



**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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Last week the Minister of Education, the Honourable Chris Hipkins, visited Northland School to announce a nationwide programme of professional development that will support teachers with the introduction of the new digital technologies curriculum due for implementation in schools in 2020.

Team 3 students are currently involved in a journalism topic and took the opportunity to interview the Minister while he was here. The Minister answered a range of hard-hitting questions related to the most challenging parts of his job, innovative learning environments and what prompted the Ministry of Education to move to this type of learning environment, the place of the new digital technologies curriculum, what to say to parents who worry about “too much screen time” and the most important skills young people should have.

Our thanks to Room 11 for hosting the Minister and being very patient when the House suddenly went into urgency and his visit was delayed by over 30 minutes.

## The Principal Point

On our school website are some of the latest external drawings of our new building (click on the building tab at the top right of the home page). One of the pictures is superimposed on a Google Street View image looking from the corner of Northland and Harbour View Roads.

It is over 6 years ago that the Ministry of Education approached Northland School with a proposal to replace an ageing teaching block that leaked (but was not a leaky building) and also to provide the school with additional teaching spaces that were part of the school's entitlement but were currently not provided. The project has been through several iterations as initial funding was woefully short and did not meet any project goals. Delays of several years finally saw the project get back on track with a substantial injection of extra funding. This extra funding meant that new architects were then required to be appointed as this was now deemed to be a new project.

Subsequent initial costings were again over budget and the project was again required to be rethought as to its location and design. A second application was also made for additional funding that was more realistic considering the extreme site constraints. Northland School is the tightest school site in the country in relation to the number of children per square metre. The cost of relocating prefabs on our grounds was prohibitive both in monetary terms but also in terms of even less playground space being available. Funding was approved a few days before Christmas late in 2017 and the project started up again in earnest in February this year.

Our developed designs have been approved by the Ministry of Education and now our architects have moved into detailed design work. Just this week there have been meetings related to data, communications and security, and an engineer has crawled behind the Viggers Centre in preparation for more extensive investigations over the upcoming holidays related to the final demolition of the existing building at the end of 2020.

Expressions of interest are being sought from contractors later in the year with only three to be considered for the final tender process. If all goes according to plan we may see construction teams due on site in late April/early May next year. We shall wait and see...

*Jeremy Edwards - Principal*

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## School News

### **Mid-year Student Reports Now Available**

Mid-year reports on student progress are now available to download through our parent portal. Please visit [www.northland.school.nz](http://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.



*Our annual book swap in the library last week was again a very popular event, especially with our younger readers.*

### **Matariki Matters at Northland School – 2 - 6 June**

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 myth.

We invite our community to participate in various festivities on Wednesday 4 June. This will begin with a dawn vigil of the stars at Te Ahumairangi Hill lookout from 6.45am. Please note the steep driveway to the lookout carpark off Orangi Kaupapa Road is 200 metres past the entrance to the Stellin Memorial Park carpark.

Following this, at 7.15am, we will meet for a shared parakuihi (breakfast) in the school staffroom. At 9.30am there will be a school assembly on the court area by the senior classrooms. Kapa haka will perform and we will sing together to celebrate the coming together



of our school as a group. At lunchtime a small group of senior students will plant two totara at Northland Park.

We welcome all family and whānau to join us at these various activities during the day. Please meet us from 6.45am, 7.15am, 9.30am or 12.30pm if you are able.

***Katie McGrath – Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori***

### **Celebrating Student Success**

Congratulations to two of our students who qualified for the Wellington Interzone Cross Country championship to be held on Tuesday 4 July.

### **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 Hall in Woburn Road. All family and whānau are invited to join us as we share some of the many highlights from this term.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences and Student-led Conferences**

This term's conferences for all students (except Room 3) are scheduled for Thursday 28 June and Tuesday 3 July.

#### ***Booking a Conference Time***

Our online booking system has now closed. If you would still like to book an interview please contact Ann and Julia in our school office and they will make a booking for you.

### **Board of Trustees News**

The 2017 Annual Report is now available in hard copy from the school office or download it from the Northland School website under Board News on the left side of the home page.

### **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 at 8.55am.

### **Pizza Thursday**

The next Pizza Thursday is on Thursday 5 July. Order forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website. Orders need to be received by 3.00pm, Wednesday 4 July. Late orders are unable to be accepted.

### **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 – Courtesy

Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. It is a gracious way of speaking and acting which gives others a feeling of being valued and respected. It is greeting others with respect. "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Hello", "Goodbye", "You're welcome" are not just words. They are courteous expressions that show people you respect them and care about them.

## Diary Dates for 2018

28 June, Thursday	Mid-year interviews and conferences – Day 1
2 – 6 July	Matariki Week
3 July, Tuesday	Mid-year interviews and conferences – Day 2
4 July, Wednesday	Matariki Dawn Vigil, 6.45am Matariki Shared Breakfast, 7.15am Matariki Assembly, 9.30am Tree planting ceremony at Northland Park, 12.30pm
5 July, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
6 July, Friday	Community assembly, 9.30am

## Term Dates for 2018

Term 2:	Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July
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 <b>or</b> 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 <b>or</b> 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](mailto:schools@french.co.nz)), or ring 472 1272 to get more information. A bientôt !

