

10 June 2025

## **Principal's Pen**

Kia ora koutou everyone,

Week 7 is upon us and today's weather has certainly been a reminder that winter is well on the way. Please make sure your children have enough warm clothing should the temperature drop quickly as it can do with unsettled weather. To that end, it may help if your child has spare tops/pants in their bag, especially if they are a 'run around in the mud' kind of kid. The fields are very wet and will need a good stretch of dry weather before they are okay to use again.

As I am sure you will have seen in the news over the past considerable period of time, the Government has directed the MOE to implement various absenteeism changes in schools. The number of acceptable codes for absence from school has been reduced and there is now mandatory daily attendance data sent to MOE. Schools cannot grant or approve term time leave from school. In most cases this will be recorded as an unjustified absence although there are a small number of justifiable absences. Term time holidays are unjustifiable absences. Please help admin staff by letting the office know before you leave for a term time holiday/absence so they can mark your child accordingly and not spend time trying to find out why a child is absent from school. This small email would save a lot of extra work.

This week is the first FONS disco for the year from 5-7pm in the school hall. Any help that you are able to give our hard-working FONS team, particularly at the end of the Disco, would be very welcome.

During the last week of Term 2 (Week 9) your child's mid-year progress report will be made available on Hero. I will be sending out a further update next week to explain what this will look like this year. At the end of Week 9 bookings for the Parent/Child/Teacher conferences in Week 2 Term 3 will be available to book on Hero. We will let you know separately when these go live so you can make your booking.

Take care and stay warm and well.

Kind regards

Andy Brown

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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 2025

Thursday 12 June - Photolife class & individual photos

Friday 13 June - FONS disco 5-7pm

Thursday 19 June - Matariki NPS celebration - 6am

Friday 20 June - Matariki public holiday - school closed

Monday 23 June - Board meeting 6pm

Wednesday 25 June - Mid-year reports available on Hero

Friday 27 June - Last day of term 2

Monday 14 July - Term 3 starts

## **Community News**





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JULY 29 TUE 6-7PM	Come along and find out what makes Northcote Intermediate School special.
YEAR 6 PARENT INFO EVENING	The evening will include brief presentations by key staff, followed by the opportunity to ask questions.
AUGUST 14 THUR 9AM - 12PM 15 FRI 9AM - 12PM OPEH DAYS	Parents, caregivers and students are invited to come and see a 'normal' day at school. Check in with student leaders on arrival, and some of our awesome students will take you on a guided tour of our wonderful school. Bookings are not required. Please note that our break time is 10.30am until 11.00am.
SEPTEMBER	These dates are for IN ZONE enrolments only.
10 WED 3:30 - 8:30PM	If you have <b>completed an enrolment form</b> , we encourage you to book a time as these are an important part of our transition process.
11 THUR 3:30 - 8:30PM IN ZONE ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS	Interviews are conducted by appointment and details can be found on our website closer to the time.
OCTOBER	This date is for <b>OUT OF ZONE</b> enrolments only.
9 THUR 7:30 - 10:30AM 3:30 - 8:30PM	If your child has been <b>successful in the ballot</b> , we encourage you to book a time as these are an important part of our transition process.
OUT OF ZONE Enrolment interviews	Interviews are conducted by appointment and details can be found on our website closer to the time.