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8 April 2021

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

Welcome to our final NewsSheet for Term 1. This has certainly been a different term with two lockdowns and Easter all during term time! Next week is Week 11 and the final week of Term 1. School does finish at the usual time of 2.55pm. Our first day back for Term 2 is Monday 3rd May. Please remember that it will be colder when we come back after the holiday break so send your children to school with some warmer clothing should they need it during the day.

Late last year we were advised that we were successful in being accepted into the Mitey programme, which is a well-being and mental health awareness programme designed for Year 1-8 children. Mitey was developed by the Sir John Kirwan Foundation in conjunction with the Ministry of Education. It is able to be tailored to suit the context of each individual school. We are looking to be able to develop this early in Term 2 and we are very lucky that the programme is funded by the foundation.

As we head towards the weekend there is a lot to ponder with the Trans Tasmin bubble now locked in for 19th April, and a 1PM briefing today about an MIQ worker with COVID. Let's hope the bubble stays on track especially for all those families who have been separated due to COVID.

Next week your Year 5 & 6 children will be taking part in a number of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) activities due to camp being too difficult to try and make work this year. I am sure they will have a lot of fun and do some learning about themselves during the week. Please see if you can come along to any activities that you are able to, as the opportunities to do this as your children mature through their schooling years diminish before you know it. I know as it happened when my two children grew up way too fast!

Take care over the holiday break, enjoy your family and give your children plenty of hugs and encouragement, and get some well-deserved rest if possible.

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

- 9 April - FONS disco 5pm
- 12 April - BOT Meeting 630pm
- 16 April - last day of Term 1 - 2.55
- 3 May - Term 2 starts - 8.55
- 10 May - Book week
- 18 May - Class photos

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.

FONS News

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who came to the family fun night. It was such a great night, a little too great - we sold out of everything in record time!

It was lovely to be back on the field and to be able to spread out and enjoy the space. Thanks to all your spending efforts on the night, FONS has raised \$2,300 to go towards the continued upgrade of the Kauri block. Congratulations to Coco Hamlen, Sam Palmer and Charlie Piffin for their winning Jolly jars.

Speaking of space.....Don't forget the Space Disco is on this Friday night - 9 April from 5.30-7.30 in the school hall. Get the kids dressed up in their favourite tin foil and come along. We have deliberately squeezed in a disco this term as our beloved hall will be out of action for fundraising events for term 2 and 3. We hope to get another disco booked in for Term 4.



FONS has been reluctant to book in our annual ball/ quiz night due to the effects of Covid still hanging over many families. We are however working on a little something that we think everyone will enjoy. Watch this space.... see you all on Friday at the Space disco.

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://opensklt2021.eventdesq.com/>