### **Kelly Sports Term 3 2018**

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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@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](http://www.sunshinedrama.co.nz).

### **Karori Arts and Crafts Centre School Holiday Programme - Art Classes**

We have some fun and creative children’s art classes running through the school holidays to keep your kids entertained. Classes are \$40 for a half day or \$70 full day (discounts per members or 3+ days. We have Fantasy Art (10am-12.30pm July 10) and Watercolour doodling (1pm – 4pm July 10) Wacky Painted Sculpture (9.30am – 12.30pm or 4pm July 16), Pop Art (9.30am – 12.30pm or 4pm July 17) and Wild Abstract Colour - Mixed Media Painting (9.30am – 12.30pm or 4pm July 19). Ages 6-14 years, and strictly limited to 12 children per class so get in quick! Places are filling up fast.

### **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](http://www.dramaclub.co.nz) or contact Bridie on [bridie@dramaclub.co.nz](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz) email [wilton@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto: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](http://www.nkc.org.nz)), or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) e-mail [nkc.jan@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

### **Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures Winter Holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School**

Dates: 9 – 20 July 2018 from 7.00am-7pm daily

Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session. Weekly: \$239 per cub/week or \$449 for two or more siblings/week. Discounts/funding available: Wild Card (15%) off across all our services MSD approval providing WINZ subsidies for eligible families.

Social Development: Interactive Activities and NO TV or Video Games Kai Cubs Cooking and Life Skills Programme designed to teach our children how to prepare, healthy breakfast, lunch and afternoon teas. Qualified 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Trained Activities Coordinators. One-on-One Care: Available for cub(s) if extra support is needed. Shuttle Services (with booster seats) available.

Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online: [www.pridelands.org.nz](http://www.pridelands.org.nz) or Visit our Facebook page: [www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare](http://www.Facebook.com/PrideLandsChildcare)

### **Stop Motion Animation - Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 July**

Stop Motion Animation - Popular 3 days of movie making creativity with LEGO and colour paper (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 [nms@acumen.net.nz](mailto:nms@acumen.net.nz)

### **Bookings Are Open for the July School Holiday Wilderkids Programme**

Wilderkids, run by Sustainability Trust, is a school holiday programme for kids who really want an adventure. Based in Wellington's Town Belt, Wilderkids gets kids exploring the nature on our city's fringes. The focus on care, connection and curiosity.

We've got another great Wilderkids programme lined up for July school holidays. You can book at <https://sustaintrust.org.nz/pages/school-holiday-programmes>.

From July 9 to 20, we'll have your children building huts, making candles, planting native seedlings, bush baking on a fire pit and building a camp fire!

The days are based around the cold season, learning about nature in winter, being active - with a good dose of snuggly warm activities. And we're bringing back a favourite - building huts (but get in quick, this is popular!) The programme is: For kids aged 5 to 12, focused on connecting with and caring for nature and encouraging curiosity. \$56 a day, with a 10% discount for full week bookings Held at Innermost Gardens in Mt Victoria Popular, so it pays to book early!

### **Rata Studios**

We have 3 awesome courses this July holidays for kids aged 9 years and over. A week of Musical Theatre and Film; 3 days Making Miniatures; a One Day Wands Workshop:

For details and enrolment click here

<http://ratastudios.co.nz/holiday-block-courses/>

### **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](http://www.wetaworkshop.com/school-holidays)

### **Mad for Marshmallows at Staglands**

Make sure you visit Staglands these July school holidays and enjoy free marshmallows to toast on the fire down at the barn. Don't forget we'll also be running their, very popular, free tractor trailer rides (circumstances permitting). Bring the kids and the adults too and immerse yourself in this classic kiwi childhood experience.

### **Craft House**

Bookings are now open for July school holiday classes at Craft House. For more information and to sign up go to [www.enrolmy.com/craft-house](http://www.enrolmy.com/craft-house) or call 499 4499.

### **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](mailto:jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz)



## **Before and After School 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 Community Centre. We are an OSCAR approved service provider with the aim of giving children a fun and stimulating environment to relax after school. Our activities include a range of cooking, crafts, discovery, games and sports to suit a wide range of children and adapted to suit children of all ages. We have recently been awarded with MPI Food Safety accreditation, which gives us the ability to provide the children with wholesome and nutritious food at afternoon tea time. Our programme operates in the Lower Hall where we have plenty of toys, outside time and a quiet area for homework and reading. We offer full sessions (3:00pm - 6:00pm \$19) and half sessions (3:00pm - 4:30pm \$12) and are more than happy for you to come down and visit us prior to enrolling. Give Charli a call at 022 010 9973 or email [northland@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:northland@kellyclub.co.nz) to find out more. You can find us at our website: [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz), or visit our Facebook page: Kelly Club - Northland.

### **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)