



**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**



*Making the most of the many activities at the Team 4 camp.*

This week our Year 7 and 8 students, three teachers and 14 parents are based at the YMCA Camp Kaitoke, just north of Upper Hutt. Over the week all students get to take part in a variety of adventure activities including raft building (and testing!), orienteering, flying fox, nightline (blind trail), mountain biking, abseiling, kayaking and outdoor cooking (always popular).

Our thanks to the 14 parents who have given up their week to be part of this very exciting event. Our thanks also to our Year 6 students who have taken over various duties such as road patrols while our older students are away.



*Watching the balloon volleyball at the recent Year 3 sports festival.*

Four Northland School teams travelled to the annual Western Zone Year 3 Sports Festival on Tuesday. This was an amazing day in which we were thankful for parents, hats and water. We had 15 minutes at each activity and enjoyed such games as big balloon volleyball, ice creams and volcanoes and fill the bucket. We even had a loud chant going against the might of Wadestown School in volleyball. Everyone had big smiles on their faces and tried new activities with enthusiasm, representing Northland School with pride. As always we are thankful for the parent helpers who supported their children's teams on the day.

***Gill Hill***

## **Fundraising for Our Sister School in Tonga**

Thank you to everyone who supported our sister school in Pe'a village, Tonga, through the recent sausage sizzle (last Wednesday in the rain) or by making a donation. One family was holding a birthday party and instead of presents asked people attending to make a donation. Nearly \$2000 has been raised for our sister school and its village. A wonderful response. We are still accepting donations but would like to close this on Friday, 16 March.

Ruth Toumu'a who lives in the village and whose sons both attended Northland School has responded to our email that offered the school and its village some support:

*Warm Pacific greetings,*

*Thank you so much for your email and the wonderful thing Northland School has done. We are moved by this show of support from the Northland School community. This will be deeply appreciated by the GPS Pea school community.*

*As for us, our family didn't sustain much damage to property from Gita, but power and running water took 10 or so days to reconnect. 10 days without power and water were really rough. Everything in the freezer and fridge went to waste, we could only eat food that didn't spoil without refrigeration. Handwashing the laundry for a family of five whilst carrying all the buckets of water to get it done from the outside rainwater tank really wears one out!!*

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*Today I met with a teacher from a school several villages away. They lost a significant number of their classrooms (roofs completely torn off, all books, computers, resources, etc destroyed by rain). The teachers and children are trying to have class in tents, but unfortunately the big tents are like ovens in the 30+ degree heat! They had to close school midday as the teachers and children were all fainting! That school still doesn't have electricity.*

*The devastating effects of Gita on the landscape and infrastructure are still very apparent. Food shortages and mosquito borne diseases from the floodwater breeding grounds are just some of the threats facing us all in the aftermath.*

### **What can you do to help?**

Please make a donation or organise a family fundraising event - all the money will go direct to Pe'a and its school. Tu'i Toumu'a was brought up in the village and knows everyone there, he will help direct the funds to the school and, if still needed, to help repair the village's groundwater supply.

You can donate via Northland School 12-3174-0326688-00 – please put TONGA in the reference line. You can claim back up to 33% of any donations from IRD as a tax rebate.

The **Bake for Tonga** fundraiser will take place in April - details in a future newsletter.

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## **School News**

### **Contact Information – Please Return – Just 46 Families to Go!**

Thank you to the 150 families who have already returned the student contact information forms that were sent home a fortnight ago. Reminders have been sent to those families still to return their forms. We would like all forms returned as soon as possible.

If you have yet to return these forms please check this information carefully, amend where necessary and return the complete form for **each child** to the school office by the end of this week, Friday 16 March. We rely on up-to-date information in case we need to contact you for any reason. We also use this information for our emergency text messaging system.

