



Newsletter

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Board of Trustees Election 2019 Nominations close Friday 24 May

The School Board of Trustees Election for Northland School is set to take place in June. Nominations are being sought for the election of three parent representatives to the Board for a three-year term. Nominations close Friday, 24 May. Information on the nomination and election process will be mailed to all families next week.

BOT Election Timeline

EVENT	DATE
Close main roll	Wednesday, 8 th May
Call for nominations by	Friday, 24 th May
Close supplementary roll	Wednesday, 22 nd May
Nominations close	Friday, 24 th May
Voting papers sent by	Wednesday, 29 th May
Voting day	Friday 7 th June
Count votes	Thursday, 13 th June
Board takes office	Friday, 14 th June

Julia Truesdale – Returning Officer

Board of Trustees News

Board of Trustees 2018 Community Survey

In 2018 Northland School parents and caregivers were asked to complete a biennial survey about Northland School. The Board of Trustees thanks the more than 100 families that contributed to the survey. Here is a summary of the key findings:

Communication

- Majority of respondents find the twice yearly written reports and parent-teacher interviews provide useful information about their child's progress against the NZ national curriculum.

- Weekly emailed or printed newsletters are the preferred way to be advised about upcoming school events.

Opportunities:

- To strengthen awareness of Northland School's health and safety processes and procedures. Some respondents were not aware of initiatives underway including the student-led committee, nor the availability of the health and safety policies on the school website or the existence of a hazard register.
- To ensure any behavioural concerns are highlighted in a timely manner, rather than waiting until parent teacher interviews or reports.
- To highlight, more regularly, how parents, guardians and caregivers can support learning at home
- To highlight on the school calendar the expected timing of the development of the school curriculum, charter and any policies to enable the Northland School community to provide input if appropriate.

Northland Park

Respondents provided views on opportunities to improve Northland Park both in terms of its use by the Northland community and Northland School. For example, social seating areas, trees for shelter and climbing, fencing to prevent balls disappearing, play equipment and new football nets. These have been shared with Wellington City Council.

Community Involvement

Some respondents identified ways in which Northland School students could actively contribute to the local community. These included various environmental initiatives eg tree planting, rubbish collection and general tidy ups as well as 'good neighbour' initiatives eg visits to elderly, Christmas carols at the Community Centre, visits to local early learning centres/kindergarten as well as relationship with St Anne's.

Cultural Identity

While the majority of respondents felt that language, culture and identity of the Northland School community are appropriately acknowledged some respondents felt there could be opportunities to teach more Te Reo and to celebrate diversity more.

Teaching and learning priorities, resources and digital technology programme

The majority of respondents felt that the resources available for students are suitable and sufficient to support learning and are satisfied that the teaching and learning priorities meet the needs of students, families and whanau.

Opportunity and future practice improvements:

- To continue to improve the way children with special learning needs are supported at Northland School.
- To improve the playground experience for students, particularly during the build project.
- Ensure the learning programme covers the full range of the NZ curriculum including the arts.
- Ensure the digital technology programme addresses privacy and security matters appropriately, and does not assume all households have easy access to computers at home.

- To look for ways to use the Kāhui Ako achievement challenge learnings around wellbeing to improve resilience of Northland School students.

Health and Safety

The Board separately considered the Health and Safety responses and took action as appropriate.

Geoff Davenport, Gillian Blythe, Jeremy Seed, Fraser Clark, Tim Ng, Fiona Valentine, Jeremy Edwards – Northland School Board of Trustees.

The Principal Point

Welcome to the new term. We hope that everyone had a relaxing break. We know that a number of families were able to take advantage of Easter and ANZAC Day to have an extended holiday together.

This term we welcome back several staff members who are taking on roles previously undertaken by Hannah Fairbairn. Liz Synge rejoins the staff with responsibility for student support programmes. Ann Marshall also rejoins us to release staff to take on other roles. Lili Lin, a Mandarin Language Teaching Assistant, joins our teaching team on Monday afternoons as part of the Team 4 languages programme. Jim Tither and Rose Baty are also working extended hours this term.

