



**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 Student Council held its first-ever Twins/Opposite Day last week on the coldest day of the year. We held a quick parade at 10.00am so that everyone could see the costumes and clever ideas on display.

The Principal Point

We have just received the following message from the Sustainable Transport Co-ordinator at the city council.

Recently Wellington City Council parking wardens visited Northland School and were very impressed with the safe parking behaviour by parents/whānau picking up students. We know this can be a stressful time at the end of the day and appreciate all your efforts to keep our

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tamariki safe. This has been helped by the many parents who encourage their kids to walk to school. Keep up the good work!

Wow – a huge thank you to all of our parents, whānau and caregivers for looking after all of our learners. The crossing wardens on Harbour View Road and the road patrollers on Northland Road do a great job in all weather and we thank them for being patient and careful in their work.

Another busy term is suddenly coming to an end and it is time for students and staff to recharge their batteries. This very cold and wet winter has certainly brought a lot of winter illness to both students and staff.

Thank you for the very strong attendance at our recent parent/teacher conferences and student-led conferences. Over 90% of parents were able to attend on either of the nights with additional times made available by staff for those who were unable to meet at the last minute on the designated days. The discussions were honest and provided opportunities to talk about student progress, suggest next steps and look at ways of strengthening the home school partnership. This partnership is vital with research showing that when home and school work together to support our young learners then progress is far stronger and sustained. Our Year 4 – 8 students were involved in these discussions and shared their own learning and next steps with their parents and teachers. A number of parents have commented that the discussions with their children continued at home and helped further strengthen that close home/school partnership. Several parents mentioned that hearing their children talk about their learning gave them a new understanding about their child as a learner.

Thank you for all that you do for Northland School. Our Home and School Committee makes sure that the social events happen for our students and our parents. The recent very successful quiz was another example of the way our community comes together to support Northland School. Thank you.

Term 3 is going to be very busy with a whole school production planned for the evenings of 5 and 6 September. Further details included in this newsletter

Enjoy a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 23 July.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

End of Term Community Assembly

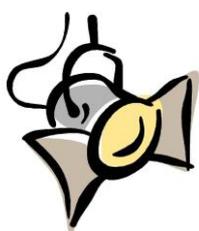
Our end of term community assembly will be held on Friday 6 July at 9.30am at the Northland Memorial Community Centre in Woburn Road. All family and whānau are invited to join us as we share some of the many highlights from this term.

End of Term 2 / Start of Term 3

School closes for the term on Friday 6 July at 3.00pm. Term 3 commences on Monday 23 July.



More pictures from the Student Council's recent Twins/Opposite Day



Production News

Planning is underway for an exciting whole school production in Term 3. This will be a major focus for all students. School productions provide all students with the opportunity to participate in the performing arts and contribute to the wider school community. Our last event in 2012 was thoroughly enjoyed by students and the Northland community.

Performances will be at 7pm on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 September at the Riley Centre at Wellington High School so pencil those dates into your diaries now. All students will be involved on both nights. Information about purchasing tickets will come early in Term 3.

As a production is a major event we will not be participating in Artsplash or Dancesplash this year.

In preparation for making props we are seeking large cardboard boxes (similar to fridge or TV size). If you have any large boxes to be recycled please bring these to the school office. We will happily take them off your hands.

The Production Team

Physical Activity Leaders (PALs)

These people have completed the Northland School PALs programme this term. They worked together to plan and implement lunchtime physical activity for junior members of our school and completed at least one hour coaching.

Congratulations to our Senior Students who participated.

These young leaders have shown great time management, effort and energy promoting fitness and sporting skills in our playgrounds. Each child will receive their PALs certificate at the school assembly on Friday. Well done!

Katie McGrath

Board of Trustees News

Notes from the June Meeting of the Board

Principal's Report

- *Reporting to Family and Whānau:* Reports are currently being completed and would be available through the parent portal.
- *Leading Innovative Learning in New Zealand Schools:* The Board discussed a recent ERO report. It noted that a sizeable degree of change would need to be managed and that teachers would need to get ready to adjust to working in a new learning and teaching environment. Professional development funding for this will be provided through the building project budget.
- *Maths Programmes:* Northland School's enrichment maths programme has some senior students enrolled at Te Kura – The Correspondence School. The Board recognises the benefit of having greater access to college teachers through the proposed Community of Learning would be a great benefit. The Team 4 Maths enrichment programme has commenced, with the Team 2 programme commencing next term. ALiM (Accelerating Learning in Mathematics) will be commencing after the Term 3 production. A Maths review will be conducted early in Term 3.
- *Curriculum Development:* The Board and staff are having discussions as the school moves towards an ILE environment and how our curriculum aligns with our current school vision as we move forward. We understand the importance of having family and whānau input into our vision.
- *Pastoral Report:* Updates to Individual Education Programmes (IEPs) are almost all completed and will be finished by the end of the term.
- *Writing Development:* Planning for Term 3 is underway. The entire student body will be surveyed to determine how our children feel about writing. Although the school's target is reluctant boy writers, there are also girls who are not keen on writing. Research is being undertaken to find ways to raise student engagement in writing.

