

NPS Board Newsletter – Term 4

Tēnā koutou katoa

As we come to the close of another school year, the Board has been reflecting on what has been a wonderful, celebratory time for our NPS community. The recent prizewinnings, student performances and end-of-year events have showcased the talent, effort and spirit of our learners, and the strong support of the staff and whānau who stand alongside them. These moments remind us of the amazingly vibrant community we are proud to be a part of.

This time has also marked a significant leadership transition for our school. We warmly acknowledge the retirement of **Andy Brown** and thank him for his many years of dedicated service as Principal. Andy's steady guidance, genuine care for students and staff of NPS and his commitment to the school for over almost a decade have earned him a well-deserved retirement. We wish Andy and his wife, Anna all the best for this next chapter.

At the same time, the school community came together for a truly special and uplifting pōwhiri to welcome our incoming Principal, **Melissa Grant**. This celebration was a powerful reflection of our NPS values and sense of belonging, and we are excited about the vision, leadership and energy Melissa brings as she begins her journey with us. Thank you and well done to everyone involved in marking this occasion and making Melissa feel so welcomed.



We have made some progress on our school environment this year. The mini-ball court completed in Term 2 gets a lot of use and at least two NPS basketball teams won their grades this season (congrats to the players and coaches of the **Y3 Giants** and **Y4 Clippers**) so it feels like it's already paying dividends.



For the outdoor learning space project, land development company **Woods** generously donated their time to survey the area between the Kauri and Totara blocks. With the survey complete, a landscape architect specialising in educational play spaces has now been engaged and proposed designs for this area will be shared in early 2026. Many thanks to **FONS** and our parent community for supporting the fundraising efforts to get this project underway!

Finally, the Board would like to sincerely thank parent representative **Henry Barfoot**, who has stepped down after two years of contribution as his children have now moved on from NPS. His professionalism, thoughtful input and support for the school have been greatly valued.

As we now look ahead to the summer break, the Board extends its warmest wishes to all students, staff and families for safe travels and a restful holiday. To those families who have now finished at NPS, all the best for the next stage of schooling. To staff members that are moving on, thank you for all your hard work and all the very best in your new roles. And to those staff and families who are back for 2026 – bring on an exciting year ahead!

Meri Kirihimete ki a koutou ko te whānau / Merry Christmas to you and your families