



**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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All of our Year 5 to 8 students have been involved in the Pedal Ready programme – a road safety initiative supported by the Greater Wellington Regional Council and NZ Transport Agency.

The Principal Point

Northland School has always been fortunate in having parents on its Board of Trustees who have many skills to share. Board members give generously of their time and expertise and the school is stronger as a result. On the very rare occasion that the Board has had a particularly

challenging issue there has always been at least one Board member able to advise, or the Board has sought advice from members of our own community. The school is indeed fortunate to be able to call on expertise and support from our own community in lots of ways and it is always generously given – this support is one of the great strengths of our learning community. Unfortunately, this is not always the case in all schools in New Zealand and the current Government commissioned a review of schooling provision in 2018.

Our Schooling Futures: Stronger Together

The report of the Tomorrow's Schools Independent Taskforce was released in early December last year. The taskforce was asked to review the provision of compulsory schooling in New Zealand, with a focus on *“achieving a system that promotes equity and excellence for all children and young people. This includes giving active expression to Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the ability of the governance, management and administration of the schooling”*.

The report outlines eight key issues affecting schools

1. The Board of Trustees self-governing model is not working consistently well across the country.
2. The nature, type, provision, and accessibility of meaningful schooling for all New Zealanders is inadequate.
3. Unhealthy competition between schools has significantly increased as a result of the self-governing school model. It has also impacted on the ability of some students and whānau to exercise choice.
4. Students with learning support requirements should have the same access to schooling as other students and it is clear that currently they do not.
5. The quality of teaching is the major ‘in school’ influence on student success but our teacher workforce strategies lack the necessary support, coherence and coordination.
6. Leadership is central to school improvement and yet we have few formal and planned structures to develop and sustain school leaders.
7. The overall resourcing for the compulsory schooling sector is currently inadequate to meet the needs of many learners/ākonga and those who work in it.
8. A number of significant structural issues and policy settings make it difficult for central agencies to be as effective as they might be.

The report recommends a need for structural transformation in the New Zealand education system. 32 separate recommendations are made. Some of the most significant are:

- The way Boards of Trustees would operate.
- The establishment of Education Hubs – these would take over some of the functions currently overseen by Boards of Trustees (aspects of property, finance, health and safety, HR) and be required to lead learning across a number of schools. Schools would still appoint their own teaching staff but the hub would be the legal employer. The hub would also monitor the performance of schools and provide advice and support on a timely basis.
- Schooling provision would be enhanced so that learners have more flexible, schooling options including significantly enhanced digital infrastructure and provision. Changes would be made to the types and choices of schooling now available, eg intermediate schools (Years 7 and 8) may become middle schools (Years 7 – 10) with senior secondary colleges established (Years 11 – 13).

- The Education Hub would be responsible for ensuring that students with disability and learning support needs have the same access as other students to their local schools. The Education Hub would provide information about schools in the network and work with students, parents/whānau, and schools to resolve any issues around enrolment.
- The reconfiguration of the Ministry of Education.
- The establishment of an Education Evaluation Office that would not visit schools but evaluate the effectiveness of each hub.
- The use of an equity funding index rather than the current decile ranking to better resource schools with significant needs.

There are many other recommendations in the **Schooling Futures: Stronger Together** report. A copy of the report is available to download from the www.conversation.education.govt.nz/ website - click on the Tomorrows Schools link.

Public information and consultation meetings will be held on Monday 11 March at Wellington College. There are two meetings – 4.00pm and 7.00pm. Further information is available on the Have Your Say 2019 page of the website.

The last day for submissions is 7 April and recommendations will be with the Minister of Education later the same month.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Parent Teacher Conferences and Goal Setting

The first round of reporting to parents for all students will be on the afternoons and evenings of Tuesday 12 March and Thursday 14 March. These will be held between 3.15 and 5.00pm and between 6.00 – 7.45pm on both days. Conferences are for 15 minutes. If you feel you need longer than 15 minutes please make another suitable time with your child's teacher.

Booking Two Way Conferences

You can book a time for the conference on-line. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – our school code is **bax57** - then follow the on-line instructions. The website is now “mobile friendly”. 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.

