

NORTH STREET SCHOOL NEWS



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Kia ora e te whānau

Board News

Haere rā e te Mareikura, e Bridget. Moe mai rā i runga i te rangimārie - *Farewell, Bridget, our esteemed woman of great mana. Rest peacefully.*

On behalf of the School Board of Trustees, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Bridget Pound – Whaea Bridget, for her years of dedicated service to North Street School. Her unwavering commitment to our tamariki, staff, and wider school community has left a lasting legacy that will continue to be felt for many years to come. We are deeply grateful for the care, compassion, and leadership she brought to our kura, and we acknowledge the profound impact she has had on generations of learners, whānau, and colleagues.

Our deepest sympathy and aroha are with Cliff and William, Whaea Jo and Pā Jas, Whaea Thiesan and Kaea, Ella, Neitana and whānau, Marion, Michelle and whānau.

Moe mai rā, e te Mareikura. Ko ngā kākano i ruia e koe ka puāwai mō ngā rā kei mua - *Rest peacefully, esteemed one. The seeds you planted will continue to blossom in the days ahead.*

Learning, leading, and serving our school community.

Members of our Board recently attended the New Zealand School Boards Association Conference in Auckland, joining trustees from across Aotearoa to strengthen their governance knowledge and leadership.

The annual conference brings together school boards from throughout New Zealand to learn, share experiences, and gain a deeper understanding of the vital role boards play in supporting student success, providing effective governance, and helping shape the future of education in their communities.

We are grateful for the opportunity to continue learning, building connections, and bringing new ideas back to strengthen the governance of our kura and better serve our students, staff, and whānau. Akongia mō āpōpō - Learn for tomorrow.

Ngā Manaakitanga,
North Street School Board of Trustees

Pictured are Board members Joanna, Rebecca, Phil, Anne-Marie, and Perenara, with Paora behind the camera.



Welcome to Term 3

It is pleasing to see our staff showing up with heart and professionalism for our ākonga in the first week of Term 3. Routines are running smoothly, and our students are thoroughly engaged in their learning. A special mention to our junior and senior kapa haka groups for their amazing performances at Pae Tamariki. This was a true testament to the hard work of our staff, students, and whānau.



Ngā Pīpī Paopao o te Kura Araraki



Ngā Huia Kaimanawa

Remembering Whaea Bridget

A heartfelt thank you to our entire school community for your ongoing warmth, kindness, and manaakitanga towards Whaea Bridget's whānau. We deeply appreciate your continued support of our kura during what has been a challenging and deeply emotional time for us all. We extend thanks to our local schools/agencies who have reached out to us this week in support, whether bringing kai or beautiful flowers and messages, your compassion is heartening.

As a kura, we will be honouring Whaea Bridget with a time of remembrance and celebration. We warmly invite you to come along and join us for this special afternoon alongside Bridget's whānau. To celebrate the things Whaea Bridget loved, the event will feature kapa haka and Pasifika fusion.



Where: School Hall

Date/Time: Friday 31 July - 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm

More details will be sent out next week.

This Week's REACH Value is Respect:

Manaakitanga: Showing respect through active kindness and support, creating a welcoming space where everyone feels valued.

Aroha: Acting with empathy and compassion to show sincere care for the well-being of others.

Kotahitanga: Building a respectful community through unity, teamwork, and valuing diverse perspectives.

Upcoming Next Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th July - Student / Parent / Teacher Interviews. NB: School finishes at the earlier time of 1.00 pm next Tuesday. If you require supervision for your child until 3.00 pm, please notify your classroom teacher as soon as possible so we can make arrangements. Normal finish time on Wednesday.

We are striving for 100% attendance, this is to ensure every student is supported by a strong home-school partnership. Interviews can be made via the Skool Loop app and select bookings. If you need any help, please contact the office.

Attendance & Ministry Reporting

We continue to focus heavily on maintaining strong attendance. Thank you to everyone who received attendance letters recently and proactively reconnected with us.

Term 2 Data: Our regular attendance rose to 64% in Term 2 (up from 59.2% in Term 1). We have laid a strong foundation, but our journey of improvement continues.

Reporting Absences: If your child is away, please notify the office before 9.00 am via the Skool Loop app or by phone.

Unexplained Absences: For student safety, unexplained absences are automatically flagged and sent to Truancy Services, who may conduct home visits. Every day counts.

Truancy Focus: Absences marked 'T' (Truant) remain a primary focus. Teachers and office staff review these weekly and will contact parents directly.

School Uniform

As we reset expectations, please ensure your child leaves home in the correct gear:

Pants & Shorts: The official school uniform colour is navy blue.

Jewellery & Makeup: Not permitted at school. Please save these for the weekends, this includes fake eyelashes.

Thank you all for your ongoing effort and support. Have a wonderful, relaxing weekend.

Pā Pāora – Acting Principal



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM

William Pike Challenge: Tarapuruhi Bushy Park Adventure

A huge well done to our William Pike students, who kicked off the last week of Term 2 with an action-packed trip to Tarapuruhi Bushy Park! Despite a very frosty start, the students embraced their first outdoor activity with enthusiasm, embarking on a guided bush walk where they learned about native bird species like the tīeke (saddleback) and hihi (stitchbird). A highlight of the walk was visiting Rātānui, the world's oldest known rātā tree, standing at an impressive 36.2 metres tall! In the afternoon, the students ticked off two hours of their required William Pike community service. They got stuck into weeding, placing protective covers on young native trees, and lugging resources to a new spot for the park's volunteers. It was a fantastic, successful day trip for everyone involved. A massive thank you to all the helpers who made the day possible, and a special thanks to Park Educator Michaela Luxton for sharing her incredible knowledge with us!



Term Dates 2026

Term 3

July 20 to September 25

Teacher only day: 17 August

Term 4

October 12 to December 14

Teacher only day: 13 November

Labour Day: October 26

Important Dates coming up

AIMS Games - 5th to 11th September

Whole School Production - 28/29 October

Ko Whiri Tika Mai - Regional Kapa Haka 17/18 Nov

Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 2 27 July – 31 July 2026

Monday 27 July

- Year 7/8 Netball

Tuesday 28 July

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
NB: School finishes 1 pm
- EPIC Music

Wednesday 29 July

- Parent/Teacher Conferences continue
- Pā Jon Mentoring

Thursday 30 July

- Dance with Sio
- Mentoring with Tommy
- EPIC Music

Friday 31 July

- Mentoring Sio
- Remembrance Ceremony Bridget 1 pm

Our Bank account details are: North Street School Board of Trustees - 03 0626 0643630 000 Fees due: Feilding Sat Morning Netball \$35.00, Intermediate Netball \$90.00, Basketball \$70.00, William Pike Bushy Park \$20