



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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**Tū mai Te Ahūmairangi, tū mai hoki tātou
As Te Ahūmairangi stands, we also reach for great heights**

The Principal Point

Building Project – Information Meetings – 12 March

Next Monday, 12 March, we are holding two meetings in our library to share information related to our building project and the next steps in the process.

The first meeting is at 5.00pm and would be of interest to parents and caregivers. Our architects, McKenzie Higham, will be sharing some of their preliminary designs for the interior spaces. These are currently moving into the developed design stage with input from our staff. Images of what the external shape and location of the building will also be available to view. We will also share with you our current thinking about how this large building will be built along the side of a very busy and constrained school site.

The second meeting is at 6.30pm and would be primarily of interest to our school's neighbours. Our architects and project manager will share with this group more detail about the shape of the building, its location and cladding. We will also provide information about the impact during construction, if any, to the private driveway running alongside the school's boundary off Harbour View Road.

Our architects, project manager and representatives of the Board of Trustees will be available at both meetings to answer questions or queries.

A year ago we were looking at a construction start of March 2018 but significant delays caused by a variety of factors means that construction is now not likely to commence until April/May 2019. Ground investigations where the building was initially to be sited revealed very poor rock and an existing concrete retaining wall would also need significant remediation. The new site along the Harbour View Road boundary provides a much better base for the two storey building, library and hall. Initial costings of this new site were overbudget and approval for additional funding was finally given by the Ministry of Education after school closed for the year in 2017.

This project is a Ministry of Education determined and funded project to replace our main teaching block that has reached the end of its life as well as providing additional teaching spaces and facilities to meet our expanding roll.

We hope that many parents take the opportunity to view the plans at our meetings on Monday evening in our school library.

Team 4 Camp

Next week our 87 students in Team 4 (Year 7 and 8) head off to Camp Kaitoke north of Upper Hutt for five days. A huge amount of preparation has gone into making this camp a success. As well as the students we have 14 parents and 3 teachers looking forward to a very busy week of outdoor activities. This year's camp has a focus on outdoor adventure activities. Our alternate year programme is based on the Kapiti Coast and has a science focus.

Taking a large number of children away for a week has involved a huge amount of planning and preparation and our thanks to Alex Oliver, Katie McGrath and Fiona Valentine for spending many hours designing the programme, organising buses, developing rosters and making sure that there are a variety of plans for every weather eventuality. We hope that this wonderful summer continues for them.

We are indeed fortunate to have so many parents who contribute to events such as the Team 4 camp – a large number are taking annual leave from work to be involved. Without this level of support we could not offer such programmes.

Paid Union Meetings (PUM)

NZEI, the primary teachers' union, has called Paid Union Meetings for late March. These will be in school time but our classroom programmes will not be affected as there are two local meetings on the same day (morning and afternoon) so we can release some of our staff to attend each of the meetings. We have enough staff still at school to cover any teacher absences. In previous years with just one meeting available we have asked parents to collect children early but this is not necessary this year.

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 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.

Parent Teacher conferences are an important part of your child's education. They provide an opportunity for the parents and teacher to share accomplishments since the start of the year, comment on your child's attitude and social interaction and discuss areas needing additional attention. The conferences are also an important time to establish a focus for Term 2.

In this first set of two way conferences we will be discussing learning goals for your child and share some of our assessment information from the first few weeks of the year. We will report

back on these at the next round of conferences in late June and early July as well as involving your children in the conference itself if they are in Years 4 – 8.

With the abolition of National Standards we will no longer be undertaking anniversary reporting to parents with children in Years 1 and 2. The reporting process will now be brought into line with the rest of the school with goal setting conferences in Term 1 and Term 2 and mid and end of year written reports on student progress.

Information on booking a parent teacher conference time is included with this newsletter.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

Fundraising for Our Sister School in Tonga

Thank you to everyone who supported our sister school in Pe'a village, Tonga, through today's sausage sizzle. Here is an update on the damage caused in the village from Cyclone Gita. It's from the Toumu'a family, who used to live in Northland, and some of you will remember their boys Bryan and Joshua who attended Northland School. They are now living in Pe'a village and will help distribute any funds we raise through the sausage sizzle, family donations, and the April bake sale.

