



Pūtahi maunga, tū te ao, tū te pō.

Tēnā koe e tū mai nā hei herenga tāngata, hei herenga kaupapa, hei herenga kōrero.

**Whakawhiti mai nei ki Pārahirahi e tū ana hei āhuru mōwai mō tātou katoa.
Whakarongo atu rā ki a Wairoro e rere mai nei. Whakawhiti mai ki Ōtuhi
hei wāhi hākari mō te iwi.**

Tēnā koutou katoa.

E koko e te huatau ki Te Wāhi Ngaro, ki a rātou ko whetūrangitia, me tā tātou nei mokopuna ko riro ki Te Pō i roto i te wiki ko hipa atu. Rātou te hunga mate ki a rātou, tātou o Te Ao Mārama nei ki a tātou - tēnā tātou.

With the winter months well and truly upon us I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of our whānau to ensure our ākonga, your tamariki, are well prepared for the cooler temperatures and wetter days. Remember, students can access uniform from Te Punawai, the student centre, if required.

If your child(ren) are senior students at Northland College they are about to enter a crucial period of learning and assessment at school. In two weeks another round of the CAAs (Common Assessment Activities) will be underway. This is a key opportunity for students to secure the reading, writing and math component for NCEA. Also, in the final week of Term 3 senior students have practice exams. These are incredibly important because they a) give ākonga and whānau an indication of how well prepared (or otherwise) they are for the external exams at the end of the year; and b) the marks from these school exams can be used if a student is, for certain reasons, unable to attend the external exam at the end of the year.

A key focus for us is still improving our attendance. Too many students at Northland College do not attend regularly. The link between regular attendance and success in learning is clear - student achievement in education is, to a large degree, determined by their attendance. If, for any reason, your tamaiti is unable to attend please communicate this to the office.

Tēnā koutou e te whānau.



15 August 2025



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RE: PPTA Strike Action - Wednesday, 20 August

Tēnā koutou e te whānau, As many of you may already be aware, the Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) have formally notified all secondary schools that their members will participate in a nationwide strike on Wednesday 20 August, 2025.

After consulting with the Presiding Member of our Board we have made the decision to close for timetabled classes on Wednesday. This decision has been made because we do not have enough non-union staff to supervise all timetabled classes. Limited supervision will be provided for students who can not remain at home for the day.

In addition to the nationwide strike this Wednesday, PPTA have also advised that union members will participate in a series of partial strikes in the final week of Term 3. During this week union members will not teach, supervise or instruct students in certain year levels on specific days. The details are as follows:

- Monday 15 September: Years 12 and 13
- Tuesday 16 September: Year 11
- Wednesday 17 September: Year 10
- Thursday 18 September: Year 9

These year levels will be rostered home on these days.

Please note, practice exams are scheduled for this week and they will be structured around seniors being rostered home. It is imperative that they attend as these marks may be used if students are unable to attend external examinations in Term 4.

In light of this development, and in the interests of managing lost learning time, next week's scheduled rostering home has been cancelled, and students will attend timetabled classes.

Nāku, i roto i ngā mihi,

Duane Allen
Tumuaki



STAFF ONLY DAY

Monday, 6th October 2025

Northland College will be closed for a Staff Only Day on Monday, October 6 as we are hosting professional learning for our Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning).

Therefore, the first day for students in Term 4 will be Tuesday, October 7.

Kia ora e te whānau

Gala Raffle

We would like to thank everyone who supported us in our basketball raffle during our school gala, Wednesday 6th August. To our business community and whanau who donated towards our hampers, we are truly grateful and appreciate it so much,



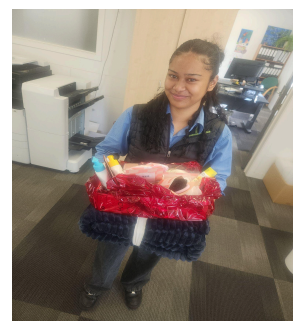
Left: First Prize: #2 - Ngatoka (Matua Reyne), prize donated by Kaikohe warehouse and Cuzzy T.

Right: Second prize: #17 Kamila Wihongi. Prize donated by Kaikohe New World and Kaikohe Warehouse.



Left: Third prize: #19 Freda Mokaraka. Prize donated by Cuzzy T, Kaikohe Warehouse and Goods 2 U Kaikohe.

Right: Fourth prize: #27 Veia Pomale. Prize donated by Whaea Hayley Nikora Whanau and Kaikohe Warehouse.



NEW WORLD

the warehouse





Arts & Exploration: Creative Challenges!

