



**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

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The Principal Point

News from GPS Pea – our sister school in Tonga

Our contact in Pea village visited the school a couple of weeks ago to drop off a large amount of books funded by Northland School and its community. They were delighted to see that the verandah roof was fully repaired, the whole school repainted bright and fresh, and best of all, GPS Pea has a new purpose built library! They applied for a grant from the government via the local MP and were successful.

The school was able to build the library space from all new materials under the new roof of the verandah and on the extended verandah foundation. It is just a little smaller than a standard classroom, has windows only on the sheltered side, is freshly painted and has electricity connected (in anticipation of one day being able to have a computer and perhaps, according to the principal, even the internet!).

The school's Parent Teacher Association is working on funding the installation of shelving and then the books will be moved in. As far as is known, GPS Pea is the only primary school on the island with a standalone and purpose-built library.

GPS Pea sends its thanks to the Northland School community for enabling and inspiring this.

Whakatau – a welcome

On Thursday morning we hold our first-ever whakatau to welcome new children, their families and new staff members to Northland School. A whakatau is a simplified powhiri and at Northland School will be entirely led by our students. Our students will "call" our new people into the school – other students will reply on their behalf. All speeches for both tangata whenua and manuhiri will be given by our students as well. The whole school will support both groups with waiata. This will be followed by a hongi and then morning tea. Parents of new students are invited to meet in the staffroom at 9.15am for a short briefing before the whakatau commences at 9.30am.

Jeremy Edwards

- Principal

Teachers Strike Action – Friday 16 November – School Closed

Teachers who are members of NZEI (the teachers' union) will be taking industrial action on Friday 16 November. The school will not be able to provide any teaching or supervision arrangements for your children as all teaching staff are members of the NZEI. Families will need to make alternative arrangements for that day.

School News

Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot for 2019 – closes Friday 9 November

The Board of Trustees has decided to hold a ballot for out of zone enrolment in Terms 1 and 2 2019. There are a limited number of places available in Years 2 – 8. There are no places available at Year 1 in the first half of the year. 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 9 November. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Northland School Athletics

As the fog rolled in and the drizzle began we knew we were in the suburb of Karori. 'Fog City'! But nothing could hold back the enthusiasm of the Northland School pupils who continued to throw their hardest, jump their longest and run like the wind! As a safety measure the high jump was unable to be run as the ground was very slippery. This event will now be held at school whenever weather permits. You can all be very proud of yourselves Northland School for the amazing effort you put in on a "not such" a beautiful day.

A huge thank you goes out to all the parents who assisted on the day. Without you we would not have been able to run the athletics and you all did a tremendous job. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

A visual record of athletics day is displayed on the sports noticeboard.

Angela Scholten – Lead Teacher PE and Sport

Yummy Apple Stickers

Congratulations to all students, parents, grandparents, family friends who managed to eat their way through enough apples to earn the school \$704.00 in sporting equipment. Well done everyone. This money will be spent on balls to fill up next year's lunch time sporting buckets.

But there is more...

Please keep eating and collecting stickers in preparation for next year. I have sticker charts available if you need them from Room 7 or the office. Placing your stickers on these charts is incredibly helpful for when the countup time comes around.

Angela Scholten

Tennis Balls Please

Northland School are in need of tennis balls. If you have access to any that are surplus to your needs please send to Angela Scholten in Room 7. Thank you.

Subway Lunches – Not Available this Friday

There will be no subway lunches this Friday, 2 November.

Quality of the Week – Orderliness

Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organised and having a place for things when you need them. Orderliness is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going in circles. Orderliness is putting first things first, and taking care of things you need to do.

News from the Board of Trustees

Notes from the September and October 2018 Meetings

Principal's Report

- The School production was amazing and involved every child on stage. The Board thanked the staff for all their hard work.
- We had great results from this year's ICAS English and Maths competitions.
- Our fourth Year 1 class has started in Room 15. The projected roll for this class will be 11 by the end of the year.
- There will be a whakatau on Thursday 1 November to welcome new students and their families and whānau, and new teachers.
- We have a new person to take the choirs.
- ALiM has started operating in Team 2 and 3 with support from a mentor teacher.

Kāhui Ako (Communities of Learning)

- Two people have been appointed to the dual leadership role. There are six across-school leaders roles (one across school leader from each school). There are also 27 'in school' roles. As these are roll-based, Northland School is entitled to one position.
- The personal identity of each school is important to maintain. Ongoing effort needs to be made to keep close connections with local primary schools who have chosen not to join the Kāhui Ako.
- Drafts of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Achievement Challenge were shared with the Board.

Teaching and School Practice Survey

- Staff feedback on the results of this survey was shared with the Board.

Out of Zone ballot

The Board discussed having a ballot for Out of Zone Enrolment for first half of 2019 and made available a small number of places in Years 2 – 8. No places were made available at Year 1 owing to a shortage of classrooms next year. This decision will be reviewed in April 2019.

