



**Northland
School**

Te Kura o Orangi Kaupapa

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

Kia ora and welcome to Northland School.

Thank you for your interest in enrolling your child with us. We have put together a pack for you to give you more information about our school.

Northland School is a full primary school, Year 0-8 (of approximately 220 students). We are situated on Te Ahumairangi, the hill directly behind the city looking out over Te Whanganui-a-tara. We are very proud of our school. It is a focused, forward-looking learning community, working together to encourage everyone to grow in confidence and to be their best selves. Our school values encourage everyone in the school to foster a community of kind, curious, confident, creative, and active learners.

Our school philosophy is underpinned by three pou; Ako, Whanaungatanga, and Oranga. Northland School strives to provide a responsive and inclusive approach to education. We want to ensure success for every child by fostering engagement through curiosity, creativity, and a sense of wonder. We build strong, positive relationships that uphold mana. We hope that every member of the school community feels safe, valued, and affirmed within an engaging learning environment. We also have a focus on cultivating a safe, inclusive environment where everyone is empowered with the tools for wellbeing. We encourage our ākonga to be confident in taking risks, knowing that mistakes are a vital part of learning.

If your child has recently turned 4 years old, this is a good time to start looking at schools. The earlier you make a decision, the easier it is for schools and your ECE centre to prepare for staffing allocation and transition.

Here up some steps to help guide you through the process of enrolment:

1. Come to an open morning or phone the school to book a tour
2. Visit the school and ask questions
3. Complete an enrolment form on our website if you are in zone
4. Complete a ballot form if you are outside our Home Zone

When your child is about 6 weeks out from starting school we will:

1. Contact you to arrange transition visits for your child
2. Contact your child's ECE centre to arrange visits to the centre and possible visits form kaiako to school
3. Ask for copies of your child's birth certificate/ immunisation to complete their enrolment
4. Organise a stationery pack: You do not need to purchase this.

When your child starts school, you will be welcomed with a Mihi Whakatau. These are usually held on a Friday morning during the second week of each term.

Your child will need to bring with them each day; a school bag, book bag (part of their stationery pack), a packed lunch and water bottle (with water only). We are not a nut free school at this stage but this can change if we have children in a class with severe allergies. It is useful for your child to have a wet bag at school with clean clothes in case of accidents and a coat at school each day.

Children start school in Ruru Iti: which is our Year 0-1 class or New Entrant classroom. There is no set time a child remains in this classroom as we shift children due to a range of factors including; roll size, social and emotional development, academic development and staffing. We will always discuss classroom placements with you before we make any changes.

Here is a sample timetable for the day in NE.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 8.50-9.10 | Hui (Karakia, Whakatauki, Pēpeha, Waiata, Planning for inquiry) | | | | |
| 9.10-10:10 | Mahi Rangahau (Inquiry: arts, NZH, Science, Technology, Social Studies etc) | | | | |
| | <i>(Inquiry Focus)</i> | <i>(Inquiry Focus)</i> | <i>(Inquiry Focus)</i> | <i>(Writing Focus)</i> | <i>(Out and About)</i> |
| 10.10 | English Phonics: Milo the Monkey, Segmenting, Blending, Explicit Sentence work | | | | |
| Break Time 10.30- 11am (Park: Mon, Wed, Fri) | | | | | |
| 11- 11.10 | Read and Feed/ -Explicit Teaching of Vocabulary | | | | |
| 11.10-12:40 | English | English | English | English | English 12.10- Rōpū or Ruru Round Up |
| Lunch Time Play: 12.40-1.10 Lunch Time Eat: 1.10-1.30 | | | | | |
| 1.30 | Maths | Maths | Maths | Maths (Num knowledge) | Kapa Haka/ Te Reo Māori |
| 2.30 | PE/ Health | PE/ Health | PE/ Health | PE/ Health | Maths (Number and Games) |
| 2.50 | Hui | Hui | Hui | Hui | Hui |

We understand there is so much to read and understand as you undertake your child's transition to school so please don't be afraid to ask questions. We are always happy to help.

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