Our 10 Arts & Exploration class recently tackled two fun challenges: the **Paper Tower Challenge** and **Soap Carving**.

First, students became engineers for the Paper Tower Challenge. They worked in teams to build the tallest, strongest towers they could using only paper and a bit of tape. It was great to see their teamwork and clever designs, with some towers reaching impressive heights!

Next, they switched to a more artistic task: **Soap Carving**. Using simple tools, students turned ordinary bars of soap into unique sculptures. This helped them learn about 3D art and showed off their amazing creativity and patience. Fantastic work, everyone!



Whaea Suvina K-Sutton





Senior Mathematics

Level 3 Mathematics & Statistics

Our Level 3 cohort has gained 10 Level 3 credits to date, having completed 3 internal Achievement Standard assessments. They have one assessment remaining to secure university entrance in mathematics and statistics (14 credits). They display strong collaboration, respect, and determination, showing excellent teamwork and citizenship while seeking clarity, conducting research, and making meaningful connections to the topic.

Level 2 Mathematics & Statistics

Our Level 2 Mathematics students have conducted themselves quite soundly thus far, showing determination, effort, and consistent application throughout their coursework. For the greater part of this term, we have focused on algebra and calculus. They have two internal assessments to complete this year and will sit the calculus and algebra external exams in Term 4. There will be a mock exam in week 10 this term.

Level 1 Mathematics & Statistics

We have completed the first round of testing the US32406: Use mathematics and statistics to meet the numeracy demands of a range of situations. CAA—Common assessment activity

Online/web-based [10 credits]

A second round of testing will take place later in term 3. Two internal achievement standards are to be assessed this term [10 credits]. There will be a focus on the 2 external achievement standards, 1.3 and 1.4, in terms 3 & 4.



Junior Mathematics

Junior students have been engaged in a comprehensive course of study covering the Algebra & Number Strand, Measurement & Geometry Strand, and Statistics/Probability Strand, with a focus on solving right-angled triangles and developing number operation skills in various topics, including fractions, decimals, and percentages.

A select cohort of students had the opportunity to sit the CAA—Common Assessment Activity—online/web-based [10 credits]. Greater gains are possible with regular attendance and a positive mindset.



Senior English



Most senior English students have completed internal assessments and are now revising for the practice external examinations in Week 10 of this term. The result of this will count towards a derived grade in English. Additionally, students who

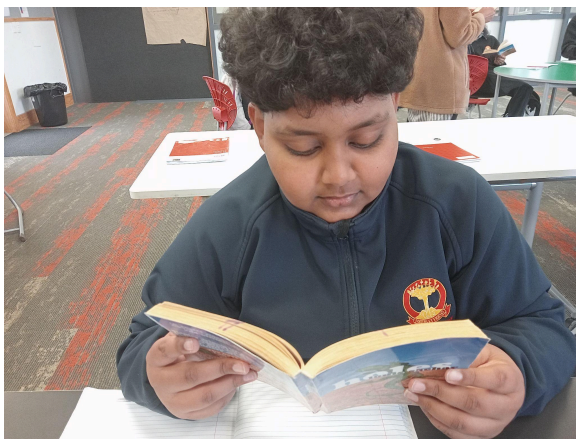
successfully pass the examination in November can earn an endorsement. Students must put in extra study time at home. The English website has



resources and examples to help with exam preparation. Teachers are available during lunchtime twice a week to help those students needing extra support.

COURSE	Examination (1)	Examination (2)
Level 3 English	91973 (3.2)	
Level 2 English	91099 (2.2)	
Level 1 English	91926 (1.3)	91927 (1.4)

Junior English



Level 10 English

Year 10 students are revising for the literacy novel assessment. This is based on the text 'Kura Toa' by Tim Tipene. Students are preparing in



class and are encouraged to revise at home too. The assessment will focus on literary aspects of the novel.

Level 9 English

Year 9 students are studying the novel 'Holes'. They are reading each chapter aloud, followed by various tasks & activities. The class will be writing paragraphs on literary aspects of the novel for the assessment. Full answers using PEEL paragraphing will help students attain a better grade.

Social Sciences

There are three Senior Social Science classes running in Term Three. Mr Peters is teaching a Level 1 History class this term. This class is aiming to complete two internal Achievement Standards which together total 10 credits. The Level 2 and Level 3 History class is continuing to be taught in Term 3 by Mr Peters. This class has three Internal Achievement Standards available to be completed which add up to 14 credits for the Level 2 students and 15 credits for the Level 3 Students. The Level 2 and 3 Geography class is also being taught this term. This class is being taught by Mr Sutton. There are Senior School Examinations in week 10 this term.

