



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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The Principal Point

In 2016 we trialed different types of furniture in our Year 5 – 8 classrooms. With the likelihood of any new building work at the school conforming to new Ministry of Education guidelines around innovative learning environments, the school was keen to find out what worked well for our students and their many different ways of working.

As they work through the day there will be times that our students will need to work in a co-operative and collaborative group situation, or they could be by themselves or work with the teacher in a small group on the mat or perhaps with the whole class.

We surveyed all students involved in the trial to find out what worked (or didn't) and how this variety of furniture affected the ways that they worked. As a result we ordered some additional furniture for our Year 7 and 8 classes that facilitates collaborative work or allows them to work by themselves. We are aware that for some children there will be times that they will need to work away from others and their possible distractions and we have kept some of our old student desks for this very reason.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Emergency Text Messaging – Test

This Friday, 10 February, the school will send out a test emergency text message to all parents and caregivers. The test will be late morning. If you do not receive a text message from the school please contact us as we may have an incorrect cellphone number.

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 patrol team are trained by the school's police education officer and the supervisor's role is purely as another set of eyes.

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 and 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.

Northland Is A SunSmart School

As a sun smart school brimmed sunhats are compulsory for all our students in terms 1 and 4, thank you.

Assistance with Stationery Costs

The Ministry of Social Development's clients can now use MyMSD to apply online quickly and easily for assistance with school uniform and stationery costs, so they don't need to visit their Work and Income office. Applicants can upload verification of the cost, usually a quote from the supplier. If the payment is approved, they will receive notification by text or by email. The approved amount will be loaded to their payment card or paid direct to registered suppliers who can't receive the payment card.

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.

Board of Trustees News

February Board Meeting

The first meeting of the Northland School Board of Trustees for 2017 is on Tuesday 14 February. Meetings are held in the staffroom commencing at 7.00pm and are open to all parents and caregivers of Northland School students.

Minutes Secretary Wanted

The Board is looking for a new secretary to record the minutes from the meeting, type these up and distribute them to the Board within a week. This is a paid position. For further information please contact the school office.

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 number 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)

Scholastic – Lucky Book Club

We would like to thank all the parents and staff who ordered last year, your purchase contributes to school rewards points. We bought \$2,043.66 worth of new books for our school library in 2016. We're hoping you will continue to support the book club. **Issue 1 catalogues were distributed last week:** There are some really good deals to start the year. **Orders are due on Monday 13 of February.** Please give your completed order forms to the

office. Kindly write legibly with blue or black pen only. If paying by cheque make it payable to **Northland School**; or you can place your orders online by the **Book Club LOOP**, simply go to www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz and open an account. Orders that are incomplete and/or with incorrect payment will not be processed. All queries to Ruth by email abenojar.yee@clear.net.nz

Quality of the Week – Kindness

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

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
28 February, Tuesday	• Cricket Tournament
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.

Sushi Lunches - Every Tuesday:

"Sushi Lunches" provide a sushi delivery service every Tuesday - order for your child's sushi via www.wrapitup.co.nz. Orders are received up until 9.00am on Tuesday morning.

Subway Lunches Friday - Luncheonline

A great healthy lunch option – order online and delivered to school each Friday check out www.luncheonline.co.nz

How Do You Say Star Wars and Pokemon in Mandarin?

Find out and learn conversational Mandarin with Ni Hao Children's Community! A Mandarin class will be held in the school library on Thursdays 3:20-4:10pm, beginning Thursday 16 February. Through games, fun activities, hands-on tasks and role-playing, children will pick up Mandarin Chinese and have the chance to practise it with their classmates.

These 50-minute classes provide full immersion in the language so that the children learn and absorb in a Mandarin Chinese speaking environment. These classes are for beginners from any cultural background who are new to or not fluent in the language. How about learning Mandarin with a few friends? Parents are also welcome to stay and learn with the group. The more the merrier! Visit www.nihaocc.org.nz for more info or to enrol online.

Herzlich Willkommen in der Northland Schule!

