



**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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Last week our Year 6 students were welcomed onto Te Herenga Waka Marae at Victoria University

Northland School Biennial Parent Community Survey 2018 – Closing Soon

Every two years, as part of our self-review process, the Northland School Board of Trustees conducts a community survey to determine if our school currently meets the needs of our children and the expectations of our families and whānau. The information you share gives us valuable feedback to inform and strengthen our decision-making capabilities regarding the budget, the curriculum, our school charter and policies.

The survey closes on Monday 1 October.

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A Message from the NZ Police

On Saturday afternoon a girl was approached by a man in a car as she was running along the footpath on Pembroke Road. The man asked her to get in the car and said he would then take her to a playground. The girl immediately ran home and subsequently the police were contacted.

The NZ Police would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and caregivers of students:

- Teach your child how to get safely to and from school and other places they go – whether they walk, bike or go by bus.
- Make clear rules about getting home.
- Go to school with your child so that you can show them the safest route. Try to use main arterial routes with more people around and avoid walkways and isolated areas.
- Teach them to deal with hazards like narrow footpaths or busy roads.
- If they walk, make sure they always use pedestrian crossings.
- Who does your child walk home with? Meet the parents of children in your area and keep in touch.
- Teach the children to walk home together in twos or small groups, not alone.
- Make other arrangements if someone is away.
- Anyone who has an immediate concern for their safety should not hesitate to call 111.
- We actively encourage students to report anything that makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable. This can be to a trusted adult, a teacher or the Police.

The Principal Point

The end of a very busy term has suddenly arrived and both staff and students are looking forward to a well-deserved break. It also provides a chance for everyone to completely get rid of those coughs, colds and stomach bugs that seem to have affected so many over the last few weeks.

Snapshots from the Past was a major event for all of us. We are very proud of what everyone in our learning community achieved and know that all will remember their involvement in it. We also know that the video has been screened many times and that there are naturally many favourite scenes. Again our thanks to the many people in our community who helped us bring *Snapshots* to the stage.

We have been involved with other things this term and our students have achieved amazing results in so many endeavours. Academic achievement has been staggering in the NIWA Science Fair, ICAS assessments and Mathswell but our students have also been involved in sporting events, a music festival, swimming lessons and visits to exhibitions or other similar events. As always we could not offer many of these opportunities without parental support. This support is really what makes the difference – thank you.

In Term 4 we begin the process of organising our school for 2019 by considering the number of students we have in the various year groups and their particular learning needs. We think a great deal about our staffing and their teaching strengths and preferences, any changes of personnel and where they might teach plus we have the proposed building project that will

affect the physical layout of the school. We will need to rehouse two classrooms and our library and staffroom. Lots of planning for 2019 is already underway.

Building Project Update

The building project is about to reach an important milestone with the Ministry of Education. Detailed designs are now with the Ministry and are about to be sent to a quantity surveyor for another round of costings. **If** these come within the project's build budget the designs are then peer reviewed for weather tightness and seismic assessment.

If the designs pass all these milestones it is expected to be up for tender to the three shortlisted main contractors who were selected through an Expressions of Interest process in July. Tenders close just before Christmas. **If**, (yet another one), tenders come within budget then we are expecting the project to be let early in 2019 with contractors on site in mid-March. There are many *ifs* to be resolved before we have a definite start date.

In the meantime we are expecting one relocatable classroom on school grounds before the end of the year. To enable the project to proceed once the contract has been let, Rooms 4, 5 and the library will be demolished – the rest of the school will be unaffected. During construction Rooms 4 and 5 will be relocated to the current staffroom and the relocatable classroom. The library and staffroom will share Room 15 for the 12 – 15 months build time for Stage One. We have already begun planning how to downsize our library stock ready for the move to Room 15 at the start of 2019.

Stage One will see the construction of the equivalent of 10 classrooms built in a three learning studio environment. A separate but connected library will be built at the same time.

Stage Two will see the demolition of the existing two storey block and the construction of a new large hall area in the space currently occupied by the bars opposite the main entrance to the Viggers Centre. External views of the design are available on our website under the Building tab.

As decisions are finalised and milestones reached we will keep everyone informed of progress.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

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Celebrating Student Achievement

We have just received the results of this year's ICAS English. This year, out of 63 participants, 47 gained awards:

7 High Distinctions (top 1% in NZ)

16 Distinctions (next 9% in NZ)

22 Credits (next 20%)

2 Merit Awards (close to meeting the threshold for Credit)

Community Assembly – Changes

This term we will **not** be holding a community assembly on the last day of the term at the Community Centre. All our performing arts energy went into our whole school production! Instead our kapa haka group will be performing at 2.30pm on Friday 28 September outside Rooms 12 – 14 (weather permitting). The kapa haka group will be participating in a festival and a competition in late October and this is a chance for them to perform in front of an audience. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Sunhats in Term 4

A reminder that all students will need sunhats from the start of Term 4. Following Sunsmart guidelines please note that a brimmed hat is required. Caps do not provide sufficient protection.

2019 Start of the Year – Confirmed Start Date

Northland School will start the 2019 school year on Monday 4 February.

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tonight and Tuesday 16 October

The deferred September meeting of the Northland School Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday 26 September. The October meeting of the Board is on Tuesday 16 October – the first Tuesday at the start of Term 4. Meetings are held in the staffroom commencing at 7pm and are open to families and whānau in the Northland community.

End of Term / Start of Term 4 / Labour Day

School closes for the end of term this Friday, 28 September, at 3pm.
Term 4 commences on Monday 15 October at 8.55am.
Northland School will be closed on Monday 22 October for Labour Day.

