

29 March 2022

# Principal's Pen

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We are fast approaching the end of Term 1 and the weather is cooling down rather quickly. I hope you have some exciting things planned for your holiday time with your children.

I hope some of you did something 'new' over the weekend with reduced restrictions under our current CPF Red setting. I am away from school attending a seminar for two days, but when I return we will be removing the QR codes displayed around the school. We will of course keep these just in case there is a need for them again down the track. Let's hope that isn't the case though! If you do have a particular need for coming into school grounds, please sign in at the office on the VisTab – located in the Admin foyer which is accessible through the Lake Road main steps entrance.

My one hope is that Tāmaki Makaurau moves to CPF Orange before the start to Term 2 as this will give us some more freedom. Exactly what those freedoms will be are not known precisely right now and I would expect to receive some more guidance from MOE once the decision on a 'traffic light' change is made. I will get this out to you all as soon as we have further details.

We are pretty excited about your Year 5 & 6 children being able to attend camp in Week 9. Last year we were unable to go to camp due to lockdown and this year the Kauri teachers are working hard with your children to ensure they are as well prepared as possible for their 3 days at camp. The benefits are huge and I hope all your children have the opportunity to attend.

Looking ahead to the holiday break, I hope you are able to take some time and have fun with your children. They have been amazing this term, showing resilience and increased independence in getting themselves to class each day without (most) of you. Try and keep this up when we do have relaxed rules on entering school grounds as it is a healthy thing for your children to be able to do. As a parent I can recall how nice it was being able to stroll into school with my children, so I get that you parents have all missed that. It's the little things that count, like your children carrying their own bags and putting them where they belong, getting their things out for the day etc. that are worth keeping on doing, even if you are able to come in each day.

I hope some of you are considering standing for the board in the September elections. Have a read of the Board update and pencil in the date for the next board meeting should you wish to learn some more about the proposal.

Take care and stay safe.

### **Upcoming Dates**

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section of the School App.

### Term 1 2022

Monday 4 April - Wednesday 6 April - Year 5 & 6 camp Thursday 14 April - last day term 1 Friday 15 April - Good Friday - school closed

#### Term 2 2022

Monday 2 May - first day of term 2 Friday 6 May - Mihi Whakatau 10.30am Tuesday 17 May - Class & Individual 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.



## **Community Information**



