



# NewsSheet

17 June 2021

## Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

Welcome to Week 7. The Term is now flying by with a lot to get done before the end of Week 10.

Mid-year progress reports for your children are currently being written by your children's classroom teacher. These are due to be sent home with your child on Monday 5 July. We will be having Parent/Child/Teacher Learning Conversations in Week 2 of Term 3. These will be on Wednesday 4 August from 2pm to 7pm and Thursday 5 August from 3.30pm to 6.00pm. You will receive information about booking these in due course, but keep a note of the dates and book early.

The fencing work around the school is still ongoing and has unfortunately been delayed due to some technical changes needed and also the weather. Thank you so much for your patience particularly with the main entrance at Onewa and Lake Roads being closed.

The wet weather we have been having has caused a number of issues around the school, not least being mud! We are trying to prevent your children getting to areas that are very muddy as best we can. I remember as a young fella loving sliding and running through mud. I now understand why my parents used to tell me they would send me and my twin brother to school in our muddy clothes if we didn't stop. Let's hope the wet weather doesn't last too long and we can get the fields and other areas of the school open again.

There has been an increase of colds and other bugs going around the school and staff so please help your children and everyone else at school by reinforcing hygiene practices like hand washing and drying and coughing/sneezing into bent arms to help prevent the spread of unwanted bugs. Please help by keeping your children at home if they are unwell and remember children should have a clear day after any incidents of vomiting or diarrhoea.

The Kauri Block refurbishment is coming along pretty much on track and the classrooms are really starting to look pretty cool. They will be so much lighter, brighter and more functional than before and we can't wait to move the Kauri team back into their new learning spaces, hopefully for the start of Term 3 (fingers crossed).

The Teacher Union (NZEI) has upcoming Paid Union Meetings (PUM's) for all teachers who belong to NZEI. These are taking place on Tuesday 22 June (two meetings) and Thursday 24 June (two meetings). Where our staff have indicated they would like to attend, our teams have worked very well to ensure that their attendance is spread over the four North Shore meetings. This means classes will be looked after by their respective teams, which will mean an interruption to learning time, but this has been planned to have as little impact as possible on your children.

Take care, stay well, and keep warm.

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**

Thursday 24 June - Tui/ Kereru Special Persons Day

Tuesday 29 June - FONS meeting 7pm

Thursday 1 July - Board meeting 6pm

Friday 9 July - Last day term 2 2.55pm

Monday 26 July - Start of term 3

## 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

## Scholastic Book Orders



Book orders will close on Friday 18 June. Orders can either be placed online on the scholastic website or with the order form and cash at the school office.

## Lunch Orders

Lunch orders are available Wednesday to Friday through Kindo. These are supplied by Go-Deli Wednesday-Friday and Subway on Fridays. As lunch orders do not arrive until lunchtime please ensure you send brain food and morning tea with your children.