Paid Union Meetings

NZEI, the teachers union, has called Paid Union Meetings in the next few weeks. Northland School will **not** be closing for these but internal arrangements have been made on two afternoons to allow teachers to attend.

Team 4 Swimming

A reminder that Team 4 has swimming lessons on Mondays and Wednesdays. We depart at 9.30am for Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre and return to school at 11.45. Please ensure your child

has togs, towel and goggles for every lesson. A note or email from a parent or caregiver is required if your child is unable to participate in any lesson. Thank you for your support.

Northland School Hoodies

The very popular school hoodies are on sale again from next week. Rach will be at school on Wednesday 6, Thursday 7 and Friday 8 March before and after school for parents to try sizes. There will be a selection of sample sizes available for fitting. That way you can have a look at sizing before making an order. Forms for ordering are available in the office. Payment can be made by:

- Eftpos in the school office
- Internet banking – **12 3174 0326688 00** (please put family name and hoodie in the reference section)

Last day for orders is 11 March - no late orders can be taken. Good quality bucket hats will also be available. Any questions or queries please contact Rach Hay on 021 433930.

Yummy Apple Stickers

A reminder to all Northland School families and friends please keep munching as the Yummy Apple Sticker promotion is in full swing. If you require a collection sheet these are available from the office. The more the stickers the more the sports gear. You are more than welcome to encourage the wider community to also assist.

Angela Scholten

Registering to Play Netball – Northland School Teams – Registrations Close 7 March

Last chance to register now to play netball. Register now to play in the winter netball season. Registration is available for all students in Years 2 - 8 and all abilities are welcome. All new Year 2 and 3 players receive a FREE netball! The club is parent/volunteer led, no previous experience in coaching or netball is required, just a keen interest to see your child learn new skills and watch them enjoying sport, so please think about becoming involved. Information and registration at www.sporty.co.nz/northland.

Western Zone Football

A gentle reminder to all players taking part in the Western Zone Football that each team requires a supervisor. This tournament is taking place on Tuesday 19 March with a postponement date of Thursday 21 March. It is being held at Ian Galloway Park from 9.30am -12.30pm.

Angela Scholten, Sports Coordinator

Disco - Friday 15 March - Our last school disco in the Viggers Centre!



Counting down the days to our last Disco at the Viggers Centre! Put it in your diary, Friday 15 March. It will be special night your children do not want to miss!

Entry is by a gold coin on the night.

Junior Disco: Years 1 – 4: 5:00 to 7:00pm

All students in Years 1 – 4 require an adult in attendance for the 2 hours.

Senior Disco: Year 5 – 8: 7:00 to 9:00pm

All Year 5 – 8 students require permission slips with details of adults picking them up at the end of the night. Permission slips are available from the school website, from the school office and at the door on the night of the disco. At the Senior Disco there will be a Gaming Room. Enjoy games with your friends, bring along a board game, cards etc. Please no trading on the night!

Can you help?

To make this disco another success we need parent volunteers, if you can spare an hour or two of your time, we would like to hear from you. We need 12 volunteers for the Junior disco (Year 1 - 4) 5:00 - 7:00pm and 10 volunteers for the Senior disco (Year 5 - 8) 7:00 - 9:00pm. We especially need help to set-up and clean-up before and after the disco. If you are able to help with the Junior disco can you please contact lucy.dye@outlook.com and for the setup, Senior disco and clean up can you please respond to lizziemasseurs@gmail.com.

Quality of the Week – Creativity

Creativity is the power of imagination. Creativity is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

Term Dates for 2019

Term 1:	Monday 4 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 December

Diary Dates for 2019

Term 1

12 March, Tuesday	Parent Teacher Conferences
14 March, Thursday	Parent Teacher Conferences
15 March, Friday	School disco
18 March, Monday	Arts Festival, Team 4
19 March, Tuesday	Western Zone Football Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
20 March, Wednesday	Arts Festival, Team 1
3 April, Thursday	Futsal Tournament, Team 2
4 April, Friday	Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
9 April, Tuesday	Year 3 Sports Festival Board of Trustees meeting, 7pm
12 April, Friday	End of Term Community Assembly, 9.30am

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.

