



**Northland
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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



Our Year 3 and 4 Kapa Haka group recently visited Childspace in Albemarle Road to perform some of the waiata that they have been learning this year with Hemi Prime, our Kapa Haka tutor. This group meets on a Friday afternoon with Hemi who also works with our very popular Year 5 – 8 Kapa Haka group.

We are fortunate to have Hemi working with us. As well as Kapa Haka, Hemi is also working in our Year 1 and 2 classes as part of our Te Reo Māori programme. Hemi is a very busy and talented tutor as he works in five schools in the Wellington area yet when all these schools participate in an annual Kapa Haka festival each school's performance and repertoire is unique.

The Principal Point

The New Zealand Curriculum is the envy of many teachers across the world. It provides a set of principles, values, key competencies and guidelines on the various learning areas. Schools are free to be able to develop their own local curriculum based on the needs of their students and desires of their community. It is not prescriptive and there is no list of skills or knowledge that has to be taught and mastered at each year level.

Northland School is currently reviewing its curriculum as there have been a number of changes and new initiatives since it was developed 10 years ago. The staff are also revisiting the New Zealand Curriculum with an emphasis on its vision, values and principles. We are keen to see how both reflect the changing role of digital technology plays and the possible changes in the way we will teach and learn in our new building.

Our current mission statement, as outlined in our School Charter, is

Children, parents and teachers, together create an environment which supports and encourages the development and learning of each student.

Sitting beneath this is a set of values – things that are really important to our learning community that help determine what we do as a school. These are:

- ***A commitment to high standards of personal achievement***
- ***Independent and self-motivated learning and thinking***
- ***A commitment to working co-operatively***
- ***Creativity and risk-taking***
- ***The development of positive personal qualities***
- ***Building relationships across the school***
- ***A strong relationship with its community***
- ***An inclusive and open atmosphere accepting of difference and valuing diversity***
- ***A commitment to caring for the environment***

Our recently developed whakatauki - ***Tū mai Te Ahūmairangi, tū mai hoki tātou - As Te Ahūmairangi stands, we also reach for great heights*** – also reflects our school's values.

There are many things that contribute to the unique learning community that is Northland School. Our students, our parents and whanau, our local community, our teaching and support staff, our Qualities programme, the high levels of student achievement in many different areas, our Charter of Student Rights and Responsibilities – all impact in some way or another to make Northland School what it is.

As a learning community we need to consider:

- The end result - after 8 years at Northland School what do we want our learners to look like?
- The student outcomes valued by our learning community that result in 21st Century Learners
- Our values - what NZC Principles and Key Competencies guide our decisions and actions to pursue this vision
- What our students value about their learning and what they believe is important

We are keen for some early parent input into this work and Jane Batchelor would like to meet with a group of interested parents later in the term. If you would be interested in attending an afternoon or evening discussion please contact janeb@northland.school.nz. Later in the year the Board of Trustees will be conducting its biennial parent survey. A key element of this will be a focus on the school's curriculum and the values held by families and whānau. Information from the survey will be used to help define our curriculum to guide our classroom practices and our school curriculum in the future.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

School News

Northland School Cross Country – Cancelled

As a result of the recent terrible weather and the recent closure by the city council of Ian Galloway Park, our 2018 School Cross Country has been cancelled.

Over the next week teachers from Teams 2, 3 and 4 will determine the six qualifiers for each event at the Western Zone competition through a run off at Northland Park. The Western Zone competition will be held at Karori Park on Tuesday 12 June (postponement Thursday 14 June). Qualifying students will be given a letter confirming details.

Ange Scholten – lead teacher PE and Sport

Queen's Birthday – School Closed

Northland School will be closed on Monday 4 June for Queen's Birthday. The school will re-open on Tuesday 5 June.



Student Council Burger and Sausage Sizzle

The Student Council is holding a burger and sausage sizzle on Wednesday 13 June to raise funds for our sister school in Tonga. We are selling burgers (\$3.00) and sausages (\$2.00) –



there are vegetarian and gluten-free sausages available. On the day tomato sauce and mustard will be available and burgers can be filled with tomato, lettuce and cheese. This year we will not be providing onions with the sausages.

Order forms are included with this newsletter or are available from the school website or the school office. Orders need to be returned to classrooms by Thursday 7 June.

Sexuality Road Programme - Parent Information Evening

Each year our Year 5 - 8 students are involved in a sexuality education programme. An information evening about this programme will be held on Tuesday 12 June, in the library at 7:30pm. Scott Waring-Flood from NZ Family Planning will discuss the Sexuality Road Programme which will be taught in Term 3 (for Year 5 - 6 students) and Term 4 (for Year 7 - 8 students). All parents from Team 3 and 4 are welcome to attend to hear about the programme. Parents of children from any area of the school are also welcome to attend though the programme is aimed at children in Years 5 - 8.

