

The logo for NewsSheet features the word "News" in a bold, green, sans-serif font. The letter "N" is stylized with several red, radiating lines extending from its top right corner, resembling a sunburst or a hand reaching out. To the right of "News", the word "Sheet" is written in a larger, grey, sans-serif font.

25 February 2021

Principal's Pen

Dear parents/caregivers,

Welcome to our Week 4 NewsSheet. It has been an interesting start to the year with the three day lockdown last week. Fingers crossed we don't have any more of these too soon. Thank you all for supporting your children with their learning and providing them with emotional support where needed. We are noticing a few behavioural issues across the school so please help your children by talking to them about their day at school and keep ahead of any issues, concerns or questions your children may have.

School is a far better place to be with your children during level 1 and I thank you for your use of the COVID QR tracer app during our short stint in Level 2. This is not now mandatory, but it is very good practice to keep using the QR code to register. It does almost become second nature when you start consciously using the app. It is quite interesting to look at your history in the app, as I was quite surprised just how many places I had visited!

Recently we have become aware of quite a number of your children wearing smart watches (for the want of a better term) to school. Any watch that has a cellular/messaging capability at this moment in time, falls into the same category as a phone. That is they must be taken to the office at the start of the school day and pick up after the bell at 2.55pm. These requirements are not the same for a 'Fit Bit' type watch that records the wearers physical activity, but cannot be used as a communication device. We are going to review our policy/procedure around this, but until that is done, any child who is wearing this type of watch (such as but not exclusive to Apple Watch/Samsung Watch) will be sent to the office to leave it there. I will advise you in due course when the school and the board have discussed this and have a more up to date policy/procedure in place. Thank you all for your support with this.

Next week our Year 5 & 6 children are off to camp at Hunua. They will split the classes and do 2 1/2 days each from Monday – Friday. We hope the weather treats them kind as it is an amazing place in nice weather.

Now we are back in Level 1 we will be able to start our whole school assemblies with the first one being on Wednesday Week 6. We have changed the time for our assemblies so they run from 9.15 – 9.45am instead of at the end of the day. Hopefully this should mean the children are more settled, particularly in the warmer weather. We hope this also makes it easier for you to stay after dropping your children at school and it will be easier than having to get away from work in the afternoon when things at work have generally become far busier.

Take care and enjoy the final summer weather.

Kind regards

Andrew Brown - Principal

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Upcoming Dates

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section of the School App.

Term 1 2021

1-5 March - Kauri Camp

9 March - BOT meeting 6pm

17 March - New parents meeting 9.15am

NPS School App

Don't miss out on what is happening at school. Download the school app and set up the correct notifications for class and team to suit you and your child/ren. Go to the App Store and search 'SchoolAppNZ'. Once downloaded search for Northcote Primary School. This is the one place to find out everything going on at and about our school.



Please remember to update your alerts to your child's new 2021 class and team.

School News

New Parent Meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents and caregivers of children who have enrolled in our school and will be starting in the near future. Similar meetings will be held each school term.

The next meeting will be on 17th March at 9.15am in the staff room (for approximately an hour) to learn more about our school.

During this time our Principal Andrew Brown, together with other staff and representatives from our Board of Trustees and FONS (Friends of Northcote School) will share information about the school. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and look around the school buildings and grounds.

Walking School Bus



We now have 3 Walking School buses walking from Northcote Point to school most mornings of the week. The kids love walking to school and as a parent you just need to get them to the dropoff point, and they'll be walked to school. Parents generally need to be a "Bus-driver" once a week, however as we get more kids join, this may reduce. If you'd like to be part of this but can't commit to being the "bus-driver" every week, please get in touch as we can still work out a way for your child to be involved. Your child can choose just to walk a few mornings a week for example, there is no need to do it everyday. Children are collected from stops along a planned route and dropped off at the school gate. Along the way they learn how to safely negotiate the road as well as socialise with friends and neighbours, improve fitness and arrive energised at school ready to learn. In assemblies, kids will be rewarded their merit scheme in assembly and Auckland Transport run a raft of initiatives during the year to support and encourage those kids walking as part of the WSB.

If you wish to be part of a WSB or want more information, please get in touch with Lynn Drought (Lynnd@northcotepriamry.school.nz) who will be able to put you in touch with the right WSB Coordinator.

Community News

Chess

CLASS DETAILS

Sessions will be held weekly on Fridays from 12:45 to 1:45 pm in Room 20 starting Friday 26 February 2021. The last session will be held on Friday 16 April 2021. This is 8-weeks program.

The fee is \$90 for the term per student.

REGISTRATION

If your child would like to be part of this for Term 1 please visit our website:

<https://www.chesspower.co.nz/register>

It is easy to register. Just choose your school/group and fill out the online form. A payment link will be available to you on the form. Payment can be made online by bank transfer or credit card via PayPal.

TO LEARN MORE:

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.CHESSPOWER.CO.NZ AND CLICK PARENTS CENTRE