

19 September 2023

Principal's Pen

Dear parents & caregivers,

As we approach the school holiday break, the sunshine today kind of makes us hopeful for some settled weather over the break. I hope you get some quality time with your children and family over the break.

Please take a look at the upcoming board election information that has been sent out by CES – the company running our mid-term elections. There are two positions which when elected, will start a three-year cycle. At last years board elections our board started a split cycle with three positions being three-years and two initially being 18 months. This means moving forwards we will not potentially have the whole board up for re-election at the same time. This is great for stability and ensuring an ongoing experience factor that a straight three-year cycle precludes.

We have been able to open the fields again now which is awesome for your children to have more space to run around and burn off some energy during break times. During the second week of the school holiday break outdoor grip carpet will be installed on the decking of the Village classrooms (Room 21 & 22 on the field). This will make a huge difference to the decking. We had to wait until the weather fined up for the glue application to be successful. This should be completed for the beginning of Term 4. The board has approved the replacement of the large shade sail in the new block/Kauri block bays area. This has served its purpose well for many years but has been irreparably damaged by winds this year.

This term has been a very challenging one in many ways, not least due to COVID, flu, colds, and stomach bugs. It has hit us hard with a shortage of relievers and several staff and children across the school away sick all at once. We hope with warmer weather we will move on with less of this affecting the school.

Please take care and have a safe and happy holiday break and we look forward to seeing your smiling children back with us for Term 4.

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

Friday 22 September - Last day of term 3 - 2.55pm

Term 4 2023

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

Monday 23 October - Labour Day - school closed

Thursday 9 November - Year 3-6 athletics

Monday 13 November - Teacher only day - school closed to students

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.



Sports News

Interschool Cross Country

Big congratulations to all our runners at the Interschool Cross Country competition. They showed their sportsmanship from the very beginning of the day and a huge amount of determination and resilience right through all their races. We are so proud of them!

Year 6 Boys first place - Max Bentley

Year 6 Girls first place - Keira Hodson

Year 6 Girls third place - Lea Mollgaard

Year 5 Boys second place - Nathan McKearney

Year 5 Girls first place - Maeve O'Halloran

Year 4 Boys second place - Walter Brown

Winners Year 6 Girls Team

Winners Year 5 Girls Team

Winners - Overall school total points



Netball



Northcote Year 5/1 won their grade in the NNH winter netball season. Congratulations girls!

Waterpolo

Congratulations to the Northcote Seals who placed third in their grade. Well done boys!



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.