



**Northland
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Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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Newsletter

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Day 1 - 2012

The Principal Point

Welcome to the 2012 school year at Northland School. We hope everyone was able to find some sun, warmth and dry weather somewhere in New Zealand. Judging by the excitement our students (and their parents) are really ready for a new school year. The later start and extra week's holiday has certainly meant our staff were able to really relax and refocus. Our very smooth and fast start to the year on Tuesday is a result of the time staff have spent over the last fortnight preparing and planning for this exciting year.

Yesterday we welcomed 16 children and their families to the Northland School community. Some are just beginning their primary years and others have transferred from other schools in New Zealand or relocated from overseas. Everyone seemed very keen to start

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the new school year and the students have quickly settled into their new rooms and enjoyed renewing friendships and making new ones. Thank you for ensuring your child came to school with stationery ready for the first day. This certainly helps focus the children and contributes positively to the important quick start of a new school year.

We welcome to our staff Vicky Harker as the Year 2 teacher in Room 4, Fiona Valentine as a Year 3 and 4 teacher in Room 8 and Anna Wembridge as a part-time teacher. We are still to make an appointment for our Before School Care Supervisor and are grateful that Anna Truesdale has been able to step into this role on a temporary basis. We have yet to make an appointment for a part-time teacher to work in Team 3 but hope to have this completed early next week.

Congratulations to Eleanor Ainsworth who had a baby daughter on Sunday 5 February and to Becs Goodall on her engagement over the holidays.

Our thoughts and sympathy go to the Craig family who suddenly lost their much-loved father and husband on Sunday. We know that they will be generously supported by our Northland community at this sad time.

Last week the staff from seven local schools met together for a full day seminar focusing on the development of critical thinking skills in children. The ready access our students now have to so much information means they need to have the skills necessary to analyse, synthesise and use information appropriate to their needs. The seminar, presented by David Whitehead from Waikato University, introduced several thinking “tools” that students can use and gave us the opportunity to reflect on our own current programmes.

The implementation and reporting of National Standards continues to be a focus for our school. We will be heavily involved in the development of a new on-line resource to support teachers to make valid and reliable judgments on student progress towards meeting the various Standards. At our Meet the Parent evenings in a fortnight I will share further information about this development programme and our own targets for raising student achievement. All Meet the Teacher evenings will be held in our library.

My thanks to all of our staff who have spent many days over the last fortnight planning, preparing and organizing programmes and classrooms. Their efforts have contributed significantly to the very smooth start of the school year.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

School News

School Picnic

Our school picnic will be held this Friday 10 February at Eastbourne Park and Pool by the beach. There is no alternative date for the picnic. Further information is included with this newsletter.

EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) Permission Form

We do seek parent permission to take students out of the school grounds on trips or visits. A copy of the EOTC permission form will be coming home today with each student. Please read the notes attached and sign and return the form. It would be appreciated if all forms could be returned by Friday this week ready for our picnic day.

Meet the Teacher/Parents Evening – in the library

We will shortly be holding our Meet the Teacher/Parent Evenings. These evenings are a chance to meet your child's teacher and to hear a little about the class programme as well as how your child's teaching team will be working. At 7.45pm there will be an opportunity for you to hear about our development programme and plans for raising student achievement. The Team 4 meeting will focus on the camp in mid-March and is an opportunity for parents to hear about the activities planned for that week.

Tuesday 21 February – all meetings will be held in the library

Team 1 7.00pm with Liz Synge, Marie Boyer-Blaikie, Vicky Harker and Rebecca Goodall
7.45pm School Development Programme
Team 2 8.00pm with Nathalie Lecaudé, Angela Scholten and Fiona Valentine

Wednesday 22 February - all meetings will be held in the library

Team 3 7.00pm with Jane Fairless, Jane Batchelor and Eileen Brennan
7.45pm School Development Programme
Team 4 8.00pm with Alex Oliver, Matt Barnacott and Katherine Fuller

School Lunches

School lunches begin on Friday 17 February.

Student Banking

The student banking programme operated by ASB will recommence on Friday 17 February. Further information about this programme is available from the school office.