Our year 10 Social Studies classes are being taught by Mr Sutton this term. They are learning about countries that are connected to New Zealand. The Year 9 Social Studies classes are being taught by Mr Peters and Whaea Claire Edmonds. They are learning about New Zealand Hazards and Environment.

Mr Andrew Peters, Head of Social Sciences



TYREPOWER YR 13/ U18 BOYS CLUB FINAL 2025

Congratulations Kaikohe U18's Rugby!

After an unbeaten season the Kaikohe U18 Rugby Team won the 2025 competition! We would like to recognise the hard work and commitment shown to this Kaupapa from the boys, their coaches, managers, and to all those who supported them.

A special mention goes to the three players from our school:

Whakataha Kapa,
Takoha Quitta Moses, and
Zyon Johnstone.



We look forward to seeing you continue playing in the Te Kotahitanga 1st XV.

Junior Girls 3x3 Basketball

Friday, 18th July 2025



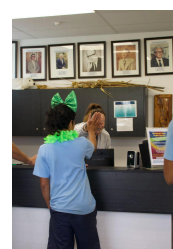
Our junior girls 3x3 basketball team competed at the Northland Secondary Schools competition in July. It was the first time for our girls and they played against some very experienced players who live and breathe basketball! So proud of our girls and their resilience coming 2nd overall in Northland, a great result for our junior girls basketball programme. This is the beginning of establishing a basketball academy at Northland. L-R: Kaea Samson (Coach), Corah-Marie George, Teighan Kopara, Kyaleha Tauteka-Wharerau & Hevani Stephens.



Transition Day

This week we welcomed Year 8 students from Tautoro School, Kaikohe Intermediate School, Rawene School, Te Kura o Waima, and Te Kura o Ōmanaia to Northland College for Transition Day. Our Transition Day visits give our local Year 8 students the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school, staff, and students prior to enrolling for 2026. Our program for the day included pōwhiri, the amazing race, a science experiment making sherbet, the great pancake bake off, and multisport. We are extremely grateful to have spent the day with our contributing schools and their kaiako. It was a wonderful day that was enjoyed by many! Thank-you to our prefects, students, and staff who made this day a success.

Ngā mihi - Whaea Lisa





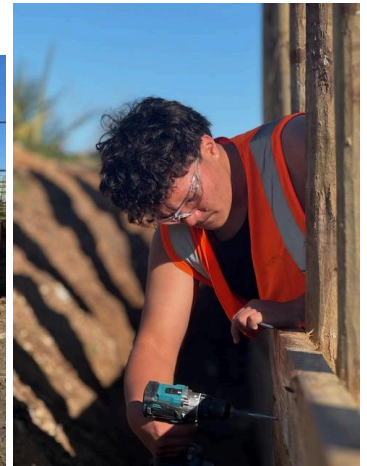
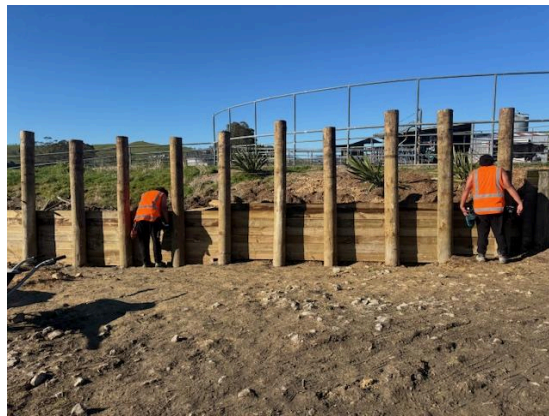
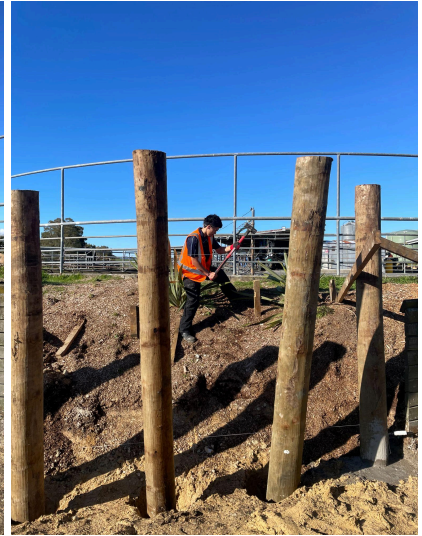
Trades - Carpentry

The Carpentry students have been hard at mahi over the last few months. They have been asked to complete a few tasks on the farm to maintain our Best on Farm Practice - replacing rails and iron in the calf house. This is to keep the pens separate, replace damaged rails and iron, and install rails for the water troughs for calves to access.