The medical information we hold for your child is available for you to check through our parent portal accessible through the school website. Please check this carefully and let our office staff know if there are changes and we will amend our records. To access this secure site you will need to use the email address that you have supplied us. If you have forgotten your password then click on *forgot password* and follow the prompts.

Our school directory with family contact numbers is based on some of the contact information. With your permission we only include student and parent names, addresses and home phone numbers. We include cellphone numbers if there is no landline. We intend to have the directory printed and distributed towards the end of this term.

## **Parent Teacher Conferences and Goal Setting Meetings**

The first round of reporting to parents for all students will be on the afternoons and evenings of Tuesday 27 March and Wednesday 28 March (just before the Easter break). These will be held between 3.15 and 5.00pm and between 6.00 – 7.45pm on both days. Please note the dates of the conferences – they are on consecutive 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 A Time***

You can book a time for the conference on-line. Go to [www.parentinterviews.co.nz](http://www.parentinterviews.co.nz) – our school code is **WK3T8QZ7** then follow the on-line instructions. (Please note this is a different website than previously.) 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. A couple of teachers are unavailable for particular times and these have been blocked out on the schedule.

We always welcome any input from you that will assist us to better know your child. Together we can recognise the student's successes and discuss any strategies necessary to support your child in specific areas of learning. Their learning success is so dependent on home and school working together. To help us even further you may wish to complete an optional questionnaire. This is available from our school website. Please return this to your child's teacher.

You or your child's teacher may wish to organise to meet at some other mutually convenient time. We are always available throughout the year.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next meeting of the Northland School Board of Trustees is on Tuesday 20 March. Meetings are held in the staffroom, commencing at 7.00pm and are open to parents and caregivers of Northland School students.

### **Join your School Parents Group – Home and School Committee**

As part of our school activities, the parents run a group of fundraisers and social activities through the year for the children, parents and teachers. Most of the activities only require a limited amount of a parent's time with a group of other parents to make things happen.

Types of activities include the very popular school discos, the pub quiz, and pizza Thursday. These activities make the school an even better place to belong and for only a small investment of time, you and your children will enjoy these.

The Home and School Committee need new members. If you would like to be on the committee or just put your name down to help with activities please email Jeane Nicolas at [JeaneThijs@gmail.com](mailto:JeaneThijs@gmail.com)

## **New Northland School Sport Shirts – last day for orders**

We will be placing an order for new sports shirts. If you would like to order one there are order forms available in the office. Shirts are \$30 each. Orders close this Friday, 16 March.

## **Easter Holidays**

Northland School will be closed for the Easter break on Friday 30 March, Monday 2 April **and** Tuesday 3 April. The school will reopen on Wednesday 4 April.

## **Before School Care**

Northland School operates a Before School Care programme in our library each day. The programme is available from 7.30 until 8.35am. Rebecca Amos is the supervisor. 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.

## **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.

## **Diary Dates for 2018**

16 March, Friday	Team 4 return from camp – approximately 2.15pm
20 March, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm Western Zone Football
23 March, Friday	Kapa Haka visit to Northland Kindy
27 March, Tuesday	Parent teacher conferences
28 March, Wednesday	Parent teacher conferences
30 March – 3 April	Easter holidays – school closed Friday, Monday and Tuesday
6 April, Friday	Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
10 April, Tuesday	All Boys Futsal Tournament Board of Trustees, 7pm
11 April, Wednesday	Lit Quiz – Team 4
13 April, Friday	Community Assembly, 9.30am

## **Term Dates for 2018**

Term 1:	Wednesday 7 February – Friday 13 April
Term 2:	Monday 30 April – Friday 6 July
Term 3:	Monday 23 July – Friday 28 September
Term 4:	Monday 15 October – Thursday 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.*

### Join Life Flight for Their Open Day

Sunday 18 March, it will be an exciting day bursting with interactive displays, emergency services' demonstrations, entertainment, yummy food, prizes and even Police puppies! The day offers a whole range of activities and makes an awesome family day out. We hope to see you there. Life Flight Trust, 17 George Bolt Street, Rongotai, Wellington.

