

8 March 2023

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers

I hope you are all making the most out of the change in the weather. What a nice start to autumn, it's just a shame summer didn't play ball like this. Thank you for sending your children to school with their hats until the end of Term 1. In Term 2 and 3 hats are optional.

In Term 4 2022 we had to have our 38-year-old schoolwide PA/Intercom system replaced. At the time we had three pairs of speakers fitted externally for outdoor use. Sadly, sometime in January this year the speakers were stolen. Some daring thieves climbed high and removed the speakers. The disappointing thing is we now must foot the bill to have them replaced. We will be reassessing where the company placed the speakers to make sure they are not as accessible as they were. The board approved the installation of three more CCTV cameras to help us monitor activity outside of school hours around the school. Signs will be installed to advise of CCTV coverage, as they are by the pump track. The three cameras recently installed focus on outdoor areas such as the Tiger Turf courts and hall, concrete courtyard and playground area by the new block and pool, and along the tree area between Kauri and Totara blocks.

We are still waiting for the installation of the artificial turf on the lower field. This has been a frustrating exercise and I am hopeful that the turf will be installed in the April school holidays. It will give a relatively large area adjacent to the playground closest to Lake Road, that can be used in all-weather as well as the grass fields during drier months.

Finally, a special request for anyone in our school community who uses the light controlled pedestrian crossing down Lake Road from our school by Sealy Beds. We have recently heard of several 'dangerous crossing' incidents at this crossing. While there are lights to aid crossing safely, please talk to your children about the fact they must still look carefully to ensure cars have stopped before they start to cross. Reinforce that just because the 'green' crossing figure comes on, it doesn't mean cars will stop. If you are crossing with your children, please also set a good example by walking bikes and scooters across and keeping a very close eye on your children and the surrounding traffic. This also applies to the crossing outside the school on Onewa Road.

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 1 2023

Thursday 9 March - Kauri Team Swimming sports
Wednesday 15 March - New parents meeting - 9.15am
Monday 20 March - Board meeting 6pm
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

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.



Community News

Northcote Rugby Club
northcoterugby.co.nz



NORTHCOTE
BIRKENHEAD
R.U.S.C.

JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN

Boys & Girls, Tackle & Rippa

NORTHCOTE TIGERS
RUGBY LEAGUE



JUNIOR
MUSTER

AGES 5-16
NEW & EXISTING
PLAYERS WELCOME FOR A RUN
BIRKENHEAD MEMORIAL PARK
11AM- 1PM

BRING BOOTS, WATER & SWIMMING GEAR
MUSTER INCLUDES:
1HR SKILLS SESSION, SAUSAGE SIZZLE + FREE POOL ENTRY FOR ALL REGISTERED KIDS

SUN 19 MAR 2023

BOOT SWAP
KIDS BOOTS TOO SMALL? BRING YOUR
OLD BOOTS DOWN TO DONATE OR SWAP*
*SWAP BASED ON SIZE & AVAILABILITY

FREE POOL ENTRY
AVAILABLE FOR ALL KIDS THAT HAVE
REGISTERED TO PLAY FOR 2023 SEASON
*CHECK OUTSTANDING RUGBY DETAILS

MERCH & UNIFORM SALE
10% DISCOUNT ON ALL CLUB GEAR*
*SUBJECT TO STOCK & AVAILABILITY

FREE EVENT



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"United in Sport" for over 60 years

We would like to offer all girls interested in playing football in 2023 the opportunity to take part in the club Open Training for Year 5 and Year 6 on Friday evenings from Friday 3rd of March to Friday 24th of March at Shepherds Park 4pm – 5.15pm.

Children will be guided and supervised by BU AFC coaching staff, and a member of the BU AFC admin team will record attendance and take details for further communication. Teams will be selected for the winter league throughout the training period, and teams will be based on friends and relevant skills.

On top of that we are keen to promote girls football this year because the 2nd largest sporting event in the world is coming to NZ in July 2023. Birkenhead United will be the official training venue for the ITALIAN NATIONAL TEAM in their FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP campaign 2023.

This is a great opportunity for children to see professional female athletes up close and forge memories that will stay with them for the rest of their lives.

To register your interest in attending please email fdm@buafc.org.nz