They have also constructed a retaining wall around the edge of the cowshed yard. It looks amazing!! Well done. Keep up the excellent work guys.

Ngā mihi - Matua George







SchoolDocs Policies

To view our school policies and procedures please go to - <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/> and enter Northland College in the search bar -

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Sign in to SchoolDocs

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KAMAR Parent Portal

To view your student's Attendance, Details and Reports please contact the school office to get your individual login details. For the School Calendar and Notices please go to - [KAMAR PARENT PORTAL](#)

School Start Time

8.45am

Cell Phone Ban

Ngā mihi to our ākonga who have consistently supported our ban of mobile phones and acknowledged our shared responsibility for creating a learning environment that's just about that - learning - ko koutou a runga!

Uniform

Ngā mihi also to all of our ākonga who wear our school uniform with pride and mana!



Cancer Society
Daffodil Day

Te Rā Daffodil



NORTHLAND COLLEGE

Daffodil Day Breakfast

Friday, 29th August 2025

**Northland College Hub 1 -
next to the Whare**

3 Seatings - 6.30am - 7.30am - 8.30am

**Please email bookings to -
geraldinet@northlandcollege.school.nz**

**\$25.00 per person
Children U13 = \$1 per year of age
Cash Door Sales Only**



NORTHLAND COLLEGE BOT PARENT ELECTION

Invitation to

Meet the Candidates

Angelita Thomas
Ara Tahere
Chris Foley
Florence Tahere
Hape Paewhenua
Joel Quitta-Moses

Kelly van Gaalen
Kelly Yakas
Miriamama Maihi
Narketa Kopa
Shayne Rurehe
Tania Edwards

Please RSVP for catering
puposes to -
[admin@northlandcollege.
school.nz](mailto:admin@northlandcollege.school.nz)



Thursday, 21st August 2025, 5.00pm

Northland College Staffroom

Nau mai, Haere mai


**SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS**



“Rare” Lessons, to take your “breath” away.

Our students have been busy in science, diving into the much-anticipated dissection lab! Offering an opportunity to see gas exchange in action.

This year we invited some guests for a special collaboration - our very own Ag Scientists-in-training - for a hands-on look at gas exchange. Together, they tackled the messy business of dissecting lungs, inflating them like grotesque balloons to see how oxygen flows in and carbon dioxide flows out – all whilst trying to make them explode. Nothing says collaboration quite like a shared lung on the lab bench.

Meanwhile, the Year 12 Science crew took things one step further (and slimier) with the fish gill dissections. It was a tough job, in fact - a stinky job - and let's just say more than a few scalpels were lost in the line of duty. Gills are delicate, intricate, and fish bones are not easy to slice - but all in the name of science, we pushed through. Students got to see first-hand how gill filaments pull oxygen from water. They even investigated the intricacies of gills under a microscope – which reveal a much more complex organ than the eye can see, thus proving that breathing under the sea isn't as simple as it looks, and that fish are fascinating creatures.

And the juniors? They hit the dissection lab too. Thanks to some “leftovers” from the Year 12 experiments, it was their lucky day - giving them a chance to get a taste and some hands-on fun in science learning firsthand about gas exchange and anatomy in a way no textbook can match.

Science isn't always neat, tidy, or nice smelling but some would argue it's a truly “breath-taking” experience.

Next time? The Year 11s are making bread. No takers for the lungs? - but bread? Now that's a tasty lab.

As always - take care of our environment and animals. As our lab reveals, we are all made of the same material, and understanding how life works, from lungs to gills to spiracles, helps us appreciate and protect the world around us.

Whaea Desiree, Whaea LeeAnn and Whaea Janette



Senior Lung Dissection



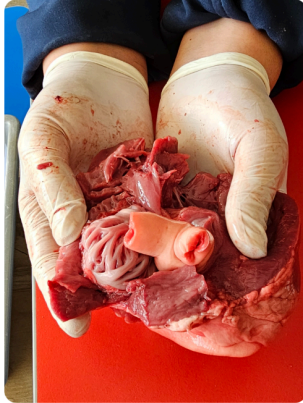
Gill Dissection - Year 12 Science

Fish preparation? - or Fish Thief?





Junior Lung Dissection



Combined Levels Dissection