



**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**



As part of the Technology programme based at Karori West Normal School a group of our enthusiastic Year 7 and 8 students has helped construct special teddies for the Neo Natal Unit at Wellington Hospital. The students really do enjoy being able to be involved in this project.

The Principal Point

We have nearly completed the appointment of teaching staff for 2018. There has been quite a lot in the media recently about a predicted shortage of teachers for next year. This has been a problem in Auckland for a number of years but is now starting to be seen in Wellington as well. Usually we would get about 80 – 100 applicants for any vacancies that we advertise in October for the new year. This year we received half that number and anecdotal evidence from principal colleagues confirms the quite sudden change in teacher supply. I have heard of a school in the Wellington area that had no applicants for two positions.

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Fortunately at Northland School we had a pool of suitable candidates and are now able to confirm all but one teaching staff for 2018. We are still in the process of appointing a teacher for Room 5 (Emma McElrea is on a year's leave) and will have this completed by the end of the school year.

With the retirement of Marie Boyer-Blaikie, our Associate Principal and much-loved classroom teacher, we are taking the opportunity to change roles within our senior leadership team. We are pleased to announce that Hannah Fairbairn will become our new Associate Principal – Pastoral. Hannah will take on the important role of SENCO (Special Education Needs Co Ordinator). Part of her role is to ensure that we are providing for all our learners who may need extra support in learning, in English language, in social, behavioural and/or health needs. To help Hannah set up this new responsibility we are releasing her from classroom duties for most of the first term. She will then start our third New Entrant classroom and will also be released four afternoons a week to undertake her pastoral support duties.

We are also changing Jane Batchelor's Associate Principal role to one with a curriculum development focus. To allow Jane time to undertake her new duties she will not be having her own class in 2018. Instead she will be working with groups of children during the morning from Teams 2, 3 and 4 or releasing classroom teachers to undertake leadership tasks or additional programmes. Jane will also co ordinate our professional development programme, the redevelopment of our own school curriculum and changes to our assessment and reporting procedures following the recently announced axing of National Standards in 2018. The changes in our associate principal responsibilities are being trialled for 2018 and will be reviewed later next year.

With these changes in staffing and duties we have made a number of appointments for 2018. Gina Hinds will be joining our Year 1 teaching staff. Gina is currently working in Christchurch having recently returned from overseas. Gill Hill is joining us from Ridgway School to work in Year 3 and 4.

Our teaching staff for 2018 is:

Principal

Jeremy Edwards

Associate Principals

Jane Batchelor – Curriculum

Hannah Fairbairn - Pastoral

Team 1

Room 1: Fiona Groube - Yr 1

Room 2: Gina Hinds - Yr 1

Room 3: Hannah Fairbairn - Yr 1 (from April)

Room 4: Alice Trail – Yr 2 (Team Leader)

Room 5: to be confirmed – Yr 2

Team 2

Room 6: Nathalie Lecaude – Yr 3 and 4 (Team Leader)

Room 7: Ange Scholten – Yr 3 and 4

Room 8: Gill Hill – Yr 3 and 4

Team 3

Room 9: Lizzie Ryan - Yr 5 and 6

Room 10: Juliet McPhee - Yr 5 and 6

Room 11: Vicky Harker – Yr 5 and 6 (Team Leader)

Team 4

Room 12: Alex Oliver – Yr 7 and 8 (Team Leader)

Room 13: Katie McGrath – Yr 7 and 8

Room 14: Fiona Valentine – Yr 7 and 8

Part Time Teachers

Eleanor Ainsworth, Karen Sturgeon (Reading Recovery), Eileen Brennan

A full list of all staff will be included with the last school newsletter for 2017.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Celebrating Student Success

EPRO8 – Congratulations to our students who will be representing Northland School in the final of this year's EPRO8 championship. This team won a spot in the final following a sudden-death play-off in the semi-finals.

Otago Problem Solving Competition

Congratulations to our students who received Certificates of Excellence or Merit in this year's Otago Problem Solving Challenge.

Several of our students were then selected to participate in the Grand Challenge where the top students in New Zealand competed in a very challenging hour-long maths assessment.

Year 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Conferences

We will shortly email all families with children in Year 1 and 2 who are due an anniversary report this term or if they have birthdays in December, and January and February 2018. We will include in the email information on how to make a booking online for a parent/teacher conference. Please contact the office if you would prefer the office to make an appointment for you.

End of Year Reports – Years 3 – 8 – Live from 11 December

End of year summary reports on student progress for children in Years 3 - 8 will be available through our parent portal from midday Monday 11 December. If you do not have Internet access or would prefer a hard copy of your child's report then please contact our school office.

Included in the report itself is your child's attendance for this year to date and, where relevant, their teacher and room for 2018.

Each report will be available to download for your family on our parent portal accessible from our website www.northland.school.nz. To access this secure site you will need to use the email address that you have supplied us and that you used in the middle of the year. If you have forgotten your password then click on **forgot password** and follow the prompts. You will receive an email from Massey University about this! Our student management system is based at the university and all changes are made through the university's cloud server.

All student reports from the last two years are always available to families through the parent portal. You can also check attendance for the year and relevant contact and personal information that we hold for you and your children. If any of this information is incorrect please let us know.

Team 1 Assembly

Families of children in Team 1 (Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 15) are warmly invited to our final assembly of the year in the Viggers Centre next Thursday, 7 December at 2:20pm. Please note the slightly earlier starting time and also that it is on Thursday, not Friday, because our Year 1 students have swimming lessons on Fridays. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Board of Trustees Meeting

The final Board meeting for the year is on Tuesday 5 December at 7pm. Board meetings are held in the staffroom and are open to all parents and caregivers of Northland School students.

