



NewsSheet

29 July 2021

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had a lovely break and enjoyed some quality time with your children. There is nothing nicer than coming to school on day one of a term and seeing those beautiful smiles and hearing the hello's from your lovely children.

There has been a lot happening around our school lately and we now have the fencing complete. We are getting into the routine of opening gates before school and closing them after the bell, then opening them for the end of day. While none of us want to live in a fenced in environment, it was the best practical solution to keep some of your children safe. The pump track on the field has pretty much been completed minus some paint marking and we are looking at some signage for the track. The board is still waiting to see if we are successful for some funding for storage, bikes and helmets. Even if we do get this, we will not be able to get a container onto the field until the field dries out much more than it is. The Kauri block refurbishment was completed during the holidays and the new furniture was delivered last Thursday. Allied Pickford movers helped again get the classrooms back into their new space. If your child is in there, I am sure you will have been told that the rooms are amazing! We will have sun shade blinds installed in the next couple of weeks when they are ready. All in all this project was run very close to time and with minimal disruption to the school by Practec the project construction company.

We are excited to formally welcome Khamin Bhana to our team this week. Khamin is teaching in the Totara team in Room 22. If your child is in Room 22, I am sure they will love having her teaching them and you will get the opportunity to meet her in the upcoming parent learning conversations next week. In Week 3 we will also be welcoming Kavita Patel to our team. Kavita will be teaching a New Entrant roll growth class in Room 9 as part of the Tui team. Kavita's degree is in Primary teaching, but she has considerable experience in Early Childhood, in particular the transition to school age. She will be an excellent asset to our team and we look forward to her joining us on Monday 9th August.

During the holidays we had to replace the heat pump in the swimming pool, as after 25 years of faithful service, it was time to retire! The new pump is in and with upgraded LED lighting in the pool has helped give the pool a new look and feel.

On Friday 27th August our school will be having our second Teacher Only Day and the school will be closed for that day. Please put this date in your calendar and contact your after school care provider closer to that date if you require their services for your children. This date was chosen as it is the same as Northcote Intermediate for those with children at both schools.

Take care and keep warm.

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 3 2021

Tuesday 3 August - NIS Parent Evening for Year 6 children

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

Thursday 19 August - Board Meeting Thursday 19 August 6pm

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 Contact Details

As we start the new term can you please email the office on admin@northcoteprimary.school.nz if you need to update any contact details so we can ensure we have the most up to date home addresses, email addresses and phone numbers in the school system.

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.

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

School will close at 1.30pm on Wednesday 4th August.

Sibling Enrolments for 2022

Enrolment packs are available in the office for any siblings of current students turning 5 in 2022. Please contact us if you would like one to be sent home with your child.

School News

Congratulations to Jack Evans for being awarded the ABRSM Level 1 Award in Music Performance (Grade 2). Well done Jack!



Sports News

Waterpolo



Congratulations to the Northcote Manatees Waterpolo team who placed 2nd in their grade final last term. Thanks to James for coaching and Kate for managing everyone!

Basketball

Congratulations to the Northcote Slammers for winning the final against Chelsea Celtics with a close score of 4-3. Big thanks to Tahirih for coaching the team.



Community News

**NORTHCOTE COLLEGE
OPEN DAY**

**SATURDAY
31ST JULY**

12-3pm
Kauri Glen Road,
Northcote