



Newsletter

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Tū mai Te Ahūmairangi, tū mai hoki tātou
As Te Ahūmairangi stands, we also reach for great heights

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The Principal Point

At this time of the year we receive several enquiries each week about potential enrolments as families travel around the local schools as part of their upcoming move to Wellington early in the new year. Last week we had three families visit. Most of these are very keen to enrol at Northland School however they are reliant on finding somewhere to live within the school's enrolment zone. Property is tightly held in this area and usually there is very little housing available either to rent or to buy. As a result our roll growth during the year is mostly through children turning 5 rather than families moving into the area. Some years there are a few families that leave us to live overseas or move to other parts of Wellington or New Zealand. Our roll is very stable – it usually goes up or down by about 10 children each year. We are expecting our end of year roll to be around 350.

This year we started a fourth Year 1 class because of the number of children turning 5. Next year we will not have a fourth Year 1 class as we will not have the space to house these children – our usual space, Room 15, will become our library and staffroom when the building project commences.

We do have a number of families who live in our zone with their children at Northland School and who, for various reasons, have moved to another area of Wellington. These children are still able to attend Northland School even though they are now living outside our enrolment zone.

We are starting to think ahead about class lists for 2019. The school will be making several staffing appointments in early November. Once these are completed we will be able to confirm teachers in rooms and Year groups.

When making up class lists we consider a number of factors:

- The numbers of children in different age groups (these range from 35 to 45)
- Specific learning needs for particular students or groups of students
- Gender issues – ensuring that there is a reasonable balance of boys and girls in each class – currently our roll has 174 girls and 169 boys – though the balance is not as even in each cohort.

- Maintaining a balance of abilities in each class
- The strong belief of the importance of lower class numbers. This always come through as important in our community surveys.
- Strengths of teachers and ensuring we have a balance in each Teaching Team
- Friendship groups or the need to separate particular friends!

A child may or may not be placed in a class or with a particular teacher for a variety of reasons. There are many variables to this process as outlined above. Everyone has the best interests of their child at heart and we try to do what is best for each individual child – we may not be able to offer exactly what a parent wants or believes is the best for their child but parents do have to rely on our professional judgement.

Jeremy Edwards
- Principal

School News

Possible Strike Action – Friday 16 November

Teachers who are members of NZEI (the teachers' union) are currently voting on follow-up industrial action as part of their collective agreement negotiations. If teachers agree to strike then the day Wellington schools will be involved is Friday 16 November. If the strike does go ahead the school will not be able to provide any teaching or supervision arrangements for your children as all teaching staff are members of the NZEI. Families will need to make alternative arrangements for that day. As soon as a decision is reached we will confirm arrangements for this day.

Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot for 2019

The Board of Trustees has decided to hold a ballot for out of zone enrolment in Terms 1 and 2 2019. There are a limited number of places available in Years 2 – 8. There are no places available at Year 1 in the first half of the year. Priority in any ballot is given to siblings of out of zone children already attending Northland School. Applications for the ballot close at 4pm on Friday 9 November. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Whānau Hui

Tēnā koutou katoa

I would like to warmly welcome you all to the Term 4 Whānau Group Hui, on Monday 29 October at 7:00pm in the staffroom. We encourage you to come and share your ideas so that we can reflect on the Kapa Haka competitions and prepare for our whakatau. Following this there will a chance to meet other group members over shared cake and coffee. Please RSVP so that we know who will be able to attend. (Phone: 475 7596, email: katiem@northland.school.nz)

Naku noa.

Katie McGrath - Lead Teacher Te Ao Māori

Sunhats in Term 4

A reminder that all students will need sunhats when outdoors this term. Following Sunsmart guidelines, please note that a brimmed hat is required. Caps do not provide sufficient protection.

Leavers Dinner Bake Sale

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to our 'Spooky Bake Sale' last Thursday for the Year 8 Leavers' Dinner. We are very grateful for all the support from the bakers and those that bought the delicious treats on offer. We made \$1010 which is fantastic. Well done everyone. Watch out for us down at Summer Soccer at Ian Galloway Park where we will be selling ice blocks on lovely, sunny Wellington days. See you there!

