



**Northland  
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

# Newsletter

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*The 2017 Student Council*

Congratulations to our students who were recently elected to the Northland School Student Council for 2017:

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## **The Principal Point**

We are making changes to the way we report to parents on the progress of their children who are in Years 1 and 2. We feel that this will give you more timely information about your children. As from this term we will report to parents on the anniversary of when the child started school. These will be at:

- 8 weeks – a discussion on how your child has settled into school
- 20 weeks (six months at school) – a written report on your child's progress towards meeting National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the end of 40

weeks (one year) of schooling. This report will be followed up with a parent teacher interview later that same term.

- 40 weeks (one year) – a written summary report for the first year at school plus an interview later that same term.
- 60 weeks (18 months) - a written report on your child's progress towards meeting National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the end of 80 weeks (two years) of schooling. This report will be followed up with a parent teacher interview later that same term.
- 80 weeks (two years) – a written summary report for the second year at school plus an interview later that same term.
- 100 weeks (30 months) - a written report on your child's progress towards meeting National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics at the end of 120 weeks (three years) of schooling. This report will be followed up with a parent teacher interview later that same term. Not all students will receive these reports as they will then be in Year 3 when their 100 week anniversary occurs and will be part of the Year 3 – 8 reporting cycle.

All written reports will be made available through our parent portal accessible from the school website [www.northland.school.nz](http://www.northland.school.nz). We will email you to let you know when these are available for you to read and download.

All reports will make some reference to National Standards in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. As they are written on the anniversary of when your child started school there are some logistical issues at particular times of the year. For children who have birthdays in January or February we think it is more appropriate for their previous year's teacher to make National Standards judgments and write the report rather than their new teacher who may not have taught your child or been with them for just a few days or weeks.

The times that parent teacher interviews are held will change as well. These will now be held towards the end of each term with all Year 1 and 2 teachers having interviews on the same day.

With the move to anniversary reporting some children in Year 1 and 2 will not receive an end of year summary report in December. They will have received two reports during the year that reflect their time at school.

As we transition to our new reporting system parents with children who had anniversaries in Term 1 this year will receive a letter from the class teacher outlining their children's progress towards meeting National Standards.

Our six monthly reporting system for children in Years 3 – 8 remains the same. Reports for children in these years will be available through our parent portal from midday on Wednesday 21 June with three way conferences for children in Years 4 – 8 planned for Thursday 29 June and Tuesday 4 July. The more traditional parent teacher interviews for Year 3 students will be held at the same time.

***Jeremy Edwards – Principal***

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## School News

### Whānau Hui

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the Term 2 Whānau Group Hui, on Monday, 15 May at 7:00pm in the staffroom.

Following this there will be a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee. We encourage you to come and share your ideas so that we can further discuss activities for Matariki 2017.

Please RSVP so that we know who will be able to attend. Phone: 475 7596, email: [katiem@northland.school.nz](mailto:katiem@northland.school.nz)

Naku noa.

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

### Home and School Committee Meeting - Tonight

The next meeting of the Home and School Committee is on Wednesday 3 May at 7.30pm. This meeting will be held in the staffroom and is open to parents and caregivers of Northland School students.

### Northland School Cross Country

The Northland School Cross Country for children in Years 3 – 8 will be held at Ian Galloway Park on Tuesday 16 May with the postponement date of Thursday 18 May. The running order of the students will be Year 7 - 8 followed by Year 5 - 6 and Year 3 - 4. Years 3 - 8 will be walking down to Ian Galloway Park at 12.30 ready for a starting time of 1.00pm.

Year 1 - 2 students will be running in their cross country at Northland Park, also on Tuesday 16 May, from between 12 and 12.30pm.

### School Photographs

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 23 May. Further information in next week's newsletter.

### Pre-loved Sports Balls

Do you have any pre-loved netball, soccer ball, tennis balls or rugby balls in good condition that you are willing to donate to Northland School for the students 'lunch time' sports buckets? Please contact Angela Scholten on [angelas@northland.school.nz](mailto:angelas@northland.school.nz)

### Entertainment Books 2017/2018

The new Entertainment Books are due for release early this term. You can get early bird offers by going to <http://www.entbook.co.nz/104d215>. Books will be here next week.