With the recent rejection by teachers and NZEI (the teachers' union) of the latest employment offer by the Government, NZEI has called for Paid Union Meetings (PUMs) in the Wellington area on 6 and 8 May. The school will be making internal arrangements to cover teachers attending these meetings and will not be closed. The PUMs will allow for the discussion of various options including those recently reported in the media.

Our building project is all go as from Monday 6 May. This weekend, contractors will be closing off the pedestrian gate off Harbour View Road and will erect temporary fencing around part of the playground area. Access to the top playground, the office and Rooms 1 – 8 will continue through the double gates off Harbour View Road. This accessway will be closed in early June. In the meantime contractors will be focusing on setting up their site and building a new accessway to the school near the pedestrian crossing on Northland Road.

A community information meeting will be held on Wednesday 29 May where contractors, project managers and architects will provide more information related to the staging of the building work, access to the driveway on Harbour View Road and their plans for the removal of the cladding that contains low-grade asbestos.

More details and a map of the first stage of the project are included with this newsletter. We will keep parents and the community fully informed of upcoming work at the school and any changes required to accessways or special events related to the construction.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

School News

'Flu Season - Regional Public Health has supplied the following information

Influenza vaccination is recommended for children and teens to stop them getting sick and reduce flu spreading in the community. Further information is accessible at www.fightflu.co.nz/information-parents

2019 'Flu can be anywhere' brochure and RPH 'Influenza' brochure accessible at www.rph.org.nz/influenza

Team Newsletters

Newsletters for all Teams have been distributed.

Northland School Cross Country

The Northland School Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 7 May at Ian Galloway Park from 1.00pm. The postponement date is Thursday 9 May. This year the whole school will be running at different times at the park. Previously, children in Years 1 and 2 had their own cross country at Northland Park. We ask that dogs are not brought to this event.

An approximate start timetable is:

1.00pm: Year 1 and 2

1.20pm: Year 3 and 4

1.40pm: Year 5 and 6

2.00pm: Year 7 and 8

Courses for each year group have been posted on the sports noticeboard and displayed in each classroom.

Angela Scholten - Sport Coordinator

Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot

The Northland School Board of Trustees has decided to hold a ballot for one place for an out of zone enrolment at Year One beginning this term. Applications for the ballot close this Friday at 4pm, 3 May. Further information is available from the school office.

Used Clothing Collection

Donations of children's clothing can be left at the Northland School office from Monday 29 April to Friday 3 May, or dropped off at 18 Cheshire Street, Wilton, Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May. Warm clothing, shoes and jackets are particularly appreciated at this time of year. Your donation will go directly to a low decile school in the Wellington region.

Northland School Sport Shirts

If you have a Northland School sports shirt please return it to the office asap, thank you.

Yummy Apple Stickers

Keep munching those apples – not only are they good for you they help the school with sporting equipment. Keep collecting; we have collection sheets in the school office.

Scholastic Book Club 2019

Issue 3 catalogues have now been distributed. Extra catalogues are available from the library.

Deadline for orders is 15 May.

All orders will be done via LOOP. Please go to

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz/Parent/Login.aspx> to register.

To register:

1. Fill in your details (parent)
2. Create a password
3. Enter your email details
4. Enter your contact phone number
5. Click on 'add new child' write your child's details
6. Select School: Northland School (Wellington)
7. 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 Rachele Samaniego by email rachelles@northland.school.nz

Entertainment Books 2019

The new Entertainment Book has now been distributed to families.

If you decide not to keep the book please return it to the school office asap.

If you would like to purchase the book / digital version, payment can be made online

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104d215>

Quality of the Week – Patience

Patience is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is commitment to the future.