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 catalogues have now been distributed. Extra catalogues are available in the library. Deadline for ONLINE orders is 31 October. There are a lot of good deals for Christmas! Any queries to Ruth by email abenojar.yee@outlook.com

Pizza Thursday

The next Pizza Thursday, organised by our Home and School Committee, is on 1 November. Order forms are available from the school office and the school website. Orders need to be with the school office by 3pm, Wednesday 31 October. Please note that we are unable to accept late orders. Pizzas are \$5.50 each.

Subway Lunches

There will be no subway lunches on Friday November 2nd

Quality of the Week – Loyalty/Piripono

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals – when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed.

Diary Dates for 2018

Term 4	
26 October, Friday	Kapa Haka Competition
29 October, Monday	Whānau hui, 7pm, staffroom
1 November, Thursday	Pizza Thursday ASB Sports Centre, Team 3, programme commences Whakatau – 9.15am
6 November, Tuesday	Island Bay Marine Centre, Team 1
7 November, Wednesday	Island Bay Marine Centre, Team 1 Sports Tri Tournament, Team 4
8 November, Thursday	Gardasil injections, Year 8
9 November, Friday	Western Zone Athletics Out of Zone Enrolment Ballot closes, 4pm

14 November, Wednesday	Technology classes commence, Team 4 First Aid training, Team 2
15 November, Thursday	Scooter Skills, Team 2
16 November, Friday	Western Zone Athletics, postponement day
19 November, Monday	GRACI Project, interviews commence
20 November, Tuesday	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, staffroom
21 November, Wednesday	Kilbirnie Rec Centre, Team 2
22 November, Thursday	Student Council Ice Cream Day Kilbirnie Rec Centre, Team 2
26 November, Monday	Swimming commences, Year 1
27 November, Tuesday	Wellington athletics championships
6 December, Thursday	Team 1 Assembly Pizza Thursday
7 December, Friday	Student Council Fun Day
8 December, Saturday	Community Carols, 5pm, Community Centre
11 December, Tuesday	Board of Trustees, 7pm, library
13 December, Thursday	Reports go live, midday
14 December, Friday	Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
17 December, Monday	Parent Thank You Morning Tea, 10.30am Team 4 Sports Day
18 December, Tuesday	Team 4 to Thorndon Pool
Thursday 20 December	End of Year Community Assembly. 9.30am School closes, 2pm

Term Dates for 2018

Term 4: Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

Term Dates for 2019

Term 1: Monday 4 February– Friday 12 April
 Term 2: Monday 29 April – Friday 5 July
 Term 3: Monday 22 July – Friday 27 September
 Term 4: Monday 14 October – Wednesday 18 December



New Hoodies

Exciting times! Northland School is selling school hoodies. This will make your child feel proud to be part of our team! The hoodie features a contemporary design, school logo and is 300gm weight to keep them warm on the windiest Wellington days. You can personalise your hoodie free of charge with your child's name or family surname (and using a surname will mean hoodies can be passed along from oldest to youngest!). This is the ideal clothing item to wear when attending cultural, sporting or inter school events. Having your child wearing a Northland School hoodie will also improve their safety through making them stand out as a Northland School student for parent helpers who have the task of marshalling etc at various events. Purchasing a hoodie is voluntary and a small number will be available to borrow from the office when required. Adult sizes also available for parents and staff.

Orders received by 1 November 1 will be delivered on 1 December. Hoodies are \$60. Be in quick!

There will be a selection of sample sizes available for fitting outside Room 5 before and after school on Thursday and Friday, 25 and 26 October. That way you can have a look at sizing before making an order.

Forms for ordering are available outside Room 5 and also from the school office. Payment can be made by:

- Eftpos in the school office
- Internet banking – **12 3174 0326688 00** (please put family name and hoodie in the reference section)

Any questions or queries please contact Rach Hay on 021 433930.

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.

Northland Cake Competition

The Northland annual cake competition is on **Saturday 10th Nov 3pm** at Northland Community centre- lower Hall. It is open to all school age bakers. We also have our juniors 8 yrs & under section. Will you be Northland cake champ this year??

This is a popular event and loads of fun, and of course we eat all the cakes!!!! Yum Yum!

It is free to enter. Any questions call Anna 027 475 4243 or check it out on Facebook.

Code Club – After School

An afterschool code club will be running for Year 7 and 8 children on Tuesday 3.15 to 4.15pm in Room 8. Come along and learn how to build a game or website. For more information contact Emily on 0212439273.

