



**Northland  
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

# Newsletter

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At the end of the last term the Student Council held a bake sale to raise funds for the Wellington Free Ambulance. Over \$450 was raised.

This week the Student Council contributed a total of \$1300 to the Wellington Free Ambulance's current appeal for a new ambulance. A great result.

This term the Student Council will be supporting the Starship Children's Hospital – another worthy cause that has benefited several Northland School students. The Council will be holding a PJ Day (with hot chocolate) in late August and hosting NS Idol (a talent quest) in the last week of the term.

## The Principal Point

Welcome to the third term. We hope that you and your family managed to avoid the worst of the winter storms over the holiday break but also enjoyed the change of routines that school holidays bring.

Term 3 is always a very busy time at Northland School with many different activities and special events on offer, especially for our older students. This term all students will be involved in a weekly hockey skills programme leading to an in-school hockey festival at the end of August. There is a schoolwide *Journeys* theme running through the term with each

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Teaching Team taking a very different approach to this topic. The Year 7 and 8 science fair will be held at the Northland Community Centre during the week beginning 7 August. Although the science fair entries are just from our Year 7 and 8 students, most of our students visit the fair to see the amazing work of our current students and to also see what lies ahead when they get to Team 4. 20 investigations will be selected to enter the NIWA Science and Technology Fair later in the term.

In mid September we have Artsplash (18 September) with over 100 students from Years 3 – 8 singing at the Michael Fowler Centre and later the same week Dancesplash (21 September) involving 40 Year 7 and 8 students. Also this term there are Mathswell Competitions, ICAS English and maths competitions, plus the usual Western Zone sporting events, Technology classes etc. We also have a Student Council-organised PJ Day and talent quest. A busy, busy ten week term.

Our building project has now moved into the preliminary design stage as our architects start to develop the shape of the buildings, consider the claddings to be used and the possible internal layout. Parents and caregivers are invited to an information evening on Wednesday 23 August at 7.30pm. At the meeting some of our teaching staff and architects will be sharing some of our thoughts and ideas about how the new classroom areas could look. Several staff have visited new schools and we have some strong ideas on what we like – and more importantly what we don't!

Over the last seven years a number of schools have been built or remodelled into ILEs (Innovative Learning Environments) – these have been designed to give much greater flexibility in the way teaching and learning spaces are used. There has been a noticeable change in these designs in the last couple of years – no longer are these very large spaces but quite clearly defined areas that can be closed off to provide home spaces or be used for very focused teaching spaces.

Now that the new building's location is confirmed we can now start to think again about our playground development project. With the two year delay to our building development we had to put the playground initiative on hold but we are now keen to gather our playground group again and proceed.

These are very interesting and exciting times as we start to shape Northland School for the future.

***Jeremy Edwards – Principal***

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## **School News**

### **Sexuality Road Programme – Parent Information Evening – Thursday this week**

Each year our Year 5 – 8 students are involved in a sexuality education programme. An information evening about this programme will be held this Thursday, 27 July in the library at 7.30pm. Scott Waring-Flood from NZ Family Planning will discuss the Sexuality Road Programme which will be taught in Term 3 (for Year 5 and 6 students) and Term 4 (for Year 7 and 8 students). All parents from Team 3 and 4 are welcome to attend to hear about the

programme. Parents of children from any area of the school are also welcome to attend though the programme is aimed at children in Years 5 - 8.

## **Whānau Hui**

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the Term 3 Whānau Group Hui, on Monday 7 August at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Following this there will be a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee.

We encourage you to come and share your ideas so that we can further discuss our school whakatauki and reflect on Matariki week 2017.

Please RSVP so that we know who will be able to attend. Phone: 475 7596, email: [katiem@northland.school.nz](mailto:katiem@northland.school.nz)

***Naku noa. Katie McGrath - Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori***

## **Home and School News**

### **Pizza Thursday**

The next Pizza Thursday, organised by our Home and School Committee, is on 3 August. Order forms are available from the school office and the school website. Orders need to be with the school office by 3pm Wednesday 2 August. Please note that we are unable to accept late orders. Pizzas are \$5.50 each.

### **Home and School School Pub Quiz - One Fat Bird Karori**

Wednesday 16 August, 7.00pm start

Tickets go on sale Monday 31 July, \$15.00 per person.

A great night out, lots of laughs, challenges, spot prizes and raffles. Book the babysitter and gather the team. Or meet some new friends in a mix team - just let us know and we will help.