## **Before School Care – Now Available from 7.30am**

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 8.35am. 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.

## **Yummy Apple Stickers**

Northland School is in the swing of collecting “Yummy Apple” stickers for 2017. Not only are we eating healthy apples but it allows Northland School at the end of the year to purchase sports equipment determined on the number of stickers collected.

## **College Open Days**

- Marsden School, Sunday 7 May
- Queen Margaret College, Friday 19 May and Sunday 21 May
- St Mary’s College, Wednesday 31 May – open day
- Wellington High School, Monday 12 June, 6.00pm
- Onslow College, Thursday 15 June, 5.00pm
- Wellington Girls College, Friday 16 June, 9.00am
- Wellington College, Saturday 24 June – 10.30am and Monday 26 June – 9.30am

## **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 2017**

Term 2:	Monday 1 May – Friday 7 July
Term 3:	Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
Term 4:	Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

## **Diary Dates for 2017**

3 May, Wednesday	• Home and School meeting, 7.30pm
4 May, Thursday	• Technology lessons begin, Team 4 • Pizza Thursday
8 May, Monday	• ASB Centre programme begins, Year 2
12 May, Friday	• PMP helpers – morning tea, 10.30am • Te Papa visit, Team 3
15 May, Monday	• Whānau hui, 7pm

16 May, Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Cross Country</li> <li>• Board of Trustees, 7pm</li> </ul>
17 May, Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Leaders Day, Team 4</li> </ul>
18 May, Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School cross country postponement day</li> </ul>
19 May, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning tea for parents new to Northland School, 9.00am</li> </ul>
<b>22 – 26 May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Book Week</b></li> </ul>
23 May, Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Photos</li> </ul>
25 May, Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gardasil Injections, Year 8</li> </ul>
26 May, Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disco, 5pm and 7pm</li> </ul>

## 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 Memorial Community Centre – Free Play

The main hall will be open for FREE play every Saturday morning for term 2. The perfect space for children to burn off some energy, especially on rainy days. Please note, children under 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. BYO balls and toys to play with. Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Road, Northland.

### Climate Change Discussion

“Tilting at Windmills?” seminar and discussion to be held on Wednesday 10 May, 7.30 – 9.00pm at St Luke’s Atrium, Wadestown. Hear from experts, ask questions, identify opportunities for local action. For more details visit [www.slw.org.nz](http://www.slw.org.nz)

### Guitar Lessons at the School Library

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitarist with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons at the school library on Mondays from 3.00 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6.00pm and Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6.00pm. No previous experience is required. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Group lessons are available and can be arranged.

This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning the guitar as it is a creative, fun and stimulating hobby. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch. Email: [aabir.maz@gmail.com](mailto:aabir.maz@gmail.com) Ph: 027 267 1634

### Parlez-vous Français?

Bonjour! Alliance Francaise Wellington will offer French after school classes at your school in Term 2. A native qualified French teacher will come to school every Tuesday (3.05pm to 3.50pm), and will teach the language through interactive learning, while playing and singing. So if your child is in Year 5 or above, you can enrol now. Just email Alliance Française: [schools@french.co.nz](mailto:schools@french.co.nz) or ring 04 472 12 72 to get more information.

## **Guitar lessons - Jasper Holloway**

I want to develop your child's love for music. I'm a jazz guitar student over at Victoria Uni, I love songwriting, I love to sing as well as play guitar. I'd love to help your kid with any of those things. My schedule is fairly flexible, contact me on 027 424 5812 or at [jasper.holloway.ozri@gmail.com](mailto:jasper.holloway.ozri@gmail.com)

## **Drum lessons**

Drum Lessons are available with tutor Andrew McPartlin. The lessons are held at lunchtime at Northland School on Thursday and the cost is \$10 per session.

Contact [andymcpmusic@outlook.com](mailto:andymcpmusic@outlook.com) or 0210323659 for bookings or more information.

## **Learn A New Language The Fun Way**

Fun French and Spanish language classes for 3 - 12 years olds. Lots of fun activities, drama, music & games taught in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere! Language resources available to support parents at home. Free Trial Lesson Available

After-school, lunchtime and pre-school French classes available throughout Wellington.

Spanish classes are waiting to start depending on class numbers.

