

# KEEPING IN TOUCH *with* NORTHLAND COLLEGE

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## Newsletter - Term 1, Week 8, Friday, 27th March 2008

Tena koutou katoa

On behalf of the Northland College Community, I extend our heartfelt condolences to the Elim Christian Centre in this sad time of loss. Schools are places where parents send their tamariki to experience great learning opportunities. Schools play their part by seeking out extraordinary programmes to extend what happens in the classroom. For such a tragedy to occur while participating in the type of adventure that does happen at Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre leaves everyone at a loss for words.

We start Term 2 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May. As Term 1 comes to an end there are many things that we can look back on, some with wonderment and amazement, some with joy and satisfaction and some with thoughts of if only if!

### **Term 1 revisited**

Our Year 13 students started back on February 1<sup>st</sup> and were joined on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February by our new Year 9 students. With Waitangi day on the Wednesday it was short week. Year 10, 11 and 12 students began on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and soon we were in full swing. Week three saw the start of Video Conferencing classes, school prefects were announced and we began the process for selection of student councillors and our senior Volleyball teams all competed well at the preliminary tournament.

Week 4 saw our Year 9 campers head up to Coopers Beach with their Peer mentors. We had some great feedback from leaders, staff and students. The following week we had a very successful school athletics day. It was really unfortunate that the Northland Secondary Schools Athletics Champions of Champions did not happen this year because of poor organisation. Senior Touch Teams were competing throughout this time. Our Senior Volleyball Teams did very well at the Northland Secondary Schools Tournament with the girls placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the A division while the boys won their B division. We also managed to fit in our school swimming sports having had them rained out earlier in the term. After a relatively successful parent-teacher interview evening on the Wednesday before the Easter break, it was great to have such a good turn-out for the school reunion. We have had the inter-house triathlon and the last Friday of the term we will spend some of the assembly time presenting sports trophies.

There have been visitors to the school. We have had writers and poets, actors and charlatans, musicians and entertainers. Students have heard about pathways through Universities and Polytechs. The majority of our Year 12 and 13 students have had one-on-one interviews with Mrs Eileen Andrews to record and update their career paths. Students have also travelled out from school such as the group who went to the Career Expo in Auckland. With all of this happening it is the staff who have been extremely busy.

Teachers spend long hours at school and at home on lesson preparation, resource development, marking assessments, contacting home, giving extra tuition and generally being interested in students they teach. It is a regular occurrence to find teachers spending an interval or lunchtime talking with students about school, about life and about the future. We have had an unsettled term with staffing changes and I would like to thank everyone who has stepped up to make things that little bit easier; teachers, students, parents and guardians. It has all been deeply appreciated.

### **Safety at school**

We had our fire drill on Wednesday morning. The students reacted appropriately to the ringing of the alarm and staff managed the process well. We will review what happened and make necessary changes and implement them at our next practice in Term 2.

Northland College is Smoke Free, as are all schools throughout the country. A bane on society, we know the effects that smoking has on the body; we heard it from Paikea in "*Whale Rider*". New Zealand has laws about the use of drugs and alcohol and these are reinforced by the school rules. Northland College will continue to promote a safe physical and emotional environment.

### **Board of Trustees**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the board of trustees for an elected parent representative. The board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:

Returning Officer  
Board of Trustees  
Northland College  
PO Box 261  
KAIKOHE  
by May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Any person who would like to be considered for selection for this position is invited to submit a one page CV to the Returning Officer. The candidate should be willing to be a part of a proactive board and committed to making a positive contribution to the governance of the school. If you would like any further information please feel free to contact the Board Chair, Don Edmonds at [doned@igrin.co.nz](mailto:doned@igrin.co.nz) or phone 027 256 8290.

## **ANZAC Day**

Next Friday, our student leaders will represent Northland College at the Anzac Day Service in Kaikohe. I hope that as many other students from the school as possible will also be there to support their leaders and to pay respects to the many men and women who served their country when the call was made, and in particular to those who made the ultimate sacrifice and died while serving their country.

## **School Holidays**

As we break for this first two week holiday of the year I ask us all to ensure that we look after one another. Holidays are a time for us all to take time to recuperate, charge up the batteries and return well rested and ready for the tasks that lay ahead. I realise it is only the schools who have the holiday and for some parents, school holidays cause extra frustration because you are still at work and you also have your children to look after! Be that as it may, let's all make sure that we stay safe and well so that we can all come back again at the start of term 2 on May 5<sup>th</sup> all ready for the new set of challenges.

John Tapene  
Principal

## CAREERS CORNER

Congratulations to Vincent in 10 Wha for winning the NorthTec Question of the Fortnight and Beaumyn in 13 Tahi for coming 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This fortnights question is about Auckland University and students need to "name 3 fully catered Halls of Residence at Auckland University" and the prize is a shoulder bag with some goodies from the University of Auckland. In the dates of what is happening can you also add

Year 13 students wanting more information about a GAP year overseas to see Miss Andrews for more information.

Year 13 girls who are interested in Early Childhood Education or Primary School Teaching, see Miss Andrews for information about a Au Pair Cultural Exchange Program to the USA.

Cheers Eileen

Eileen Andrews  
Careers Advisor  
Northland College

# CAREERS CORNER

## Whats happening in Careers...

### **Electrical Apprenticeship**

Anyone interested in an Electrical Apprenticeship in Kerikeri must have 12 credits in each of English, Maths and a Science at Level 1. See Miss Andrews for more information.

