



## School Fortnightly Newsletter

by Melissa Grant on 27th February, 2026 16:00



Kia ora e te whānau,

At NPS we don't just acknowledge different cultures - we celebrate them. By sharing we learn from one another and build a vibrant, inclusive community where everyone belongs. I was so impressed with our Tūi team last week with their annual celebration: Te Wairua o te Tākaro (The Spirit of Play) and Lunar New Year Celebration. The junior area was buzzing with learning opportunities such as making vegetarian dumplings, creating collage lanterns and musical instruments were playing with children participating in dragon line dances. It was so good to see the children collaborating, making new friends, learning from each other and experiencing a range of cultural traditions.

Lifting student achievement and improving attendance are two of my key priorities. In my last newsletter I shared our attendance management plan including the government 80% target of regular attendance. As of today our regular attendance is 79%. Analysis shows that absences are mostly holidays in term time. For us to lift achievement we need students in front of their teacher every day. Please consider this when planning holidays.

Early in Term 2 we will be hosting a curriculum and reporting to parents information session. When we have finalised the date and time, we will let you know.

### **FONS (Friends of Northcote School) information:**

Save the date: Family Fun Night: Thursday 26th March 5pm-7pm on the school field. We are looking forward to seeing you and your family there.

### **Year 5/6 camp:**

Our Year 5/6's will attend camp in just over a week. If you or anyone else you know may be in a position to help a child get there we now have 'Pay it Forward' on KINDO. All funds collected will go directly to cover a student unable to pay for camp. Thank you so much for your generosity.

[Click here](#) to access the link.

### **Sports News:**

Winter Netball 2026

Registrations for Winter netball are now open on Kindo. Registrations will close Sunday 8 March at 5pm.

Who: Netball is available to any current student at NPS

Where: Netball North Harbour, Northcote Road

When: Year 1-4 play on Mondays starting 4th May. Year 5-6 play on Wednesday starting 6th May

Time:

Year 1-2 Round times are 4.00, 4.40 and 5.20pm

Year 3-4 Round times are 4.00 and 4.50pm

Year 5 Round times are 4.00, 4.50 and 5.40pm

Year 6 Round times are 4.00, 4.50, 5.40 & 6.30pm

Cost per player: \$105.00

Please indicate when you register if you can coach or manage as this is an essential part of the success of our sporting teams.

If you have any questions please email [vickit@northcoteprimary.school.nz](mailto:vickit@northcoteprimary.school.nz) We are looking forward to another fabulous netball season.

### **Reminders:**

While we do our best to manage our financial position, school finances operate on fine margins. We rely on school donations and activity fee payments to ensure we are able to provide opportunities and resources that are core to our school. These costs have been loaded onto your My Kindo account. Thank you for your support so far. Payment by the 31st of March gets you into the draw for one of three \$100 Prezzy Cards! Be in to win.

The speed and volume of commuter traffic around our school is significant and requires our absolute focus to keep our students safe. If your child cycles or scooters to school, please reinforce these vital safety messages: riders must remain on the footpath at all times and stay hyper-alert for cars entering or exiting driveways. For maximum safety, students are required to dismount and "walk their wheels" when using pedestrian crossings and immediately upon entering the school grounds.

### **Key dates:**

Whole school assembly: March 5th 10:30am hosted by the Kererū Team.

9-11 March: Kauri Team Camp

Whole school assembly: March 19th 10:30am hosted by the Tūi Team

Whole school assembly: April 2nd 10:30am hosted by the Kauri Team

2nd April: Last day of Term 1

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou,

Melissa