



**Northland
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Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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Newsletter

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The Principal Point

We are now well and truly into our third week of the school year and all class programmes are fully in operation including special programmes which provide additional support for identified groups of students.

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. This tool will eventually be available for all teachers in New Zealand to use. On Teacher Only Day our staff had a first view of this assessment tool and next week four teachers will be trialling its usability as part of the development process. I am currently seconded to the Ministry of Education each Thursday and this new assessment resource is a major part of my work hence our school's in-depth involvement in this development project.

Next week our students in Years 4 – 8 will sit a variety of PATs (Progressive Achievement Tests). These are standardised tests undertaken in most schools in New Zealand at this time of the

year. The results give a great deal of important information to the classroom teachers on the strengths and areas for development for each child in reading, listening, mathematics and in different aspects of gathering and analysing information. Year 3 children have a listening comprehension test that follows the same format as the other tests.

We use the PAT results to monitor each child's progress closely from one year to the next to see trends. As well the information is collated for each year level and we are able to track cohort groups over time to follow their progress.

PATs are just one assessment tool we are able to use to help determine a child's progress. The information gathered through PATs is a "snapshot" at this time of the year and is just one part of our on-going programme of monitoring and assessment. The tests do give us some very important information on each child and on the school as a whole. At our parent interviews in late-March we will share various assessment information with you and explain how the results are used to inform programme planning and how decisions are made on the next learning steps for each child.

Jeremy Edwards - Principal

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Meet the Teacher Evening for Teams 3 and 4, Years 5 – 8 - Tonight

Wednesday 22 February - in the library

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



Road Patrol Supervision

Thank you to the four parents who have volunteered to help with supervising our road patrols. We still have vacancies on Wednesday (before and after school), Thursday (before and after school) and on Friday morning. If you are able to help either in the morning (8.30 – 9.00am) or afternoon (3.00 - 3.15pm) please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Winter Netball

Registration forms have been handed out to Years 4-8 students interested in playing netball for Northland School in Terms 2 and 3. Please ask at the office if you did not receive a form. These must all be completed and returned no later than 9 March with your subs. A meeting of parents interested in coaching or managing a team this year is being arranged for Thursday 23 February at 7.30pm. Please email jude@heyjude.co.nz or phone 970-1154 if you would like to attend.

Rippa Rugby – Parent Help

We have a large number of children taking part in a Rippa Rugby tournament on Tuesday 28 February and we need a parent helper for each team. If you are able to assist please contact Angela Scholten at angelas@northland.school.nz as soon as possible. Thank you.

Coaching Hockey

If you are interested in coaching hockey at Northland School or helping with administration, please come to a meeting at 1 Farm Rd at 7:30pm on Wednesday 29 February.

Western Zone Football

Western Zone Football is on Tuesday 27 March at Ian Galloway Park. We are looking for volunteers to help our Year 5 boys and girls teams. If you are able to help please contact Angela at angelas@northland.school.nz.

Weetbix Tryathalon

Congratulations to all the Northland children who took part in last weekends Weetbix Tryathalon. Well done to you all for a fabulous effort.

Scholastic Book Club

There are a number of books ordered from Scholastic late last year. If you are missing any books please see the office. If not claimed they will be donated to the library.

All book club orders into the school office by Friday 24 February – thank you.

Donated Stationery

Thank you to all the families who have kindly donated stationery to our sister school GPS Pea in Tonga. We really appreciate your support.

Debra Morriss

Quality of the Week

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

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honoring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

Diary Dates

Monday 27 February	PATs begin for Years 4 – 8
Tuesday 28 February	Rippa Rugby Tournament, Years 5 - 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
Friday 30 March	Team 1 Assembly, 2.30pm
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.

Bus Services Community Meeting

The Wilton Residents Association is holding a meeting to discuss the proposed changes to the local bus services. The meeting will be held tomorrow, 23 February, at Cardinal McKeefry School in Albermarle Road commencing at 7.30pm. Regional Councillors Daran Ponter and Paul Bruce will outline the Bus Review, the proposed changes and will be available to answer questions.

Submissions on the Bus Review close on Friday 16 March. For further information visit www.gw.govt.nz/wellington-city-bus-review.

Music Lesson

Piano, Singing and Theory lessons available with Nicola Holt (nee Edgecombe). To book or for more information phone **021 552-648** or email nicolaedgecombe@hotmail.com.

Brownie and Guide Uniform for Sale

A Brownie uniform, size 8 (would fit an average 7 – 9 year old) pink T-shirt. A Guide uniform T-shirt and fleece, size 10 (would fit a 9 -11 year old) . Phone Rachel on 977-5995

A Guide uniform, cotton hoodie, polo shirt and T shirt. Please phone Anne 475-9708

Junior Netball Academy

Our six-week Talent Development Programme starts at the end of February aimed at those wishing to get a head-start on pre-season training for netball especially leading up to the Centre and Satellite Representative Trials. There will be two programmes on offer – one held on Tuesdays catering to Year 7 & 8. For further updated information about any of our courses or to register please check out our website at www.netballwellington.co.nz, email enquiries to info@netballwellington.co.nz or phone 387-6005.

For Sale – Hockey Sticks

Two hockey sticks, would suit Years 1 – 4. Please phone Ann on 475-7625.