

1 August 2022

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers

Welcome back to Week 2 of Term 3. I hope you all managed to have some relaxing and fun times with your children, friends and family. The weather has certainly been challenging lately and I am sure like you, my fingers are crossed for some nice weather to return soon.

You should hopefully have received information about this year's board elections. A reminder the closing date for nominations is noon this Wednesday 3 August. Our school board election is set down for 7 September 2022. Please consider nomination for the board election by Wednesday if you have an interest in school governance.

Please make sure you take a look at the SchoolTV site (link at the bottom of the school website). There is a plethora of information and helpful topics in it, and it is free to use. This site is funded by Northcote Community of Learning | Kāhui Ako Lion Foundation grant so please use this resource while we have it.

We are currently looking at options to make safe a manhole cover that is situated by the drop-off bay in Nutsey Avenue. The cover is on a gravel area that is used as a shortcut down to the pool entrance and school gates. Recently a parent slipped on the manhole cover and was injured as a result. The concrete ramp that was installed during the new block build, is steep and slippery in the wet and we are looking at fitting some anti-skid strips to this. Our caretaker has placed warning tape by the manhole cover so please be aware of this and do not walk on it when wet in particular.

The board agreed to a garden upgrade to gardens that were frankly an eyesore and problematic keeping weed free. These are mainly the garden between the admin block and the tiger turf courts and also one running parallel to the staff carpark. Work is underway to replace these gardens. This will only enhance the environment around the school and is already looking great.

I have been asked to remind parents and caregivers to please maintain physical distancing when waiting for your children after school. Please consider others when you may find yourself congregating in a highly congested area such as the gates to school. Thank you for helping keep everyone as safe as possible.

Next week we have parent/child/teacher meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. Today we will send out a message on the school app so those who wish, or need to have an online 15 minute Zoom interview with your child's teacher can choose this option. Individual teachers will send a Zoom link for your interview if you choose, and this will still be at the same time you have booked on the school interview site. Teachers will be asking for confirmation from you if you will opt for an online interview rather than traditional face-to-face so they know whether to expect you in class or connect online.

Stay safe and as well as you can and enjoy the lovely sunshine today and hopefully for the remainder of the week.

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 2022

Tuesday 2 August - board meeting 6pm

Monday 8 August - maths week

Wednesday 10 August - parent learning conversations - 2-7pm. School finishes at 1.30pm.

Thursday 11 August - parent learning conversations - 3.30 -7pm

Tuesday 16 August - Tui and Kereru Speech finals - 10am

Wednesday 17 August - Totara speech finals - 10am

Thursday 18 August - Kauri speech finals - 11.45am

Friday 19 August - teacher only day - school closed

Friday 26 August - daffodil day celebration

Thursday 4 September - year 4-6 NPS cross country

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 Board Parent Election 2022

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 2 School Board vacancies until December 2023 and 3 School Board positions until September 2025. This process started with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community on Friday 15th July 2022. We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database. Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates. **Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon.** We look forward to your participation in this process.

Scholastic Book Orders



Scholastic book order forms were sent home with your child last week. The last day for orders is Friday 12 August 2022. Orders can be placed online or with cash at the school office.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Just another friendly reminder that all Whittakers chocolate boxes/ Nothing Naughty boxes/ donations in lieu money is now due. If you have not done so already could you please arrange for payment to be made via eftpos or cash at the office, KINDO or direct payment into the FONS bank account: 12-3053-0412555-00. We will announce the individual winners of the most boxes sold and the class that sold the most boxes in the next few weeks. Thank you so much for your support with this fundraiser.

