



NewsSheet

1 July 2021

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

Welcome to the end of Week 9 and the second to last week of Term 2. I hope you are keeping warm and dry!

This year we are seeing many of your children having to be away from school with colds, stomach upsets and some cases of chickenpox. Please make sure you keep your children away from school if they are showing signs of being unwell. Bugs spread like wildfire in a school environment and keeping children at home is the only way to prevent this from happening. Please help by reinforcing with your children the importance of proper hand washing and drying and coughing/sneezing into a tissue or elbow. Children with vomiting and/or diarrhoea should be kept away from school for 24 hours to prevent passing these bugs on.

Traffic safety around our school is a daily concern for everyone. Our Nutsey Avenue drop off/pick up zone is a constant bottleneck for you if you use this for getting your children to and from school. We have asked Auckland Transport to pay attention to the time controlled parking zone on the left hand side of Nutsey Avenue as you enter from Onewa Road. This is a clearway during school drop off and pick up times, but often has vehicles parked illegally. The consequence of this is a dangerous backup of vehicles that can upset traffic flow in and out of Nutsey Avenue to Onewa Road. If you are parked illegally in this area, and someone approaches you and tells you that you are needing to move, please move and not get upset with the person asking you to do this. They are doing it because you are blocking the flow of traffic. The drop off and pick up zone is not a parking area and by parking there you are adding further disruption to an already difficult situation.

Further to the car issues we have had some concern highlighted recently about children's safety while biking and scootering to school. If your children are biking and/or scootering to school please spend time constantly reminding them that a crossing doesn't mean a vehicle will stop for them if they cross. Children need to see vehicles stop at a pedestrian crossing before crossing. The same goes for the light controlled intersection at Onewa and Lake Roads. It staggers me how many vehicles drive through these red lights and sadly children need constant help to understand that the 'green crossing figure' doesn't guarantee it is safe to cross. All bikes and scooters should be walked across these crossings by your children. Thanks for helping keep your children safe.

Children bringing their toys to school has become an issue again recently that we need your help with. While we appreciate that your children may want to bring their personal toys to school, problems occur when their toys go missing or are damaged. We recommend children do not bring their own toys to school as we do not accept responsibility for them while at school. We do not allow card/toy trading at school. Playing cards/toys such as Pokémon, sports cards and Beyblades are included in this. The trading/swapping/keeping trading cards/toys is something that causes a number of issues, particularly for your younger children who may not yet understand the concept fully. These trading times are best kept to playdates after school where they can be guided by an older child or adult. The following is a good read about the valuable learning children can have through trading when the concept is fully understood.

<https://gogreentravelgreen.com/what-kids-learn-from-trading-cards/>

I hope you enjoy some quality time with your family and children over the two week holiday break. We look forward to seeing your children back with us in Term 3, hopefully to a school without any fencing, pump track and Kauri refurbishment happening!

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

Friday 9 July - Last day term 2 2.55pm

Monday 26 July - Start of term 3

Wednesday 4 August 2-7pm - Parent Learning Conversations

Thursday 5 August 3.30-6pm - Parent Learning Conversations

Monday 9 August - Friday 13 August - Maths week

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

Parent Learning Conversations

These will be held on Wednesday 4th August 2pm - 7pm and Thursday 5th August 3.30 -6pm.

Bookings are now open at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/ using code 34wk4.

Click direct on <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=34wk4>

School will close at 130 on Wednesday 4th August.

Sports News

Netball Tournament



Congratulations to the Year 6 Girls Netball Team who were the winners of the Netball North Harbour Primary Netball Field Day Grade B held last week.

Rhythmic Gymnastics

Congratulations to Zanya Ferrone who placed third at the North Harbour Xtreme School Club RG Competition 2021 earlier this week. Well done Zanya!



Skiing

Life's more fun on **SNOWPLANET** NOW RUNNING FOR 8 WEEKS!

OPEN SCHOOLS

Learn to ski or snowboard and make new friends, all while having fun!

TUESDAY – 3rd Aug – 21st Sept | 4:00pm – 5:00pm
THURSDAY – 5th Aug - 23rd Sept | 5.30pm – 6.30pm

\$272 for 8 weeks

Includes 1 hr lesson, Snow Pass, Skis/Snowboard, Boots & Helmet

Groups available for First Timers, Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced.
Suitable for ages 5 - 12

LIMITED SPACES, CUT OFF DATE FOR BOOKINGS:
20th July 2021

REGISTER NOW!

For more information contact us at:
schools@snowplanet.co.nz | 09 427 0193 | REGISTER BY CLICKING ON THE LINK: <https://openschoolst32021.eventdesq.com/>

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 3 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 the schools invited to attend. Limited spaces. Registration for cut off is 20th July. Please use the link below to register.

<https://openschoolst32021.eventdesq.com/>