



NewsSheet

25 March 2021

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

As we approach the end of Term 1 it is interesting to note your lovely children have only been at school 25 out of a possible 33 days. While this doesn't seem like they have missed too much school, the two interruptions have been quite unsettling for many. We just have to hope that we don't have more interruptions due to Lockdowns.

Next week we have Good Friday, the weekend, and then Easter Monday and Tuesday which means a five-day break from school. Week 11 is a full week and leads to the April school holiday break.

This evening is the FONS Family Fun Night, and this will be held on the field for the first time in three years due to constraints because of property upgrades. It is great that our hardworking FONS team are trying to continue fundraising activities for your children and our school. There is also a FONS Disco in the hall on Friday 9 April so keep that on the calendar too.

We have a major refurbishment of our Kauri block classrooms from the beginning of Term 2. This will see all six classrooms modernised and creatively changed to allow more collaborative teaching and learning. The downside to this is that we need to relocate the five Year 5/6 classrooms around the school. With MOE removing two of our village classrooms from the field the refurbishment has become more disruptive. We will be using Room 9 (beside the pool), Te Whare (Room 20), the library and the hall to house these classes. This will obviously have the most effect on hall usage. The project is expected to take four months to complete. We are hoping to get two rooms completed first so we can then free up the hall earlier if possible. The Kauri block will be fenced off during this period and most of the work will be internal. You will soon see another container delivered and housed by the hall -this will be used to store furniture from classrooms we are needing to move the Year 5/6 classes into.

There have been several dangerous vehicle movements through and near the Onewa Road/Lake Road intersection so far this term. These are always of concern and we are unfortunately frequently contacting Auckland Transport (AT) about these. Should you have any concerns or witness anything of concern, please forward this on to AT who have responsibility for this piece of roading. We are told it is one of the highest risk intersections near any school in Auckland so please help by closely supervising and helping to educate your children when using this intersection.

I recently heard a report about one of your children from our school using the light controlled crossing down Lake Road by the Sealy Bed factory on their way home after school. I believe the child crossed the road when the green crossing light was activated and was nearly hit by a car that drove through the red light, while unbelievably tooting at the child! Please talk to your children if they are using this crossing on their way to, or from school and help them understand that even when the green cross light is on, they must be super vigilant in checking it is safe to cross. Cars do ignore/fail to see the red lights and the result of this type of accident could be tragic.

Enjoy what is left of the warm (ish) weather and I hope you all have a relaxing Easter break with your children, family and friends. Remember the clock change for daylight saving happens at 3.00am on Sunday 4 April, which is over the Easter break.

Kind regards

Andy 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

25 March - FONS Family fun night

2 - 6 April - Easter Break

9 April - FONS disco

12 April 630pm - BOT Meeting

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.



Sports News

Cricket Tournament



On Tuesday and Wednesday of last week some of our Kauri team boys and girls competed in cricket Tournaments at Takapuna Cricket Club. They all played extremely well and did a wonderful job representing our school. Big congratulations to everyone who played for all their effort and a special mention to our Year 6 girls team who came runners up in the Debbie Hockley League.

Snowplanet lessons Term 2 2021

For those of you who are keen to get snow ready, here are the details for ski or snowboard lessons available at Snowplanet in Term 2 2021! These are for any level skiers or snowboarders from beginners to advanced. Please note that this is part of the Open Schools Program, where NPS is one of a selected number of schools invited to attend.

Open Schools program Tuesdays @4pm

11th May - 29th June 4pm – 5pm

8 weeks -\$34/session, total: \$272.00

No minimum number, so just use the link below to register.

<https://opensklt22021.eventdesq.com/>

