



**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*



*Our Year 7 and 8 students are currently attending technology classes at the Karori West Normal School Technology Centre. Students attend 21 lessons held in three blocks over the year. Courses are provided in hard material technology (plastics), food technology, soft materials (fibre) and electronics. The technology centre is unable to accommodate all of our students at the same time so some stay at school to participate in an art enrichment programme.*

*“Tech” is one of the highlights of being in Year 7 and 8. At our Leavers’ Dinner in December “Tech” is always a favourite memory of Northland School and gets many mentions.*

## **The Principal Point**

Northland School has joined with Wellington Girls College, Karori Normal School, Kelburn Normal School, Wellington College and Brooklyn School to form a Kāhui Ako – a Community of Learning. This was formally approved earlier in the year by the Minister of Education.

A Kāhui Ako is a group of schools who work together to help students achieve their full potential. It is based on an achievement challenge the schools develop together and that benefits all learners. Kāhui Ako – Community of Learning was part of the *Investing in Education Success* initiative from the previous government aimed at encouraging education centres to work together to share collaborative practice that raised student achievement.

The four primary schools involved are very similar and many of their students transition to one of the two secondary schools. We are keen for all the schools involved to work together to share a common challenge – the primary schools have a lot to offer secondary teachers and secondary schools have a lot to offer us. Over the last two years our Year 7 and 8 teachers have worked on maths teaching and learning with colleagues from local primary schools and the two secondary schools. Both groups have been able to share ideas for working with high achieving students and those needing additional support. The Kāhui Ako will build on the close co-operation already established.

Most Kāhui Ako have an achievement challenge based on raising student achievement. All the schools involved in this area already have high levels of student achievement so our focus will be related to student well-being especially around transition between primary and secondary but also within schools as students move from one year group to the next. We are seeing growing numbers of young people who need extra support with well-being in its many forms and the closer relationship we have with our colleges will help with the transition process for these young people. Both colleges and our young people will be better prepared.

The next step in establishing our Kāhui Ako is to appoint a leader. Normally this would be one of the principals of the schools involved but none of us wants to take on this role as we are already very busy people. We are looking to establish a dual leadership role involving Deputy or Associate Principals (all our schools have very experienced and talented teachers in these roles) but this has never been tried in New Zealand. Ours will be a first if it gets Ministry of Education approval. We will keep our community informed as our Kāhui Ako develops over the next year.

This week the Education Review Office has been working alongside our staff. We have shared our progress since their last visit three years ago, checked our compliance requirements, discussed student achievement, observed classroom teachers, met with our Board of Trustees, talked with some of our students, considered our next steps as a school and thought about where we could provide some additional focus.

The review team, with input from our senior leadership team and the Board, will make some recommendations to strengthen aspects of our processes. These will be considered by the staff and the Board and plans put in place over the next year to implement these considerations.

***Jeremy Edwards – Principal***

## **School News**

### **Future Enrolments at Northland School**

If you have pre-schoolers who will be attending Northland School in the next two years please contact the school to check that we have this information. If you know of other families with young children who live locally and who will be attending Northland School please ask them to check too.

### **Out of Zone Ballot – Terms 3 and 4 2018**

The Board of Trustees has decided to hold a ballot for out of zone enrolment in Terms 3 and 4 this year. There are a limited number of places available and these are only at Years 1 – 6. Priority in any ballot is given to siblings of out of zone children already attending Northland School. Applications for the ballot close at 4pm on Friday 8 June. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

### **No Parking in Front of Driveways**

We ask parents and caregivers dropping off or collecting their children not to park in front of driveways as this is blocking access to these properties. We do acknowledge that parking is very tight at the moment with no parking or access to Harbour View Road while the watermain renewal project is underway.

### **Clothing Donations – Thank You**

Thank you to the families that donated spare clothing that was redistributed to another school in Wellington with families in need. We have had a letter of appreciation from the school principal that notes the difference these donated clothes is making to members of the school community.

### **Northland School Cross Country**

On Tuesday 29 May Northland School will be holding their cross country at Ian Galloway Park. We are very excited this year as the whole school will be attending this event with all Year levels taking part from New Entrants to Year 8. Maps of the different courses have been made available to the students and are also posted on the sports noticeboard near the library.

The school will be having an early lunch that day and will be walking to Ian Galloway Park at 12 noon. Year 7 and 8 students will be joining the school after their Technology classes at Karori West Normal School. Approximate start times are:

- 12.30pm: Team 1 (Year 1 and 2)
- 1.00pm: Team 2 (Year 3 and 4)
- 1.30pm: Team 3 (Year 5 and 6)
- 2.00pm: Team 4 (Year 7 and 8)

After the completion of the Team 1 races all Year 1 and 2 students have been invited to Cardinal McKeefry School. If parents of Team 1 children wish to take their child home directly after the run please sign out with their classroom teacher. All other students who go with their parents are to sign out with Angela Scholten. We look forward to fine weather and no wind!

***Angela Scholten – Lead Teacher PE and Sports***

### **Kapa Haka Visit – Year 3 and 4**

Tēnā koutou katoa, our Year 3 and 4 Kapa Haka group will be performing at Childspace on Albemarle Road on **Friday 25 May** at approximately 2.15pm. We will be leaving from the Viggers Centre at approximately 2.00pm and would love some parents or caregivers to walk with us. If you are able to help, please email me on [katiem@northland.school.nz](mailto:katiem@northland.school.nz)

**Katie McGrath – Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori**



### **School Disco – Next Friday 25 May**

To finish off the very successful Bake4Tonga event we will be having a Tropical Themed Disco next Friday, 25 May. Entry is by a gold coin on the night.

