

Team 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

A warm welcome back to a new school year. We hope you enjoyed a pleasant and restful break. Term 1 includes several events such as our school picnic on Thursday, Meet the Teacher evening, the Year 3 Sports Festival, PATs, and Parent/Teacher Conferences. This term we welcome a new student to the school: Ana Grubor in Room 6, as well as a new teacher to Northland School: Trish Scofield 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.

Trish Scofield (Room 8)

Originally from Dunedin, I am thrilled to have returned from Melbourne to take up a position at Northland School. I am from a theatrical background and like to bring the creative arts into my teaching. Teaching has taken me to schools in South Australia, Victoria and the UK. I have a passion for literacy and enjoy watching children become avid readers and writers.

I have an adult daughter and two fluffy white dogs, Arlo and Ella, who keep me entertained and busy when I am not at work.

I am looking forward to working in the wider community of Northland School.

Diary Dates

6 February Waitangi Day

7 February School Picnic

12 February Meet the Teachers

7 March Yr 3 Sports Festival

12 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, wallpaper offcuts, 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. We will also be sharing digital documents and encouraging your child to review or practise work using these. 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

Please name all personal items, especially clothes. 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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Trish Scofield (Rm 8) trishs@northland.school.nz

Learning in Team Two this term

Topic

For the first 3 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 4 onwards we will be learning about taking care of the environment with a "Keep New Zealand Beautiful" 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 - 3 we will be collecting data, presenting it in graph form and interpreting graphs as part of a statistics unit. In weeks 4 - 10 we will be focusing on addition and subtraction strategies as well as developing our number knowledge.

PE & Team Sport

The children will be playing cooperative games on Monday afternoons in weeks 1-4 followed by football sessions in weeks 5-9. There will also be fitness sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Children will need appropriate footwear to participate in our sporting sessions.

Visual Art

This term we will be focussing on self-portraits (in a variety of media) and collage.

Māori

Our Māori programme includes aspects of both te reo and tikanga. In Term 1 we will be learning or reviewing numbers, days of the week and classroom vocabulary and expressions.

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

Kind regards,

Nathalie, Angela and Trish