Team Newsletters

Newsletters with specific information about each Teaching Team are included with this newsletter.

Sunhats

Despite the sunny and then suddenly wet conditions on the first day of school it was very pleasing so many students had remembered their sunhats. A reminder that our students are required to wear sunhats when outdoors during the school day in Terms 1 and 4.

ICT Use Agreement – Year 5 Students

All Year 5 students are required to sign a new ICT Use Agreement that outlines our rules and policies governing how ICT is used at Northland School. Please return the signed form to the school as soon as possible.

Recorder Lessons and Instrumental Group

These will be starting again next week. Class teachers will note the names of any students interested in participating this year.

- Recorder is open to students from Year 3 up who wish to begin learning or continue lessons.
- Instrumental Group is open to students from Year 5 up who have some previous musical experience and can preferably read music.

Road Patrol Supervision

We have vacancies on our parent supervisor roster for our road patrols. If you are able to help on any day either in the morning (8.30 – 9.00am) or afternoon (3.00 - 3.15pm) please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Lost Property

Lost property from 2011 is currently at Jacqui Lowe's house. If you are currently missing anything please contact her on 976-8122 by the 17 February.

2012 Staff List

Principal Jeremy Edwards

Team 1

Room 1: Year 1 – Liz Synge

Room 2: Year 1 – Marie Boyer-Blaikie – Associate Principal, Team Leader

Room 4: Year 2 – Vicky Harker

Room 5: Year 2 – Rebecca Goodall

Team 2

Room 6: Year 3 and 4 - Nathalie Lecaudé - Team Leader

Room 7: Year 3 and 4 – Angela Scholten

Room 8: Year 3 and 4 – Fiona Valentine

Team 3

Room 9: Year 5 and 6 – Jane Fairless

Room 10: Year 5 and 6 - Jane Batchelor - Associate Principal, Team Leader

Room 11: Year 5 and 6 – Eileen Brennan

Team 4

Room 12: Year 7 and 8 – Alex Oliver

Room 13: Year 7 and 8 – Matt Barnacott - Team Leader

Room 14: Year 7 and 8 – Katherine Fuller

Part Time Teachers

Jacqueline Vermey (Reading Recovery), Sarah Acland, Jo Geoghegan, Jocelyn Oldcorn, Anna Wembridge

Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour (*based at Northland School*)

Stephanie Evans and Margaret Lucas

Support Staff

Teacher Aide: Erwin Palado
Office Manager: Julia Truesdale
Office Assistant: Theresa Meredith
Caretaker: Wai Yip
Before School Care: to be appointed
Librarian: Rachele Samaniego

Quality of the Week

This week's quality is **Kindness**.

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.

GPS Pe'a – Stationery Supplies

Northland School has a sister school link with a school in Tonga, GPS Pe'a. Over the last few years parents and students from Northland School have donated various items to assist this school. One of the ways we believe you could help is by donating a few items of stationery to get the GPS Pe'a children off to a good start as some of their boys and girls arrive at school with only a pencil or pen at the beginning of term. So, when you make the trip to pick up your own stationery, you could add a few extra items like a pencil or pen, eraser, ruler or an exercise book. Drop them into a labelled box at the office during the first two weeks of term. Thank you so much, your contribution is much appreciated.

- **Debra Morriss**

Diary Dates

Friday 10 February	School Picnic at Eastbourne
Monday 13 February	PMP programme begins for Years 1 and 2
Monday 20 February	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7pm, staffroom
Tuesday 21 February	Meet the Teacher Evenings, Teams 1 and 2
Wednesday 22 February	Meet the Teacher Evening, Teams 3 and 4
Monday 27 February	PATs begin for Years 4 – 8
Tuesday 6 March	Western Zone Cricket tournament
12 – 16 March	Team 4 Camp
Tuesday 27 March	Western Zone Soccer Tournament
Wednesday 28 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 3 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
Thursday 5 April	End of Term Community Assembly

Term Dates for 2012

Term One	Tuesday 7 February – Thursday 5 April
Term Two	Monday 23 April – Friday 29 June
Term Three	Monday 16 July – Friday 28 September
Term Four	Monday 15 October – Thursday 20 December

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.

