

5 June 2024

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome to Week 6. I hope you enjoyed some relaxing time with your family/whānau/friends over the long weekend.

School

All of us teachers attended our Northcote Community of Learners | Kāhui Ako professional learning day on Friday at Northcote College and were impressed with the quality of the keynote speakers. One small success for us was that no-one turned up at school on Friday, which means everyone must have received the communication about school being closed for instruction via our Hero app or the school calendar. Thank you all! I hope you had a nice long weekend.

To that end, a reminder that Matariki falls on Friday 28th June this year which is in Week 9. This means another short week before the final week of Term 2. Keep an eye out for comms around our school celebration of Matariki on Thursday morning 27th June (very early start). School will be closed on Friday 28th June.

As you know this year, we started using our new Student Management System (SMS) Hero. We are still navigating our way around it and the different options it can provide us. One area we are using for mid-year reports is a comments box (like that used in previous reports) that will be part of your child's educational journey through school. In Week 2 of Term 3 we have parent/child/teacher conferences where you can discuss your child's report and progress through the year. The bookings for these will be done through Hero. These two parts of Hero will be opened to parents during Week 10 and we will send out further information on this with instructions during Week 9.

Property

Our new yellow and black speed bumps have arrived, and our wonderful caretaker Mr Nam will soon be installing these at the entrance to our Nutsey Avenue driveway. I am ever hopeful that these may 'deter' cars coming in and hooning around to do a U-turn to get into the traffic on Onewa Road in the mornings. As well as a reduction in this nuisance each morning, it should make it safer for pedestrians on the footpath with reduced entry and exit speeds into the driveway at any time of the day.

Community

FONS will be distributing their fundraising chocolates in the next couple of days. This is an amazing fundraiser for FONS no matter your view on chocolates, so please support their efforts (and your kids selling them).

Take care and stay well.

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 in Hero.

Term 2 2024

Thursday 13 June - Photolife photos

Friday 14 June - FONS Disco 5 - 730pm

Thursday - NPS Matariki school celebration

Friday 28 June - Matariki - school closed

Friday 5 July - last day of term 2