

30 August 2023

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

Week 7 is upon us, and we are basking in this beautiful sunny weather. Long may it last as the fields are now open again which has gone down extremely well with your children!

Last Friday was our annual Daffodil Day fundraiser for the Cancer Society. Many of you and us at school have some connection with someone who has passed away from cancer or may be battling cancer which makes this day a very special one for us and your children. The support we get from our school community is immense and is much appreciated. This year we had 'Daffy' and Rachel Hart the Chief Executive of the Cancer Society at school for the wonderful Tui/Kererū performance in the hall. We have been advised that our school made \$6816.00! This is the most money we have made after expenses. Your generosity and support have made this happen and means this amount of money will be sent to the Cancer Society. Miharo – amazing!

Tomorrow your Year 3-6 children take part in the school cross country event at Birkenhead. The weather is being kind and it should be a bit firmer underfoot than last year we hope. All your children have been practising hard so if you are able to get along and give them some moral support please do so.

A reminder that this evening (Wednesday 30th August) there is a parenting talk by the Parenting Place on technology and children. It is something I remember grappling over with my own children who are now adults, and there was nowhere near the access to digital media by such a wide range of devices as there is now. Come along if you want to hear from some experts in this field who may give you some advice you need and answer any questions you have.

We have mounds of lost property now with your children shedding layers with the sudden turn in the weather. Please remind them to check lost property and do this yourself if passing through the admin walkway.

Take care and enjoy the sun.

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 2023

Thursday 31 August - New parents meeting - 9.15am - staffroom Thursday 31 August - NPS Year 3 - 6 cross country Thursday 14 September - Inter school Year 4 - 6 cross country Friday 22 September - Last day of term 3 - 2.55pm

Monday 9 October - First day of term 4 - 8.55am

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 News

Out of Zone enrolments

Northcote Primary School Enrolment Scheme 2024

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 15 October 2023. If a ballot for out of zone places is required, it will be held on 30 October 2023.

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 2024. If you have a sibling that is due to start school in 2024 and you have moved out of the zone please contact the school office on admin@northcoteprimary.school.nz or drop into the office.

Scholastic Book Orders

Issue 6 brochures went home with your children last week. Orders can be placed online via the scholastic website or at the school office. Orders will close Friday 8th September.



School Field

The field is open again while the ground is firm. The children are enjoying being able to play down on the field again, however they are getting fairly muddy legs.

- Shorts are recommended on the field as we have no spare clothes and the children can not sit in class in muddy pants.
- A change of clothes kept in their bags could aid with muddy clothes, or we will need to phone you for clothes.
- Children need to wash the mud off before returning to class. An old cloth/flannel/hand-towel they can wet and use and then put back into a plastic bag to bring home would make the job a lot easier.

We would really appreciate your help with this.

Kindo - ezlunch - available Wednesday/Thursday/Friday



Kindo & ezlunch are available for orders at school Wednesday - Friday. Order via Kindo on the school app.

Thanks to Kindo & ezlunch for sponsoring our school New Zealand Knowledge Challenge by giving away 3 \$20 vouchers.

Sports News

Miniball

Congratulations to all of the NPS miniball teams on a fantastic end to semester 2.



Well done to the NPS Lakers (left) who won the Y2-4 black grade final against Target Road Primary 18-12 and to the NPS Giants (below) who won the Y2-4 Maroon grade final against Beach Haven Primary 12-8.



Touch Rugby

Please keep an eye out on the school app for information about touch rugby which runs in term 4. Teams do fill up fast so be sure to enrol your child before the closing date.

Community News



Birkenhead United AFC is running a School Holiday Football Programme for children born in 2011 to 2013

Our holiday programme offers a fun but challenging opportunity for kids ages 9 to 12 years old; to learn and develop under the guidance of our qualified BUAFC Skill Centre and FunFootball Coaches. Enjoy games, challenges and tournaments that focus on developing skills and having fun. All while getting plenty of fresh air and exercise in a safe and fun environment with our Birko coaches!

Cost: \$50 x day

Please register your interest at: https://birkenheadunited.org.nz/holiday-programme