### ***Can you help with prizes?***

To make this night a great success, we are on the hunt for generous people to donate prizes. We need:

Items for a silent auction eg a weekend at a bach. Smaller items to make up a raffle on the night e.g. wine, toiletries etc. If you are able to help, please contact Mary Swainson at [Mikeandmary1@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Mikeandmary1@xtra.co.nz) or 021 111 2378 by 28 July.

### **Home and School – Inspire Photography**

Places are still available for the family photoshoot with Inspire Photography early on Saturday morning. Bookings can be made through the school office. Photoshoot day is this Saturday 29 July.

## **Home and School Committee Meeting – Tonight, 7.30pm, Staffroom**

Come and join the Home and School Committee. We are always looking for new people to join this enthusiastic group of Northland School parents.

## **Team Newsletters**

Team newsletters have been distributed today.

## **Afterschool Classes**

Various afterschool classes are held at Northland School. These include:

- Keyboard, piano, voice – Monday and Wednesday
- Guitar – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
- Drama – Monday
- Code Club – Friday
- Chess – Wednesday
- Ukulele – Thursday
- French – Tuesday
- Kelly Sports – Monday

Details and contacts are in the **Community Notices** section at the end of this newsletter. Other afterschool classes not based at Northland School are also included in our Community Notices.

## **Yummy Apple Stickers**

Northland School is in the swing of collecting “Yummy Apple” stickers for 2017.

The Race Is ON... think of all the lunch time sporting gear! KEEP munching 1 Term to go!!!! Term 3 is the last term to eat and hand in all your Yummy Apple Stickers.

## **Scholastic Book Club**

Issue 5 catalogues have been distributed this week: Please return your completed order forms to the office. Please 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](http://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](mailto:abenojar.yee@clear.net.nz) Spare forms are available from the school office. Orders are due on Monday 7 August. No late orders, thank you.

## **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 practice excellence, you bring your gifts to fruition.

## Term Dates for 2017

Term 3:	Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
Term 4:	Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

## 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

## Diary Dates for 2017

26 July, Wednesday	• Home and School Committee, 7.30pm, staffroom
27 July, Thursday	• Sexuality Road parent information evening, 7.30pm
1 August, Tuesday	• ICAS English
Monday 7 August	• Whanau hui, 7.00pm
Wednesday 9 August	• Building Information meeting, 7.30pm
Friday 11 August	• Year 7 Vaccinations
Tuesday 15 August	• ICAS Maths • Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
Wednesday 16 August	• Home and School Quiz, 7.00pm
Tuesday 22 August	• Western Zone Swimming Sports
Wednesday 23 August	• Mathswell – Years 7 and 8
Wednesday 23 August	• Building Information meeting, 7.30pm
Friday 25 August	• School disco
Tuesday 29 August	• Mathswell – Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 30 August	• PJ and Hot Chocolate Day

## 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.*

### Code Club – afterschool on Fridays

Code Club will be running in Term 3 for Team 4 students on Friday afternoons from 4.00 until 4.45pm. Please contact [emilymasonnz@gmail.com](mailto:emilymasonnz@gmail.com) if you are interested.

[www.northland.school.nz](http://www.northland.school.nz)

### **Northland Kindergarten - Enrolling now...**

Northland Kindergarten provides quality early childhood education sessions for children aged 2 – 5 years. Our Kindergarten is staffed only by qualified teachers. We support the Ministry of Education's 20 hours free education programme and extend this provision to our under 3s so we can welcome them too!

Give us a call to chat at 4759298, and take a look at our blog

<https://northlandkindergarten.blogspot.co.nz/> We'll look forward to meeting you! -

### **Guitar Lessons – afterschool Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday**

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitar player with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons in the school library on Mondays from 3.00 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6.00pm, Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6.00pm and Fridays from 3:30 to 5.00pm (**New!**).

Individual and group lessons are available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning to play the guitar. It is a creative, fun and stimulating hobby. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

Email: [aabir.maz@gmail.com](mailto:aabir.maz@gmail.com) Ph: 027 267 1634

### **Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français ? – Afterschool Class**

Alliance Française Wellington returns to Northland School in Term 3 (every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm) to offer French afterschool classes. A native qualified French teacher will teach the language through interactive learning, while playing and singing.

If your child is in Year 6 or above, you can enrol now. Just email Alliance Française:

[schools@french.co.nz](mailto:schools@french.co.nz) or ring 04 472 12 72 to get more information. A bientôt!

