



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

Kapa Toru News

Term 1 2018

Kia ora and welcome! We are excited to be back and are ready to launch into another fun-filled year of learning! We hope you all enjoyed a well-deserved break and made the most of the stunning weather.

A warm welcome to all our new students and parents! To our Year 5s, we look forward to getting to know you all this year. Our Year 6s will be wonderful role models and leaders! A very special welcome to Northland School to our new students: Luke Elliott, Alexis Hutt, Abi Montgomery and Cormac McQuillan.

Meet the Teachers

This year Lizzie Ryan is teaching in Room 9. She is excited to be back in Team 3 after two years in Team 2. Kayaking alongside dolphins in the Marlborough Sounds was a holiday highlight for Lizzie. Juliet McPhee is teaching in Room 10 for her second year. After a fun summer with her family she has managed to get in a child free weekend at the Foo Fighters concert. Teaching in Room 11 is Vicky Balfour. Previously known as Vicky Harker, she is sporting a new name after marrying her kilt-wearing Scotsman over the summer.



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Useful Term 1 Information

Term 1 is all about setting up healthy habits and routines to ensure a safe, educational and happy year for all. We'll spend the first few weeks delving into digital citizenship and learning how to safely and sensibly use a variety of digital tools to enhance our learning. Following this short topic, we will turn our sights to nature, exploring Wellington's beautiful flora and fauna and investigating ways to nurture and protect it.

In mathematics the focus will initially be on number knowledge and addition and subtraction strategies, before using these skills to examine measurement (time). We will conclude the term with a geometry unit.

Detailed information regarding homework will be distributed next week, and will also be in your child's Google Drive 'Homework' folder.

Please ensure children come to school each day in sensible clothing and footwear for daily fitness and weekly physical education lessons (Tuesdays). Sunhats are a school requirement this term. We also ask that you avoid giving your child food containing nuts for morning tea and lunch. We have some students with serious nut allergies and thank you in advance for helping us keep them safe and healthy.

Our school picnic will take place this Friday. We will enjoy a short stroll to Otari-Wilson Bush, followed by a relaxed picnic and sausage sizzle. Please ensure you return the EOTC form so your child can attend this.

Kind regards,
Vicky Balfour, Lizzie Ryan and Juliet McPhee