NewsSheet

21 May 2024

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Week 4 is upon us, and we are starting to get an indication that winter is on its way! I hope you are making the best of the sunny days that we do get. Remember to send something warm for your children at school should they need it during the day.

The fields and grass areas around the school are starting to get a bit waterlogged with the rain and without those lovely sunny days it is taking a long time to dry out. If you can put a change of clothes in your child's bag that would be much appreciated as the sickbay has very limited spare clothing in the event of a slip and fall in the mud.

Upcoming Events
A reminder that all our Northcote Community of Learners | Kāhui Ako Schools have a combined professional learning teacher only day on Friday 31st May (Week 5). School will be closed on this day. The following Monday (3rd June) is King's Birthday and school will also be closed on this day. We look forward to seeing your smiling children back here on Tuesday 4th May.

Look out for details of the FONS disco now confirmed for Friday 14th June from 5pm. This is great fun for your children and for you also.

PhotoLife are at school on Thursday 13th June so make sure all those 'bad hair day' issues are sorted. Look out for information that will be sent out, particularly for those wanting sibling photos.

Community
As any of you using the Nutsey Avenue drop-off/pick-up entrance will know, a lot of cars zip down Nutsey and turn around there in the morning to get back into the Onewa Road city bound lane. This is both frustrating and dangerous. As an added deterrent we will be installing a 'speed bump' at the entrance of the driveway. This may hopefully deter some traffic hoppers but will also make it safer for pedestrians when cars are exiting the area onto Nutsey Avenue as they will be 'encouraged' to slow down. This isn't an issue that will go away sadly, but this may hopefully have some positive impact.

Be aware that the Auckland Transport 'gotcha' cameras are in full effect on Onewa Road. There is no stopping between Nutsey Avenue and Lake Road. There used to be limited parking there, but it has been a clearway for some time now. I have recently heard of drivers receiving tickets for 'stopping' there to drop children for school. Please be aware of this for yours and your children's safety, and bank balance.

Please keep an eye on your children for signs of colds and other winterish ailments. We have had several children and staff away. Keep your loved ones at home if they have any obvious signs of sickness to help keep the spread as small as possible.

Take care and stay safe.

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.

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Wednesday 22 May - new parent meeting 9.15am

Wednesday 29 May - Board meeting 6pm

Friday 31 May - NCoL TOD - school closed

Monday 3 June - Kings birthday - school closed

Thursday 13 June - Photolife photos

Friday 14 June - FONS Disco 5 - 730pm