Strategic Discussion Points

- *Building Project:* The developed design has been signed off and the project is currently on track. A large amount of work is happening behind the scenes. Requirements for data, electrical and security will be discussed over the next two weeks and an asbestos inspection will be completed over the holidays. The Board has been asked to make decisions around priorities to ensure the project remains on budget. More drawings have been obtained and will be shared in the family and whānau newsletter and on the school website.
- *2017 Annual Report:* This has been completed and will be made available to the community through the school website. Hard copies would also be available from the school office.

- *Health and Safety*: The 6 monthly Health and Safety report was tabled and actions agreed to for eliminating or mitigating these hazards.
- *Communications with families and whānau*: The ICT Committee has met in order to progress the school website development. Unfortunately, this group does not have time to undertake the website redevelopment at this stage. The use of social media as another communication tool was discussed. The school website currently is the fastest way to get up-to-date information. It was noted that the new website needs to be more mobile friendly.

Finance

The final audited accounts for 2017 had been received. The Board

- Noted that the School's working capital position remained well above the policy minimum as at the end of May 2018; and
- Noted that we have received the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, which confirmed a satisfactory (close to budgeted) financial result for the year; and
- Noted that the Treasurer will report back to the Board in the near future on proposed responses to the auditor's report on the findings from their audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017; and
- Noted that the School has been notified about the Auditor-General's proposal process for appointment of the School's auditor.

Policy

Personnel policies are currently under review.

Community

The WCC is interested in working together with Northland School around the possible development of play equipment at Northland Park. A meeting will be held in August.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday 24 July at 7.00pm, in the Staffroom. All welcome to attend.

Yummy Apple Sticker Time

Get munching and get collecting. Yummy apple sticker time. All stickers add up to points which add up to *Sports Gear* for our school. Thank you and enjoy your apples!

Lost Property

Please check the lost property buckets; we have gathered a large amount of jerseys, jumpers and winter jackets as well as the unusual assortment of items we seem to find.

Quality of the Week – Excellence

Excellence is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you demonstrate excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.

Diary Dates for 2018

5 July, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
6 July, Friday	Community assembly, 9.30am
Term 3	
23 July, Monday	Term 3 begins
24 July, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm
31 July, Tuesday	ICAS English
2 August, Thursday	Swimming Sports – Years 3 – 8 Pizza Thursday
6 – 10 August	Book Week
6 August, Monday	Whanau Hui, 7pm
7 August, Tuesday	Boostrix Vaccinations, Year 7
10 August, Friday	School Disco, 5pm and 7pm
14 August, Tuesday	ICAS Maths
16 August, Thursday	Technology Classes begin, Team 4
21 August, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm
22 August, Wednesday	National Monitoring Assessment, Year 4 Mathswell, Year 7 and 8
28 August, Tuesday	Mathswell, Year 5 and 6
3 – 7 September	Production Week (Rehearsal 4 Sept, Performances 5 (Wednesday) and 6 September (Thursday))

Term Dates for 2018

Term 3:	Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4:	Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Term Dates for 2019

The two different start and end dates are dependent on a workshop for teachers that may be held in early February. This is still to be confirmed.

Term 1:	Either Monday 4 February or Thursday 7 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 Dec or Friday 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.



Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français?

Come and join our Alliance Française French class at Northland School in Term 3! The class is run by one of our native qualified French teachers.

2 groups: Year 2 to Year 4, and Year 5 to Year 8 every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm onsite at Northland School from 24 July to 25 September.

Price: \$150 for 10 weeks

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (schools@french.co.nz), or ring 472 1272 to get more information. A bientôt !

Kelly Sports Term 3

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes.

“Play Like a Sports Hero” (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.

