



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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Listening to Rachelle "sell" new books in our library.

The Principal Point

We are very proud of our school library. It literally sits at the heart of the school. According to our archives Northland School was one of the first primary schools in New Zealand to have a library. Eight years ago we enlarged the library to meet the demand – it is now much larger than many other schools. Recent statements by the Associate Minister of Education give the impression that schools can now choose to either have a library or redirect the space and resourcing (money and people) into other areas.

The new building project has given us a chance to pause and reflect on how we value our library and the people who contribute so much to it. Several staff have recently visited new schools in Christchurch that did not have libraries or just had a few shelves in a corridor or a space full of shelves and books but no one to manage and lead it. We really felt something was missing.

Our students love visiting the library – it is an important part of our school and our programmes and it makes a significant contribution to the incredibly high levels of literacy and information literacy. It is also a very popular place at lunchtimes for those children wanting some quiet time away from the busyness of the playground.

Our library is constantly changing and adapting to meet the needs of our students. Over the last year we have introduced new furniture and display systems. We have also reduced the amount of non-fiction material as we respond to the Internet age but our fiction section has expanded to meet demand – not everyone wants to use a Kindle. We have recently removed the student computers except for those providing access to the catalogue – the student computers were originally introduced as a way of providing additional computer access for students but with the successful and popular introduction of Chromebooks from Year 3 we now think it is important for our students to be “screen-free” time at lunchtime. We are wanting to further use the expertise of our librarian, Rachelle, when supporting students making choices about their next reading adventure. Our student librarians will shortly have responsibility for the issuing and returning of books thereby freeing up Rachelle to work more closely with our students.

Being a student librarian is an important leadership role offered to Year 6 – 8 students – it is a very popular option and we have to limit the number of librarians. They go through an extensive training programme with a series of achievement levels – we have now had to introduce a fourth level such is the enthusiasm.

We have two very dedicated library people in Lizzie Ryan (Teacher in Charge of the Library) and Rachelle Samaniego (Teacher Aide with library responsibility). Their enthusiasm for all things literary helps keep the library at the heart of our school.

We think our architects have picked up our beliefs and heard our message about the importance of the library at Northland School.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

Emergency Water Tanks for Your Home – Last Day for Orders

The last day for orders of emergency water tanks is tomorrow, Thursday 23 March. We currently have orders for 28. Tanks will be available for pick up from the school on Friday 31 March. Further information is available from the home page on our school website.

School News

Emergency Contact and Medical Details

Families were recently sent important student information from the school. This included a printout of the contact and medical information we currently hold for each of your children attending Northland School.

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 24 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.

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 intend to have the directory printed and distributed towards the end of this term.

We offer parents the option to receive the weekly newsletter by email rather than through the family "postie". About a third of families use this option. Please indicate on the contact form if you wish to receive the newsletter by email. There will still be some brochures and newsletters that will continue to come home via your children. The newsletter is always available to download from our website.

Whānau Hui

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the Term 1 Whānau Group Hui, on Monday evening 27 March at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Following this there will a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee.

We encourage you to come and share your ideas so that we can establish school kawa for powhiri/whakatau and develop the Māori events programme for 2017.

Please RSVP so that we know who will be able to attend. (Phone: 475 7596, email: katiem@northland.school.nz).

Naku noa.

Katie McGrath - Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori

Scholastic Book Club

Orders for Issue 2 are due on Monday 27 March. Please give your completed order forms to the office. Kindly write legibly with blue or black pen only. If paying by cheque make it payable to Northland School; or you can place your orders online by the Book Club LOOP, simply go to www.mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz and open an account. Orders that are incomplete and/or with incorrect payment will not be processed. No late orders. All queries to Ruth by email abenojar.yee@clear.net.nz.

Entertainment Books 2017/2018

The new Entertainment Books are due for release early in term 2, you can get early bird offers by going to <http://www.entbook.co.nz/104d215>

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 on the number of stickers collected.

Quality of the Week – Reliability

Reliability means others can depend on you to keep your commitments. Reliability is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way. When you practise reliability, you really care about doing what you said you would do. Other people can relax knowing it is in your reliable hands.

Term Dates for 2017

Term 1	Wednesday 1 February – Thursday 13 April
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

Term 1

22 March, Wednesday	• Parent Teacher Conferences and Goal Setting
27 March, Monday	• Whānau Hui, 7pm
4 April, Tuesday	• Western Zone Football
7 April, Friday	• Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
11 April, Tuesday	• Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm
13 April, Thursday	• 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.

Let's Make Northland Great!

Come to **Northland Neighbours' Night** at the Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road this Saturday 25 March from 5pm:

- Southern Soul Street Food, supplied by Nanny's Food Truck.
- BYO, alcohol.
- Aro Café Coffee
- Live music.

This event is on rain or shine. Bring your children along and let them play in the hall while you eat, have a tippie, and meet your neighbours. More information is on NMCC's Facebook page or call Bill at NMCC on 4758511.