Weet-BixTRYathlon

Entry is open to anyone 7 – 15 years of age no matter what level of fitness. You can sign up as an individual or form a team with your mates. Wellington's Weetbix Tryathlon will be held at the Lower Hutt Recreation Grounds, 19 February. Sign up now at www.weetbix.co.nz or phone 09 531-5080. There are flyers available in the school office.

Big Dig

The Big Dig is at Oriental Bay on Saturday 11 February from 11:00am – 12:30pm. \$5 entry with 1 max prize per entry. 100's prizes to be won including bikes, cameras and sports equipment. For more information visit www.bigdig.org.nz. 'Rain day' is Sunday 12 February.

Chess Classes

After school classes at Northland School on Wednesday's 3:15 - 4:15pm in the library. Fun games and expert tuition from a former NZ champion. Students can earn badges and certificates from NZCF level tests. \$85 per school term. Enrolments ph:4617079 or email: kiwichess@xtra.co.nz

H2O-Xtream Closed

H2O Xtream is now officially closed for the next 5 weeks. We re-open at 6:00am Tuesday 13 March. Thank you and enjoy the start of term.

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club welcomes returning and new players to register for the 2012 season. Boys and girls aged 3 - 13 years are welcome. All players receive a free ball and new players receive a free beanie. Registration will be held at Ian Galloway Park, Wilton on Tuesday 14 February, 5:30 - 7:30pm, Saturday, 18 February, 1:00 - 3:00pm; and Monday, 20 February, 5:30 - 7:30pm. Further information is available on the website www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz.

Guitar Lessons Available

Phone Murray for more details on 027 444-006.

Wellington Community Children's Choir

Wellington Community Children's Choir is a choir aimed specifically for children aged between 5 - 12 years. We meet on Fridays from 3.30 - 4.45pm at Clyde Quay School. Anyone with a passion for singing or music is welcome to come along. For more information please contact the choir's administrator Emily Goldie at andy.emily@slingshot.co.nz

Rhee Taekwondo - Martial Arts Classes in Northland

Rhee Taekwondo has been operating successfully in Karori for over 10 years and is the safe, fun and affordable way to help kids develop skill, confidence and discipline. Northland classes are on Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 - 7.30pm, at St Anne's Church Hall. There are also classes at Karori Normal School hall on Monday and Wednesday. Fees are from \$12.60/ week (the only other cost is the uniform) with the first 3 classes free. Plus you can attend any of the four classes for the one fee For more information see www.rheetaekwondo.nz or contact James on 027 229-1973 or rheetkwdokarori@gmail.com)

Learn How to Sing

Fun singing lessons with Wellington based singing teacher Francesca Geach BA (Hons). For children 6 years up and adult beginners. For more information contact Francesca on 475-6047 or 210376385. Check the website www.francescageach.org or email fgeach@gmail.com.

The Bedford Street Walking Bus

The Bedford Street Walking Bus is looking for new families to join. The bus goes from Bedford Street down Orangi Kaupapa Road and along to Northland School every morning (weather permitting). Each family only needs to "drive" one day a week. It's a great way to start the school day and get to know a few of your neighbours and their kids. To join the bus or find out more contact Kelly Cinque on 475-5505.

Drama Alive at Northland School

Drama Alive is a 60 minute drama session held at Northland School. These sessions are ideal for developing great vocal & stage skills, confidence and creative expression. Students are welcome to come for a trial class any time. Classes are Thursdays 3:15 - 4:15pm at the Viggers Centre. Starting on 9 February. \$110/100 per term. Book at suzanne@kids4drama.co.nz or phone 0800 227 827.

Card Making Classes

Interested in making cards? Are you 8 years or over? Learn to make birthday cards, friendship cards and Christmas cards using stickers, lace, glitter, rubber stamps and lots of things. Classes will be held on Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30am. \$10 per person covers kits for 2 cards. Phone Linda: 475-9682, week days after 6:00 pm. or weekends.