### **Enter the Fortnightly Careers Question**

Write Name and Class on a piece of paper with your Answer and place this in the box at the Student Centre.

Be in to win a flash bag with some goodies from Auckland Uni.

### **Wed 7 to Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May (Week 1 Term 2)**

Urban Camp for Year 13, the Hospitality and Carpentry Academy Students. 2 days in Auckland visiting areas of interest and Auckland University and 1 day at Waikato Uni for their open day.

Health and Consent Forms need to be returned ASAP.

### **7 to 11<sup>th</sup> July (holidays)**

Army ACE Week at Waiouru Military Camp

Must be Year 12 or 13

Pass entry Fitness Level

**Need** to collect and return forms to Student Centre

Airforce Challenge at RNZAF Base in Auckland

Must be Year 12 or 13

**Need** to collect and return forms to Student Centre

NorthTec are running a 3 day course for Year 12 and 13 Girls about

**Learn how to check and fix your car**

**17-19 June**

**Raumanga Campus (Whangarei)**

**\$150 per student**

NorthTec are running a week long course for Year 12 and 13 Girls about

**A career in the Electricity Supply Industry**

**16-20 June**

**Raumanga Campus (Whangarei)**

**FEES FREE**

**Quantum Aviation** will be here on Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of May at lunchtime to talk about their course and careers in Aviation and Flying.

The **Careers Expo** is on the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of May at Forum North in Whangarei.

# DISCO

**DJ - "WHANAU"**

Fundraising for Northland College Te Roopu Arawhanui Kapa Haka

Kaikohe Memorial Hall

Friday 2nd May 2008

Primary School 5 -10 Years	5-7pm	Entry: \$3.00
Intermediate/Seniors	7.30-10.30pm	\$5.00

Hot Food, Drinks, Chippies and Prizes available

No Bandanas or Gang Related Wear

Doors close 5.30pm & 8.00pm

## CAREER PROFILE

### **Career Profile**

Mr John Sanson - Teacher at Northland College

- 1. Where are you from?**  
I was born in Whangarei. My tribes are Ngapuhi and Te Rarawa
- 2. Why did you become a teacher?**  
To raise the number of Maori students to go to University.
- 3. How long have you been teaching?**  
5 years
- 4. What do you teach?**  
Business Studies and PE
- 5. Does your teaching career affect your lifestyle?**  
Yes, it allows me to get into sports I enjoy, particularly rugby.
- 6. Do you have any other career options in the future?**  
I intend to stay in the education field. I may dabble in property investment in the near future.

Interviewed by Billy Cosgrave and Taniora Adams.

**Tangowahine School**  
**"Monster Motorbike Trail Ride"**  
**Saturday 26th April 2008**

[www.monstertrail.co.nz](http://www.monstertrail.co.nz)



Kia ora Parents and Caregivers, this last issue of whanau literacy fun page for term 1 is a musically focussed. We are revisiting the word map strategy in this issue. It is a very useful strategy for helping to solve and understand unfamiliar words or concepts. Variations could include word families and/or root or base words. A dictionary and a thesaurus are both very useful when using word maps. See how well you do. We are very keen to get your feedback and so have set-up an email address. Please email your suggestions or activities we may be able to put in any up and coming issues. Email to: [whanauliteracyfunpage@northlandcollege.school.nz](mailto:whanauliteracyfunpage@northlandcollege.school.nz). Kia pai nga hararei.

## 1 LEARN-A-LITERACY-STRATEGY

**Word Maps** This strategy involves students brainstorming words that relate to a single focus "word."

**Purpose:** Relationships between words can be illustrated through word maps. Create word maps by writing the focus word in a central circle and then asking the students to brainstorm related words. Link these brainstormed words to the focus word as in an elementary word map. The word maps could be:

- words with similar meanings to that of the focus word;
- words from the same word family;
- words that relate to the same topic or theme;
- different meanings of the focus word.

## 2 Word Maps. Now Give It A Go.

\_\_\_\_\_ (definition)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (synonym)

**ORCHESTRA**

\_\_\_\_\_ (antonym) draw a picture  
OR  
use in a sentence

## 3 MUSICAL TERMS & EXPRESSIONS

Match the terms with their definitions

Term	Definition	Symbol
Accidental	a small line written above or below the staff to extend the range of notation	
Bar Line	a small symbol placed to the right of a note that increases the duration of the note by one half	
Clef	symbols such as sharps or flats and naturals that raise or lower a pitch	
Dot	a vertical line on the staff to separate measures in a composition	
Flat	a symbol used to indicate silence in music	
Ledger Line	the interval between two adjacent notes of the same name	
Octave	a symbol placed at the beginning of the staff to indicate names of lines and spaces	
Rest	a symbol written to the left of a note that lowers the pitch by a half step	

## 4 WORDFIND

D	R	U	M	E	O	B	O
R	O	L	L	E	C	A	R
U	P	I	A	N	O	L	A
M	G	E	L	T	A	O	T
R	E	T	U	L	F	I	I
B	A	N	J	O	N	V	U
P	I	C	C	O	L	O	G
I	S	L	A	B	M	Y	C

### Word List

PIANO	BANJO	FLUTE
DRUM	VIOLA	OBOE
GUITAR	CELLO	PICCOLO
	CYMBALS	

Unscramble the remaining unused letters to reveal the mystery word...

*Clue – You will sometimes hear this musical instrument mentioned during a Mathematics lesson.*

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6 Complete all sections and hand-in to the student centre.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Form Class: \_\_\_\_\_

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