

12 April 2022

Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou katoa,

Welcome to the final NewsSheet for Term 1. It has been a busy and complex time due to ongoing restrictions, but we have made it to the end of a term with the whole school open. It hasn't been without challenges but I think all your children, you and our staff are looking forward to some time to hopefully recharge ourselves before Term 2.

The Year 5 & 6 Camp at Camp Carey in Henderson was such a great three days. Just seeing kids, parents and teachers having fun like that was priceless. Thanks to the Kauri team and parents who helped make this such a success. This was the first camp since March 2020 prior to our first lockdown.

As we head into Easter, I am sure you will be waiting for the Government announcement on Thursday about any possible changes to the CPF traffic light settings. Even with the recent changes to mandates and QR codes, we are still restricted under the CPF Red setting in many ways. If the Government announces a shift to CPF Orange before we come back to Term 2, we will have to do a fair bit of work around the changes this will bring. In short, and barring any changes we don't know about yet, school grounds will once more be open to you all to come into. Currently under the Orange framework, mask wearing becomes 'strongly recommended' but this may change. We will be maintaining our 'No Play Before School' practice next Term. This has proven to be hugely successful in having children focused and ready for the start of the school day at 8.55am. When children arrive at school as close to 8.30am as possible, they will need to head to their classroom and get prepared for the day. This of course will not affect sports teams practising.

Under the CPF Red setting, we have had to increase the number and placement of staff before and after school which has affected usual duties, meaning our ability to monitor the pump track in breaktimes has been affected. In the mid to latter part of this term we needed to stop the use of scooters etc on the pump track during break times due to an increase in the number of behavioural incidents and accidents. We will look at how we can better manage this so the pump track can be used once we know our CPF traffic light setting in Term 2.

From all of us here at school, we wish you a safe and happy Easter and school holiday break. We look forward to seeing your children's smiling faces on Monday 2nd May.

Kind regards

Andy Brown - Principal

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

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

Tuesday 31 May - Board Meeting 6pm

Friday 3 June - Teacher only day - school closed

Monday 6 June - Queens Birthday - school closed

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.