Ruth Toumu'a says:

"We have seen a great deal of aid come in and huge trucks go past. We've heard about tents, kitchen kits, school kits, clothing, and water being distributed, but the trucks seem to keep going back and forth past our village and never into it...But the people of Pe'a are used to not receiving help or attention from the government, and are sorting themselves out as best they can with each other's and overseas family members' help. Those who can't afford to repair their homes - or whose homes are beyond repair - simply move into someone else's!

"Flooding has receded and the biggest issues seem to be the horrible increase in the mosquito population, and the water tank situation. The village is currently in fundraising mode so that the water committee can buy the materials to repair the village groundwater supply (tanks, tank stands, pumps). If you know people who'd like to help make a difference, that's a cause I'm asking friends and family to contribute to."

In 2014 we dropped off 25kg of school stationery donated by Northland families, you can see the photos and report here <http://www.northland.school.nz/en-gb/ourschool/sisterschool.aspx>. The village and its school is poor in monetary terms but rich in spirit and we were given an amazingly warm welcome as they are very proud of being the only school in Tonga with a sister school in New Zealand. Please help us to put a smile back on these children's faces!

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.

Caroline Wood

School News

Contact Information – Update – Please Return

Last week we sent home important family contact and emergency information that we hold for your child. 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 9 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

Tuesday 27 March and Wednesday 28 March

Booking A Time

You can book a time for the conference on-line. Go to 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.

Carpark Entrance Way Closed

The path and steps leading up to the school and the Tiger Turf are closed until repairs can be made to some loose guttering. Please use the Harbour View Road entrances to enter the school grounds.

New Northland School Sport Shirts

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 on 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.

Scholastic Book Club 2018:

We're hoping you will continue to support the Book Club this year. Issue 2 catalogues will be distributed soon, extra catalogues are available in the library.

Important Changes to Ordering:

We are streamlining our Book Club orders at Northland School. We will only accept LOOP online orders. We won't be accepting paper order forms at the office anymore. All orders will be done via LOOP. Please go to <https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx>

To register for LOOP online ordering:

- Fill in your details (parent)
- Create a password
- Enter your email details
- Enter your contact phone number
- Click on 'add new child' write your child's details
- Select School : Northland School (Wellington)
- Select Class level and Class Teacher

Once registered, you can start ordering. All Book Club orders will be delivered to school and distributed to your child's classroom. Any queries to Ruth by email abenojar.yee@outlook.com

Netball Season 2018

A final reminder that registrations are open for the winter netball season played in Terms 2 and 3. Students in Years 2-8 of all abilities are welcome. Years 7 and 8, we look forward to seeing you on Saturday in the Northland Community Centre for team trials. Details are available on our website www.sporty.co.nz/northland. Registrations close [on the 9 March](#).

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 – Respect

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honoring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

Diary Dates for 2018

12 – 16 March	Team 4 Camp
12 March, Monday	Building Project, community information meetings, 5.00 and 6.30pm – school library
13 March, Tuesday	Year 3 Sports Festival
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.

Lost - A Wadestown School Hoodie

Dark blue hoodie with Wadestown School logo on the front and a name on the inside. If you find it around Northland School, please take it to the school office so that it can be returned to the family via Northland Kidz Club.

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.

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

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 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. For further information contact Charli 022 010 9973 or northland@kellyclub.co.nz.

New and Improved Everyone Out Adventure Game for Families

Get out and explore Wellington's beautiful Botanic Garden with your family. Work together searching for secret codes to unlock hidden boxes. March 11, 2pm - 4.30pm

Tickets available from www.eventfinda.co.nz/tour/2018/everyone-out-autumn-series

For more details check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/everyoneout/

Also check out the second event in the Autumn Series Everyone Out in Otari-Wilton's Bush.

Junior Hockey Registrations Open

The Harbour City Junior Hockey club is gearing up for the 2018 hockey season. If your child in Year 3 - 8 is interested in playing hockey then please visit our website www.hcjh.org.nz for registration and all season info. We have a fun 'Open Afternoon' at the National Hockey Stadium on March 11 2.30-4pm for all new and returning players.

Give it a Go – Girls Rugby

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club is running a free introduction to rugby sessions for Year 5-8 girls at Ian Galloway Park, Sunday March 11 and 18 at 3pm. Learn the basics with other girls, and see if you like it. For more details visit <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz/>, contact Kirsty on 021 429 212, Stu on 027 471 6787, or just turn up on the day.

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 or contact Joyce at 027 387 0407 or email joyce@marrzipandrama.co.nz for more info!

School Lunches – Tuesdays

Sushi Lunches

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.

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

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 (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