### Weetbix Triathlon

The Weetbix triathlon is on this weekend. If any Northland families are attending that will be using a Gazebo and are keen to take the Northland School flag to the event please contact [angelas@northland.school.nz](mailto:angelas@northland.school.nz)

### Private Music Lessons

Piano, singing or clarinet lessons available after school at Northland School. \$30 per half-hour lesson. I also have space for any parents who would like lessons during the school day. If interested please contact me! Alicia Cadwgan: 021 188 7161, [alicia.cadwgan@gmail.com](mailto:alicia.cadwgan@gmail.com)

### Guitar Lessons

Hello! My name is Aabir and I am a guitar player with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I will be taking guitar lessons in the school library on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm, Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm, Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm and Fridays from 3:30pm to 5pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to start (or continue) learning to play an instrument. If you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch. Email: [aabir.maz@gmail.com](mailto:aabir.maz@gmail.com) Ph: 027 267 1634

### Kelly Club Holiday Programme - Tuesday 3 April

As Northland School gets an extra long Easter break, we will be running a holiday programme on Easter Tuesday down at the Northland Memorial Community Centre. Bookings can be made online at [www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz). For further information contact Charli 022 010 9973 or [northland@kellyclub.co.nz](mailto:northland@kellyclub.co.nz).

### School Holiday And After School 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).*

Wellington City Venue, 2 Woodward St, Corner Lambton Quay and Woodward St.

### **Drama Classes After School**

Marrzipan will be running awesome classes that focus on key self-confidence and social skills at Northland School on Monday afternoons (3:05-4:05) on school grounds! We play fun, engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to friends at school. Give me a call to organise a no-obligation Trial Lesson happening in Term 1 to try it out, or just call to chat about how our classes can benefit your child's development. There are flyers available at the office or Go to [marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://marrzipandrama.co.nz) or contact Joyce at 027 387 0407 or email [joyce@marrzipandrama.co.nz](mailto:joyce@marrzipandrama.co.nz) for more info!

### **All Star Victory Cheerleaders**

All Star Victory Cheerleaders have added more one hour cheer basics classes. A fun but disciplined team sport with positions for everyone. We are offering free trial classes for boys and girls, you don't need any skills to get started, we can teach you .

10 - 18 yrs 7.30 - 8.30 Wednesday at The Circus Hub 11 Hutchinson Rd Wellington .

5 - 9 year classes Wednesday 4.30 - 5.30pm or Sunday 2.30 - 3.30pm.

For more information call 0800CHEERL or email or [office@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz](mailto:office@allstarcheerleaders.co.nz)

### **The Rock Academy School Holiday Programmes:**

The Rock Academy holiday programme gives young singers and musicians the chance to bond with fellow creatives. Every morning they learn new modern songs and then take them to the street. At 12:30pm everyday we go busking and the money they make and keep brings a new enthusiasm towards music. Song writing is another great activity that inspires these young musicians. Most instruments are welcome and we have battery power keyboards for the keyboardists/pianists.

For bookings or more information please [contact](#) us today.

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

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

Dates and cost:

April: 16 to 18 Monday to Wednesday. \$195 for the 3 day week.

April: 24 Tuesday, 26 Thursday and 27 Friday. (Wednesday is Anzac day and we will not be running on this day). \$195 for the 3 day week.

**Geoff Day**, Director/Teaching Coordinator, Phone 021 565 750, [www.therockacademy.co.nz](http://www.therockacademy.co.nz)

### **School Lunches – Tuesdays**

#### ***Sushi Lunches***

Place your order for Tuesdays now via [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://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](mailto:sushilunchwellington@gmail.com) 220810781 [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz).

### **School Lunches – Fridays**

#### ***Subway School Lunches***

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](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

## **Before and After School Care Providers**

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### **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 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)