



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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The Butterfly Garden team planting some feijoa trees for a hedge.

Several groups of Year 7 and 8 students are involved in projects to enhance the green spaces around the school. We will all get to benefit from their efforts in the coming years.

School News

Matariki Festivities

Matariki is the Māori name for the group of stars, also known as the Pleiades star cluster or The Seven Sisters, and what is referred to as the traditional Māori New Year. The Māori New Year is marked by the rise of Matariki and the sighting of the next new moon. The pre-dawn

rise of Matariki can be seen in the last few days of May every year and the New Year is marked at the sighting of the next new moon which occurs during June.

This year Northland School will be celebrating Matariki with classroom activities such as art, singing, cooking and the sharing of the Matariki story.

We invite our community to participate in festivities on Friday 30 June. This will begin with a dawn vigil of the stars at Ahumairangi Hill lookout from 6.45am. Following this we will meet for a shared parakuihi (breakfast) in the school staffroom. At 9.15am our kapa haka group will be performing on the court area by the senior classrooms. All classes will then join together for two final waiata celebrating the coming together of the school.

On Sunday 2 July we will conclude our Matariki week with a Northland Park clean up as part of our ongoing environmental sustainability focus. We welcome local families and the community to join us between 10.30am – 12.00pm for this.

Ngā mihi

Katie McGrath – Lead Teacher – Te Ao Māori

Mid-year Reports for Students in Years 3 – 8 – now available

Mid-year reports on student progress towards meeting National Standards for children in Years 3 – 8 are now available to download through our parent portal. Please visit www.northland.school.nz and click on the parent portal tab on the left hand side. If you do not have internet access then please contact the school office and we will provide you with a hard copy.

To access the parent portal you will need to use the email address that you have supplied us. If you are unsure of this then please contact the school office. If you have not previously accessed our parent portal you will need to set up a strong password (click on forgot password) and follow the prompts. All student reports are always available to families through the parent portal. You can also check attendance for the year and relevant contact and personal information that we hold for you and your children. If any of this information is incorrect please let us know.

Information related to student reports is on our school website under the **Useful Information** tab.

Anniversary Reports for Students in Years 1 and 2 are issued in the term of the anniversary in which they started school. Parents will be contacted directly by the school to let you know when these are available through our parent portal.

Parent Teacher Conferences and Student-led Conferences – Book Now

This term's conferences for families with children in Years 2 – 8 are scheduled for Thursday 29 June and Tuesday 4 July.

For the children in Years 4 – 8 we would like them to be present at the conference for 5 to 10 minutes so that they can contribute to the discussion. This will give them the chance to

discuss their own achievements and learning. This helps the students accept greater responsibility and ownership for their education and to be actively involved in the process of their learning. If you do not wish your child to be present at all during the conference please let your child's teacher know.

For those parents with children in Year 3 the parent teacher conference will be similar to those earlier in the year.

For parents with children in Year 1 who have received an anniversary report this term there will be parent teacher conferences. Teachers will be contacting you to remind you to book a time. For those children with reporting anniversaries in Term 3 parent teacher interviews will be held in mid-late September.

Booking a Conference Time

Please book a conference time on-line. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **d4rqk** – then follow the on-line instructions. If you do not have Internet access or would prefer to book a time at school please talk to Julia and Ann in the school office and they will arrange a time for you.

Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to our students for competing in the Wellington Cross Country Championships. One came 7th in her age group and now progresses to the regional competition.

Health Alert – Chicken Pox

There have been a number of cases of chicken pox reported recently in our younger students. For further information please visit www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/diseases-and-illnesses/chickenpox

Team 1 Assembly

Team 1 assembly is this Friday 23 June at 2.30pm in the Viggers Centre at school. All parents and caregivers of Year 1 and 2 children are welcome to attend.

School Photos – Online Ordering

Information has been distributed on how to access and order school photographs that were taken recently. Please note that the free delivery period ends on 9 July. If you do not have internet access or do not wish to use this system please contact the school office for an order envelope.

Board of Trustees News

Our 2016 Annual Report to the Ministry of Education is now available from our school website under the Board of Trustees News tab on the left side of the home page.

Student Council News

Sausage Sizzle

Thank you for supporting our recent sausage sizzle. We raised \$706 for the Wellington Free Ambulance. Special thanks to our cooks on the day: Rachel Robertson, George Zlatkoff and Neil Cook who cooked nearly 400 sausages in an hour!

Class Colour Day and Bake Sale – Wednesday 5 July

The Student Council is having a colour day and bake sale on Wednesday 5 July. Classes are asked to dress in their “colours” in some way for the day – this could be clothing, hair, make-up, dress up, hat etc.

- Rm 1: silver/grey and/or animal print
- Rm 2: purple and/or glitter/sparkles
- Rm 3: pink and/or animal print
- Rm 4: green and/or glitter/sparkles
- Rm 5: purple and/or spots
- Rm 6: rainbow and/or shiny/metallic
- Rm 7: pink and shiny/metallic
- Rm 8: blue and/or stripes
- Rm 9: white and/or spots
- Rm 10: yellow/gold and/or animal print
- Rm 11: silver/grey and/or glitter/sparkles
- Rm 12: black and animal/or print
- Rm 13: orange and/or stripes
- Rm 14: red and/or spots

Bake Sale – Wednesday 5 July

We are holding a bake sale on our colour day with lots of goodies available to buy from 2.50pm. Are you able to bake something for us? If so please contact the school office either by phone (475 7596) or by email office@northland.school.nz. We do have a number of students who are allergic to nuts so nut-free baking please. Further information in our next newsletter.