### **10 Weeks to Learn Ukulele – Afterschool classes**

Does your child want to learn ukulele? Playing music is fun and can be really rewarding. Ukulele is a great starting instrument for children – its small size and fewer strings means it's the perfect starting point for anyone's musical journey. This term I will be running a 10 week "Introduction to Ukulele" course at Northland School on Thursdays after school in the library.

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Name the parts of the ukulele.
- Read and play from ukulele tablature.
- Be familiar with at least 5 chord shapes.
- Play two instrumentals (songs).

The course costs \$200, which includes 10 group lessons along with all learning resources. Ukuleles will be provided for lessons, but children are strongly advised to purchase their own in order to make the most of the course (practice makes perfect!).

For more information, please contact Alexander by emailing: [reid.alexandergraham@gmail.com](mailto:reid.alexandergraham@gmail.com).

### **Marrzipan Drama**

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 dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?!

Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to their peers. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website

[www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

### **Upcoming Nutrition Course for Busy Parents**

Tips for fussy eaters, lunch box ideas, understanding food labels and more! Starts Thursday 17 August, limited places available. To book or for more information, go to <http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/courses/1282-healthy-eating-for-your-family>

### **NZSM Young Musicians Programme**

Passionate about music and want to expand your musical learning in an engaging and fun environment? YMP offers a range of group music classes and a performing arts class to pre-tertiary students. Students have three years or more playing experience (about Grade 3) through to diploma level and have an existing instrumental or vocal teacher. See the YMP website for information and to register. Some classes have specific entry requirements and limited numbers.

Students receive expert tuition from NZSM staff, NZSO players and other professional musicians and composers in high-quality facilities.

Enrolling for the second half of the year:

- Jazz (combo and applied theory & improvisation) with Rodger Fox and post-graduate students, starting 17 July
- Composition (sonic arts project) with NZSM composition lecturers, starting 25 July
- Classical group classes: Brass, Voice, Guitar classes and String Ensemble, starting 22 July
- We have one chamber group opportunity that would suit advanced instrumentalists (not pianist). Please enquire as soon as possible.

These classes are full or Term 1 only: PULSE, Piano, Grade 5 Theory and Aural classes.

#### ***Composition — Sonic Arts***

Get hands-on with electronic music. In this course, you'll begin by building your very own synthesizer. Then, once your new instrument is up and running, you will explore electronic music production and performance with your new synthesizer. A small fee for materials is required.

#### ***Registration***

Classes start from the last week of the holidays so register early to avoid missing out.

For further information contact Liz Pritchett 463 4765, [www.victoria.ac.nz/nzsm/ymp](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/nzsm/ymp), [liz.pritchett@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:liz.pritchett@vuw.ac.nz)

### **Kelly Sports Term 3 – Classes Start 31 July**

Kelly Sports will be back in Term 3 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives children a place to channel their energy.

Play Like a Sports Hero! (Years 1 and 2) – Mondays 3.05 - 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 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try football, netball, handball and Rippa Rugby. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

### **Scouting: Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things?**

Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new keas (age 5 - 7), cubs (age 8 - 10.5), or scouts (age 10.5 - 14). Also have you considered becoming a Scout leader? This is a rewarding way to learn new skills, pass on your own skills, go on exciting adventures and get involved with your local community. Please contact [Rob@Wallace.gen.nz](mailto:Rob@Wallace.gen.nz) or see [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](http://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts) for more information.

### **Kula Kids Yoga Classes Enrolling Now for Term 3**

Yoga builds strength of body and mind, balance and flexibility. Kids yoga is fun! Thursdays at Cendrines in Johnsonville. Ages 5 – 12. Email for timetable Jeanne at [kulakidsyoga@yahoo.com](mailto:kulakidsyoga@yahoo.com) or [www.facebook.com/KulaKidsYoga](http://www.facebook.com/KulaKidsYoga)

### **Sushi Lunches Has Moved to Another Website for Sushi Orders**

Place your order for Tuesdays now via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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](mailto:sushilunchwellington@gmail.com) 0220810781 [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz).

## **Before and Afterschool Care Providers**

### **Before School Care**

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. Rebecca Amos is our supervisor and the programme operates from 7.30 until 8.30am. 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. No need to book – just turn up.

### **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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) (Wellington area), email [northland@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com) Check out our website: [www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)