“Play Like a Sports Hero” (Years 2-4) – Mondays 3:05pm - 4:05pm - Come and try football, netball, Rippa Rugby and handball. 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 in our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Sunshine Drama

A creative and fun learning space for students aged 4 - 13 years of age. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence and build communication, performance and social skills. For class information or to arrange a free trial class, contact: Jenae 0274380533 or visit www.sunshinedrama.co.nz.

Beyond The Page – An Exciting Literary Festival For Children 7-22 July 2018

Back for a second successful year, with a festival programme brimming with literary adventures for tamariki and their whanau, *Beyond the Page* is a children’s festival that will surprise and delight.

Featuring well known authors, illustrators, and performers, children will have the opportunity to explore their creative side, be inspired by spell-bounding performances, pick up a new skill, and even chat with a robot. Wellington City Libraries, Hutt City Libraries, Upper Hutt Libraries, and Kapiti Coast District Libraries are the creative force behind *Beyond the Page*, and are excited to bring this festival free of charge. For updates and further information, follow *Beyond the Page* on Facebook, or visit www.beyondthepage.nz.

Drama Club

A Drama Club holiday programme in the upcoming school break – Monday 9 July - Friday 13 July based in Karori. The classes are held each morning from 9.00am (drop off from 8.30am) till 12.30pm. We have a different topic each day so students can pick and choose which days they would like to attend. Enrol on the Drama Club website - www.dramaclub.co.nz or contact Bridie on bridie@dramaclub.co.nz

School Holiday Computer Classes for Ages 5 – 15

New class; Stop Motion Animation. Also Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch, Python or Java, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Video Editing, Build a PC and if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499 2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Kelly Club Holiday Programme - Monday 9 July – Friday 20 July

Kelly Club Wilton July Holiday Programme. Held at the Wests Rugby Clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park, Wilton. Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children. For full details and to enrol in our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email wilton@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 106 5335

New To Kelly Sports Holiday Programme!

Wellington Indoor Sports Centre - 9 July – 13 July 2018

Let the kids come and try some of their favourite sports; *Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey and much more!!* Learn new skills, gain self-confidence and make new friends!

Have fun at Junglerama or Jumparama – Jump, Play, Enjoy! or try Ten Pin Bowling, plus there is a trip day! To book To book <http://www.kellysports.co.nz/events/3245-Wellington-Indoor-Sports>

Northland Kidz Club July 9 – 20 Holiday Programme

Join us in our adventures each day as we explore the Wellington region. We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf, going to a kids theatre production, touring the National Library, doing a circus workshop and watching magician Nigel Kennedy at work, not to mention Time Cinema where we'll see another selection of original cartoons and films.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards \$20). 8.30am to 6pm each day. For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) , or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) e-mail nkc.jan@gmail.com.

Artrageous Kids Programme: Mon 9 – Fri 20 July

Venue: Poneke Dojo, Prince of Wales Park, Salisbury Tce, Mt Cook, Wellington

8.30am–3:00pm \$69 and after care 3:00pm-5.15pm \$15

Aimed at children aged 5-12 years. Our classes provide a space for all children to explore at their own pace, chaotic or careful, gingerly or with gusto, tiptoeing or tromping. Our aim is to draw out their creativity, not stuff things in! **Bookings essential.**

Party Helper/Organiser

Hi I'm Rosie and I am 13 years old, I help out at birthday parties for children in kindergarten to year 5.

I can take the stress out of organising your child's party, for once you won't be running after all the partygoers keeping them entertained and happy, that's my job!

What will I do:

- I will instruct party games and keep them flowing smoothly.
- I will entertain the children with creative/traditional games.
- I am happy to discuss your ideas and help devise a theme or selection of games.

Costs vary, approx. \$50 per party, not inclusive of supplies/prizes. If you would like to book me for any birthday parties then please text Rosie on 021 0890 4421. NB. As I am 13 years old I am available to supervise but an adult will need to be present at all times.

Weta Workshop : CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES JULY 16 – 20

In the upcoming school holidays, Weta Workshop is opening its doors to a new cohort of creative superheroes! We warmly invite the children of Northland School to come along.

From sketching to sculpting and costume making, our workshops for ages 6 – 12 years old will excite and delight! Don't miss out. Book online at www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays

School Holiday Craft Workshop

Weave it! Paint it! Join us at the Ngaio Town Hall, Wednesday 11 July, 10:30am-12:30pm to weave a colourful God's eye and decorate a terracotta pot with sand paint. For children 5-12 years old, \$24.50 per child (\$22 for siblings), all materials supplied. More info at <https://www.facebook.com/makeitactivities> and bookings to jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz