



**Northland  
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

# Newsletter

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## The Principal Point

Health and Safety is always a priority with respect to everyone who is part of our learning community – this includes students, teachers, parents, visitors to the school and people who use our facilities at all times of the day, night and in the weekend. We try and ensure that everyone is kept safe and we reinforce those important safety messages from home that are a vital part of any child's upbringing. Health and Safety is a regular agenda item at each Board of Trustees meeting. A Health and Safety report is tabled and issues discussed to ensure that the school is meeting its responsibilities. All Board Health and Safety policies and procedures are available on our website under the "Our People, Board of Trustees" tab.

We recently had a young student receive an extremely serious gash to his arm from another student who was incorrectly carrying a pair of scissors when attending a Technology class at Karori West Normal School. This necessitated hospitalisation and surgery. The long term outlook is positive but the healing process will be slow. The scissors were very sharp as they are used for cutting material and the class had received safety instructions from the technology teacher on safe practices. The incident has naturally prompted a notification to WorkSafe New Zealand and a review of the safety programmes at the technology centre. We wish the young person and his family the best as they work through his recovery.

This weekend parts of the school grounds will be closed off while a drilling rig is on site. Although the site works will be completely fenced off visitors to the school over the weekend are advised to take extra care. This drilling work is part of further investigations related to our major building project. Our project manager and architects are keen to know what really is underneath all our asphalt so that the appropriate foundations can be designed and costed.

It often seems to rain just before school begins and at the end of the school day! When that happens we do naturally find that more children are dropped off at school by their parents rather than walking. We also get an escalation in parents stopping on the dotted yellow lines in Northland and Harbour View Roads. We do ask that parents do follow the road code and refrain from using these spaces as quick drop off zones. Our road patrols need clear sight lines to determine whether it is safe to put out their patrol signs. Equally our students need the roads kept clear in Harbour View Road to determine if it is safe for them to cross the road. We have asked the City Council to allow us to have patrols or wardens in Harbour View Road by the small pedestrian gate but the nature of the rise and the slight bend opposite the

school make a pedestrian crossing unlikely. We have asked the Council to explore other possibilities to slow down the traffic.

We have a student-led Health and Safety Committee as well as the mandatory adult committee. Each group meets monthly and discusses any Health and Safety issues. We get a great deal of feedback from our student group as they see things quite differently from the adults. They are more aware of low tree branches that are getting too big or they ask questions about why the teachers have things stacked too high in resource rooms – they are very zealous at pointing out things to us. Staff also provide health and safety feedback as part of their Friday admin meetings.

If you have any Health and Safety issues that you feel need to be addressed then please contact Gillian Blythe, [garrblythe@gmail.com](mailto:garrblythe@gmail.com), our Board Health and Safety person or myself.

***Jeremy Edwards - Principal***

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## **School News**

### **Book Fair**

Our thanks to the Northland School parent community who purchased over \$6000 worth of books at the recent book fair. This generated over \$2000 in credit that we can use to purchase additional material for our library. As well parents took the opportunity to donate an additional 45 books. We recently received a donation of Gecko Press books from a Northland School family. Thank you all for your generosity.

Orders from the Book Fair are expected in the week 12 – 16 June.

***Rachelle Samaniego and Lizzie Ryan – the Library Team***

### **ICAS Maths and English**

Letters have been distributed to some families with students in Years 4 – 8 regarding this year's ICAS Maths and English. International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are academic competitions organised by Educational Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales. At Northland School we provide the opportunity for all students in Years 4 – 8 to participate in ICAS Writing, English and Mathematics competitions. These competitions are open to everyone but they are very challenging. If you would like your child to take part in the English and/or Maths Competitions but did not receive a letter please contact the school office. Entries for the ICAS Maths and English close on Wednesday 14 June, thank you.

***Jane Batchelor – Associate Principal***

### **Northland School Swimming Sports**

An amazing swimming sports was had by all yesterday. The weather was so wet we just about could have held it outside! It was wonderful to see so many parents/grandparents supporting their children swim. A huge thank you to all the staff and David Dowsett who all worked together to make this such a successful event.

Congratulations to all students who took part and well done to those continuing on to the Western Zone Swimming sports to be held on Tuesday 22 August. Information concerning this event will be sent out closer to the time. As it is nearly 2 months away please make sure you keep practising your strokes, especially breaststroke and butterfly.

***Angela Scholten – Lead Teacher PE and Sport***

Congratulations to our students who have been selected to represent Northland School at the Western Zone Swimming Sports to be held in August. The school usually holds its swimming sports in early August but the Karori Pool is closing for maintenance work at the end of June hence our early school swimming sports.

**Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot for Terms 3 and 4 – Applications close this Friday**

Applications for the Term 3 and 4 out of zone enrolment ballot close this Friday, 9 June at 4pm. There are a limited number of places available and these are only at Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6. Priority in any ballot is given to siblings of out of zone children already attending Northland School. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

**Western Zone Cross Country – A Reminder for All Runners**

***Karori Park Tuesday 13 June, postponement Thursday 15 June.***

Please remember lots of WARM clothing (a change of clothing and shoes), lots of food and drink, something to sit on.

We will be meeting in the Viggers Centre at 10.30am ready to catch the bus. Please collect a Northland School sports shirt from the office.

Thank you to all parents who have offered to assist. Please meet for race briefing at 11.15am at Karori Park.

***Angela Scholten***

**Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next meeting of the Northland School Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 20 June. Meetings are held in the staffroom commencing at 7pm and are open to parents and caregivers of Northland School students. Please note the date of the meeting – an incorrect date was given in our diary.

**Lost and Found**

There is a very large pile of lost property gathering in various spots around the school. If your child has lost jackets, sweatshirts, hats etc please check at school as these items will be donated at the end of term if not claimed, thank you.

**Before School Care – Now Available from 7.30am**

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 8.35am. 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.

## Yummy Apple Stickers

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 by the number of stickers collected.

## College Open Days

- Wellington High School, Monday 12 June, 6.00pm
- Onslow College, Thursday 15 June, 5.00pm
- Wellington Girls College, Friday 16 June, 9.00am
- Wellington College, Saturday 24 June – 10.30am and Monday 26 June – 9.30am

## Quality of the Week – Gentleness

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a kind considerate way. It is using self control not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt. When you think gentle thoughts, it makes the world a safer place.

## Term Dates for 2017

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

12 June, Monday	• Team 3 swimming programme begins
13 June, Tuesday	• ICAS Writing • Western Zone Cross Country
14 June, Wednesday	• Student Council Sausage Sizzle
20 June, Tuesday	• Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
21 June, Wednesday	• Mid Year reports for Years 3- 8 available, midday
23 June, Friday	• Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm, Viggers Centre
26 – 30 June	• <b>Matariki Week</b>
28 June, Wednesday	• Western Zone Hockey

29 June, Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent and Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• Wgtn Orchestra Festival</li> </ul>
30 June, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matariki Festivities – Dawn Service, Shared Breakfast, Kapa Haka performance</li> </ul>
4 July, Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent and Teacher Conferences</li> <li>• Regional Cross Country</li> </ul>
5 July, Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Council Class Colour Day</li> </ul>
7 July, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Assembly, 9.30am</li> <li>• School closes, 3.00pm</li> </ul>

## 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.*

### Rubbish Collection Competition

I am running an event on Sunday 11 June from 2.00 - 3:30pm. The event is a rubbish collection competition, this is a great chance to explore more of the Northland bush and help the environment at the same time. First prize is a family pass to Zealandia. This is a fun and friendly activity with a competitive side. We will meet at Stellin Memorial Park off Orangi Kaupapa Road in Northland at 2pm. All you need is some gloves and we will provide the bags, I look forward to seeing you there.

**Found** – fidget spinner handed into the office. Also a black Casio sports watch.

### Guitar Lessons at the School Library

My name is Aabir and I'm a guitarist with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons in the school library on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm, Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning the guitar. If you would like more information please get in touch. Email: [aabir.maz@gmail.com](mailto:aabir.maz@gmail.com) Ph: 027 267 1634

### Movie Fundraiser

Beat the mid-week blues and support a great cause! Come along to the Penthouse Cinema on 5 July at 8pm to watch the new release, *This Beautiful Fantastic* (out 22nd June). I'm an ex-Northland School student fundraising for my Outward Bound classic course in December. Tickets are just \$20 which includes movie entry and a chance to win a spot prize of cinema vouchers! For more details or to purchase tickets email [madeleine.cranko@gmail.com](mailto:madeleine.cranko@gmail.com) or [jimtither@gmail.com](mailto:jimtither@gmail.com), or text 022 398 7071.

### Marrzipan Drama

Good news! It's not too late to join Marrzipan! Marrzipan is a revolutionary self-confidence programme aimed at bringing out the absolute best in students. We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will perform for parents and their

peers at the end of term. Come along to a no-obligation trial lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website [www.marrzipan.com](http://www.marrzipan.com) Phone 027 217 0693 [jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz) [www.marrzipan.com](http://www.marrzipan.com)

### **Wellington Youth Theatre - July 11-14 Holiday Camp**

If your child enjoys acting, performing, dressing up and being creative, or would like to grow in confidence and improve their communication skills, WYT holiday camp productions offer that opportunity. Students audition, rehearse and perform a fully costumed play in only 4 days! Every student gets a role with dialogue and has a fabulous costume.

