



**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**



The whole school came together for our recent athletics day at Ben Burn Park

The Principal Point

At this time of the year we receive several enquiries each week about potential enrolments as families travel around the local schools as part of their upcoming move to Wellington early in the new year. Most of these families are very keen to enrol at Northland School however they are reliant on finding somewhere to live within the school's enrolment zone. Property is tightly held in this area and usually there is very little housing available either to rent or to

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buy. As a result our roll growth during the year is mostly through children turning 5 rather than families moving into the area. Some years there are a few families that leave us to live overseas or move to other parts of New Zealand. Our roll is very stable – it usually goes up or down by about 10 children each year. This year we started a fourth Year 1 class because of the number of children turning 5. Last year we did not need this additional class. We are expecting our final roll to be around 355 – 360.

We are starting to think ahead about class lists for 2018. The school will be making several staffing appointments in mid November with Marie Boyer-Blaikie's retirement and Emma McElrea's leave for 2018. Once these are completed we will be able to confirm teachers in rooms and Year groups.

When making up class lists we consider a number of factors:

- The numbers of children in different age groups (these range from 33 to 46)
- Specific learning needs for particular students or groups of students
- Gender issues – ensuring that there is a reasonable balance of boys and girls in each class – currently our roll has 177 girls and 176 boys – though the balance is not as even in each cohort.
- Maintaining a balance of abilities in each class
- The strong belief of the importance of lower class numbers. This always come through as important in our community surveys.
- Strengths of teachers and ensuring we have a balance in each Teaching Team
- Friendship groups or the need to separate particular friends!

A child may or may not be placed in a class or with a particular teacher for a variety of reasons. There are many variables to this process as outlined above. Everyone has the best interests of their child at heart and we try to do what is best for each individual child – we may not be able to offer exactly what a parent wants or believes is the best for their child but parents do have to rely on our professional judgement.

Information will shortly be mailed to families about the upcoming mid-term election for our Board of Trustees. Two current Board members, Sam Gain and Geoff Davenport, are coming to the end of their three year term and our returning officer will shortly be calling for nominations.

We are often asked what does a Board of Trustees do? First and foremost a board is accountable for student progress and achievement to its parents and community. The board has the overall responsibility for the school. This includes legal obligations covering curriculum, property, personnel, finance and health and safety.

Some specific things the board does include:

- Setting the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school and monitoring the board's progress against them.
- Monitoring and evaluating student progress and achievement.
- Overseeing the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.
- Ensuring that the educational needs and aspirations of Māori learners, Pasifika learners and learners with special education needs are identified, planned for and met.

- Fulfilling the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage.
- Appointing and supporting the principal and assessing their performance.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Board and how it operates please contact any member of the current Board. Their contact details are available on our school website under the Our People tab.

Jeremy Edwards – Principal

School News

Celebrating Student Success

Kapa Haka Festival

Our best wishes to the 48 students heading off to this year's Wellington School's Kapa Haka Festival to be held tomorrow, Thursday 26 October, at St Patrick's College Kilbirnie. Our thanks to Hemi Prime, our kapa haka tutor, and Katie McGrath, our lead teacher Te Ao Māori, who have worked tirelessly during the year to prepare our students for this special event.

EPRO8 – Congratulations to one of our EPRO8 teams who came second in their competition last week. This team now progress's to the semi final of this innovative technology challenge in late November. We have another two teams taking part in the initial competition in mid-November and hope to have one or both in the semi final as well.

Western Zone Athletics

Congratulations to our students who have been selected to represent Northland School at the Western Zone athletics sports on Friday 10 November

Whānau Hui

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the Term 4 Whānau Group Hui, on Monday 30 October at 7:00pm in the staffroom. Following this there will a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee.

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

Katie McGrath - Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori

Absences – Please let us know

If your child is going to be away for any reason please let our office staff know. At 9.30am we check up on uninformed student absences to ensure we know where everybody is.

Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot for 2018

The Board of Trustees has decided to hold a ballot for out of zone enrolment in Terms 1 and 2 2018. There are a limited number of places available across the school. Priority in any ballot is given to siblings of out of zone children already attending Northland School. Applications

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for the ballot close at 4pm on Friday 10 November. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Calendar Art – Extra orders

A further order will be made early in November if families would like additional copies of this year's calendar art. Please contact Julia or Ann in our school office for order forms

Pizza Thursday

The next Pizza Thursday, organised by the Home and School Committee, will be on Thursday 2 November. Order forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website. Orders need to be received by 3.00pm, Wednesday 1 November. Late orders are unable to be accepted.

School T Shirts

Please return all school T shirts to the office.

Scholastic Lucky Book Club – Issue 7

Issue 7 is now available online. There will be no catalogues distributed this term at school. If you would like to purchase any books, please **order and pay online** from the Scholastic website: www.scholastic.co.nz.

Books will be delivered to school and distributed to your children. Orders deadline: Monday 30 October. Any queries please see Rachelle Samaniego, our school librarian.

Cans for Good

Northland School is participating in Cans for Good - a programme to collect cans to fill the Salvation Army foodbanks. We are asking children to bring cans of food to school in the week 30 October to 3 November. We are planning to create a wonderful playground display on the final day, Friday 3 November. Thank you in advance for your support.

Subway School Lunches – not available Friday 3 November

Subway lunches will be unavailable on Friday 3 November.



