



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Newsletter

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Scenes from the recent PJ and Hot Chocolate day

Our Student Council served hot chocolate as part of its recent PJ Day. Our thanks to the parents and grandparents who offered to help with mixing 300 drinks in 40 minutes.

The Student Council raised over \$300 as part of its efforts this term to support Starship Hospital.

Later this term the Student Council will be hosting Northland School Idol. NS Idol has become a very popular event and provides the opportunity for our students to share their skills and talents with the rest of the school. There are two "shows" – Wednesday 27 September for children in Years 5 – 8 (Teams 3 and 4) and Thursday 28 September for Years 1 – 4 (Teams 1 and 2).



NS Idol provides the opportunity for our "stars" to showcase their talents in singing, playing an instrument, acting, standup comedy, dancing, circus skills etc. Children can perform by themselves or in small groups.

This is an opt in event for those keen to take part. Our audiences love seeing so many young people on stage sharing their talents.

The Principal Point

We are holding a playground development meeting in the staffroom at 7.30pm tonight (Wednesday 5 September). Parents are invited to attend and to contribute to the next steps in our playground development project.

Four years ago a group of enthusiastic parents, Board of Trustees members and staff met to devise a long term development to replace the old playground equipment in the main part of the school's playground. This enthusiastic group of people raised over \$100,000 in less than 18 months to provide something very different for our young people to use during the school day and for the community to use after school hours and in the weekend. We set up a "Give a Little" page and also had a section about the development proposals on our school website.

And then the building project came along...

As a result the playground development has had to be put on hold until a decision on the building's location was made by the Ministry of Education, funding allocated and a timeline for construction finalised. After nearly 5 years decisions on location have been confirmed and preliminary building designs are currently being analysed by the Ministry and we are waiting their formal approval expected at the end of this month.

Now we can move forward with our playground development as we have a much better idea of what grounds we have available once the building project is completed. We will still have to wait until parts of the new building are completed and the old two storey building is demolished before space becomes available.

Many of the people who joined the original committee four years ago no longer have children at Northland School. Their initial vision and drive helped us build a substantial fund and we are grateful for their commitment and enthusiasm. It is now time for a new group of parents and caregivers to join us.

Next week assessors from the National Monitoring Study of Student Achievement (NMSSA) will be working with 25 of our Year 8 students. An information session for interested parents will be held in the staffroom on Monday 11 September at 3.15pm.

The purpose of NMSSA is to get a broad picture of student achievement in New Zealand. It does this by assessing nationally representative samples of New Zealand school students at successive points in time so that:

- trends in educational performance can be identified and reported;
- factors that influence student achievement can be identified and reported;
- good information is available to assist policy makers, curriculum specialists and educators with their planning;
- the public has more information about trends in educational achievement.

Next week is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori and we are using the occasion to launch our new school whakatauki. It is also the Team 1 assembly, the NIWA science fair and interzone swimming sports – just another busy week at Northland School.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

School News

Artsplash Choir and Dancesplash

Letters outlining arrangements for this year's Artsplash Choir and Dancesplash performances have been distributed to those children involved. Tickets are available from the school office.

Letter to Team 4 Parents

A letter to parents about digital citizenship and online practices has been distributed to Team 4 students.

Team 1 Assembly

Team 1 children are looking forward to presenting a variety of folk dances at the Team 1 assembly next Thursday 14 September at 2.30pm in the Viggers Centre at school. Please note that the assembly this term is on Thursday so as not to conflict with Year 2 swimming on the Friday.

Calendar Art – Viewing Days

Students have been working hard to produce creative designs for their calendar artwork as a fundraiser for the school. Their masterpieces can be viewed this Thursday 7 September between 3 - 5pm or on Friday 8 September before school. Order forms for calendars, notepads, diaries and greeting cards are included with this week's newsletter.

Tennis Balls

If anyone has any spare tennis balls Northland School would be very grateful for your donation. Please bring to Room 7. Thank you.

Angela Scholten – Lead Teacher: PE and Sport

Quality of the Week – Appreciation

Appreciation is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you and within you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life.

Term Dates for 2017

Term 3:	Monday 24 July – Friday 29 September
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

Diary Dates for 2017

Wednesday 6 September	• Playground Meeting, 7.30pm, staffroom
11 – 15 September	• Maori Language Week
Monday 11 September	• Year 2 Swimming programme begins
13 – 15 September	• NIWA Science Fair – Team 4
Thursday 14 September	• Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
Monday 18 September	• Artsplash Choir, 7.45pm
Tuesday 19 September	• Board of Trustees, 7.00pm
Wednesday 20 September	• Year 1 and 2 parent teacher conferences
Thursday 21 September	• Artsplash Dance, 7.45pm
Tuesday 26 September	• Western Zone Netball
Wednesday 27 September	• NS Idol – Teams 3 and 4
Thursday 28 September	• NS Idol – Teams 1 and 2
Friday 29 September	• End of Term Community Assembly, 9.30am • School closes at 3.00pm for term break • Loud Shirt Day

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.

Lost

Have you found a small pink teddy bear at school?

She was lost on PJ day. If you have found her could you please return her to room 5.

Kids Only Polling Booth – 20 - 23 September

Our kids only polling booth will be open 3.30 – 5.00pm Wednesday - Friday and all day Saturday at: Vogelmorn Bowling Club, 93 Mornington Road, Brooklyn, Wellington.

Results will be announced at our Election Night Party. Kids can not only vote for whatever they want, they can even run for election!