Term Dates for 2019

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 2

2 May, Thursday	Technology classes commence, Team 4 students Pizza Thursday
6 May, Monday	Swimming classes commence, Team 2

7 May, Tuesday	School Cross Country – 1.00pm, Ian Galloway Park
9 May, Thursday	School Cross Country – postponement day
10 May, Friday	Whakatau/powhiri, 9.30am
13 May, Monday	Whānau hui, 7pm
14 May, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm
21 May, Tuesday	Western Zone Cross Country
23 May, Thursday	Western Zone Cross Country – postponement day
27 May, Monday	Swimming classes commence, Team 3
29 May, Wednesday	Community Building Information Meeting, 7.00pm
3 June, Monday	Queens Birthday – school closed
11 June, Tuesday	Western Zone Hockey
17 June, Monday	School Photographs
18 June, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
20 June, Thursday	Mid year reports available from midday
24 – 28 June	Book Week
25 June, Tuesday	Mid year interviews and conferences
27 June, Thursday	Mid year interviews and conferences
28 June, Friday	Book Week Dress Up Day
5 July, Friday	End of Term Community Assembly

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.

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.

MX Hockey

Want to take your hockey to the next level? Great - all you need to do is join us at MX. MX Hockey provides private hockey coaching for young aspiring players in Wellington. MX offers players the opportunity to expose themselves to high quality training in a challenging but enjoyable environment, and caters for players of all ages and abilities, with skill development sessions aimed at players from U11 right through to U18.

In Term 2, MX is running weekly U11 skills sessions on Thursday afternoons at Northland School. If you'd like to find out more, or register for MX sessions, head to www.mxhockey.co.nz - spaces are limited, so get in quick!

Kelly Sports Term 2

Kelly Sports are back in Term 2 with their fun and exciting classes. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. We believe that sport and physical activity has so much to offer young people; it improves fitness, develops communication skills, team work and gives them a place to channel their energy.

Wicked Winter Sports! (Years 1-2) – Mondays 3.05pm-4.05pm. Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more. Includes fun games & drills to build these skills.

Wicked Winter Sports! (Years 2-4) – Mondays 3.05pm-4.05pm - Come and try football, netball, handball and Rippa Rugby (2 weeks of each sport!). It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Karori Lawn Tennis Club

226 Karori Road, is offering tennis coaching for school aged children starting Term 2. For more information, please contact the junior convenor at kltcjuniortennis@gmail.com

Sunshine Drama

A creative and fun learning space for preschool to high school aged students. Sessions engage imaginative minds, grow confidence and build communication, performance and social skills. Enrolments are now open for Term Two. Classes are held weekdays and Saturday mornings. For enrolments, class information, or to arrange a free trial class contact: Jenae Ryan 0274380533, sunshinedrama.nz@gmail.com or visit www.sunshinedrama.co.nz

Marsden College

Open Day - Sunday 5 May, 2pm-4pm, Year 9 Scholarships - applications close 16 May.
Year 9 Information Evening - Wednesday 29 May, 7pm, Marsden School Karori.
Enrolment - applications for entry in 2020 due by end Term 2.

Thinking About Childcare for Your Little One?

Look no further than the Wadestown Creche. Super close to the CBD, the Creche is a high quality Early Childhood Education Centre offering part-time sessions (8.20am - 12.30/2.30pm) for pre-school children aged 12 months - 4 years. Our teachers are fully qualified and experienced, and the centre is owned and managed by parents, on a not-for-profit basis.

Of course you are welcome any time, but our open day is Thursday 30 May, 9am - 12pm.

Contact us now! Email: enrol.wadestowncreche@xtra.co.nz

Karori Toy Library – Pop Up Movie

The Karori Toy Library is hosting another Pop Up Movie in Karori, after some great feedback from our first Pop Up Movie, and this time it's everyone's favourite - Moana! We'd love to see you at the Karori Bridge Club on Saturday 4 May to watch and sing along with us! Tickets start at \$8 and can be ordered online, as well as pizza to be delivered at intermission! Doors open at 4pm, with the movie starting at 4.30pm. Tickets for this event are strictly limited and will likely sell out, so get your tickets now: <https://ktlmoana.eventbrite.co.nz>

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 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