Yummy Apple Stickers – Thank You

Thank you to the many families who munched their way through so many Yummy apples and sent the stickers to school. We have earned \$843 to spend on sports gear!

Quality of the Week – Loyalty

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals – when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed.

Diary Dates for 2017

Thursday 26 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kapa Haka Festival• ASB Stadium programme begins, Team 2
Monday 30 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whanau hui, 7pm
Tuesday 31 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 3 Sports Festival
Thursday 2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Postponement day for school athletics
Friday 3 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cans for Good Display
Monday 6 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ASB Stadium programme begins, Team 3
Thursday 9 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leavers Dinner Bake Sale
Friday 10 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Western Zone Athletics• Morning Tea for new parents, 9.00am
Tuesday 14 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Trustees, 7pm• EPRO8 Challenge, Team 4
Wednesday 15 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Student Council Ice Cream Day
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 Yr 8 boys• EPRO8 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

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.

Western Suburbs Halloween Party at the Northland Memorial Community Centre

Halloween has come to Western Suburbs! Food trucks, BYO and Coffee and Cake will entertain the adults while your mini-zombies dare to be terrified by our haunted cave.

From 5.00pm on 31 October at the Northland Memorial Community Centre in Woburn Road.

Updates will be posted on Facebook and Neighbourly.

PS Our haunted cave is different this year, so will provide some fresh thrills.

Simon's Halloween Display Has Moved to the Community Centre

Hi, I am Simon (an ex-Northland School student). In previous years you may have visited my Halloween garage on Farm Road. This year I am preparing a Halloween walk-through in conjunction with the Northland Community Centre. It will be at least 4 times larger than my previous displays. Over the past month I have spent a considerable amount of time on prop making and lighting design. I can't wait to share it with you: Northland Community Centre, 31 October, 5 pm onwards.

Cake Competition

The Northland annual cake competition is on **Saturday 11 November 3pm** Community Centre, lower hall. It is open to all school age bakers. This year we also have a new 8 years and under section.

This is a popular event and loads of fun, and of course we eat all the cakes!!!! Yum Yum!

Any questions call Anna 027 475 4243 or check it out on Facebook.

Northland House for Rent

Close to local school, shops, bus stops. 3 bedroom house, garage, fenced, flat garden, 2 large and 1 single bedrooms. Call Jo 021-190-4498.

Kelly Sports Term 4 – after school on Mondays

Kelly Sports is back in Term 4 with their fun and exciting classes after school. Kelly Sports encourages children to have fun, build confidence and to give sport a go. Summer Fun in the Sun! (Years 1 & 2) – Mondays 3.05 - 4.05pm. Learn the fundamentals of all sports – throwing, running, jumping, striking, balance and many more.

Summer Fun in the Sun! (Years 2 - 4) – Mondays 3.05-4.05pm - Come and try football, T ball, athletics and basketball. 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 email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français?

Alliance Française Wellington returns to Northland School every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm to offer French after school classes. A native qualified French teacher will teach the language through interactive learning, while playing and singing.

If your child is in Year 6 or above, you can enrol now. Just email Alliance Française: schools@french.co.nz or ring 04 472 12 72 A bientôt!

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 at 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. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to start (or continue) learning to play an instrument. 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

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 school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term to parents and friends. 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

Victoria University Wellington Cricket Club

Junior Have a Go Registrations are open!

If you have a child 3-5 years old and would like to introduce them to cricket in a fun way we have the programme for you! You never know, you could have a future Blackcap or Whitefern on your hands.

When: Friday nights 5pm – 6pm.

Dates: 27/10/2017- 15/12/2017 and 2/2/2018 – 23/3/2018

Where: Kelburn Park (if the weather doesn't play its part- Indoor facility will be communicated through email and our Facebook page) Please contact vucccdo@gmail.com to register.

Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club

Online enrolments are still open for Nursery grade (school years 0 and 1) and the Girls Only Sunday grade (school years 5-8). The girls only league starts on 12 November. Check out

<https://wellingtoncollegians.org/pages/juniors> for further info and how to register. Registrations for other grades have now closed for 2017/18.

Karori Amateur Athletics Club

Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6.00pm. Season starts 25 October and runs for 2 terms.

The Karori Athletics Club provides a fun environment with a mixture of games for ages 6 and under and track and field athletics for children from 7 - 15 years old. Keen athletes can represent Karori and compete in Inter-club events and other competitions during the season.

Parents measure, time, supervise and guide, encourage and cheer the kids on. It's a lot of fun and there's even a sausage sizzle! The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March.

For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: www.karoriathletics.org.nz

St. Benedict's School Fair - Khandallah.

Sunday 29 October, come along and enjoy an afternoon where there is something for everyone: Toys, clothing, a variety of food including an ethnic food stall, sweets, cakes, a café, craft, tombola, silent auctions, books and a Kids Zone including a chocolate trailer, sumo wrestling, a box maze, a bouncy castle and so much more. 11am to 2pm. Raffles and a [silent auction](#) with fantastic prizes up for grabs.

St. Anne's Northland Annual Fair

St. Anne's Northland Fair, Saturday 4 November 9.30am – 1.30pm in the Church hall. Meet your friends at our POP-UP CAFÉ, buy your Christmas cards and presents, children's toys, books and clothes. Crafts, plants and books, lunches, cakes, biscuits, jams and preserves.

Please leave any donations of goods at the back of the Church any weekday, please no adult's clothes or household goods. Want to know more? Contact Tony on (027) 279 2856.

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.

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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.

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