Future Enrolments

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.



Book Swap – Start Sorting!

Does your child have a pile of books sitting in their room that they have already read? Do you wish you had the opportunity to exchange them for more exciting reading material? Then, the Book Swap is for you!

How it works:

From Monday 11 June through to Friday 15 June, students may bring in “gently used” books. Student librarians will collect them from the classrooms every day of that week. Each book

turned in will earn one token, which students will then use to acquire books at the Book Swap. Maximum number of books a student may bring in is 3.

On Wednesday 20 June (Teams 3 & 4) and Thursday 21 June (Teams 1 & 2) at 12:45-1:30pm, students may come to the library and select books of their choice based on the number of tokens they have (1 token = 1 book).

Book criteria:

- Suitable for children in Years 1-8
- Gently used condition: cover on, no rips, or bent edges. No writing or colouring on them.
- Colouring/activity/sticker books will not be accepted.
- Old public library books, or kids’ meals books (McDonald’s), will not be accepted.

We look forward to swapping exciting reading material with your children!

Rachelle and Lizzie from the Library



ICAS English/Maths

Letters have been distributed to some families with students in Years 4 – 8 regarding this year’s ICAS English/Maths Competitions. International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are academic competitions organised by Educational Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales. At Northland School we provide the opportunity for all students in Years 4 – 8 to participate in ICAS English and Mathematics. These competitions are open to everyone but they are very challenging. If you would like your child to take part in the English or Maths Competition, but did not receive a letter, please contact the school office.

Entries for the ICAS English/Maths close on Friday 8 June.

New Parents Morning Tea – Friday 8 June, 9am.

We wish to invite all new parents of Northland School for morning tea, to have a cuppa and meet other new parents. This is also a great opportunity to meet some of our Board members, senior Leadership Team and Home and School Committee. It will be held in the Staff Room after the morning bell. Preschoolers most welcome.

Please contact Hannah Fairbairn, or Steph Prince (School Trustee) on 027 2222906/475 3299 to RSVP or with any questions, email hannahf@northland.school.nz

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.

School Disco

Thanks to all who volunteered their time to help at the disco last Friday. It was a great evening. Although the temperature outside was winterish, inside there was a tropical atmosphere with mocktails, choc shakes and lots of great dancing.

Save The Date

Northland School Pub Quiz - Thursday 21 June, One Fat Bird. Details will follow in the coming newsletters.

Entertainment Books 2018/2019

The Entertainment Book fundraiser is wrapping up. If you do not want to purchase the book please return it to the school office asap - there is a drop box 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

Marsden College – Wednesday 6 June, 7.00pm

Onslow College – Wednesday 13 June, 5.00 – 7.30pm

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

Science Fair Boards Are Available From The School Office

We purchase in bulk to give you the best price possible. White boards \$8.00 and colour boards \$10.00 and pay at school office or internet banking. Our account details are **ASB 12 3174 0326688 00. Please note the name of your child in the reference section when setting up the payment.**

Yummy Apple Sticker Time

Get munching and get collecting. Yummy apple sticker time. All stickers add up to points which add up to *Sports Gear* for our school. Thank you and enjoy your apples!

News from the May Meeting of the Board of Trustees

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. A Change Manager has been appointed. 2 deputy principals have expressed interest in becoming dual CoL Leaders – yet to be agreed to by the Ministry as this is the first of its kind to have a shared role.

PAT report: The 2018 PAT Analysis was tabled and discussed. We are pleased to note that large numbers of children are achieving high levels in the tests. However, it was noted that Team 4's listening comprehension scores were not as strong as reading comprehension and mathematics. The Board discussed this and how better to support this. The PAT results will be put onto the Northland School website to share with our community.

Reporting to Parents: The school has yet to receive additional advice from the Ministry of Education on how to report to their parent community now that National Standards have been removed. Instead, Northland School has designed a new mid-year report in consultation with staff. This has been created in the school's student management system - Edge. We will consult with the community in Term 3 to gain feedback on these new reporting processes and format.

Curriculum Development: This is underway and continues to be a priority for Northland School. Feedback from the parent community will be asked for in the Biennial Community survey later in the year.

Pastoral Report: Room 3 is now up and running for 2018 with plenty of pre-school transition visits happening.