Wellington College Art Collection Exhibition

On Friday 8 and Saturday 9 March, Wellington College's Alan Gibbs Centre will be transformed into a showcase of Art and Creativity!

Parents, caregivers, students, Old Boys, future students and the general public are encouraged to feast their eyes on this visual extravaganza. Featuring significant works from the Colleges' own collection – many that have never been seen by the public before. Original works from Wellington College staff are available for sale along with some selected prints of historical works. An exhibition of student art from Years 9 – 13 round out this inspiring exhibition – a chance to see the artists of the future.

Friday, 8 March - Opening Night

- 6.00pm - 8.00pm: All school community and general public are welcome to join us at the opening evening
- Sale of available artworks will commence this evening so be in quick to secure one of these originals
- Refreshments Provided - thanks to our refreshment sponsor, Six Barrel Soda Co
- Tickets \$25 Adults / Students Free (with an adult) - available for sale on the Wellington College Website www.wellington-college.school.nz

Saturday, 9 March - Exhibition Open Day

- 10.00am – 4.00pm
- The exhibition and sale will be open all day
- Entry by koha

Please contact Ali Brown for more information ali@licoricedesign.co.nz

West's Junior Rugby Club

Invites **you** to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from 3-13, starting out at Nursery and Rippa before moving to tackle for the Under 8s onwards which are weight and age graded. Register online, ask a question or check our FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz> Games start in Term 2, but the club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our clubrooms at Ian Galloway Park on the Thursday 7 March (5:30 – 7:30pm) and Sunday 9 March (1:00 – 3:00pm)

Harbour City Junior Hockey

2019 Junior Hockey team registrations for Year 3 to Year 8 students are now open. We also collect Year 1 and Year 2 student registrations for **have a go hockey** run by Capital Hockey. Registration forms are available through our website

Harbour City Junior Hockey Web: hcjh.org.nz Email: harbourcityjh@gmail.com

Karori Junior Hockey - Register For Winter Now

Registrations to play hockey this season are open and close soon on Wednesday 13 March. Information about the season and the link to register can be found at www.kjhc.org.nz Any queries please feel free to contact Louise on mob. 021 0555 953.

Guitar Lessons

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 at the school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15pm to 5:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to start (or continue) learning to play the guitar. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch. Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: 027 267 1634.

Learn a new language the FUN way!

French language classes Term 1 2019. Fun Languages Wellington runs pre-school, lunchtime and after-school French classes at various Wellington locations. Games, songs, drama and stories are taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere with the emphasis being on FUN! Language resources available to support parents at home. Free trial class is offered.

Other local after-school French classes available:

Northland Community Centre Wednesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm - All levels

Thursday 3.30pm – 4.30pm - All levels

St Ninians, Karori Monday 3.15pm – 4.15pm - Beginners French

Monday 4.15pm – 5.15pm – Advanced French

Khandallah School Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Contact details: -021 462 042 E: annick@lcfclubs.co.nz or visit www.lcfclubs.co.nz or <https://www.facebook.com/funlanguageswellington/> for more information.

Babysitting

Hi! Our names are Caitlin O'Leary Nutter and Jess Hughes and we are looking for babysitting jobs in the Northland area or other suburbs close by. We are both ex Northland School students who are currently in Year 11 at Wellington Girls' College. Payment is negotiable (and we will both be paid for the price of one.) If you are interested for us to babysit, please contact us at 020 41460863, thanks!

School Lunches

Sushi Lunches - Tuesdays

Place your order for Tuesdays now via 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 220810781 www.ezlunch.co.nz.

Subway – Fridays

We provide lunch to your child's school on Fridays. We have changed the menu format, removing the need to select a size when ordering lunch. The size is now included with the meat/veggie selection. So, when ordering, first select the bread, then the meat/veggie and size, then the sauces. Finally, chicken has been added to the menu choice too.

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Before and After School Care Providers

Before School Care

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. Beccy Harding 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 \$19 for a full session, \$12 for a half 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 022-140-2612 Lisa 022-680-3075 or e-mail us on nkc.jan@gmail.com Check out our website: www.nkc.org.nz