Barbarian Productions are recent winners of the Wellington Community Awards 2017 for Arts and Culture. Kids' Polling Booth is a part of our annual Spring Uprising mini-festival celebrating arts for social change.

To see the full programme visit Facebook/SpringUprising or www.barbarian.co.nz

Mind Health for Parents

Parenting isn't easy, and not for the fainthearted. As parents, we want the best for our kids and at times can wonder if we're getting it right. You are not alone. This seminar will help you discover strategies to outsmart your kids as well as meet their deep needs. You will be taken

on a *practical and light-hearted* journey to strengthen you as a parent and find ways to raise capable kids. To register email: office@thesmashclub.org.nz
Childcare for children 5 and over available: \$5 per child (includes pizza) - drop off 3:15 pm at The SMASH Club Hall. Please note this on your registration (limited spaces) 17 September at Karori Anglican Church, \$20 per person and \$30 per couple, 3.30 – 5.30pm. Seminar presented by: Richard Black, MCouns (Distinction), MNZAC
Strength to Strength <http://www.strength2strength.co.nz/>

Weet-Bix – Kids Tryathlon 2018

Sign up is now open for the Weet-bix Tryathlon – sign up details are available online
At www.try.weetbix.co.nz

Summer Series Football and Netball

Get your friends together and enter a team in our popular 5-a-side Football or Netball Summer Series Leagues. Played on Friday afternoons at Ian Galloway Park (Football) and Samuel Marsden and Victoria University in Karori (Netball) beginning 20 October 2017 (Netball) and 27 October 2017 (Football). A great way to maintain and improve your skills over the summer months. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellysports.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201.

Junior Touch at Alex Moore Park

After school Mondays - week competition in Term 4 and Term 1 - Years 3 and 4, 5 and 6, 7 and 8. Mixed, boys and girls grades, Up to 10 players per team.
Touch is a fun and easy sport to learn and to get kids active. Total Touch run junior modules all over the Wellington region and have invited our school to enter teams into the Johnsonville module this summer. Each season is 6 weeks, games are 30 minutes, games are played from 4pm, all players get a prize at the end of the season.
Parents are needed to manage, coach and supervise touch teams. Total Touch offer support and courses for coaches. Registrations will go ahead only if there are parents to take the teams and enough players to make up a team. Depending on numbers the cost is approx. \$16-20 per player. Head to www.totaltouch.org.nz for more information

Wellington Collegians Junior Cricket Club

Online Enrolments for the 2017-2018 season are open at
<https://wellingtoncollegians.org/pages/juniors>

We have teams from Nursery Grade (Year 0-1) to Year 8 – catering for primary school boys and girls of all ages and abilities.

Dual pitch cricket is a great, fast format for Years 2 and 3 played with a soft cricket ball. All players get a good bat and bowl, participating in the game the entire time. Finished in about an hour.

Come along in person to our Enrolment Day **Saturday 23 September, 10am – 12pm** at our Anderson Park Clubrooms at the Botanic Gardens (next to the Rose Gardens). Committee members will be on hand to answer any questions.

Zumba Fitness in Wilton

Would you like to try out a Zumba Fitness class? Zumba classes are held at the Otari School Hall, 166 Wilton Road, Wilton. Come along and experience the benefits of Zumba Fitness. Classes are suitable for beginners and all levels of fitness. Options will be given to suit your fitness needs.

Please note: The Zumba classes will be held in Northland from 2018.

When: Wednesday 7.15pm – 8.15pm Friday 6.15pm – 7.15pm. \$8 per class, students \$5 First class free. 5 and 10 trip tickets are available. Contact: Annick 021 462 042 or email zumbawithannick@gmail.com

Code Club – Afterschool on Fridays

Code Club will be running in Term 3 for Team 4 students on Friday afternoons from 4.00 until 4.45pm. Please contact emilymasonnz@gmail.com if you are interested.

Guitar Lessons – Afterschool Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

Hello! My name is Aabir and I'm a guitarist with a Master's degree from the New Zealand School of Music. I take guitar lessons at the school library on Mondays from 3.00 to 6.00pm, Tuesdays from 4:00 to 6.00pm, Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6.00pm and **Fridays from 3:30 to 5.00pm (New)**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to start (or continue) learning the guitar so if you are interested or would like more information please get in touch.

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

Babysitting

My name is Isla Killalea and I am a Year 11 student at Wellington Girls College, as well as a former Northland School student. I am interested in any babysitting/pet caring jobs available as I have previous experience in both of these jobs, so if you are needing someone to fulfil either of these please contact me further by texting my mobile number 0223118894.

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 Friday's. 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

October Holiday Programme - Northland Kidz Club

Join us in our adventures each day as we're out-and-about in the Wellington region. We'll be swimming, ice-skating, go-karting and playing mini-golf. Going to kids theatre productions, playing laser tag, doing a hip hop dance workshop, and watching more old-style movies at our favourite Time Cinema. In between, we'll be playing at parks and beaches. \$45 per child per day (third child onwards \$20). 8.30am to 6.00pm 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)

Pridelands Fun Holiday Adventures

October Holidays at Otari School and Berhampore School.

Dates: 2 – 13 October 2017 from 7.00am – 7.00pm 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

Kelly Club October Holiday Programmes

Kelly Club offers full time Holiday Programmes during the October school holidays at the Wests Rugby Clubrooms in Wilton from 2 – 13 October.

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. For full details and to enrol into our programmes visit www.kellyclub.co.nz email adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz or call 04 972 7201

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