



NewsSheet

20 March 2023

Principal's Pen

Tēnā koutou parents & caregivers

Welcome to Week 8. This week will see our FONS team running the Family Fun Night on the field from 5pm on Wednesday 22 March. Come along and enjoy some fun with your children and friends and help FONS in their fundraising efforts for our school.

Next week your Year 5 & 6 children will head off to camp. They will be away from Wednesday and back home Friday. While Camp Carey in Henderson suffered in the two storms, we are hoping there will be plenty of fun and exciting things on offer for your children to experience. Our Kauri team teachers and our AP Heather Bartlett put many hours into making this a memorable learning experience for your children and I thank them for their work to date, and during camp week. Thank you also to those parents who are resting up and preparing for camp also.

'March madness' is truly upon us now with a massive increase in traffic around the city, and particularly our school. This puts increased pressure on many of you who drive a vehicle to drop your children off at school, particularly those who use our Nutsey Avenue drop off zone. On a particular safety note, we have heard today from Sealy Beds who are down Lake Road from our school about some of your children being dropped in their truck driveway for school. Unfortunately, this morning a vehicle that dropped off children for school was hit by a bus when it drove out of the driveway. I hope no-one was injured, but please, please do not use this driveway. There are trucks using it all day, and the angle coming out onto Lake Road makes this a dangerous driveway to use. We would be way happier to have children late for school than risk someone being injured or worse. Thank you in advance.

We would appreciate you helping with getting your children to school as close to 8.30am as you can. Before school there is no outside play except for sports teams being coached by parents. Teachers are expected to be in their classrooms from 8.30am, as we often have meetings before school. Children coming early to school may not be supervised and we would appreciate your help with this. We are also noting several children regularly being picked up quite late. Children who are not picked up by 3.10pm will be required to wait in the walkway adjacent to the office. Teachers have after school meetings, and we are often unable to supervise children adequately. We understand traffic can cause a delay but ask if you are caught in traffic, please just call the school office, and let them know that you are on the way to pick up your child/children.

During the April school holidays we are expecting our new all-weather turf area to be installed on the school field. The project will hopefully (fingers crossed) be completed during the school holiday break. It has been a long time coming with many hurdles along the way, but the finished product should be of huge benefit to your children and our staff during the wetter months when the field is not usable.

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 1 2023

Monday 20 March - Board meeting 6pm
Wednesday 22 March - FONS family fun night
Wednesday 29 March - Friday 31 March - Camp Carey - Kauri team
Thursday 6 April - Last day Term 1
Friday 7 April - Good Friday
Monday 24 April - Teacher only day - school closed to students
Tuesday 25 April - ANZAC day - school closed
Wednesday 26 April - Day 1 term 2
Monday 15 May - Photolife class & individual photos

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.



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EZ Lunch



Order ezlunch for delivery from **Monday 27 March to Thursday 6 April** and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email. Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering.

Travelwise



Congratulations to our NPS Travelwise leaders for 2023 - Oki, Aria, Wania and Toby. They were role models for NPS at the Travelwise day they attended with Lynn and have come back with a lot of ideas on ways to keep children safe travelling to and from school.