



**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**

The Principal Point

Welcome to the start of the 2018 school year. We hope everyone was able to enjoy this very special summer of warm days full of sunshine. The weather has especially made it one of those summer holidays to remember.

We welcome 21 children and their families to the Northland School community. Some are just beginning their primary years, some are returning to Northland School and others have transferred from other schools in New 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 contributed positively to the important quick start of a new school year.

We welcome to our full-time teaching staff Gina Hinds (Room 2), Lisa Stratford (Room 5) and Gill Hill (Room 8). We also welcome a number of teachers back to the staff in different roles with Jane Batchelor (Associate Principal) giving up her full-time classroom role to lead curriculum development across the school. Jane will still be based in classrooms 50% of the week but has passed on her team leader role to Vicky Balfour (nee Harker). Hannah Fairbairn is also out of the classroom full-time until Easter as her associate principal role is one of pastoral care and special needs co ordinator. Alice Trail has taken on the team leader role for Team 1 following the retirement of Marie Boyer-Blaikie.

With the recent spell of very hot weather (for Wellington) it is timely to remind parents that children should be dressed appropriately for the heat and the sun, have a wide brimmed sunhat and a drink bottle. Children will always have access to water during the school day. Many children also have a tube of sunscreen in their bags – we also have plenty available in the classrooms and the office. If we continue to get temperatures in the high 20s then the school will make changes to programmes and lunchtime organisation if necessary. Classrooms that face north do have heatpumps to keep their rooms cool. Classes without heatpumps will be well ventilated or if necessary will utilise the heatpumps in the library.

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 building project. We had been led to believe that in early 2018 we would have contractors on site. Sadly this did not eventuate as projected costs based on preliminary designs meant the project was over budget despite a great deal of value engineering to reduce the costs. After school closed last year the Ministry of Education announced additional funding had been allocated to our building project so that it could proceed. The expected construction start date is now mid-2019. The design team is now back in action and we have scheduled two information evenings on Monday 12 March to share the design work to date. Further information will be provided closer to the time but it is expected that one meeting will be for parents and the second will be of more interest for the school's neighbours.

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 this year.

There are lots of pieces of paper coming home with this newsletter including picnic information at Otari Wilton Bush on Friday, 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 – this Friday at Otari Wilton Bush

This year we are holding our annual school picnic close by at Otari Wilton Bush. Our students will be walking down to the Troup Lawn at the bottom of the hill leaving school about 10.00am and returning about 2.15pm. Further information is contained in a separate newsletter.

Meet the Teacher/Parents Evening – Wednesday 21 February

This year we are holding an informal evening for families to meet their child's teacher on Wednesday 21 February. The school will have its BBQ 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 12 – 16 March. This meeting is an opportunity for Team 4 parents to hear about activities planned for that week.

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 on Friday.

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 shortly have a Google Chrome Management Console downloaded. This will provide our staff with much greater control of student access to the Internet when Chromebooks are at school. We will be able to monitor sites visited and activity much more easily. Our Board of Trustees fully funds this software for both school and student-owned Chromebooks.

For further information about BYOD please check our website under the Useful Information tab.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The first meeting of the Northland School Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 13 February at 7.00pm. Meetings are held in the staffroom and are open to parents and caregivers of Northland School students.

Year 7 and 8 Camp

The 2018 camp for Year 7 and 8 students will be held from 12 – 16 March at Camp Kaitoke, north of Upper Hutt.

Before School Care

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 13 February

School lunches begin on Tuesday 13 February (sushi) and Friday 16 February (Subway). Further information about ordering lunches is available in the community notices section of this newsletter.

Stationery Donations

If you have any unwanted stationery I have a contact in a Decile 1 primary school in the Hutt Valley who would very much appreciate it for their students.

Please leave in the labelled box in the Northland School Office, by **Friday 16 February**. Any questions – contact Kate 021 106 0204

2018 Staff

Principal

Jeremy Edwards

Associate Principals

Jane Batchelor – Curriculum

Hannah Fairbairn - Pastoral

Team 1

Room 1: Fiona Groube - Yr 1

Room 2: Gina Hinds - Yr 1

Room 3: Hannah Fairbairn - Yr 1 (from April)

Room 4: Alice Trail – Yr 2 (Team Leader)

Room 5: Lisa Stratford – Yr 2

Team 2

Room 6: Nathalie Lecaude – Yr 3 and 4 (Team Leader)

Room 7: Ange Scholten – Yr 3 and 4

Room 8: Gill Hill – Yr 3 and 4

Team 3

Room 9: Lizzie Ryan - Yr 5 and 6

Room 10: Juliet McPhee - Yr 5 and 6

Room 11: Vicky Balfour – Yr 5 and 6 (Team Leader)

Team 4

Room 12: Alex Oliver – Yr 7 and 8 (Team Leader)

Room 13: Katie McGrath – Yr 7 and 8

Room 14: Fiona Valentine – Yr 7 and 8

Part Time Teachers

Eleanor Ainsworth, Karen Sturgeon (Reading Recovery), Eileen Brennan, Alicia Cadwgan (Music), Hemi Prime (Kapa Haka)

Office Staff

Julia Truesdale, Ann Dalton

Support Staff

Rachelle Samaniego (Librarian), Erwin Palado (Lexia programme), Jo Michie, Kate Roberts, Leanne McCarty, Alexis Young

Before School Care Supervisor

Rebecca Amos

Caretaker

Tony Dawbin

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.