Out of Zone Ballot: It is important to keep our roll between 350-360 students (by end of year) to maintain current staffing levels, The Board decided to hold an out of zone ballot with two places available at Year 1, and two at each of Year 2, Team 2 and Team 3. Advertisements are to be arranged.

Strategic Discussion Points

Building Project: The architects and project manager have met with the Board. We now move into the more detailed design stage, with a few cutbacks proposed by the Ministry to keep us under budget. The architects also met with the Wellington City Council to discuss submissions from the community. As a result, we all have been asked to think about the visual look of the new build and its impact when seen from Northland Road.

Health and Safety: Members of the Board, Jeremy Edwards and two Health and Safety Committee members walked around the school to undertake a six monthly inspection. Items brought to our attention are been looked into further.

Community Survey: This will be held later in the year to obtain valuable feedback from our parent community.

ERO Visit: ERO spent 3 days at school, undertaking a very in-depth and thorough review process. Review officers had brief classroom visits and also met with some students for a discussion on key competencies. An emerging findings meeting has been held between the Board and review officers. We have already received some recommendations to strengthen processes around aspects of our appraisal processes. ERO felt the school's new whakatauki was very appropriate. The Board thanked the staff for all their preparation and hard work before and during the ERO visit.

Property

The school has not been cleaned to the standard the Principal would like. He met with the cleaning contractors to ensure that their cleaning is to a satisfactory standard moving forward.

Finance

The Finance Report for the month of April was tabled. The Board's capital position was well above its policy minimum. The Treasurer will report back at the next Board meeting on proposed responses to the Auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2017.

Policy

The Board is currently reviewing the personnel policies.

Community

BoT meeting summaries in school newsletters: The Board intends to provide a summary of their monthly Board meeting to the parent community to keep them informed of the Board's activities.

Home and School Committee: The Sunday market stall raised \$1200 for our Tongan sister school GPS Pe'a. Many thanks to all those parents involved in this amazing fundraising effort.

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 School are welcome to attend.

Whānau hui: There is a huge demand for our Kapa Haka to perform in the community. The group has already visited the Northland Kindergarten and now there was a request to visit ChildSpace. The Board will look into how the school could provide taiaha training.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday 19 June at 7.00pm, in the staffroom. All parents welcome.

Steph Prince – Community Relations Portfolio

Quality of the Week – Self-discipline

Self-discipline means self control. It is getting yourself to do what you really want to do, rather than being tossed around by your feelings like a leaf in the wind. You don't lose control of yourself when you feel hurt or angry, but decide how you are going to talk and what you are going to do. With self-discipline, you take charge of yourself.

Diary Dates for 2018

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
20 June, Wednesday	Book Swap – Teams 3 and 4
21 June, Thursday	Mid-year reports available from midday Book Swap – Teams 1 and 2 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.

Drama Classes After School

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - Marrzipan! We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a Trial Lesson via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Blended Family Success

Discover how to help children adjust to step family life and create a united, supportive home atmosphere. Overcome common challenges and learn practical strategies that really work from New Zealand's leading stepfamily presenter. Live happily ever after in your stepfamily! Only ONE Wellington workshop this year. Numbers limited. You must register to secure your place.

When: Saturday 23 June, 9am – 4pm. For more information go to:

www.blendedfamilysuccess.nz/events email: adele@stepfamilyhelp.info phone/txt: 021 404 742

Predator Free Northland

There was a recent article in the Dom Post that Wellington's rat numbers are rising. Rats spread disease and they kill our birds... EVERY backyard will have a rat living in or passing through it!

We are aiming to get Northland predator free and we need new members to make this a reality.

Traps are pet friendly so are safe in your garden if you have a cat or dog. Please get in touch with Predator Free Northland - starter kits are only \$10! The email address is

predatorfreenorthland@gmail.com

Thank you for supporting our native wildlife and making Predator Free NZ a reality for our kids.

Skyline Ski Club

Are you a skiing/boarding family who visits Mt Ruaphau regularly, or are keen to do so more often? Skyline Ski Club is looking for some additional members. Skyline is a small, relaxed, family orientated club located above the Top of the Bruce Road on the Whakapapa side, with possibly the best views in the Village! Unlike some of the larger clubs there are no set meal times, or rostered duties. It is like having your own bach on the mountain. Although you get to increase the fun by sharing it with other like-minded people. Discounted rates for families, and under 8s are free.

If you are interested and would like more details contact John Cuthbert johnddcuthbert@gmail.com;

Website <http://skiskyline.weebly.com/> or Skyline Ski Club on Facebook.

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/

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 or see www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts for more information.

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

Before School Care

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 8.30am. 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