



**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**



*The 2018 Northland School Student Council has met for the first time and elected its officers.*

## **Northland School's Bake4Tonga – deadline Friday 4 May**

Please drop your home baking and any donations for the stall to the Northland School office by Friday 2pm. We won't be selling the goods until Sunday morning so you might want to think about making things that will last a couple of days.

Alternatively you can drop more perishable cakes, biscuits and slices anytime on Saturday to 11 Homewood Crescent, Karori. There's a covered porch.

The school's stall will be at Wellington's Harbourside Market, next to Te Papa, this Sunday from 8am to 1pm. You will find us next to the market office. Please come along and buy some delicious home baking, quality goods, or try your hand at the lucky dip and raffle.

Thank you to Foxton Fizz, Whittaker's Chocolates and Best Ugly Bagels for their support.

All the money raised will go to Pe'a Village School, in Tongatapu. We really appreciate all the Northland families and students who are rolling up their sleeves to help their sister school get back on their feet after Cyclone Gita.

If you'd like to help out with a donation of goods or money, please contact Jeremy Edwards [jedwards@northland.school.nz](mailto:jedwards@northland.school.nz).

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## **The Principal Point**

Welcome back to the start of Term 2. The long-lasting summer weather meant that most people were able to enjoy considerable time outdoors over the two weeks. Over the holidays contractors were able to replace the watermain directly outside the school in Harbour View Road. This project is part of building up the water supply resilience capacity in the city in case of a major earthquake.

Unfortunately the traffic congestion will remain in this street while the rest of the watermain is renewed over the next two months. We have asked contractors not to park their trucks on the 10 minute drop off zone along Northland Road by the pedestrian crossing. This will free up some much needed parking space both before and after school. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding as this work is completed.

Next week we are starting a warden system in Harbour View Road by the small pedestrian gate. Our senior students will receive training from the Police Education Officer this week and will then be on duty from Monday to help everyone cross the road in safety in one place. Clear sight lines will be important for the wardens as they determine when it is safe to cross the road. We do remind parents and caregivers that broken yellow lines are designated no stopping areas (not even to drop children off to school) and that these lines do extend up the private driveway adjacent to the school.

***Jeremy Edwards – Principal***

## School News

### Team Newsletters

Information newsletters for each Teaching Team have been distributed today. They are also available under the Team News tab on the school website.

### ICAS Writing

A reminder that entries for the ICAS Writing close on Friday 4 May. Letters were distributed to some families with students in Years 4 – 8 regarding this year's ICAS Writing. International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are academic competitions organised by Educational Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales. These competitions are open to everyone in Years 4 - 8 but they are very challenging. If you would like your child to take part in the Writing Competition, and have not yet returned the letter please do so by Friday 4 May. If you would like your child to take part in the Writing Competition, but did not receive a letter, please contact the school office.

Information about the ICAS English and Maths competitions will be sent home in mid-May.

### Entranceway Closed

The entranceway to the school by the carpark in Northland Road and the Tiger Turf remain closed until repairs are completed in early May.

### Entertainment Books 2018/2019

The new Entertainment book is about to be launched. We have already received orders, which is fantastic. The book will be coming home next week. <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/104d215> is the online order page.

### Clothing Collection – This Week

This week we are running a clothing collection with items donated going directly to children in need in a school in the Wellington region. If you are sorting through your clothes for the change of season please keep this clothing collection in mind. Winter clothing and coats are particularly appreciated. Donated items can be left at the school office until Friday 4 May. Thank you.

*Tina Dome*

### Code Club for Years 7 and 8 – After School on Tuesdays

Code Club 2 is now operating for Year 7 and 8 students in Room 8 on Tuesday afternoons from 3.15 - 4.15. Learn how to make a website or game. Work in a group or on your own. Students present their work at the end of the term. Any questions please email me: [emilymasonnz@gmail.com](mailto:emilymasonnz@gmail.com) or 021 243 9273.

*Emily Mason*

### Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 catalogues have now been distributed. Extra catalogues are available in the library. Deadline for orders is 16 May. Online orders only.

### Home and School Committee Meeting – Tonight

The Home and School Committee meets in the staffroom at 7pm, Wednesday 2 May.