Student Wellbeing@School Survey

- The Board discussed the 2018 Wellbeing@School Survey that all Year 5 – 8 students completed at the end of Term 3. All schools in our Kāhui Ako also completed this survey. Information is collated under 5 headings: Schoolwide Climate and Practices, Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships, Pro-social Student Culture and Strategies and Aggressive Student Culture.
- Staff will be discussing the results to identify areas of interest and actions.

Curriculum Development

- Two draft versions of the Vision and Values statement were shared with the Board. It was agreed that we can move forward on the vision, once shared with the Whānau group for additional feedback.

Strategic Plan Discussion

Building Project

- Various behind the scene jobs need to be carried out before the construction can begin next year, such as the re-routing of the fibre optic cable and relocation of the library.
- Three contractors have been shortlisted to receive tender documents. All are experienced school contractors having already worked with the Ministry of Education.
- A Quantity Surveyor has been engaged to see if the building can be built within Ministry of Education allocated budget.
- The relocatable classroom will be on site before Christmas and will be utilised as required.
- Despite the low risk asbestos report the Ministry of Education wants the two-storey building wrapped in plastic for demolition to minimise any risk.
- The retaining wall along Northland Road has been inspected and some repairs will be needed.
- Wheelchair access via construction – there will be access available as necessary, with provision to have persons escorted across the site.
- A playground company has visited to look at our environment to suggest ideas for junior playground equipment. Time for us to consider what we have in place for our Year 1 and 2 students for the start of 2019.
- Now that we know where our building is going to be located it is time to re-engage with the Playground Committee to get this project moving again.

Health and Safety

- High Health Needs Funding has been reduced for 2019 as expected as those students were now older and expected to be more independent. The Board will assess any shortfall of funding to ensure students are safe.
- Western Suburbs principals have decided that host schools need to provide Risk Assessment Management Plans for any Western Suburbs event well in advance of any event happening.
- The six-month health and safety audit has been completed and the Northland School Student Health and Safety Group's report discussed. Any issues will be looked into and rectified as necessary. This will also include any Health and Safety matters arising from the Community Survey.

Community Survey

- The Community Survey has closed. Over 100 surveys had been completed, thanks to our families and whānau who took the time to complete this.
- Next step is to analyse results and shared these with the Board and then the school community.

Website Development

- A brief for a new website was shared with the Board.
- It was noted that it was important for the website to be mobile friendly.

HR

- There is a possible Teacher's strike on Friday 16 November (since confirmed).

Policy Review

- Use of Alcohol at School Functions – the Board Chairperson had spoken with the licensing authority and its stance of refusing to issue special liquor licences for events where children will be present has not changed. Northland school policy and procedures will be reviewed to clarify our position on this.
- Personnel policies have been reviewed and forwarded to the principal for comment. The next step in the process is to share these with staff and to invite feedback. This will be completed by the November meeting of the Board.

Finance

- The draft 2019 Operating Budget will be available to the Board in November. The Board will need to be thinking about budgeting for what to spend on the playground, the website and the larger cost items. It was noted that Northland School spends more on learning resources than other schools, who spend more on admin and property. The Board discussed this point and agreed that this would remain a priority.
- The School's working capital position remained well above the policy minimum as at the end of August 2018. The September accounts had yet to be received in time for the October meeting.
- The Board discussed the likelihood of a deficit budget in 2019 to reflect the provision of extra resources and programmes for students while the building project is underway.

Community

- The Principal and a board member attended the Urban Planning meeting at the Northland Community Centre. This was mainly focused on traffic management around the shops. The subject of Northland Park was raised, as a 2015 WCC Parks document had mentioned an action to discuss the Park with Northland School. It was agreed that a question would be included in the survey regarding the uses of Northland Park by the school and community. Councillor Diane Calvert advised she may apply for funding in next year's budget to start the process of the Urban Planning for Northland. The project is seen as a five-year journey.
- A speed radar has been in effect on Northland Road with regard to traffic speeding with a view to extending the reduction of the 30kph speed limit to past the school.
- The Board discussed the challenges of children keeping themselves warm when involved in sporting or activities outside of school but still displaying the school colours. The Board

agreed with a proposal to make hoodies, in the school colours and sporting the school logo, available for purchase and also have the opportunity to have a surname printed on its reverse. There will be a set of hoodies held at the office to be lend out for students attending sporting events.

- A whole school whakatau to welcome new families and students is on Thursday 1 November. This will be student led.
- Two Kapa Haka Festivals are coming up.

Next Board meeting is Tuesday 20 November at 7.00pm, in the staffroom. All welcome to attend.

