



NewsSheet

27 May 2021

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

I hope you are all well and keeping warm and bug free! We have noticed an increase in pre-winter ailments so please help us by keeping your children home if they are unwell and only bring them back to school when they are bug free. One positive thing with the situation we faced last year was a decrease in colds and flu. This year we may not be so lucky in that respect, so please help us with reinforcing safe coughing and sneezing practices along with regular hand washing with your children. We will also be maintaining this at school.

Work on the Kauri block is progressing well and is on track for completion at this stage, around July. This will be an amazing space for our Kauri team classes when complete. On the field the pump track is progressing, but sadly has caused some field damage due to the softer ground conditions. We had very little control over this starting now and have to make the best of a bad situation. The field surface will be repatriated once work is complete. In the near future we will also be having fencing and gates installed by the Ministry of Education. The reason for this is that we have in the past had some children leave the school grounds on their own during school time. Our location is amongst the most dangerous in Auckland with regards to traffic and thankfully no one has been harmed. The gates will be 'pool' type with a release on the top of a pole. While aesthetically this may not be the best look for our school, it is something that we now need to have installed.

There has been an increase in the number of adults crossing Lake Road with their children after school. While I appreciate some of you park on the eastern side of Lake Road to pick up your children, it is a dangerous road at the best of times, and far worse during congested school pick up times. There have been reports from vehicle drivers who have been attempting to park, having near misses with those crossing. Please help keep your children and drivers of cars safe by not walking through the allocated car parks during such a busy time of day.

As you know our school is a dog friendly school. This is something many schools do not allow, but we love our furry friends coming to school. Two things that we expect are picking up any dog poop and disposing of it in an appropriate way and keeping all dogs on a leash. We recently had an instance of an unleashed dog 'having a go' at another dog that was on a leash. Please keep your children, other adults and pets safe by keeping your dog on a leash at school. This will help us remain a dog friendly school. Thanks in advance for your cooperation when bringing your dog to school.

Our recent book week and parade was a huge success! A lot of time and effort went into making the week happen by many people and Jodie Edgar led this within school. What an amazing turnout on the Friday morning for the parade! Thank you all so much for your support and making the week, in particular the parade, such a cool day for your children.

Just a reminder that Friday 4 June is a Teacher only day so the school is closed to students.

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

Wednesday 2 June - New parents meeting 915am - Staffroom

Thursday 3 June - Board meeting 6pm

Friday 4 June - Teacher only day - school closed to students

Monday 7 June - Queens Birthday - school closed

Thursday 24 June - Tui/ Kereru Special Persons Day

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.



School News

Book Week



READING IS MY SUPERPOWER!

What an exciting and successful Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair we have just had. A huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers that donated and purchased books from the fair. We sold a total of \$6,290 worth of books and donations. This has enabled us to raise \$2,000 for our school library alongside the donated books making this the biggest book fair so far at NPS. The book parade was also an amazing sight! What an effort the students went to with their costumes. Teachers and staff looked awesome in their costumes also. A big thanks to Clifford and Dogman for the great dance moves at the parade.



Kids Lit Quiz 2021



Last week 8 of our most enthusiastic Kauri readers took part in the worldwide Kids' Lit Quiz competition. Heats are held all over the world to find the top school team for each country, and those top teams go on to the world final in July. The competition is aimed at Intermediate School children who are under 13 when the final is held. Our teams competed against teams from Intermediate Schools across Auckland and did exceptionally well. Team 1 placed 9th and Team 2 placed 20th out of 24 teams, beating older teams from Carmel College, Kings Prep and St Marys. We can't wait to see how they get on when they're in Year 8 with another two years of reading under their belts!

Huge congratulations to Zara Brabant, Mia Sugimoto-Faulkner, Amelia McKenzie, Lucas Han, Charlotte Brabant, Isla Sherry, William Mace and Anneliese Barfoot.

Travelwise

Congratulations to our 2021 Travelwise Leaders.

Left to right - Hannah Lenz, Charlotte Goodison, Gigi Robinson, Chi Khanh Vu, Geneva Coneybear, Luke Ferguson. Absent - Lucie Klein.



Community News

BOOK COLLECTION
SATURDAY 12 JUNE
TO SUNDAY 11 JULY

BOOKS REQUIRED *
Do you have good quality books to donate?
If you are unable to drop-off books to the bins at the Z Service Stations listed below, or have several cartons, please contact Graham or Judy: **09 488-7105** to arrange for assistance.
*Sorry, we don't accept damaged books, ex-Library books, Reader's Digest collections, encyclopaedia, phone books, magazines or newspapers. 100% of proceeds will be returned to the community for charitable purposes.
Thank you for your support

Drop-off bins are located at the following Z Service Stations:

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Greville Rd	43 Greville Road
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Milford	151 East Coast Road
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If you book at Mi Casa After School Care for the first time the first after school session is FREE!

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