

# NewsSheet

11 March 2021

## Principal's Pen

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

As we near the end of Week 6 it is interesting to note your children have only had about 14 days at school this year! Let's hope we don't lose any more days.

The recent weather and lower sun in the sky is telling us that the end of summer is fast approaching. Please make sure you send your children to school with some warm clothing just in case we get caught with one of those cold patches or days. Hats are still compulsory during outdoor times until the end of Term 1.

Looking ahead towards the end of Term 1, please remember that Easter falls outside the school holidays, and means Week 9 is only four days due to Good Friday, and Week 10 is only three school days as Easter Monday and Tuesday mean school is closed on those days. Week 11 is a full week before the two week holiday break.

While schools are not covered under the mass gathering Covid rules (gatherings of 100 maximum), we are asked to physically distance inside. Due to this restriction we can't fit all the children in the hall for a whole school assembly with them being 1 metre apart. Once Auckland reverts to Level 1 again, we will be planning for our first whole school assembly once more.

One thing you can all help us with is if your children are bringing cardboard to school for break time sliding down the bank by the field, please help us by reinforcing that the cardboard has to be taken back with them and placed in a recycle bin, not left on the grass.

After some great sporting results lately by New Zealand/Aotearoa teams, it was exciting to see some fantastic yachting on the harbour yesterday with a One All result after day one. Whether or not anyone is a yachting fan, the sheer design and engineering of a 75 boat that virtually 'fly's' fascinates me. A great thing to explain to your like-minded children how this actually happens – a great science opportunity.

Take care, stay safe

Kind regards

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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**

- 16 March - FONS meeting 7pm
- 17 March - New parents meeting 9.15am
- 25 March - FONS Family fun night
- 2 - 6 April - Easter Break

## 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.

## Piano

Congratulations to Annie Chen who passed her grade 4 piano performance with Merit. The exam is through the ABRSM which is based in London (examiners out here in non COVID times) and therefore Annie had to perform her exam remotely which was very different and challenging. Well done Annie!



## Scholastic Book Orders



Order forms have been sent home with your children. Orders will close Monday 15th 2021.