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# NewsSheet

14 June 2022

## Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou everyone

I hope this finds you able to keep the onset of winter bugs at bay. Be on the lookout for any flu/cold symptoms as we are seeing a number of these in school already. Some symptoms are similar to Covid so best to double check with a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) if you have any doubts. We are only seeing single figure weekly Covid positive cases at present and long may that last.

You will have seen that the board has agreed to move to a staggered election beginning this year. We have contracted our board elections out to a company called Canterbury Education Services (CES) who have been responsible in previous years. The MOE are due to hopefully approve online elections in the next week. This will be a new step and one that I hope will see a much higher turnout of eligible voters casting a vote. By the end of July you will have received information about the September elections, either by email or post if we do not have an email address for you. Please keep an eye out for this and take a look at your SPAM/JUNK mail folders mid-late July just in case.

Mid-Year progress reports will be headed your way by email in the final week of Term 2. We will be having our annual parent/child/teacher conferences in Week 3 of Term 3. You will receive information with a link to book your conference time online through School Interviews. These interviews are designed for you to discuss your child's progress report and I would encourage you to bring your child as the report is about them, and when they are a part of these conferences they can see and understand that it is all about their learning and progress at school.

I want to say that we are very happy to have our new caretaker with us now at school. Mr Huysung Nam has been doing an excellent job helping keep the school environment inviting and safe for your children. Mr Nam has settled in so well and is really making his presence felt here with us.

Our Kauri team road crossing patrollers have now been trained and will be out with a parent volunteer on the BP corner of Lake and Onewa Roads in the morning, and with a duty teacher by the monument after school. On the southern side of Onewa will be a staff member in the mornings. Please help with crossing safety by reinforcing with your children (and by your actions) that diagonal crossing of the intersection (across the yellow crossed lines on the road), riding scooters, skateboards and bikes, and crossing away from the light controlled crossing signs is both dangerous, and not an acceptable or safe practice. Scooters, skateboards and bikes must be walked across the crossing. Children learn much from what they see so be a great role model to your children!

Take care and stay safe.

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 2 2022**

Friday 24 June - Matariki - school closed

Monday 27 June - Chocolates

Monday 4 July - reports home

Friday 8 July - Last day term 2 2.55 pm

Monday 23 July - first day Term 3

Tuesday 2 August - board meeting 6pm

Wednesday 10 August - Parent Teacher Learning conversations - 2pm - 7pm. School finishes 1.30

Thursday 11 August - Parent Teacher Learning conversations - 3.30pm - 6pm

Friday 19 August - Teacher only day

## 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.