Skylight - Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group supports children aged 6-12 years old who have lost a loved one (recently or in the past). The aims of the group are to:

- Help normalise the experience of losing a loved one for children
- Help children externalise and process feelings related to their experience of losing a loved one.
- Learn strategies to cope with strong feelings (for example, anger and worry)

Dates:

Wednesday 26 April - 9.30am- 12.30pm

Thursday 27 April - 9.30am- 12.30pm

Friday 28 April - 9.30am- 12.30pm

A pre-group interview is held with a parent or caregiver before the group starts. This aims to assess the suitability of the programme for the child/children and it will be held at the Skylight Wellington office before the children participate in the group. Please note that six children are needed for this group to go ahead.

Cost and Registration: Free – morning tea will be provided and Pizza Graduation lunch on the Friday.

To register email sarah@skylight.org.nz, or call 0800 299 100 for further information.

Metlink City Safari

I now have 72 top secret spy briefcases in my workshop. It looks very suspicious.

On Sunday 14 May these will be placed all over greater Wellington. Starting from the parliament grounds, you will work with your team (your family, friends or workmates) to navigate to these spy briefcases, to unlock them, and to text the top secret code inside back to spy HQ. This will earn you points for both your team and your spy agency.

Registration is now open at www.citysafari.org.nz

Marrzipan Holiday Drama Programme

It's almost time for our WELLINGTON HOLIDAY WORKSHOP with Kayla!

The Marrzipan Holiday Workshop runs from 10am-4pm Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st April at Thorndon Primary School. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day!

Past workshops have been a great hit! As well as having fun, the children develop confidence and public speaking ability, in a fun, relaxed environment.

For more information check out our website! Spaces are limited to 16 per group so get in quick!

W: www.marrzipan.com E: jex@marrzipandrama.co.nz

Alliance Française Holiday Programme

18 – 28 April, 9.00am – 3.00pm, \$45 per day for 5 – 10 year olds. For more details visit our website www.french.co.nz/holiday-programme

Pridelands Fun Holiday Adventures

April Holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School

Dates: 17 – 28 April from 7.00am-7.00pm daily.

Fees: Daily \$80/cub per session or \$147 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$237 per cub/week or \$447 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 cubs if needed for extra support.

Shuttle Services Available. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U Or Register online:

www.pridelands.org.nz

April Holiday Programme - Northland Kidz Club

We'll be ice-skating, go-karting, swimming and playing mini-golf - going to Junglerama and Jumperama, Time Cinema for old-style movies, a kids theatre production and enjoying a performance by Nigel Kennedy, the magician. Join us for an adventure every day.

\$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).

Code Camp April Holidays

When: April 18 – 21 and April 24 – 27. Venue, Samuel Marsden School, Karori. Code Camp allows boys and girls from the ages of 7-17 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.

Capital Coaching Karori United Tennis Holiday Coaching Programme – April School Holidays

We are pleased to confirm that we will be running holiday coaching programmes in the April school holidays at Karori United Tennis Club.

We are offering half day and full day options, which will hopefully help out all those working parents. The coaching programmes offer the benefit of a high volume of coaching hours, so there is an opportunity for big improvements made in a short time frame. Spot prizes, games and loads of fun in the sun!

To enrol or for more information please email us capital.coaching.nz@gmail.com or www.capitalcoaching.co.nz

Foundation Coaching for 6-12 year olds, who don't yet play interclub (no previous tennis experience required) 9am-12.30pm (Mon – Fri price: \$175)

Competitor Coaching for 8-14 year old Interclub and Tournament Players (players younger than 8 will be considered on ability) 1.30-4.30pm (Mon – Fri price \$150)

Easter Special - All Day Coaching Programme targets all players, and is designed for the working parent. Drop off from 8.30am, with pick up by 4.15pm. (Mon – Fri price \$325)
Day and half day sessions available from \$45.

YMCA Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre

Your kids will love the Y-Camp programmes at Kaitoke Outdoor Education Centre these school holidays. Kids between the ages of 7-9 will experience outdoor education in a safe and caring environment with activities like kayaking, shelter building and orienteering. 10-12 year olds will really enjoy the super fox, abseiling, kayaking and the giant swing. We guarantee that your kids will come away from our Y-Camps with an experience like no other. We also offer a voluntary tiered pricing system so you can choose a price to suit your family. Spaces are limited so register online today at www.ymcawellington.org.nz

Roller Disco Upper Hutt

Pizza Roller Disco Sat 1 April 6.30 – 8.30 pm Entry \$7 Skate/blade hire \$3 Pizza slice \$2 4A Railway Av, Upper Hutt Phone 022 6824517

April School Holiday Roller Discos Mon – Fri both weeks 1.00 – 3.00 pm Entry \$7 Skate/blade hire \$3 4A Railway Av, Upper Hutt Phone 0226824517

Info www.skatewellington.org.nz skatewellington@yahoo.co.nz

Quill it! Felt it!

Make 3D cards and a bendy felted snake at Wadestown Community Centre, Thursday 20 April, 1:30 - 3:30pm. \$22 per child, all materials supplied. Please email

jann.freitas@jinglebugs.co.nz to book.

More details at www.facebook.com/makeitactivities

Sushi Lunches - Every Tuesday

"Sushi Lunches" provide a sushi delivery service every Tuesday - order for your child's sushi via www.wrapitup.co.nz. Orders are received up until 9.00am on Tuesday morning.

Subway Lunches Friday - Lunchonline

A great healthy lunch option – order online and delivered to school each Friday check out www.lunchonline.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