 471 6787, or just turn up on the day.

Play Rugby this Year

Wests 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 Rippa 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

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. 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 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 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.

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