Diary Dates for 2018

8 February, Thursday	Team 2 sessions at the ASB Centre begin
9 February, Friday	School Picnic Otari Wilton Bush, 10.00am PMP training, 2.15pm
12 February, Monday	PMP programme begins, Year 1 and 2
13 February, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm
19 February, Monday	Whanau hui, 7pm
20 February, Tuesday	Swimming begins, Year 7 and 8
21 February, Wednesday	Meet the Teacher/Parent evening
23 February, Friday	Girls Futsal Tournamen
26 February, Monday	PATs begin – Year 3 – 8
27 February, Tuesday	Western Zone Cricket tournament
12 – 16 March	Team 4 Camp
12 March, Monday	Building Project, community information meetings, 5.00 and 6.30pm
15 March, Thursday	Year 3 Sports Festival

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.

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at low cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, ukulele, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and trumpet. To enrol visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz and enrol online.

Kelly Sports - Term 1

Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 (starting on Monday 12 February) with their fun and exciting classes.

“Back to School Sports” (Years 1-2) – Mondays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games and drills to build these skills.

“Back to School Sports” (Years 2-4) – Mondays 3:05-4:05pm - Come and try football, cricket, Turbo Touch and dodgeball. Try 2 weeks each of these sports. We use games and drills to teach game sense and team play.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Kelly Club Northland – Check Out Our Facebook Page!

Our Aftercare Programme is focused around various activities including cooking, games, art and craft as well as structured ‘free-time’ after a busy day at school. These activities are incorporated into themes each week that give children the opportunity to extend their learning outside of the school classroom. Children will be collected from Northland School and taken to the programme at Northland Memorial Hall. We offer full sessions (3.00-6.00pm - \$18.00) and a half session option (3.00-4.30pm - \$11.00) and are happy to accept both permanent and casual bookings.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email northland@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9973

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.

Karori Lawn Tennis Club, 226 Karori Road

Tennis coaching for children on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday after school. Our younger players who are relatively new to the game have lessons at 3:15, while our older players are at either 4:15 or 5:15.

For more information, please contact Margaret Johanson at kltcjuniorstennis@gmail.com

Drama Club

After school Speech and Drama classes for children. I have small classes of approximately 6-8 pupils and all classes are grouped by 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, or email Bridie at admin@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054 2593

Fencing Classes for Children with Wellington Swords Club

Children 6 – 11yrs	Tuesdays 6 – 7pm	Tanera Park, Brooklyn (Old Bowling Club)
	Wednesday 6 – 7pm	Tanera Park, Brooklyn (Old Bowling Club)
Children 11+	Saturdays 9 – 10.15am	Wellington High School gym, Taranaki Street

Other classes and individual lessons, college, adults, social, beginners to international
Contact Head Coach: Vicci Lamb (T) 970 7496 or bishop.lamb@pistingaround.com

Drum Lessons

A fun approach to drum lessons for 2018! Mark Lockett B.Mus Perf Jazz, Dip Mus recently returned from performing and teaching in New York. For more information visit www.drumlab.co.nz or phone 021 0433 663

Wellington Young Voices

A regional children's choir which caters for keen young singers aged between 8 and 14 years of age. The choir meets each Monday from 4-6pm at a central city location and is holding auditions for new singers on Monday 12 February, and Monday 19 February. No previous experience is necessary. Some fees scholarships are available. See www.wellingtonyoungvoices.org.nz for details. A small group of older children from Northland School take the bus down to the choir venue at St Andrew's on the Terrace New singers are welcome to join the group, email_cgwoodnz@gmail.com.

New Year, New Habits!

Kids and Teen Yoga classes for Term 1 begin in February in 3 locations - Lower Hutt, Johnsonville, and Eastbourne. Come to one of our Taster' classes and give it a go! Yoga is a form of movement that can be gentle or athletic and is non-competitive. It builds strength of body and mind, balance and flexibility. The yoga teachings include principles of compassion for self and others, discipline and self-study. Kula Kids Yoga classes are playful, imaginative and weave games, song, and story into the practice of the poses. Yoga for older students fosters positive self-awareness and teaches tools to safely manage stress. Contact Jeanne of Kula Kids Yoga with questions or to book kulakidsyoga@yahoo.com [facebook.com/KulaKidsYoga/](https://www.facebook.com/KulaKidsYoga/) kulayoga.gettimely.com

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