



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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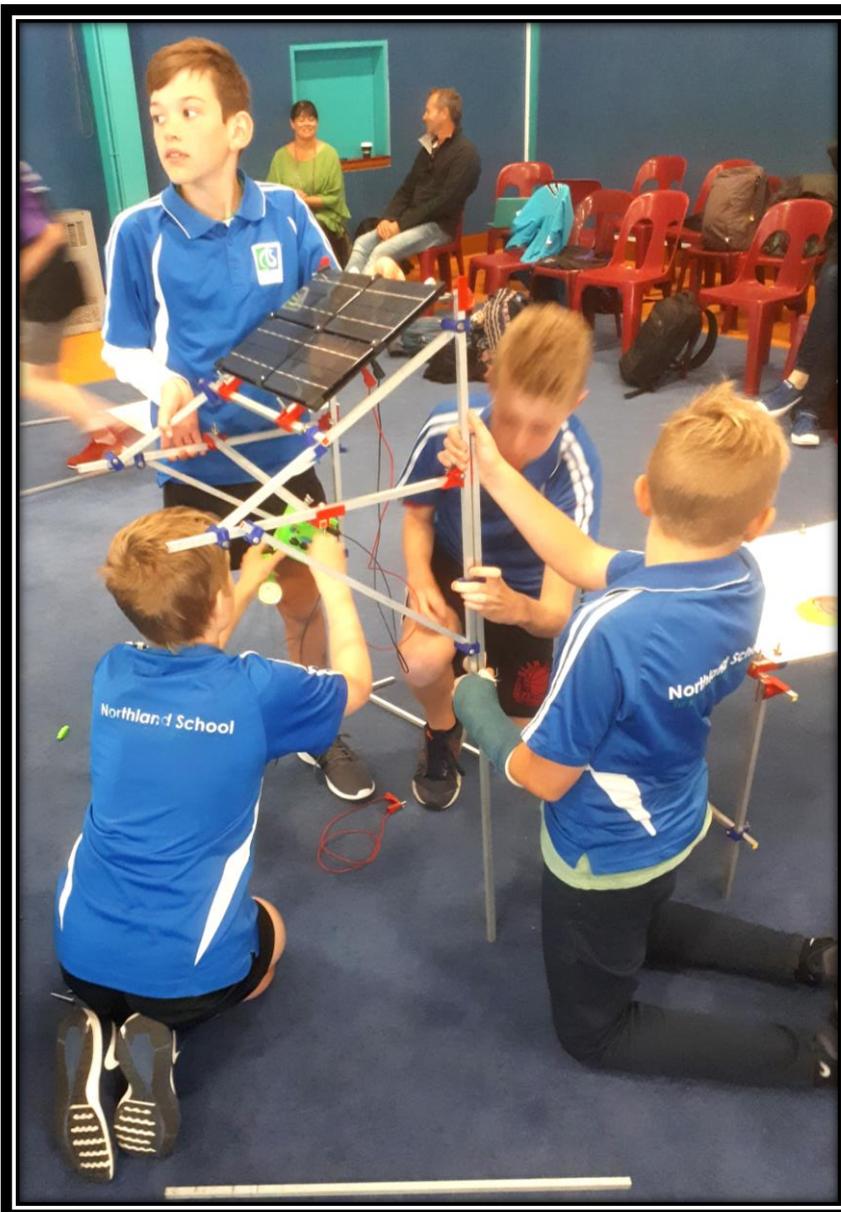
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**Tū mai Te Ahūmairangi, tū mai hoki tātou
As Te Ahūmairangi stands, we also reach for great heights**



Board of Trustees Election 2017

**Nominations close
Friday 17 November**

Nominations are being sought for the election of two parent representatives to the Board for a three-year term. Nominations close Friday, 17 November.

If you would like to talk with a current Board member about what is involved in this important governance role contact details are on our school website under the "Our People" tab.

A "meet the candidates" evening has been tentatively scheduled for Wednesday 22 November.

A scene from one of the challenges at the recent EPRO8 competition. The challenges, held over 2 ½ hours, range from

engineering to art, electronics to mathematics and problem solving. They are all designed to be challenging yet visually stunning. They all involve the use of life sized props and equipment.

The Principal Point

The anniversary of last year's severe Kaikoura earthquake is a timely reminder for all of us to be prepared in case of just such emergencies. On the morning following the earthquake we used the school's emergency text messaging system at 6.45 to alert our caregivers that the school would be closed for the day to allow the buildings to be inspected. We also updated our school website to reflect that the school was closed. Not one child turned up at school. We only use our text messaging system two or three times a year – parents know that when a text message comes from the school then it is something very important.

In August 2013 there was a severe earthquake late on a Friday afternoon in Wellington. This was definitely noticeable and triggered a whole school evacuation to the tennis courts off Harbour View Road – our co ordination point. We kept all children there until parents or family friends were able to collect them. The school's evacuation, care and family reunification procedures were well tested that day and worked well.