New: Easy online registration, Contact: Annick on 021 462 042 or email [annick@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:annick@lcfclubs.co.nz) or visit [www.lcfclubs.co.nz](http://www.lcfclubs.co.nz) for more information.

## **Irish Dancing is for everyone!**

ReelJig Irish Dancers are now taking registrations for Term 2 beginner classes on: Mondays 3.30pm at St Marks Church School, Wednesdays 3.30pm St Ninians, Karori, Saturdays 10am and 2pm, Crofton Downs Primary School Hall. Irish dancing is for everyone - it's all about fun, friendship and fitness but it also teaches presentation skills, stage presence, confidence, resilience, team work, and the power of hard work and determination.

Email [reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com](mailto:reeljigirishdancers@gmail.com) for more information or to register.

## **Yoga and Pilates**

**Pilates** - Mondays 1.30pm and 7.30pm beginning 8 May. This 7 week mat-based course will enable you to build core and spinal strength. All levels welcome.

**Hatha Yoga** - Tuesdays 7.30pm, beginning 9 May. During this 8 week block course you will learn to use your foundation and breath to find, stability, alignment and mindfulness.

Beginners welcome. Easy to access studio at 68 Orangi Kaupapa Road, Northland. Please text, ring 027 503 0211 or visit my Facebook page. Liz Birkett Yoga and Pilates to find out more.

## **Kids Cross Country Series starts mid May**

The Brendan Foot Supersite Kids Cross Country Series is back this winter. Each event has 500+ kids, aged 3 to 13. There are five events through the Wellington region from May to August with the first one in Upper Hutt on Sunday 14 May. Your choice if do you one, two, or all five. Come along, join the fun. Complete them all and receive a commemorative medal and drink bottle. Only \$8 to enter. More info or to enter go to [athleticshub.co.nz](http://athleticshub.co.nz).

## **Scouting**

Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things? Northland Scout Group are welcoming both boys and girls to be new keas (age 5-7), cubs (age 8-10.5), or scouts (age

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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.

### **Helen O'Grady Drama Academy**

Our international curriculum will help explore performance skills, creativity, overcome shyness, develop positive self esteem, grow their imagination, interact with adults, make new friends, have lots of fun. **Fun after-school classes – 5 – 17 years** To enrol please see our website [www.helenogradynz.co.nz](http://www.helenogradynz.co.nz) or phone **0800 161 131**.

### **Kelly Sports Term 2**

Kelly Sports will be 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 children a place to channel their energy.

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

**Winter Sports Warm Up (Years 2 - 4)** – Mondays 3.05 - 4.05pm - Come and try football, dodgeball, basketball and hockey. It's a great way to try new sports, learn new skills and improve ability. We use games and drills to teach game sense and team play.

For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) email [adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz) or call 04 972 7201

### **Sushi Lunches - Every Tuesday**

"Sushi Lunches" provide a sushi delivery service every Tuesday - order for your child's sushi via [www.wrapitup.co.nz](http://www.wrapitup.co.nz). Orders are received up until 9.00am on Tuesday morning.

### **Subway Lunches Friday - Lunchonline**

A great healthy lunch option – order online and delivered to school each Friday check out [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)

### **Babysitting**

Hi my name is William Scholten. I'm 16 years old and attend Wellington Boys College in Year 12. I am seeking work looking after children/baby sitting on weekends.

If you would like to contact me my phone number is 022 1753061.

I am also able to do other jobs as well such as trimming hedges, mowing the lawns etc. I look forward to hearing from you.

### **The Wellington Marathon**

Is on Sunday 18 June and includes a Kids Magic Mile with major spot prizes from Mizuno and Thermatech, girls and boys mountain bikes, plus family travel on Bluebridge.

For those running the full/half marathon/10k/5k then join Team Heart Racer and help raise vital funds for the Heart Foundation. Every Heart Racer receives a Heart Racer dry-fit running

tshirt, regular newsletter with training /nutrition /fundraising advice, an online fundraising page, plus a FitBit Surge for those who raise over \$750.

[everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017](http://everydayhero.co.nz/event/wellington-marathon-2017)

## **Afterschool Care Providers**

### **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 or Lisa (022-140-2612) 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)