

Team 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to a warm and sunny school year. Term 1 includes several events such as our school picnic on Friday, sports at the ASB Centre starting tomorrow, PATs, and Parent/Teacher Conferences. This term we welcome several students new to the school: Sophie Davis, Riley Polglase and Arthur Osborne in Rm 8, as well as a new teacher to Northland School: Gill Hill, also in Rm 8.

A Word of Introduction from the Team 2 Teachers

Nathalie Lecaude (Room 6)

I have been teaching for more than 20 years, the last 10 of which have been at Northland School, my favourite school of all! I am team leader in Team 2 and also responsible for ICT at Northland.

I have a French father and Dutch mother but grew up in Wellington, studying at Wellington Girls' College then Victoria University. I have also lived in the Netherlands and New Caledonia. I now live in Karori with my furkid Fleur (a greyhound). I love travel and languages, and am trying to improve my te reo Māori.

Angela Scholten (Room 7)

I am a born and bred 'Wellingtonian', unique in the fact that I lived my childhood in Karori, was educated in Karori, and became an educator in Karori. Although I must mention, I have also had a life outside of Karori!

I have been teaching at Northland School for 7 years in various teaching levels and absolutely love it. Teaching certainly is my passion. I am the Sports/Health Coordinator and have the opportunity to work with all age groups across Northland School.

I thrive in taking part in sport and outdoor activities, not only during school time but in my personal time: biking, walking, tramping and gardening.

Gill Hill (Room 8)

I am really excited to be beginning a new journey at Northland School this year and have already experienced the warmth of the staff and community.

I was born in Okato, Taranaki and grew up in New Plymouth. I began teaching in the 80s, then I travelled, which led to my working in finance overseas for many years. Upon returning, I chose Wellington to settle in and raise my two children, who are now teenagers.

In the weekends I can be found supporting my son at tennis or football or enjoying a flat white at my local cafe.

Diary Dates

9 February School Picnic

21 February Meet the Teacher

13 March Yr 3 Sports Festival

27 & 28 March P/T Conferences

13 April Community Assembly

Special Requests

Please send school portfolios (blue folders) back to school and also any library books borrowed as part of the Summer Reading programme.

We are grateful for any items such as wool, newspapers, magazines or ice cream containers you no longer need.

About Team 2

Starting the day

School begins at 8.55am however children are welcome to be in the classroom from 8.30am and get ready for the day. Children arriving earlier than 8.30am need to go Before School Care in the library.

Homework

Children will be bringing home a spelling notebook with words to learn for the week. Some students will also bring home a book to read. If your child does not bring a book from school, they are expected to read a book from home. Some children may occasionally be given work to complete at home if they have been unable to do so during class time.

Library

The issuing/return day is usually Friday. Our Year 3s may have up to three books issued at a time, Year 4s up to four books.

Sun safety

Please ensure your child has a sunhat at school for Terms 1 and 4. Sunscreen is also recommended.

Clothing and other personal items

We encourage all personal items, especially clothes, to be named. Please note that toys should not be brought to school. If you would like your child to use an art shirt, please send a named shirt to school.

Contacting the teachers

If you have any concerns or questions, we are happy to answer any emails or arrange a time to meet.

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Learning in Team Two this term

Topic

For the first 4 weeks of this term we will be getting to know each other better with a health unit looking at personal qualities and relationships entitled "All About Me". From week 5 onwards we will be learning about minibeads in a science unit.

Literacy

We continue the Accelerated Literacy Learning programme this year to develop writing skills. Reading sessions will take place daily, involving fiction and non-fiction texts as well as poetry.

Maths

In weeks 1 - 4 we will be collecting data, presenting it in graph form and interpreting graphs as part of a statistics unit. In weeks 5 - 10 we will be focusing on addition and subtraction strategies as well as developing our number knowledge.

PE & Team Sport

The children will be participating in gymnastics, speedball and floorball at the ASB Sports Centre on Thursday afternoons in weeks 1-6 and have softball sessions on Mondays in weeks 3-6. From weeks 7 to 10 we will be playing cooperative games. There will also be fitness sessions on Tuesday mornings. Children will need appropriate footwear to participate in our sporting sessions.

Visual Art

This term we will be focussing on portraits, sketching and painting related to our topic work.

Māori

Our Māori programme includes aspects of both te reo and tikanga. In Term 1 we are very fortunate to have the support of Hemi Prime as we review greetings, our mihi and members of the family, as well as some classroom expressions.

We very much look forward to getting to know you and teaching your children this year.

Kind regards,

Nathalie, Angela and Gill