## Board of Trustees News

*The Northland School BoT would like to keep parents in the loop on what we are up to and working on. We meet once a month and parents/caregivers are welcome to attend. The Trustees' contact details are available on the school website. Here is the latest from our last meeting:*

### **Principal's Report**

**Community of Learning (CoL):** Northland School is a member of a Community of Learning with Brooklyn School, Wellington Girls' College, Kelburn Normal School, Karori Normal School, and Wellington College. They are currently interviewing for a Change Manager. A CoL Leader should be appointed by the end of Term 2.

**PAT report:** A PAT report will be tabled at the next meeting

**Kapa Haka:** The Kapa Haka group had visited the local Kindy. ChildSpace has also asked for a visit. This was a huge success and will be a once a term event.

**ERO visit 14-16 May:** A pre-visit meeting has been held with the lead reviewer outlining the process over the 3 days they will be onsite. They will visit some classrooms. ERO will be focussing their review on how Northland School accelerates student achievement and the school's processes and practices for equity. ERO will present their emerging findings to the Board on Wednesday 16 May. The BoT Assurance Statement will be ready for ERO by the end of the school holidays.

**BYOD and Cybersafety:** A letter outlining the Board's decision about the school's use of the Google Chrome Management Console has been sent out to those families who had asked for extra information. If parents have any further queries please see either Jeremy Edwards or Vicky Balfour.

**Writing – Professional Development programme:** A specific group of students have been interviewed about their writing preferences. Findings will be compiled and presented by Fiona Valentine, providing a list of recommendations for the senior leadership team and Board.

### **Strategic Discussion Points**

**2017 Annual Report:** The Board is finalising the 2017 Annual report before the ERO visit. Once this completed it will be sent to the Ministry of Education by the end of May and be made available on the school website.

**Building Project:** The lead architect is meeting frequently with engineers and quantity surveyors. A presentation to the board is planned for Tuesday 22 May. The Board discussed implications for buggy and wheelchair access during construction as this would be restricted for Rooms 1 – 3 during the first phase of building. The school had a copy of the WCC submission in the office for interested parties to read.

**Health and Safety:** The principal and the Board have completed the annual Safety Check of people who work with Northland School students both during and out of school hours on school property. All staff have current police vets. The Board discussed how a small number of the parent community were not paying attention to road laws and ways that we could encourage compliance with parking and no stopping requirements. The Board has requested that information be added to the next newsletter to emphasise these issues and the role of the new wardens in Harbour View Road. The Health and Safety Committee will be completing their 6 monthly Health and Safety walkaround the school and will develop a list of health and safety items for staff and the Board to address. Some will be quick fixes and some will require a Board decision.

**Searches and Retention Procedures:** These are currently being rewritten using updated Ministry of Education guidelines and will be made available on the school website.

**Enrolment Scheme Review:** The Board had received its annual enrolment scheme review letter from the Ministry of Education. The Board decided that there was an ongoing need for an enrolment scheme and that the home zone did not need amending.

### **Property**

Funding has been granted for the repair work to the guttering at the end of the senior block. A second guttering issue had arisen with the Junior block. The Ministry had approved the extra funding and a property manager appointed to oversee the work and it is hoped that both projects would be completed at the same time.

### **Finance**

The school was seeking an extra \$6,000 of additional funding for an extra place in Reading Recovery. The Board approved the out of budget expenditure.

### **Policy**

The Board is currently reviewing its personnel policies.

### **Community**

**2018 Community Survey:** The Board intends to conduct its biennial community survey later in 2018.

**Home and School Committee:** A member of our parent community is fundraising for our sister school GPS Pe'a in Tonga through the Home and School Committee.

**New parents morning tea:** New parents' morning tea to be held on Friday 8 June at 9am in the staffroom. All parents with children starting at Northland are welcome to attend.

**Meeting with WCC Councillor Diane Calvert:** The Northland Community Centre's future management was discussed if no one from the community was interested in joining the committee. Councillor Calvert was advised of the school's new building project and the playground redevelopment and whether there was some way the school and WCC would be able to work together to provide better playground facilities for the Northland Community.

