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Nau Mai, Haere Mai: Starting Strong Together

It has been wonderful to see our tamariki back at the kura this week! There is a vibrant energy in the air, and we want to thank our whānau for the effort put into a smooth return to school.

### Looking Sharp in Uniform

First off, a huge mihi to our students and families as the the uniform looks fantastic. When everyone wears their uniform correctly and with pride, it creates a real sense of kotahitanga and sets a high standard for the day's learning.

Please ensure you are familiar with the specific uniform expectations as follows, so we can keep this momentum going. Let's keep up the great work; the kura looks incredible when we are all standing tall together.

### Uniforms

Polo shirts - \$30 - available from the school office.

Polar Fleece - \$46 – available from the school office.

Plain navy blue skorts/shorts/track pants are available at The Warehouse/Kmart.

Black Roman Sandals are the only summer footwear option - no crocs or slides. Plain black covered-in shoes/sneakers may also be worn. Black or navy socks and hair ties are required. Each child will also be issued with a school hat, these are compulsory in Terms 1 and 4. Replacement hats can be purchased from the school office for \$10

### Every Day Counts: Attendance Focus

This year, attendance is a major priority. The Government has set clear expectations that regular attendance is a "must" for student success. From Term 1 2026, all state and state-integrated schools in New Zealand are required to implement an Attendance Management Plan. These plans aim to improve student attendance by providing clear pathways to identify and address absences. We know that life happens, but consistency is key to both academic progress and the Hauora, wellbeing of our students. As a parent or caregiver, you, alongside our school, play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

- Communication is Essential: Please ensure all absences are communicated to the school office as early as possible. You can do this via the Skool Loop App or by phoning and leaving a message on the absentee line - 06 323 6695.
- Our Goal: To have every student present and engaged so they don't miss out on vital learning opportunities.

### ERO Review: Next Week

Next week, we look forward to welcoming the Education Review Office (ERO) to our kura. They will be conducting a scheduled review to ensure we are meeting all requirements and remain fully compliant. During their visit, they will be observing lessons, reviewing our policies and procedures, and holding discussions with students, staff, and whānau. This is a valuable opportunity to showcase the great work happening in our classrooms.

Ngā mihi nui for your ongoing support in making this a successful and disciplined start to the year.

Jo Reiri-Tatana - **Principal** and Paora Pomare **Deputy Principal**



NIHO TANIWHA TEAM



ROIMATA TOROA TEAM



TE ARA MANGOPARE TEAM



POUTAMA TEAM



PURAPURA WHETU TEAM

## A Warm Welcome to Our New Teachers



**Polly, Bec's, Sarah, Tanz, Megan, Sophie, Ngaira, Nopera (absent)**

My name is Megan de Beer (Miss M). I'm happiest outdoors—whether I'm going for a run, swinging a golf club, or chasing goals on the netball court. If I'm not doing one of those, you'll probably find me at the beach, soaking up the sun and salt air. I love spending time with my Whānau, because life is never dull when you're one of four sisters (especially when you're part of an identical twin duo). On top of all that, I've got a real passion for teaching young kids—it keeps me inspired and reminds me that the best kind of energy is contagious. Basically, I like to think of myself as proof that good things come in pairs... and sometimes in fours! And I'm really looking forward to what next year will bring.

Kia ora, my name is Sophie. I love teaching young learners and watching their confidence grow day by day. I'm looking forward to being part of your child's learning journey this year. I'm passionate about creating a classroom environment where everyone's stories and cultures can be shared and celebrated. When I'm not teaching, you'll usually find me trying a new recipe, pottering in the garden, or spending time with my whānau and my husband. I'm excited for a fantastic year ahead with our tamariki!

Ko Onekainga te Maunga  
Ko Te Wairahi te Awa  
Ko Ngatokimatawhaorua te Waka  
Ko Whakapaumahara te Marae  
Ko Ngati Rehua te Hapu  
Ko Ngati Wai te Iwi  
Ko Ngaira Puha Ahau

Kia ora my name is Ngaira Puha and I am so excited to be joining North Street as a Kaiako in Room 9 this year. I am a mother of four who has brought two of my own children along to join this wonderful kura. I look forward to working alongside your Tamariki.

E te tī, e te tā e rere atu rā āku mihi mahana ki koutou, tātou Ko Nopera Stewart tōku ingoa. Kei te hari me te koa kia hoki mai ki te kura Araraki hei kaiako hou, hei kaiako tūturu. Ko te tūmanako māku tātou mō tēnei tau e fakaihihi ana, e manahau ana, otirā e fakamahuki ana ki te katoa. Nō reira, nōku te kete tuatahi, nōu te kete tuarua, nō tātou te kete tuatoru. Tēnā tātou katoa

Warm greetings to one and all. My name is Nopera Stewart. I am happy and excited to be returning to North Street as a new and qualified teacher. My hope is that together we will make this year exciting, positive and enriching for everyone. I'll bring the first basket of knowledge, you bring the second, together we hold the third basket.

Tēnā koutou katoa!. My name is Tarnz Te Hina Williams. I am so excited to be joining the North Street School whānau. North St School is where I attended my Primary and Intermediate years, so returning here to teach is a special full-circle moment for me. I have grown up in Feilding since the age of 4 and was born in a small town called Taumarunui. At 18 I began my teaching journey, completing a Bachelor of Teaching in 2015. Most of my career has been in the Early Childhood sector, but I have been fortunate to gain experience in Primary for Term 3 & 4 last year. My bilingual haerenga is something I have always been passionate about, I couldn't think of a better kura to support and nurture that haerenga than North St. I am really looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know your tamariki. *Titiro whakamua ki te tutaki i a koutou katoa* Ngā mihi, Whāea Tarnz.

Kia ora, I'm Polly Wolland and I am very excited to be part of the North Street School team. My teaching career has been predominantly spent at Pahiatua School, where I taught for twenty years, five of which I spent leading a team of Year 4, 5, and 6 students. I have also recently returned from two years of teaching at an international school abroad. Outside of education I am currently training for an open water swimming event and enjoy spending time exploring art exhibitions. My daughter has left the nest, and will be entering her first position in a company in Christchurch this year.

Kia Ora, my name is Bec's and I am a release teacher this year. I live locally with my whānau, I have two little ones aged 3 and 1 who keep me very busy. I have a degree in Physical Education, I love being active and getting involved in sports, football is my sport and look forward to being a part of the coaching team this year. I am very passionate about teaching and I am looking forward to getting to know the ākonga here at NSS and building relationships with them and whānau.

Kia ora, I'm Sarah Ackroyd, I am a release teacher this year. I have been teaching in ECE settings for the past 13 years, and I am thrilled to continue growing my professional practice here at North Street. I look forward to getting to know all of you! Outside of work, I love spending time outdoors and enjoying quality time with my family.

## Wātaka o Te Wiki – Week 3 9 – 13 February 2026

### Monday 9 February

- Year 7/8 swimming – Makino Pools
- Epic Music

### Tuesday 10 February

- Mentoring Pa Jono

### Wednesday 11 February

- RIZE – Pasifika Mentoring
- Mentoring Pa Jono

### Thursday 12 February

- Epic Music
- RIZE – Pasifika Mentoring



The poster features a basketball court scene with two boys playing basketball. The text on the poster includes: 'KELLY SPORTS' logo, 'TIP OFF 2026', 'Term 1 Multi Sports Programme', 'NORTH STREET SCHOOL', 'EVERY WEDNESDAY, 3:10 – 4:10PM', and a list of sports: Football, Handball, Basketball, and Tennis. The website 'KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ' is also displayed.

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