Lost and Found

Our lost property boxes are full of coats and winter clothes. We have returned all named clothing but still have plenty of unclaimed garments. Property boxes are in the Room 1 cloakroom, at the top of the stairs near the library and at the back of Room 10.

High Jump and Fosbury Flop

We are currently providing opportunities for our students to practise their high jump skills in preparation for our school athletics day on Wednesday 24 October. A number of our older students are keen to use the Fosbury Flop rather than scissor legs when jumping.

The Fosbury Flop is a very specialised jumping technique and should only be used when a person has been trained correctly in its use. None of our staff are trained in how to teach this technique and we are only allowing students who have been taught at an athletics club or by someone qualified to use this style. If your child has been trained properly then please contact me and we will allow them to use this style.



Super Hero and Dress Up in Red Day

Friday 28 September

The Student Council is raising funds for Cure Kids NZ and is holding a special day on the last day of the term. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite super hero or just dressed in red. We are asking for a gold coin donation to support the research sponsored by Cure Kids NZ.

Student Councillors will be visiting classrooms on Thursday and Friday this week to collect all those gold coins.

Quality of the Week – Peacefulness

Peacefulness is an inner sense of calm. It comes especially in quiet moments of reflection or gratitude. It is getting very quiet and looking at things so you can understand them. Peacefulness is a way of approaching conflict with others so that no one is made wrong. It is being fair to others and yourself. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. With peacefulness, everyone wins.

Diary Dates for 2018

Term 3

26 September, Wednesday	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, staffroom
28 September, Friday	Superhero Dress Up Day Kapa Haka Performance, 2.30pm End of Term, School Closes – 3pm

Term 4

15 October, Monday	Term 4 begins
16 October, Tuesday	BoT, 7pm, staffroom
18 October, Thursday	Great NZ Shakeout – Earthquake drill, 9.30am
22 October, Monday	Labour Day, school closed
23 October, Tuesday	Kapa Haka Festival
24 October, Wednesday	School Athletics Day
25 October, Thursday	Athletics Day postponement
26 October, Friday	Kapa Haka Competition
29 October, Monday	Whānau hui, 7pm, staffroom
1 November, Thursday	Pizza Thursday ASB Sports Centre, Team 3
6 November, Tuesday	Island Bay Marine Centre, Team 1
7 November, Wednesday	Island Bay Marine Centre, Team 1 Sports Tri Tournament, Team 4
9 November, Friday	Western Zone Athletics tbc
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, tbc

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.

Draft Guidelines on Religious Instruction in State Schools

Have your say about guidelines on religious instruction in state primary and intermediate schools and kura. The Ministry of Education is consulting on draft guidelines on religious instruction in state primary and intermediate schools and kura. The guidelines seek to make the rights of children and their families, and the obligations of school boards of trustees, clearer in relation to religious instruction.

If this issue is of interest to you, you can find out more about the guidelines and how to make a submission on the Ministry's website www.education.govt.nz

Piano and Singing Lessons

Hi everyone, my name is Michaela Cadwgan and I will be teaching after school lessons from Northland starting in term 4. If you are interested in lessons you can contact me on my phone 021 147 0674, or via email at michaela.cadwgan@gmail.com.

Clothing Collection

The first week of each term we run a clothing collection. Items donated will go directly to children in a decile one school in the Wellington region. If you are sorting through your clothes for the change of season please keep this clothing collection in mind. Collection will be Term 4, October 15 – 22. Thank you for holding on to your donations until then.

Lost Scooter

Black Micro scooter. Please return to school or contact Toby on 0274353170

Dog Walking

Hello, I am a Year 4 student at Northland. I want to spend time with dogs and get experience with walking them. If I can help you with walking your dog please contact me via Rm 7 - completely free. I have some adults who can help me if needed. Thank you.

Summer Hockey League, Term 4

Seeking a couple more Year 3/4 girls who would like to play in a six week summer hockey league in Elsdon Park, Porirua on Monday evenings next term. Matches are six-a-side and complete beginners are most welcome. If your daughter is interested in playing, please contact Leanne on 0273161273 for more information.

Kelly Club October Holiday Programmes – Wilton and Newtown

Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the October school holidays at the Wests Rugby Clubrooms in Wilton from 1 – 12 Oct 2018. 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. The programmes are packed with activities to entertain and inspire children.



Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français?

French is back at Northland School in Term 4.

Details:

- 2 groups: Year 2 to Year 4, & Year 5 to Year 8
- every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm
- onsite at your school
- from 16 Oct to 11th Dec
- Price: \$135 for 9 weeks
- run by our team of native qualified French teachers

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (schools@french.co.nz), or ring 472 1272.

Northland Kidz Club – October Kids Theatre Production

Kids Theatre Production comes to Northland in the School Holidays. Wednesday, 3 October, 2 p.m at St Anne's Hall (behind the brick church by the Northland Shops, on the corner of Northland and Randwick Rds). Suitable for all ages, "GoldiSNOWerellaHOOD" (by Dramatic Giraffe) is very interactive – you, the audience, help to tell the real story. \$5 per person (a gold coin donation for under-3's). Limited seats available.

Book with Jan on cell (022-140-2612) or e-mail (nkc.jan@gmail.com). See you there !

Two-Week October Holiday Programme – Northland Kidz Club

Every day, we're out-and-about exploring the Wellington area. We'll be ice-skating, swimming, go-karting and playing mini-golf, seeing kids theatre productions, playing laser tag and going on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Basin Reserve, not to mention a guitar concert and going back in time with original cartoons and films at Time Cinema in Lyall Bay. \$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).

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 \$19 for a full session, \$12 for a half 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

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(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