Home and School School Pub Quiz

Wednesday 16 August - *Can you help with prizes?*

Planning is underway for the Northland School pub quiz on 16 August. 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 e.g. 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 or 021 111 2378 by 28 July.

Home and School – Inspire Photography

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

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 College, Saturday 24 June – 10.30am and Monday 26 June – 9.30am

Quality of the Week – Honesty

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat, or steal. Honesty is telling the truth. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don't pretend to something you are not. With honesty, you can trust things to be as they appear.

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

23 June, Friday	• Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm, Viggers Centre
26 – 30 June	• Matariki Week
28 June, Wednesday	• Western Zone Hockey
29 June, Thursday	• Parent and Teacher Conferences • Wgtn Orchestra Festival
30 June, Friday	• Matariki Festivities – Dawn Service, Shared Breakfast, Kapa Haka performance
4 July, Tuesday	• Parent and Teacher Conferences • Regional Cross Country
5 July, Wednesday	• Student Council Class Colour Day • Bake Sale
7 July, Friday	• Community Assembly, 9.30am • School closes, 3.00pm

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.

This Beautiful Fantastic

A charming, beautifully photographed modern fairy tale about love and gardening. St Anne's Church, Northland, is holding a movie fundraiser at the Penthouse Cinema, Brooklyn on Sunday 2 July at 7pm.

Tickets are \$20 and include a treat bag. Contact Julia Hayes for tickets (021 023 25241) and support the church at the heart of your community.

Kids Cross Country Series The next event in the Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is at Mt Victoria. It's a mini mountain run. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 4 to 13. There are three more events you can take part in - Sunday 25 June at Mt Victoria, Sunday 9 July in Tawa, Sunday 13 August in Petone. Come along, join the fun. Only \$8 to enter. Book at last one week prior to each event and you'll receive a printed race bib with your child's name on it. For more info or to enter go to athleticshub.co.nz or contact jo@athleticswellington.org.nz

Circus School Holiday Fun!

Two weeks of circus-themed activities for all school age children 5-15yrs. Skills learnt will include balancing, juggling, hula hoop and aerials (tissue and trapeze). Single and multi-day bookings available. No experience needed!

9.00am – 3.00pm, 10–13 and 17–20 July at Wellington's Circus Hub.

Bookings can be made via www.circus.org.nz, email info@circus.org.nz or phone 04 380 0051 The Circus Hub, 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown.

School Holiday Computer Classes

For ages 5 – 15 in Minecraft, Learn to Code in Scratch or Python, Create 3D Games, Web Design, Animation, Video Editing or Build a PC and, if young, the Discovery Computer Class. For further information call 499-2211 or visit www.grandtraining.co.nz.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures

July Holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School. Dates: 10 – 21 July 2017 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session Weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week.

Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%).

Interactive Activities and Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea provided. One-on-One Care: Provide for cub(s) if needed for extra support. Shuttle services available.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz

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 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) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) , e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com)

July School Holidays Roller Discos

Monday – Friday both weeks 1 – 3 pm Entry \$7 Skate/blade hire \$3 Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club 4A Railway Avenue UH. Mobile 0226824517, skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz
www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub

Movie Theme Roller Disco Saturday 5 August 6.30 – 8.30 pm

Upper Hutt Roller Skating Club 4a Railway Avenue Upper Hutt. Mobile 0226824517
skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz www.facebook.com/upperhuttrollerskatingclub

An Adventure Treasure Hunt for Families in 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.

July 1st, 12.30 - 3.30pm

\$20 - \$30 per team of up to 6 people

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz.

For more details check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/everyoneout/

Also check out the second event in the Winter Series Everyone out in the Botanic Gardens.

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

Kelly Club July Holiday Programmes

Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the July school holidays at the Wests Rugby Clubrooms in Wilton (10 – 21 July 2017). 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 into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgt@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

KidzStuffTheatre - The Little Duckling

When: 8 - 22 July 2017

Where: Tararua Tramping Club, 4 Moncrieff Street, Mt Victoria, Wellington

Times: Weekdays 10am and 11:30am, Saturdays 10am, no show Sundays.

Tickets \$10pp, Groups of 6 deal for \$50, Children under 2 Free, \$7 Special Opening Preview, Saturday 8 July 2017

Bookings: www.kidzstufftheatre.co.nz /027 567 5664/ kidzstuffnz@gmail.com

Rock Academy Holiday Programme:

Location: St Patrick's Parish Hall, 5 Rongotai Road Kilbirnie

Time: Starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:00pm. Drop off 8:45am.

July week one: 10 – 13 Monday to Thursday.

July week two: 19- 21 Wednesday to Friday.

Activities include: Daily busking trips, group jam sessions, The Rock Academy's Got Talent workshop and competition, singing lessons/exercises, instrument skills, Industry Solo and group song writing sessions.

The Rock Academy and The Singing Academy 021 565 750 www.therockacademy.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 (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