My name is Nina Koch and I am offering German classes to German mother tongue students (or students who are very fluent in German and understand it without difficulties). The aim of our 30min Monday sessions is to practise the language skills in a fun way by doing speaking, reading, writing, and understanding activities. In case you would like to know more about the programme, please feel free to contact me: kochnina@web.de

Viele Grüße, Nina

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/>

Get Out In Otari-Wilton's Bush And Have Fun With Your Family!

Saturday 11 March 2017, Everyone Out in Otari is an adventure treasure hunt where you will need to work together to complete activities and navigate to secret points hidden throughout Otari-Wilton's Bush. You'll probably get wet, will definitely get dirty, are likely to learn something new and you'll absolutely have fun.

So what are you waiting for! Enter your family team now! Tickets can be purchased from Eventfinda.

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/everyone-out-in-otari/wellington>

Check us out on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/everyoneout/>

Drumming Lessons Are Available With Tutor Andrew Mcpartlin

The lessons are held in the Viggers Centre Thursdays 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. Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com or Ph: 027 267 1634

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.

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

Piano and Keyboard Lessons!

Local Teacher Taking Students For 2017 Fun! Fun! Fun!

Fun! Pop, Modern and Classical! Beginners and All Levels! Jazz and Creative Music Specialist
Refs Available - Competitive Rates - Discounts on first lesson and block of 10!

Local Studio, Mobile Teaching, Flexible Times (B.Mus, B.Sc, Dip Jazz, Dip. Teach, Dip. ABRSM (London), NZIRMT

Contact Pieter! pibosman@hotmail.com Ph: 0212056473 www.pieterbosmusic.co.nz

Auditions For Iolanthe By Gilbert and Sullivan

Will be held on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 February 2017 for all roles, chorus and covers. A cast of 40 singers is required - singing dancers also encouraged to apply. Recalls, as required on Saturday 18 Feb. To enquire and book an Audition time or to register an expression of interest, please contact WGSLO Secretary, Ellen Spear; phone: (04) 479 1685, mobile 027 515 5716 or email: savoy@actrix.co.nz. Visit <http://www.gns.org.nz> for more information.

Karori Lions Karnival And Fair Is On Again

Sunday 19 February at Ben Burn Park, Karori. Quality Stalls selling superb merchandise, adventure rides, children's activities, raffles, lots of food and a full day of stage entertainment for the family. From 10.00 until 3.30 pm. Come along and have some fun.

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

Garage Sale This Saturday

There will be a garage sale at the St Anne's Church Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads) 1-4pm this Saturday, 11 February. If you are looking for a few missing items as you setup your new flat (or are just after a bargain), come and check it out. Any 'white elephant' contributions that you think could be useful can be left at the back of the Church.

Flam Tap Drumming

Take lessons with an experienced drummer. Northland Area. Beginners welcome. Different styles covered with focus on rudiments. Call (021)929604.

The Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society 99th Summer Show

This will be held in the St Luke's Centre (cnr Pitt St and Wadestown Road, Wadestown) on Saturday 11 February with viewing from 12 noon until 2.00pm. There will be exhibits of flowers, fruit and vegetables, potted plants, floral art, baking and a children's section. Everybody is welcome to come along and see all the wonderful entries.

Hey Kids, have a go at making a veggie critter - you can bring along your own veggies to make it or we will give you some... Or maybe bring along a toy that you have decorated with flowers or foliage... How about bringing along some veggies that you have grown.. You can do all of this at the Wadestown Wilton Horticultural Society Summer Show in the St Lukes Centre (cnr of Pitt St and Wadestown Road) on Saturday 11 February from 10 - 11am.

This coming Sunday morning (12 February) I want to tackle the light spring weed growth around our planting above Karl Tischler's property. Don't forget to bring your rubberised gloves if you have some (the leather spares I have are too clumsy for this finger-work). If we have sufficient numbers there are some light wells that need opening above Matai planted among the Mahoe canopy.

See you just before 9:30am at 155 Cecil Road, Wilton. The forecast is for fine sunny weather, so hopefully we can take refreshments outside on the back deck under the umbrella afterwards.

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