Pizza Thursday

The final Hell Pizza Thursday is on 7 December. Pizzas cost \$5.50 and orders must be received by the school office by 3.00pm Wednesday 6 December. Order forms are available from the office or by download from the school's website. We regret that we are unable to accept late orders.

Last Days for Lunch Orders

The final day for Subway orders is Friday 8 December. The last day for sushi orders is Tuesday 12 December.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Northland School allows students in Years 3 – 8, with parental permission, to bring a Chromebook to school. There is no requirement or expectation for a student to have their own device. Please note that only Chromebooks are permitted to be brought to school for use in classrooms. Some of our senior students do have cellphones that are kept in their bags as these are for use after school.

In 2018 each Chromebook, either school or student owned, will have a Google Chrome Management Console downloaded. This will provide our staff with much greater control of

student access to the Internet when Chromebooks are at school. We will be able to monitor sites visited and activity much more easily. Each console costs \$40 per device and our Board of Trustees will fully fund this cost for both school and student-owned Chromebooks.

For further information about BYOD please check our website under the Useful Information tab.

Student Council News

The final Student Council activity for 2017 is a Fun Day to be held this Thursday 30 November. Each class will take part in some fun activities for an hour at Northland Park. There is no charge for this event as it is held to thank all our children for their support of the Student Council during the year.

Northland School Student Council

Pre-Christmas Raffle

The Leaver's Dinner Committee 2017 is having a fundraising Pre-Christmas Raffle: Tickets are available NOW for purchase at the office. Tickets are \$2.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets. 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. 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. We will be selling raffle tickets and ice blocks this Friday at Kelly Sports Summer Soccer Series at Ian Galloway Park. Thank you for your support. Queries to Ruth Abenojar-Yee at abenojar.yee@outlook.com.

Request To Borrow Christmas Lights

With the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner on Friday 8 December, we are looking to decorate the Northland Community Centre with as many fairy lights as we can. If anyone has any plain white or plain blue ones that we could borrow for the evening it would be most appreciated by the decorating team. If you are able to assist please contact Teresa Jordan by text on 021 507364 or by email Teresa.jordan12@gmail.com

School Library Books – please return

All school library books are now due. Please drop them off to the library in time for our annual inventory.

Our school library will be offering a Summer Holiday Reading Programme for all children in Years 1 - 4 (Teams 1 and 2). The children are welcome to borrow six books to be returned in the first week of Term 1, 2018. Be inspired to read over the school holidays! Please return all outstanding library books to be able to choose summer reading books next week (4 - 6 December).

Rachelle and Lizzie – our Library Team

Team 1 Request

Does anyone have a Max outfit from "Where the Wild Things Are"? Size 5 to 6 years. Team 1 would love to borrow it for a day. Please see Marie in Room 3 if you are able to help, thank you.

Quality of the Week – Generosity

Generosity is giving and sharing. It is giving freely because you want to, not with the idea of receiving a reward or a gift in return. Generosity is being aware that there is plenty for everyone. It is seeing a chance to give what you have and then giving just for the joy of giving. It is one of the best ways to show love and friendship.

Diary Dates for 2017

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, 7pm• 2018 New Entrant visits• EPRO8 Final – 5pm
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 visits• Team 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, 10.30am• Year 3 – 8 Student Reports go live, midday
Thursday 14 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Team 2 trip to Kilbirnie Rec Centre
Friday 15 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Year Assembly, 9.30am• School 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 Community Carols – Saturday 9 December, 5.30pm

Join in singing Christmas Carols at the Community Centre on Woburn Road on Saturday 9 December at 5.30pm. Everybody is welcome and there is a free sausage sizzle to finish.

Northland Memorial Community Centre

The NMCC Open Day will continue every Saturday from 10:15am-1:15pm until 16 December, 2017. Northland Memorial Community Centre, 5 Woburn Rd, Northland, Phone 475-8511.

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

Code Camp December/January Holidays

Samuel Marsden School: 18 – 21 Dec, 8 – 11 Jan, 15 – 18 Jan, 23 – 26 Jan

Maranui SLSC, Lyall Bay - 8 – 11 Jan, 15 – 18 Jan, 23 – 26 Jan

Thorndon Primary School - 8 – 11 Jan, 15 – 18 Jan]

Code Camp allows boys and girls from the ages of 7 - 12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence and initiative through design, creativity, solving problems and collaboration. Create games, apps and work with robots and electronic building blocks.

Book Now at www.codecamp.co.nz/holiday-codecamp

Northland Kidz Club's Holiday Programme – Before and After Christmas

Join us in our adventures each day as we're out-and-about in the Wellington region.

We'll be doing a lot of our old favourites (ice-skating, go-karting, mini-golf, Time Cinema, ten-pin bowling) as well as going to beaches, parks, play areas and swimming pools.

We'll be on the ferry to Somes/Matiu Island, attending Circus School, learning jazz musical theatre style dance, touring Government House and going to the Lego Exhibition at Te Papa. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards \$20), 8.30 a.m to 6 p.m each day.

For details, check out our website (www.nkc.org.nz) or contact Jan on cell (022-140-2612) , e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Northland Kidz Club - Meeting Children at 2 pm on the Last Day of School

We'll be meeting the kids when school finishes at 2 pm on Friday 15 December, and would love for you to join us at our end-of-year party. Come casually (\$20 per child) or as a regular (\$16

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per child). If you're not already booked in for this day, contact Lisa on 022-680-3075.

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/babysitting 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. My sister Hannah is also available for babysitting. She is going into Year 11 at Wellington Girls College.

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