

## Team 4 newsletter term 4

Wednesday 17 October 2018

Dear parents and caregivers

Tēnā koutou katoa,



After a busy and fun term creating and performing our production items and achieving great results at the NIWA Science and Technology Fair, term 4 offers yet more fun and further challenge. Next week, four teams of four compete in a number of technology challenges with year 7 and 8 students from other students in the greater Wellington region in the EPRO8 technology challenge. Next week also sees our students showing off their physical skills and abilities at Karori's Benburn Park for our annual Northland School athletics day. We also participating in two kapa haka events held across Wellington.

***PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A SUNHAT FOR THIS TERM***



### **Year 7 and 8 Camp 2019**

Camp in 2019 is held at Palm Grove in Paraparaumu, and includes a day trip to Kapiti Island. Every year we ask for parent help to enable us to run a five day camp - we couldn't offer camp without the generous help of our parents. As camp in 2019 is very early in the school year (Monday 18 February - Friday 22 February), we will be seeking interest in parent help this year rather than leaving it until 2019.

This is just a heads-up to give those of you who might be interested in helping, time to see how that fits in with your work and other commitments. We will send a newsletter and forms home with all Year 6 and 7 children in week 4, Wednesday 7 November. Please email Alex [alexo@northland.school.nz](mailto:alexo@northland.school.nz) if you would like any further information before then.

### **Speeches**

In preparation for Leavers' Dinner, and to extend and build on their presenting and speaking skills, all students are writing a speech to present, and are able to select a topic that they already have some knowledge of. Some research may still be necessary. Speeches should be around three minutes. Students are asked to do some of the work towards both the writing and the performance as home learning. They will be assisted with each step of the writing and presenting at school. Home learning will probably include some support from you in many or all of the following:

- Assisting your child to select a topic of interest
- Assisting your child to develop a range of arguments or main points for discussion and supporting evidence
- Providing guidance as they research to gather ideas, examples and content
- Listening to them practise their speech (with cue cards)
- Providing feedback that encourages them to improve and develop their writing and performance (without doing the writing for them!)

We are working to a tight schedule, planning and writing should be completed early week 2 (next week), practise happens in week 2 and we aim to have presentations in week 3 (29 October - 2 November). Further literacy includes summarising texts and reading for specific purposes.

### **Leavers' Dinner and end of year activities**

We have a well organised committee working hard behind the scenes to organise this year's Leavers' event which will be held at The Northland Community Centre on Friday 14 December. From week 6 the year 8s will be writing and preparing speeches in small groups and writing their memories of their time at Northland School for the memory book. All year 8 students are asked to contribute a photo of themselves to attach to this, please help them find/take one.

*Fundraising for the Leavers' Dinner is a bake sale held this Thursday, please support our sale.*



Our final week's activities include a sports day and a trip to Thorndon pool. We have booked the pool for the morning of Tuesday 14 December, we will be asking for support for walking there and for supervising at the pool - requests for help at this event and a sports morning plus further information will be sent home later in the term.

### **Sport and PE / Sexuality**

Students are training for athletics, and following that event, we have the NZ Institute of Sport coming in weekly to run skills training sessions. Our annual tri-tournament with Brooklyn and Wadestown Schools will be held 9.30-12.30 on Tuesday 7 November at Northland School, spectators are welcome. Ten sessions of Sexuality Education will be held over the next few weeks starting Tuesday 30 October running twice weekly till Tuesday 27 November. Year 7 is taught separately from year 8 and Jane Batchelor will assist us to lower teacher to student ratios. If you wish to exclude your child from this programme, please contact your child's class teacher.

### **Technology and Epro8 dates**

Technology this term is held on the following seven days:

Thursday 15, Friday 16, Wednesday 21, Wednesday 28, and Thursday 29 November. Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 December.

Students are asked to arrive at school by 8.30 for the roll, to have a **sunhat**, covered shoes and plenty of morning tea.

Epro8 is on: Wednesday 24 October 4.45 at South Wellington Intermediate School hall.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to make contact if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi nui

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