



## From the Principal's Pen

Kia ora te whānau. Nǐ hǎo

This week we welcome **Zeng Zixia**, our 2019 Mandarin Language Assistant. Please see below.

### Family Engagement Evening

We are looking forward to you and your children joining us on Monday evening for our first engagement evening of the year.

5:00pm – American Hot Dog Dinner provided by Home & School

6:00pm – Key Messages for parents in the hall, children in learning hubs with teachers

6:45pm – Parents join children and teachers in hubs

7:30pm – Finish

Key Messages will cover our collaborative journey and next steps; the “Khandallah Way” developing school values and culture; how we respond to children’s learning needs and what families can do to support learning.

Hub time will be an opportunity for you, your child and teacher to share their new learning environment.

### Resignation

It is with great sadness that we have accepted the resignation of Karen Grant. As many of you know, Karen has been fighting breast cancer over the last few years and now wants to spend quality time with her family. We send Karen and her family all our love and support as she continues her fight.

### Appointments

Interviews are underway to fill the teaching positions available from Term 2.

### Completion of Kaukau Upgrade

If you’ve visited school lately, you will have seen the progress being made on installing the fabulous new playground and reinstating access. The children are very excited! This week work on

finishing the staff carpark and turning circle for drop off / pick up has begun.

We expect to celebrate the completion of the project and formally open the playground, carpark and turning circle on Monday 4 March, 10am. Parents are welcome to join us. Please watch out for further information early next week.

Once again, a very big thank you to everyone helping to relieve congestion around school by parking a distance away and walking. Please continue to keep our children safe by driving, turning, stopping and parking in safe and sensible ways, and using the school crossings when they are operating.

### Paid Union Meetings – March 2019

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry this week. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching, and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time.

In Wellington North, two afternoon meeting times are available, on 19 and 21 March. We will spread our attendance over both days so that school remains open while teachers attend these important meetings.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

**Bee Healthy Dental Service**

Last year the Bee Healthy Dental Service visited our school and completed examinations on 381 children. Sixty seven (18%) had tooth decay. Research has shown that children with oral health problems are more likely to have lower academic achievement and school attendance.

One simple and effective way to reduce rates of tooth decay is to replace sugary drinks such as fizzy drinks, energy drinks, sports drinks, fruit drinks and juices, flavoured milks and waters, powdered drinks and cordial with **water or plain milk**. We strongly encourage **water** at school.

**Water Leak**

Recently, we discovered water in a corner of the library. We are working to identify the source and rectify the problem. For now, the library is closed and Jane, our librarian, is working out of a nearby office.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Louise Green  
Principal

**Important Dates for your Calendar**

The following events can also be found on our school calendar on our school website.

Date	Activity
25 February	Family Engagement Evening 6-7.30pm
26 February	Northern Zone Cricket Year 5/6
27 February	Arctic Challenge
March	Movin' March
4 March	Home & School Meeting 7-9.30pm

**Haere Mai, Ni Hao, Welcome to Zeng Zixia**

Zixia is our new Mandarin Language Assistant who has arrived at school this week. Zixia has been spending time observing teaching and learning in classes and meeting the children, before beginning to teach Mandarin from next week. All children from Year 0 - 6 will have the opportunity to learn about Chinese language and culture again this year, and we are thankful for this opportunity which is provided by the Confucius Institute at Victoria University. This is Zixia's second year in NZ; she spent last year teaching in five primary schools in Gisborne. Zixia comes from Shaoguan in Guangdong Province, so she also speaks Cantonese and welcomes the opportunity to converse with those of our students who are familiar with Cantonese.



After the success and fun we have had over the last few years, we are now ready to put together a team for the 2019 Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge which is to be held on Wednesday 22nd May.

If your child is in Year 3 or above and would like to be included in the school team, please visit and register on the event website

<https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tough-guy-gal-challenge/wellington/>

Spaces are limited so please register early to avoid disappointment.

This is a fun and rewarding day out with all of the profits going to the Cure Kids Charity. Earlybird Registration is \$25.00 per entry.

Once you have registered please forward your confirmation email too Nicola Major on [nicola.major1@gmail.com](mailto:nicola.major1@gmail.com)

## Community Notices

The following notices have been received from a range of sources for inclusion in our school newsletter and are provided for your information. Khandallah School does not accept responsibility for the accuracy of information provided.

Northern United Junior Hockey Club  
The Northern Suburbs' home of hockey for school years 3-8

### 2019 Details

Years 3-6: 6-a-side  
Years 7-8: 11-a-side

Online registrations now open for the 2019 season  
(May-Sept)

**Have a Go Hockey:** 4 no-obligation sessions for beginners all ages:  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> & Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.

**Pre-season training:** Starting Monday 18 February, 2019

**11-a-side Trials** (For kids in years 7 & 8 in 2019):

- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 5pm
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 5pm
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2 – 5 pm

Official 2019 Season runs from start of Term 2

For more information:

- Web: [www.nujhc.org.nz](http://www.nujhc.org.nz)
- Email: [info@nujhc.org.nz](mailto:info@nujhc.org.nz)
- FB: <https://www.facebook.com/NUJHC>

### Play Rugby this Year

West's Junior Rugby Club invites **you** to play rugby this season. The club is open to girls and boys from 3-13, starting out at Nursery and Rippa before moving to tackle for the Under 8s onwards which are weight and age graded.

Register online, ask a question or check our FAQ at <http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz>  
Games start in Term 2, but the club welcome and weigh-in (and a chance to ask any questions in person) will be at our club rooms at Ian Galloway Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 7:30pm) and 9<sup>th</sup> of March (1:00 – 3:00pm).

Nairnville Recreation Centre are organising an afterschool Basketball Clinic to run every Wednesday during the school terms. This will start on February the 27<sup>th</sup> and run from 3:30 - 5:30pm. It is suitable for kids aged 7-12, with one session for the 7-9 year olds and another session for the 10-12 year olds. If this is something your children would be interested in please get in touch with us, or check out our Nairnville Facebook page for more information.

Age 7- 9 / 3:30 – 4:30pm

Age 10-12 / 4:30 – 5:30pm

## The Ugly Duckling

(Khandallah Arts Theatre's annual Play-in-the-Park)  
playwright: Rob Ormsby, director: Mary Collie-Holmes

Khandallah Park  
(if wet, Cochran Hall,  
106 Cashmere Ave)



*An hour of colourful characters, catchy tunes  
and lots of laughs - entertainment for all the family*

www.kat-theatre.org.nz  
or Khandallah Arts  
Theatre on Facebook

No bookings, no fixed charge,  
but small donations  
help cover costs.

Sat Feb 23 - 2:30 (at the Park's Birthday Party)  
Sun Feb 24, Sat March 2, Sun March 3—1:30 and 3:30



## Kids Go Free at Staglands

**Children's Day**  
Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2019



PUE  
Eamariki  
FIRST



**BLOOD DRIVE AT  
Johnsonville  
Community Centre  
3 Frankmoore  
Avenue  
Thursday the  
28<sup>th</sup> of February  
9.00am – 2.00pm**

PLEASE CALL 0800 448 325 TO MAKE AN  
APPOINTMENT TODAY!