St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair

The St. Anne's Annual Spring Fair will be held in the Church/Hall (corner Northland and Randwick Roads) from 9.30am – 1.30pm on Saturday 10 November. Meet your friends at the pop-up cafe; stock up your garden and your pantry; buy your Christmas presents. There will be lots of children's clothes, books and toys, crafts, plants, lunches, cakes and preserves. Fair contributions will be gratefully accepted – leave in the Church on the back pews in the week leading up to the fair. Please, no adult clothes or household goods this year.

St Benedicts School Fair 2018 - Sunday 28th October

Where: 50 Nicholson Road, Khandallah, 11am to 2 pm

What: Loads of fun for the family including, photo booths, bouncy castles, cake stalls, second hand clothing, toys and more

Karori Arts and Crafts Centre

“**Craft and Quilt Fair**” from November 16th – 18th, 10am – 4pm each day. Our Family day is November 17th from 10am – 4pm which will have a fun festival feel with loads of great crafts and quilts for sale, xmas presents as well as face painting, lollies, baking, lucky dips and more. We'd love to see you there! If you'd like to see some craft/spinning/painting demonstrations these will also be on from 2-4pm.

Babysitter

Hi, my name is Holly Henry-Paiti. I am a year 11 student at Wellington Girls' College, and an ex-Northland School student, available for babysitting. I am excellent with kids, I can cook, walk dogs, help kids with homework and I'll clean up too! I am mainly looking for babysitting work for when I finish my NCEA exams. I can do any time any day from the 27th of November onwards. I can do evenings and weekends up until then. I am flexible with late notice if you need a one-off during the Christmas period, and open to more regular ongoing hours over summer. Please phone or text me on 022 501 1057 or email me at henrypaitiho@wgc.school.nz

Piano and Singing Lessons

Hi everyone, my name is Michaela Cadwgan and I am teaching after school piano and singing lessons at Northland School. If you are interested in lessons you can contact me on my phone 021 147 0674, or via email at michaela.cadwgan@gmail.com.

Open Day

Montessori at Otari Preschool and Playgroup warmly invite interested families to our next Open Day on Saturday 3 November, 10am – 12 noon, at the Preschool (166 Wilton Road). For more information phone 475 9688 or email wcmp@xtra.co.nz. We look forward to seeing you there.



Bonjour! Parlez-vous Français?

French is back at Northland School in Term 4.

Details:

- 2 groups: Year 2 to Year 4, and Year 5 to Year 8
- every Tuesday from 3.05pm to 3.50pm
- onsite at your school
- from 16 October to 11 December
- Price: \$135 for 9 weeks
- run by our team of native qualified French teachers

To enrol, just email us at Alliance Française (schools@french.co.nz), or ring 472 1272.

Cricket Whites

There is an assortment of second hand cricket clothing in the office if anyone is looking gear for the cricket season.

Karori Amateur Athletics Club

Ben Burn Park, Wednesdays 6pm. Season starts 24 October and runs for 2 terms. The Club meets weekly at Ben Burn Park in Karori on Wednesday nights (6.00pm-7.30pm) over the summer from October to March. For more information including details on online registration, visit the website: www.karoriathletics.org.nz

Sea Dogs Swimming

Pirates swim team offers a Tuesday night session for swimmers who want to swim once per week. The newly developed 'Sea Dogs' squad offers a structured session focusing on skills, swim fitness and fun. It offers the chance to try squad swimming and can be a pathway to competitive swimming if the swimmer chooses. Sea Dogs is the perfect way to keep your swimming up in a fun environment while balancing all other activities.

Classes run from 6.30pm - 7.15pm or 7.15pm - 8pm. If you are interested, please email our coordinator Fleur on karori.pirates.tues.night@gmail.com to arrange an assessment

Wellington Curtain Bank – seeking donations

Bring warmth to another home, donate your pre-loved curtains to Wellington curtain bank today. Wellington Curtain Bank upcycles and lines pre-loved curtains to people who need help to create warmer, healthier homes. You can help by donating your good quality, clean curtains at the Sustainability Trust's EcoCentre, 2 Forresters Lane (off Tory St), central Wellington
Open Mon - Sat, 9am to 4.30pm

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 \$19 for a full session, \$12 for a half 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