Tennis Coaching at Northland Tennis Club

Junior coaching from Trans Tasman Tennis commences Thursday, 2 and Saturday, 4 February. There are still spaces available. Coaching is for all ages 5 – 12 years, on Thursdays after school and Saturday mornings. Contact the Club for details. For all you parents wanting to take up a racquet again, the Club caters for senior play at all levels, from novice up. Contact Merv Mitchell on 475 8959 or 021 1734 383. Email: merv.mitchell@clear.net.nz or visit our website <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/northlandtennis>

Karori Junior Football Club

Registration for 2012 Karori Junior Football Club is now open. Also register for Girls Only Sunday League ("GOSL"). Online registration at www.wkafc.org.nz by 24 February. Queries welcome to membership@wkafc.org.nz.

Raroa Music Centre Enrolments for 2012

Raroa Music Centre offers Saturday morning group music lessons for primary school children at reasonable cost. Classes include choir, keyboard, recorder, drums, guitar, violin, cello, clarinet, flute and trumpet. Enrolments close on 8 February. To enrol for 2012 visit our website at www.raroamusic.org.nz

Toolbox Parenting Course – Middle Years (6 - 12 years)

The course will be held in Karori (venue to be advised on registration) on six consecutive Monday evenings, starting on 20 February, from 7.15 – 9.30pm. The cost is \$67.50 for an individual or \$90 for a couple (sponsorship may be available). For more information or to register contact Bridgett: Tel 934-1811 or email parkins@paradise.net.nz

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Pilates Classes

Be in quick as there are still some spaces left for the Introductory Pilates classes starting next week. Classes will be held at St Annes, corner Randwick and Northland Roads, Northland. Tuesday 9.30am, Wednesday 9.30am and 10.30 am, starting 15 February. Mondays 7.30pm at the Karori Baptist Church, starting 13 February.

Classes are limited to 10 students and cost \$96 for the 8 week block. Enrolment is essential. Call Sue Ruffell on 972-4982 or 027 712-84334"

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Vivo Rhythmic Gymnastics classes are open now for Term 1 enrolments. Come and try out a class. Mondays 4:00 - 5:00pm at Ngaio Town Hall or Saturdays 2:00 - 3:00pm or 3:00 - 4:00pm at Khandallah Town Hall. For more information email vivogym@gmail.com or ring Erica on 021 124 -1059.

Flute Lessons

Jennifer Vaughan (M.Mus, A.T.C.L.) is an experienced music teacher and performer, providing fun and friendly flute lessons for all levels. Private, individual lessons are available on weekdays after school in Northland. For more information please contact Jen on 475-8098 or 021 023-19899

Drama Classes – 1st Gear Productions

Classes starting now. For information about theatre classes go to www.1stgearproductions.co.nz For any enquiries please email sarah@1stgearproductions.co.nz

Kelly Sports

Kelly Sports at is back for Term 1 at Northland. Mondays after school at 3.05.-4.05pm. Sports Beginnings for Years 1.-2, practice your running, jumping, throwing and so much more. Summer Sports for Years 2.-4, come and have a go at Athletics, T-Ball and Ball Sports. We're fun, we're active and we're all about giving it a go and being your best. Come and learn to be a Kelly Sports Star. For more information or to enrol call or email the office on 972-7201 or adminwgtn@kellysports.co.nz.

Drama Club

After school drama classes for children from 5 years. Classes are held every day after school in Karori. Check out the class times online. Speech and drama exams available for children nine years and over. Enrol your child at www.dramaclub.co.nz, or email me at bridie@dramaclub.co.nz. Alternatively you can contact Bridie on 021 054-2593.

Mogmusic

Mogmusic has private tuition available for this term offering beginner lessons in piano, recorder, guitar and ukulele. There is an introductory 25% discount for all new enrolments. This offer is available for Term 1 only. Tuition in guitar and piano for adult beginners is also available. All lessons held at MOGMUSIC studio in Brooklyn. Please phone Moggie Grayson on 3848-213 to book. \$20 will be donated to the school for each new enrolment.

Netball Wellington Centre

Netball Wellington Centre are eager to spread the word about our upcoming netball opportunities open to all keen young girls and boys who love to stay active. For updated information on our netball programmes and to access registration forms please check our website at www.netballwellington.co.nz. Any enquires email info@netballwellington.co.nz or phone 387 6005.