

17 August 2022

Principal's Pen

Kia ora koutou everyone

As we approach the halfway point for Term 3 I am sure that like me you are all hanging out for a change in the weather. I know we shouldn't complain too much when we seem to consistently see tragic flooding, fires and other weather storms in other parts of the world, but the unusually high level of rain hasn't been too pleasant.

Thank you all for attending either in person, or virtually, the recent parent learning conversations. We are very fortunate at NPS that so many of you want to be as involved in your child's education as you can. It does get more challenging once your children leave primary school.

This week see's speech finals being held in the hall with a real life audience which will be a first for your younger children. It is awesome to be able to do these types of things again and reminds us how we took things for granted previously. I take my hat off to your young children who approach speeches with so much more confidence than I recall I had at their age. Thank you for giving them all the support they deserve.

This term we have the Life Education bus back at school so look out for information about this, if you haven't seen it already. It is great to have 'Harold' back as he is a real crowd pleaser and helps deliver some very good health education to your children.

A Kāinga Ora development has now commenced in Nutsey Avenue and is scheduled to take until May-June 2023 to be completed. This likely will significantly impact the parking and access to Nutsey Avenue. Vehicular movement is meant to be scheduled outside school and kindergarten drop off and pick up times, but there will be an impact as the project kicks into full gear. Please be aware of this when you are using Nutsey Avenue. Parking at the top of Nutsey before the school entranceway is a very regular cause of concern to many of you coming in there to pick up your children, so please be aware of where you can and cannot park and consider the impact on other drivers.

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

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.



Board Elections

Voting papers and candidate profiles were emailed out on Wednesday 10th August from CES - iro@electionz.com. Please check your spam folder if not received. Those with valid email addresses will receive instructions on how to vote online. For those without emails voting papers should have been received by post. You can vote anytime up to Wednesday 7th September 2022.

Sibling Enrolments for 2023

Enrolment packs are available in the office for any siblings of current students turning 5 in 2023. Please contact us if you would like one to be sent home with your child.

Out of Zone Enrolments 2023

Northcote Primary School Enrolment Scheme 2023

The enrolment at Northcote Primary School is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available on the school website. The board has determined that five Out of Zone places will be offered to new entrant students only. The deadline for receipt of applications for out of zone places is 28 September 2022. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 19 October 2022.

Parents of students who live within the home zone and intend enrolling their children at any time during the next year, should notify the school as soon as possible to assist the school in planning appropriately for 2023.

School News

Congratulations to Kingston Pu who was recently awarded 1st Prize in the 2022 2nd Aegio International Piano Competition (New Zealand Region) and 1st Prize in the 2022 4th PCM International Piano Competition (Global).



Congratulations to Angel Han for her table tennis success in the Waikato Open. Angel came first in the U13, 3rd in the U15, 3rd in the Open women's grade and 2nd in the U19 doubles.

Community News

Voting in Auckland's local elections

Local elections are happening this year to choose the new elected members of Auckland Council.

Voting will take place from Friday 16 September to midday on Saturday 8 October. Make sure to vote to choose the elected members that will be representing you. They are responsible for making decisions on many things that impact your daily life, such as:

- our green spaces, walks, parks, cycle ways and footpaths
- culture and events, playgrounds and sports fields, rec centres, pools and libraries
- protecting our natural environment
- rates and what they pay for
- maintaining our city centre and suburban streets
- public transport
- recycling and rubbish collection
- drinking water, wastewater and stormwater.



Who you can vote for

One mayor

- Elected by all Auckland voters.
- Leads the governing body and sets the vision for the region.

20 councillors

- Elected across 13 geographic wards.
- Make up the governing body with the mayor, which focuses on the big picture and on region-wide strategic decisions.

149 local board members

- Elected across 21 local board areas - each local board has between five and nine members.
- Make decisions on local issues, activities, and facilities.

How to vote

1. If you are 18 years old or over, and a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident, you are eligible to vote.
2. If you've not enrolled, go to vote.nz to enrol, or update your contact details (if you've moved house, for instance) to receive your voting pack in the mail. You can do it online at vote.nz or on the phone at **0800 36 76 56**.
3. When you're enrolled, keep an eye on your letterbox for your personalised voting pack in a purple envelope. It will be delivered over the week starting 16 September.
4. Find out more about the candidates at voteauckland.co.nz and read the booklet that will come in your voting pack.
5. On your voting paper, tick inside the circle next to your preferred candidates.
6. Put your paper into the orange envelope and return it before midday on Saturday 8 October.
7. You can drop it in a NZ Post box by 4 October (postage is pre-paid), or
8. Drop it into one of the many vote boxes around Auckland, including your local library or Countdown supermarket, by midday on Saturday 8 October.

If you don't get your voting pack in the mail, you can still vote - call **0800 922 822** for a Special Vote.