

#### 12 September 2022

## **Principal's Pen**

Kia ora koutou parents & caregivers,

As Week 8 kicks off we are reminded that Spring is 'sort of here' – but not yet fully. The sunshine has been hugely uplifting for everyone here at school. It is timely to reflect on the fact that we have now had three continuous terms of school, the first since 2019. Thank you for your support and for helping your children cope with what have been pretty unsettling times. I am sure you will all be waiting to see what decisions are made by the Government this week about the future of the CPF Traffic Light framework.

At the beginning of September the Year 3-6 children took part in the NPS cross country at the Northcote Birkenhead Rugby Club. It was a great day weather wise, even though the lower muddy patch put some of your children through their paces. The day ran like clockwork and it was so nice to be able to hold this again. I was so proud of every single child who gave it a go and tried their best. This Thursday a number of your children in Year 4-6 children will be representing NPS at the cluster cross country event also held at the same venue. Good luck to all those involved.

Recently the board approved the building of some stairs from the drop off/pick up zone down to the path adjacent to the pool. This is a wonderful addition and has now offered a much safer entry to the school. Sadly this followed an accident involving one of our parents who was injured when they slipped on the metal manhole cover. The railings that are now in place are like a natural funnel and it seems everyone is using the steps.

In the middle of this week we should receive the results of the board elections, this year done online. Thank you to all who voted for our next board. While I will thank our exiting board individually, I want to say how enjoyable it has been working with them over the past nearly 3 ½ years. We all appreciate their support and governance of our school during some trying times. The election results will be shared with our school community once confirmed and individual nominees have been notified of the results.

Our school's recent Daffodil Day fundraiser was a huge success. Just shy of \$7,000 was raised for the NZ Cancer Society. A huge thanks to your children, everyone who attended, our staff and FONS for helping make this such a wonderful day once more.

Take care and stay safe.

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 3 2022

Wednesday 7 September - Friday 23 September - Life Education with Jenni & Harold Thursday 15 September - Year 4-6 Interschool cross country Friday 30 September - Term 3 last day 2.55pm Monday 17 October - Term 4 starts

### 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.



# 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.

# **Community News**



#### TAKAPUNA ATHLETICS CLUB OPEN DAY. SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER.

#### 11am - 2pm. ONEWA DOMAIN. BBQ. LOTS OF PRIZES!

- · Come and try athletics!
- Meet our Commonwealth Games athletes.
- Free sausage sizzle and lolly scramble.
- · Amazing prizes signed t-shirts, hoodies & annual membership & coaching worth \$150.
- \$25 Rebel Sports vouchers for the first 10 new members to join our Club
- · Use the NZ Police speed gun to find out how fast you are!
- · Second hand uniforms and running spikes to swap on the day
- Bring your friends and family!

Website: www.sporty.co.nz/taahc Email:takapunaathleticsclub@gmail.com