**Consultation with Māori community:** next Whānau Hui is on 14 May. Plans for Matariki will be discussed.

The next Board meeting is **Tuesday 15 May** at 7.00pm, in the Staffroom. All parents welcome.

**Geoff Davenport (Chairperson), Gillian Blythe, Fraser Clark, Tim Ng, Steph Prince, Jeremy Seed, Fiona Valentine (Staff Representative), Jeremy Edwards (Principal)**

### **College Open Days**

Marsden School – Sunday 6 May, 11.00am – 1.00pm

Onslow College – Wednesday 13 June, 5.00 – 7.30pm

Queen Margaret College – Sunday 27 May, 10.00am – 1.00pm

Wellington College – Saturday 23 June, 9.00am and Monday 25 June, 9.00am

Wellington East Girls College – Thursday 14 June, 2.30 – 4.30pm and 6.00 – 8.00pm

Wellington Girls College – Friday 22 June, 9.15am and 11.00am

Wellington High School – Monday 11 June, 6pm  
St Marys College – Thursday 14 June – 9.00am – 3.30pm  
St Patricks College – Sunday 10 June, 1.30pm

### 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 – 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.

### Diary Dates for 2018

2 May, Wednesday	Home and School Committee, 7pm
3 May, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
9 May, Wednesday	Capital E visit, Room 11
10 May, Thursday	Gardasil injections, Team 4
11 May, Friday	Capital E visit, Room 9 New Parents morning tea, 9.00am
14 – 16 May	Education Review Office visiting
14 May, Monday	Whānau hui, 7.00pm
15 May, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
17 May, Thursday	Capital E visit, Room 10
18 May, Friday	Swimming commences – Team 3
22 May, Tuesday	National Young Leaders Day – Team 4 Western Zone Hockey Tournament
25 May, Friday	School Disco, 5.00pm (Teams 1 & 2), 7.00pm (Teams 3 & 4)
29 May, Tuesday	Cross Country, Team 1 midday; Teams 2 – 4 1.30pm
4 June, Monday	Queen's Birthday – school closed
7 June, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
8 June, Friday	Morning Tea for parents new to Northland School, 9.00am
11 June, Monday	Swimming begins, Team 2
12 June, Tuesday	Western Zone Cross Country
14 June, Thursday	ICAS Writing
18 June, Monday	School photos
19 June, Tuesday	NZEI Paid Union Meeting, 2pm Board of Trustees, 7pm
21 June, Thursday	Mid year reports available from midday

	Pub Quiz, Home and School Committee, 7pm
22 June, Friday	Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
25 – 29 June	Book Week
28 June, Thursday	Mid year interviews and conferences – Day 1
2 – 6 July	Matariki Week
3 July, Tuesday	Mid year interviews and conferences – Day 2
4 July, Wednesday	Matariki Dawn Service, 6.00am Matariki Assembly, 9.30am
5 July, Thursday	Pizza Thursday
6 July, 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.*

### Northland Community Centre – Special General Meeting

Northland Memorial Community Centre is governed by a volunteer community committee. Several of the current committee are stepping down and new volunteers are needed to avoid management being passed to the Wellington City Council.

The centre is well utilised, in a good financial position and staff are employed for day-to-day operations. Can you spare a small amount of time each month to give back to your community by joining the NMCC committee?

The special AGM is being held Thursday 10 May, 7.00 - 8.00pm, NMCC, 5 Woburn Road. Everyone is welcome.

### Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français? – Classes now available for children in Years 2 – 4!

Come and join our Alliance Française French class at Northland School in Term 2! The class is run by one of our native qualified French teachers.

Details: Two classes - children in Years 2 to 4 and in Years 5 - 8

- every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm
- onsite at Northland School
- from 1st May to 3rd July
- Price: \$150 for 10 weeks

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française ([schools@french.co.nz](mailto:schools@french.co.nz)), or ring 472 1272 to get more information. A bientôt!

## Chess Coaching After School

Chess coaching with former NZ Chess Champion. Wednesday in the Northland School Library 3:15 to 4:15pm. Each week from 9 May to 4 July (last week of Term 2). The cost is \$90 per term.

To enrol please contact Scott email [kiwichess@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kiwichess@xtra.co.nz) or 021 155 7403

### 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)