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Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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Scenes from the recent Team 1 Assembly

Building News

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that the Ministry of Education's Design and Review Panel has given approval to proceed to the design stage with our major building project. This will see a new 10 classroom block, library and hall area constructed. The timeframe for this project is still being redeveloped but it is likely that construction will commence in the second half of 2018.

The building will be situated in the top playground from near the sandpit along the boundary to the pedestrian gate off Harbour View Road. Most of the existing two storey building will
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continue to be used until the new structure is complete and then it will be demolished. This will then free up a large amount of space for our new playground development.

The original proposal for the new building was for it to be located along the fenceline adjacent to Northland Road in the lower playground but geotech investigations found the ground was unsuitable for a building of this size.

There is a great deal of work to be completed over the next year and the Board is committed to keeping our parent community fully informed as decisions are made. We have arranged a community meeting with our architects to be held next Wednesday 5 July at 7.30pm in our library. This will be an opportunity to view some initial high level concepts and the project's master plan. We intend to hold additional community meetings as the project progresses through the design stage and as we make decisions about school operations and health and safety.

It is good news to know that finally we now have certainty with this project and that we can now work alongside our architects, project managers, staff and community to develop new teaching and learning spaces for current and future learners at Northland School.

Geoff Davenport
Board Chairperson

Jeremy Edwards
Principal

School News

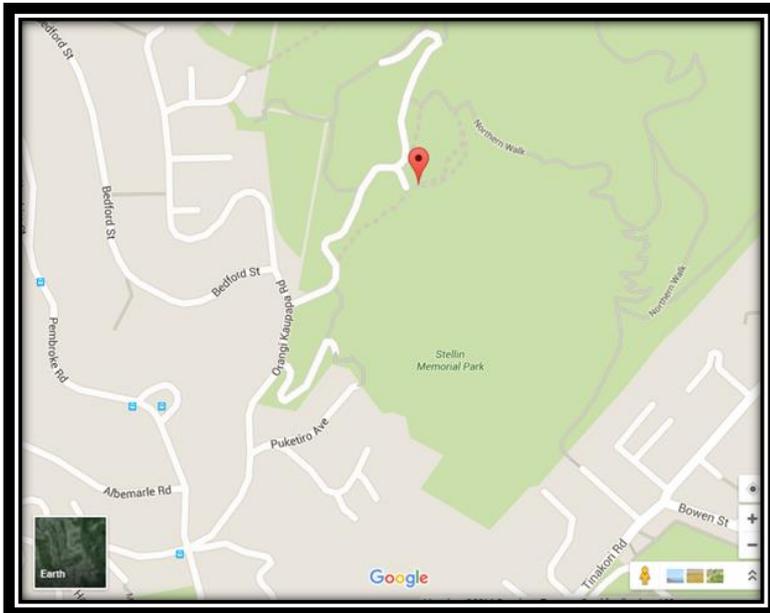
Matariki Festivities

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 this Friday 30 June. This will begin with a dawn vigil of the stars at Ahumairangi Hill lookout from 6.30am. Following this we will meet for a shared parakuihi (breakfast) in the school staffroom from 7.15. 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. Please bring grass shears, hedging cutters and rakes.



Dawn Vigil at Te Ahumairangi lookout

This is up a steep driveway just before Bedford Street. Do not use the Stelin Memorial Park driveway – The drive to the lookout is further up Orangi Kaupapa Road on the right.

Please check the school website from 6.00am to check on cancellation due to weather.

Ngā mihi

Katie McGrath – Lead Teacher – Te Ao Māori

Our Students are Out and About in Wellington

Tomorrow, Thursday, 14 of our older students are participating in the Wellington Orchestral Festival at St Oran's College. This all-day event allows our students to join with other school orchestras in a large concert. They will each work with children playing the same instruments to learn their parts before coming together mid-afternoon as one large orchestra. Our thanks to Alicia Cadwgan, our specialist music teacher, for providing this special opportunity.

Today Angela Scholten and Alice Trail took 50 Year 5 – 8 students to take part in the Western Zone Hockey Tournament at the National Hockey Stadium. This event has been organised by Angela on behalf of all the schools and Alice has been training our students over the last few weeks.

On Friday our Year 5 – 8 kapa haka students will perform in our main playground at 9.15am. Do take the opportunity to see what our young people have achieved under the careful tuition of Hemi Prime.

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.

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 – Years 2 - 8

On-line bookings have closed for parent teacher conferences to be held tomorrow (Thursday 29 June). Bookings remain open for Tuesday 4 July but these do close at midday on Monday 3 July. To book a conference time on-line for Tuesday 4 July go to

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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. If you are unable to book online for either day please contact Julia and Ann in our school office and they will arrange a time for you.

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.

Health Alert – Chickenpox

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

End of Term Community Assembly

Our end of term community assembly will be held on Friday 7 July at the Northland Memorial Community Centre commencing at 9.30am. All parents, family and whanau are invited to join us as we share some of work from this term.

Pizza Thursday – Orders

The next Pizza Thursday, organised by our Home and School Committee, is on 6 July. Order forms are available from the school office and the school website. Orders need to be with the school office by 3pm Wednesday 5 July. Please note that we are unable to accept late orders. Pizzas are **\$5.50** each.

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

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, facepaint, 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 – Baking Needed

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. Popular items are biscuits, fudge, chocolate brownie and cupcakes. We do have a number of students who are allergic to nuts so nut-free baking please.

The bake sale commences at 2.50pm and stalls will be outside Rooms 4 and 5 next to the library and in the main playground area.

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.

Quality of the Week – Courage

Courage is a personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

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

26 – 30 June	• Matariki Week
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 – 2.50pm • Building Information meeting, 7.30pm, library
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.

Beyond the Page

Beyond the Page is a literary festival taking place 8 - 23 July at libraries across Wellington and the Hutt Valley region. Local youth are invited to journey through different aspects of storytelling – creating experiences for them to immerse themselves in the literary world and express their creativity.

Join one of the over 113 festival events and activities that create local spaces for innovation, and encourage exploration of participants' own stories and help them embrace new ideas along the way. Check out www.beyondthepage.nz for more information.

Drama Club

Running a drama holiday programme in the upcoming school break – Monday 10 - Friday 14 July. 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 admin@dramaclub.co.nz

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 two more events you can take part in - Sunday 9 July in Tawa and 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

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

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

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

Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français ?

Alliance Française Wellington will return to your 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 or ring 04 472 12 72 to get more information. A bientôt !

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