Diary Dates for 2018

Term 4

1 November, Thursday	Pizza Thursday ASB Sports Centre, Team 3, programme commences Whakatau – 9.15am
6 November, Tuesday	Island Bay Marine Centre, Team 1
7 November, Wednesday	Island Bay Marine Centre, Team 1 Sports Tri Tournament, Team 4
8 November, Thursday	Gardasil injections, Year 8
9 November, Friday	Western Zone Athletics Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot closes, 4pm
14 November, Wednesday	Technology classes commence, Team 4 First Aid training, Team 2
15 November, Thursday	Scooter Skills, Team 2
16 November, Friday	Western Zone Athletics, postponement day
19 November, Monday	GRACI Project, interviews commence
20 November, Tuesday	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, staffroom
21 November, Wednesday	Kilbirnie Rec Centre, Team 2
22 November, Thursday	Student Council Ice Cream Day Kilbirnie Rec Centre, Team 2
26 November, Monday	Swimming commences, Year 1
27 November, Tuesday	Wellington athletics championships
6 December, Thursday	Team 1 Assembly Pizza Thursday
7 December, Friday	Student Council Fun Day
8 December, Saturday	Community Carols, 5pm, Community Centre
11 December, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm, library
13 December, Thursday	Reports go live, midday
14 December, Friday	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
17 December, Monday	Parent Thank You Morning Tea, 10.30am Team 4 Sports Day
18 December, Tuesday	Team 4 to Thorndon Pool
Thursday 20 December	End of Year Community Assembly. 9.30am School closes, 2pm

Term Dates for 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Term Dates for 2019

Term 1: Monday 4 February– Friday 12 April

Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July

Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September

Term 4: Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 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

Will you be Northland cake champ this year??

The Northland annual cake competition is on **Saturday, 10 November, 3pm** at Northland Community Centre in the Lower Hall. It is open to all school age bakers. We also have our juniors 8 years and under section.

This is a popular event and loads of fun, and of course we eat all the cakes!!!! Yum Yum! It is free to enter. Any questions call Anna 027 475 4243 or check it out on Facebook.

Northland Kids Club – Friday 16 November - Full-Day Care Available

Northland Kidz Club is offering a holiday programme day from 8.30 am to 6 pm, based at the St Anne's Hall by the Northland Shops. We'll probably be going to the Karori Pool, as the kids enjoyed it so much last time, but we're open to other ideas so let us know! Bring your morning tea and lunch – we'll be providing afternoon tea, as usual.

The cost will be the holiday programme rate of \$45 per child per day (\$20 for the third child onwards from the same family).

Please book in as soon as possible, so that we know how many children to cater for.

Contact: Lisa (022-680-3075), Jan (022-140-2612) or e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com).

Code Club – After School

An afterschool code club will be running for Year 7 and 8 children on Tuesday 3.15 to 4.15pm in Room 8. Come along and learn how to build a game or website. For more information contact Emily on 0212439273.

St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair

The St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair will be held in the Church/Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads) from 9.30am – 1.30pm on Saturday 10 November. Meet your friends at the pop-up cafe; stock

up your garden and your pantry; buy your Christmas presents. There will be lots of children's clothes, books and toys, crafts, plants, lunches, cakes and preserves. Fair contributions will be gratefully accepted – leave in the Church on the back pews in the week leading up to the fair. Please, no adult clothes or household goods this year.

Karori Arts and Crafts Centre

“**Craft and Quilt Fair**” from 16 – 18, 10am – 4pm each day. Our Family day is 17 November from 10am – 4pm which will have a fun festival feel with loads of great crafts and quilts for sale, Xmas presents as well as face painting, lollies, baking, lucky dips and more. We'd love to see you there! If you'd like to see some craft/spinning/painting demonstrations these will also be on from 2-4pm.

Piano and Singing Lessons

Hi everyone, my name is Michaela Cadwgan and I am teaching after school piano and singing lessons at Northland School. If you are interested in lessons you can contact me on my phone 021 147 0674, or via email at michaela.cadwgan@gmail.com.

Raise the Roof for Wests!

The gym at Wests Rugby needs a new roof so we're holding a RockBingo fundraiser on Saturday, 10 November. It's eighties music, lots of fun, and no maths ability required. Dress up optional, so feel free to don a mullet wig and pull out your favourite rock concert tee-shirt. There are some great live and silent auctions and spot prizes up for grabs. Tickets are \$30 per person, or book a table for 10. Doors open at 6.30pm at Wests clubrooms, Ian Galloway Park. Contact Gina on 021 446 261 for tickets, or email westsroof@gmail.com

Open Day

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our next Open Day on Saturday 3 November, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz. We look forward to seeing you there.

Karori Amateur Athletics Club

Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6pm. The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March. For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: www.karoriathletics.org.nz

Sea Dogs Swimming

Pirates swim team offers a Tuesday night session for swimmers who want to swim once per week. The newly developed 'Sea Dogs' squad offers a structured session focusing on skills, swim fitness and fun. It offers the chance to try squad swimming and can be a pathway to competitive swimming if the swimmer chooses. Sea Dogs is the perfect way to keep your swimming up in a fun environment while balancing all other activities.

Classes run from 6.30pm - 7.15pm or 7.15pm - 8pm. If you are interested, please email our coordinator Fleur at karori.pirates.tues.night@gmail.com to arrange an assessment.

Wellington Curtain Bank – seeking donations

Bring warmth to another home, donate your pre-loved curtains to Wellington Curtain Bank today. Wellington Curtain Bank upcycles and lines pre-loved curtains to people who need help to create warmer, healthier homes. You can help by donating your good quality, clean curtains at the Sustainability Trust's EcoCentre, 2 Forrester's Lane (off Tory St), central Wellington
Open Mon - Sat, 9am to 4.30pm