Join WYT this July and perform in... "A Case To Answer"!

"A Case to Answer" is a fantasy adventure about Romas, a very spoiled boy who usually gets what he wants. But this time Romus gets more than he bargained for when he steals a toy soldier and ends up in TOY COURT! Can mice, Minty and Monty, unravel the spell to help Soldier's friends Indian, Ballerina, Robot, Rag Doll and Clown rescue Soldier? What will happen when they meet TC, BC and AKA, 3 notorious cats? Will Tick and Tock, judge and defense council, stop arguing long enough to come to a decision about Romus's fate?

Ages: 7 to 13 years

Venue: Whitireia Performance Centre, 25 Vivien Street, Wellington City

Hours: Open 8am-4pm; Programme operates 9am-3pm; performance Friday 2pm

Fees: \$285 (Includes script, rights, costumes, make-up and certificate)

Register: [www.actingantics.com](http://www.actingantics.com)

Enquiries: [admin@actingantics.com](mailto:admin@actingantics.com) - 021 1832508

### **Blended Family Success**

Discover how to help children adjust to step family life and create a united, supportive home atmosphere. Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work from New Zealand's leading stepfamily presenter. Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! Only ONE Wellington workshop this year. Numbers limited. When: Saturday 24 June, 9am – 4pm

For more information go to: [www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events](http://www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events) email: [adele@stepfamilyhelp.info](mailto:adele@stepfamilyhelp.info) Or phone/txt: 021 404 742

### **The Wellington Marathon**

Is on Sunday 18 June and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boys mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge.

For those running the full/half marathon/10k/5k then join Team Heart Racer and help raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running tshirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750.

[everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017](http://everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017)

### **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.

## **Babysitting**

My name is Isla and I am a Year 11 student at Wellington Girls College, as well as a former Northland School student. I am interested in any babysitting/pet caring jobs available as I have previous experience in both of these jobs, so if you are needing someone to fulfil either of these please contact me further by texting my mobile number 0223118894. Thanks!

## **Newtown Movie School**

In the July 2017 Holidays, Newtown Movie School are again offering popular movie making and animation holiday programmes.. Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 July.

**Stop Motion Animation** - Popular 3 days of movie making creativity with Lego and colour paper (based in Newtown), Thursday 13 July.

**iPad Movie Director**- Turn your iPad into a serious movie making studio. Up your game from home movies - learn proper skills for recording great pictures and sound, then edit into a captivating movie. (based in Newtown)

For more information go to [www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz](http://www.newtownmovieschool.co.nz) or contact Craig Lauridsen 021 966 277 or

## **July Holiday Programme - Northland Kidz Club**

We'll be swimming, ice-skating, go-karting and making chapatis – visiting historic Golder Cottage in Upper Hutt, watching old-time movies at Time Cinema, playing laser tag and mini-golf, and much more! In between, we're often playing at parks and beaches – come and join us on our adventures.

\$45 per child per day (third child onwards: \$20) 8.30am to 6.00pm each day.

For details, check out our website ([www.nkc.org.nz](http://www.nkc.org.nz)) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) , e-mail ([nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto:nkc.jan@gmail.com))

## **Gilbert and Sullivan Performance**

Looking for a fun night of music and laughter for the whole family? Don't miss Iolanthe - a delightful Gilbert and Sullivan farce featuring fairies, lords, magic and love. Featuring a 24 piece orchestra and cast of 32 singers and dancers, Wellington performances will light up The Opera House on Friday 14 and Saturday 15 July at 7.30pm. Tickets available at Ticketek, or for more information, visit <http://www.gns.org.nz/>

## **Code Camp – July Holidays**

**When:** July 10 – 13 and July 17 – 20. Early discounts available until the 12 June.

**Venues:** Samuel Marsden School, Karori - Thorndon School - Scots College

Code camp allows boys and girls from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence and initiative through design, creativity, solving problems and collaboration. Create games, apps and work with robots and electronic building blocks. Book Now at [www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp](http://www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp)

## **Sushi Lunches - Every Tuesday**

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

## **Subway Lunches Friday - Lunchonline**

A great healthy lunch option – order online and delivered to school each Friday check out [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

### **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](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 or Lisa (022-140-2612) 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)