Earlier this term we had an "outside" earthquake drill where the students practised what to do if they were outside and an earthquake happened – as occurred in the Christchurch quake. All but a few students knew what to do – move away from the buildings, drop and cover and when the shaking stops move to of the school's assembly or meeting points. The children coped well when someone other than their teacher arrived to take them to our co ordination point. It was there that classes were reunited and the roll called to check all were present. Some teachers were delegated with the task of checking all rooms and found two children under a desk – they had run inside when the "earthquake was signalled" to drop, cover and hold! As a result of the drill we have slightly tweaked our procedures and updated the resources in class "emergency go bags".

Some parents have asked what triggers a decision to evacuate the school in case of an emergency. It is not possible to say a particular size of quake is the catalyst as it can be felt differently depending on your location or what you were doing. Naturally if there is damage to the buildings or there are injuries then the decision is an easy one. The severity of the shaking will actually decide this for us. The decision will always be focused on the safety of our students and staff.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Celebrating Student Success

Wellington Interzone Athletics

Congratulations to our students who will now be representing Northland School and the Western Zone at the Wellington Interzone Athletics Championships to be held on Tuesday 21 November:

EPRO8

Congratulations to our students who came second in their heat at the latest EPRO8 competition. These four will join a second Northland team at the semi-final of this series of technology challenges next week.

Western Zone Athletics

What an incredible day at the Western Zone Athletics with equally incredible results. It was fabulous to see so many parents supporting and cheering on their children

Northland School achieved its best ever results. Placing enough first, seconds and thirds to send 17 students through to the Wellington Interzone Championships.

Congratulations to all students who took part and a huge thank you to Andrena Patterson who assisted in managing the team.

Angela Scholten – Lead Teacher, PE and Sport

Pre-Christmas Raffle

The Year 8 Leavers' Dinner Committee is having a fundraising Pre-Christmas Raffle. Tickets are available NOW for purchase at the school office. Tickets are \$2.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 3.

Some of the prizes to be raffled are: Swarovski picture frame (valued at \$120), Swarovski earrings (valued at \$110), T-shirt from Carrutherbury & Co, cake voucher from Kravings, voucher from Specsavers for free eye test and a pair of glasses worth \$169, swim passes from WCC Karori Pool, Marsden Bookshop package, Whitcoulls voucher, One Fat Bird dining voucher and many more.

A complete list of prizes will be available on Friday 1 December at the office and winners will be drawn after the Team 1 assembly Thursday 7 December.

For further information contact Ruth Abenojar-Yee abenojar.yee@outlook.com

School T Shirts

Please return all school T shirts to the office.

Quality of the Week – Humility

When you are humble you don't act as if you are more important than other people. You are happy to serve others and think other people's needs are important. You don't expect others or yourself to be perfect. You don't criticise others or yourself. You admit mistakes and learn from them. Sometimes mistakes are our best teachers.

Diary Dates for 2017

Monday 20 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Swimming programme begins, Year 1
Tuesday 21 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interzone athletics
Thursday 23 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wellington College Induction Day Year 8 boysEPRO8 Challenge – Semi Final
Friday 24 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Gardasil injections, Year 8
Wednesday 29 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Tri Tournament – Team 4
Thursday 30 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Student Council Fun Day
Tuesday 5 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm2018 New Entrant visits
Wednesday 6 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 7 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2018 New Entrant visitsTeam 1 assembly, 2.20pm
Friday 8 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 8 Leavers' Dinner, 5.30pm
Monday 11 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Parent Helpers Morning Tea, 10.30amYear 3 – 8 Student Reports go live, midday
Friday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">End of Year Assembly, 9.30amSchool closes, 2.00pm

Term Dates for 2017

Term 4: Monday 16 October – Friday 15 December

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 Cake Competition Winners!

Congratulations to our student who claimed first place in the 8 years and under section with her wonderfully delicious Butterfly Brownie Stack.

And to another for winning first prize with their original and humongous Blue Cookie Jar cake. All the cakes this year were fantastic and you all did an amazing job!

Northland Petite Gift Fair - Friday 24 November 6.00 – 9.00pm

Come Christmas shopping (and grab a little something for yourself!) at our local Petite Gift Fair. This is a very popular event each year with its beautiful goodies and local stalls. Ladies, bring your girlfriends and make an evening of it! Saint Anne's Church hall, Northland Village. For more info find us on Facebook.

Northland House for Rent Short-Term

Northland, close to local school, shops, bus stops. 3 bedroom house, garage, fenced, flat garden, 2 large and 1 single bedrooms. Available now till February/ March 2018. Call Jo 021-190-4498 for all information.

Predator Free Northland

Imagine if Wellington were the world's first predator free capital city – a network comprising thousands of households, community groups and organisations working together to eradicate rats, mustelids and possums, so our native wildlife can thrive. As part of this drive, Predator Free Northland is up and running with efforts to rid our suburb of mammalian pests. Our goal is to have at least 1 in 5 Northland households participating in our backyard-trapping programme. We will be distributing traps to new members on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November all day at 4 Garden Road. There are 100 traps and trapping boxes ready to go for only \$10/set. Take advantage of this great opportunity to participate as a family in restoring our nature. Email predatorfreenorthland@gmail.com if you are interested in backyard trapping and like us on Facebook at 'Predator Free Northland (Wellington)' to follow our progress.