- Years 1 – 4: 5.00 to 7.00pm – all students require an adult in attendance for the 2 hours
- Year 5 – 8: 7.00 to 9.00pm - all students will require permission slips with details of adults picking them up at the end of the night. Permission slips are available from the school website, from the school office and at the door on the night of the disco. At the Year 5 – 8 disco there will be a Gaming Room. Enjoy

games with your friends, bring along a board game, cards etc. Please no trading on the night!

#### **Parent help**

We are looking for parents to help set up after school for around an hour or attend the Junior disco or Senior disco helping to serve food, or help with the clean-up at the end. Please contact Lizzie ([lizziemasseurs@gmail.com](mailto:lizziemasseurs@gmail.com)) if you can help.

#### **Information for Parents and Guardians**

The Home and School Committee hosts the disco but you are responsible for your child/ren. Parent volunteers are there to serve food and drink but are not there to care for children so please attend if possible (all junior disco children must have a carer at the disco). We will be serving dinner options to make the night enjoyable.

#### **Lost Property**

Please check the lost property boxes around the school as we already have a collection of jackets and sweatshirts and a variety of objects. Naming your children's clothing, especially jackets and sweatshirts, helps us return them. Thank you.

## Entertainment Books 2018/2019

The new Entertainment book has been launched and books distributed to families. If you do not want to purchase the book please return it to the school office asap - there is a dropbox for ease of return. If you have friends or family that would like to purchase they can do so online or through the school office.

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

## College Open Days

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 – Caring

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully.

## Diary Dates for 2018

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, 1.00pm Ian Galloway Park
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 Out of Zone Ballot closes 4pm
11 June, Monday	Swimming begins, Team 2
12 June, Tuesday	Western Zone Cross Country
14 June, Thursday	ICAS Writing
18 June, Monday	School photos

18 – 22 June	Book Swap
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
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.*

### Space and Science Festival

The Wellington Space and Science Festival will be held at Onslow College on Saturday 19 May (6 – 10pm) and Saturday 26 May (12 – 4.00pm). The festival has a NASA astronaut, live experiments, rockets, bugs, a human energy generator and a new online game called Crunch Time.

For further information and to buy tickets go to [www.spacesciencefestival.org](http://www.spacesciencefestival.org) – put GENESIS in the coupon code field to get a discount.

### 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 School
- weekly classes until 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 until 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

### **Marsden School Presents 'Alice' - A Family Friendly Show**

You are invited to the production of 'Alice' a musical play in two acts performed by Marsden School Years 7-13 students. The shows are on 22-25 May at 7pm in the Marsden School Auditorium (Marsden Ave, Karori). Tickets are available from [www.marsden.school.nz](http://www.marsden.school.nz).

### **Conscious Discipline – Workshop for Parents**

Come along to learn what conscious discipline is and how it encourages our children to co-operate more, allowing us to discipline them less. Leave with a variety of practical and respectful strategies to keep in your back pocket...and have more ease and joy with your children. Wednesday 27 OR Thursday 28 June, 7:30-9:30. To book or find out more go to [www.julielouisson.com/workshops/](http://www.julielouisson.com/workshops/)

### **Scouting**

Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things? The Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new keas (age 5-7), cubs (age 8-10.5), or scouts (age 10.5-14). Also have you considered becoming a Scout leader? This is a rewarding way to learn new skills, pass on your own skills, go on exciting adventures and get involved with your local community. Please contact [Rob@Wallace.gen.nz](mailto:Rob@Wallace.gen.nz) or see [www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts](http://www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts) for more information.

### **Observation Of 5year Old or Younger**

My name is DeAnna Harper. I am a student majoring in Women and Gender Studies and minoring in Medicine, Health, and Society from America. This trimester I am studying at Victoria University and one of my courses is "Understanding Young Children". For my final assignment in this course, I need to observe a child between the ages of birth to 5 years of age for a period of about twenty minutes. If you would be willing to help me out, please email me at [deanna.harper@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:deanna.harper@vanderbilt.edu). Thank you so much!

### **Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup**

Warmly invite interested families to our next Open Day on Saturday 26 May, 10am–12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). For more information phone 475 9688 or email [wcmp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcmp@xtra.co.nz). We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Ballet Dancers Required for Corps de Ballet**

Seeking ballet dancers aged 13 or older to join the Corps de Ballet in this year's production of Die Fledermaus with the Wellington G&S Light Opera.

*Performance dates and locations are as follows:*

Southward Theatre Kapiti	2:00pm Saturday 18 August
Royal Wanganui Opera House	2:00pm Saturday 25 August
Wellington Opera House	7:30pm Saturday 1 September & 2:00pm Sunday 2 September
Regent Palmerston North	2:00pm Saturday 15 September
Napier Municipal Theatre	4:00pm Saturday 22 September

Transport is provided for the Wanganui, Palmerston North and Napier performances.

Please contact Lia Purcell on 027 435 2411, or email [info@alwayisdancing.co.uk](mailto:info@alwayisdancing.co.uk) for more information.

## **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 \$19 for a full session, \$12 for a half 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)