Guitar Lessons

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 in the school library on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm, Tuesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm, Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm and Fridays from 3:30pm to 5pm. If you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

Email: aabir.maz@gmail.com Ph: [027 267 1634](tel:0272671634)

Drama Classes

Are you looking for a challenge? It's not too late to join Marrzipan! We are looking for some awesome students to fill some parts in our play, which we will be performing for parents and their peers at the end of term. Come along to a trial lesson and see whether you like it! You can sign up for one directly via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)

Kiwi Christmas – A Private Screening and Fundraiser

We are delighted to have the opportunity to preview the film *Kiwi Christmas*, for which Wellington Young Voices singers recorded some of the sound track last term. Please come along and hear the children's backing music in this charming family movie, and support us in this fundraising event.

Date: Thursday 30 November

Time: 6pm (arrive from 5.30pm for some pre-screening fun!). The film will finish around 7.30pm.

Place: Embassy Theatre, Courtenay Place.

Cost: Adult \$25. Child \$15.

How to book and pay: Seats are limited, so book early! Online payment please to our bank account, showing your family name. You will be assigned seats as your bookings are received, and will be seated on the night.

Account name: Wellington Young Voices Inc. Account No. 38-9012-0863410-00

Dress up Competition and Prizes!

Children are invited to come along dressed as a film star, their favourite movie character, or in a Christmas theme. *PRIZES for the most imaginative costumes on the night!*

Karori Toy Library Movie Fundraiser - Paddington 2

Saturday, 25 November, 1.30pm - 3:30pm. Penthouse Cinema and Café.

The marmalade loving bear is back! Come and see the new Paddington movie almost a month before its official release. Tickets are \$15 for a child or \$20 for an adult, and include a goodie bag and spot prizes! Tickets available from Karori Toy Library or contact info@karoritoylibrary.org.nz

Babysitting

Hi my name is Holly Henry-Paiti. I am a Year 10 student at Wellington Girls College, and an ex-Northland School student and am available for babysitting. I am excellent with kids, I can cook, walk dogs and I'll clean up too! I can do evenings, weekends and school holidays. Please text me on 021 062 1565 or email me at henryholly958@gmail.com. Thanks!

Need A Babysitter or Summer Nanny?

I am fourth-year Law student with nine years extensive nannying experience in Wellington. I am available from early December onwards on week days, evenings and weekends. Flexible with late notice if you need a one-off during Christmas season or open to more regular, ongoing hours over summer. I am also first-aid trained, have my own transport and can provide references. Text Irenë on 022 657 3726. Ngā mihi nui!

Scouting

Does your child love the outdoors and learning new things? The Northland Scout Group is 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 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 northland.scouts@gmail.com or see www.facebook.com/NorthlandScouts for more information

Kelly Club Northland

Offering a Pre-Christmas holiday programme at the Northland Memorial Hall from Friday 15 December (from 2.00pm) through to Friday 22 December 2017.

Kelly Club Holiday Programmes focus on giving children aged between 5 and 13 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment. Kelly Club programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.

The Pre-Christmas Kelly Club Holiday programme includes **Wet N Wild, scavenger hunt, cup cake decorating, sports, Christmas activities games** and much more.

The Pre-Christmas programme is now available to book online at <http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/events/3105-Northland-Memorial-Community-Centre>
For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email northland@kellyclub.co.nz or call 022 010 9973

Welcome Tours – School Holiday Programme with a Difference

Many parents are now wondering how to manage child care and keep kids busy over the long summer break. Welcome Tours has come up with a novel concept that benefits everyone. We have designed a three-day small-group tour to the Wairarapa, designed specifically for grandparents and primary school-aged children. The Fun-times School Holiday Tour itinerary is based on activities that will appeal to both generations and makes it easy to spend quality time together. It's the kind of thing special memories are made of. The tour featured recently in the Dominion Post and online. Bookings and enquiries can be submitted via the website www.welcometours.co.nz or call 04 478 6033 for a chat.

Pride Lands Fun Holiday Adventures

Summer Holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School. Dates: December 18 2017 – January 26 2018 from 7.00am-7pm daily. Fees: Daily \$81/cub per session or \$148 for two or more siblings per session; Weekly: \$238 per cub/week or \$448 for two or more siblings/week. Discounts Available: Wild Card (15%). Interactive activities and morning tea, Lunch and afternoon tea provided. One-on-One Care: Provide for cub(s) if needed for extra support. Shuttle services available. Please contact us: 0800 PRIDE 4 U or Register online: www.pridelands.org.nz

Kula Kids' Yoga

Kula Kids' Yoga offers ongoing weekly classes in Eastbourne, Lower Hutt and Johnsonville and, NEW in March and April 2018, Family Yoga Retreats!

Join us on one of these two special weekends. We will practise yoga and mindfulness, rest and play by the beautiful Otaki River. Email Jeanne at kulakidsyoga@yahoo.com for a no-obligation information package. Summer's End Retreat for ages 5 – 102, 2-4 March 2018
Autumn Mum and Daughter retreat for tweens and teens 13-15 April 2018.

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 \$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 (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