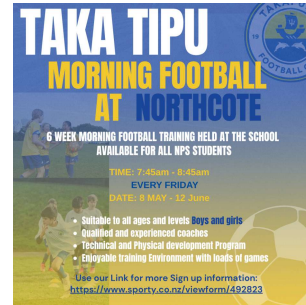




Term 2 week 2 Fortnightly Newsletter

by Melissa Grant on 1st May, 2026 15:09



Kia ora e te whānau,

What a fabulous start back to term 2 with Book Week this week. A big thank you to Jodie Edgar and the Book Week Team who made it such a wonderful experience for our students. It was fabulous to see a genuine love and enjoyment of reading throughout the week and the excitement of the book week parade today. Thank you to our teachers who go the extra mile to make this such a fun and exciting week.

Last Saturday, our school had the privilege of participating in the Northcote Point ANZAC Day parade and attending the service, where we laid a wreath in remembrance of all those who have served our country. It was a moving experience, and one that took on special meaning as we learned more about the individuals from our own local area whose stories form such an important part of our history. The remarkable life story of Emily Nutsey (1887-1953) in particular is phenomenal in so many ways. Her story is one of extraordinary courage, quiet determination, and deep service to others. Thank you to everyone who came along and to Tina Walsh for her organisation of this event.

Review of NPS Vision and Values:

Every few years it's worth stepping back and asking: does our school still reflect who we are and who we want to become? As someone new to this community I think now is the perfect moment to ask those questions together. I want to understand what you love about this school, what you hope for your children, and what you believe we should stand for.

I have put together a short survey with two simple purposes: to hear honestly what you think about our current vision and values, and to capture your hopes and aspirations for our school going forward.

Everything you share is anonymous, and I will share back a summary of what I've heard before anything is finalised. Your voice will directly shape what comes next. [Click here](#) to access the survey to share your views. It will close on Friday the 22nd of May.

NPS Open Morning Invitation:

We warmly invite you to join us for our upcoming Open Morning on Friday the 15th of May from 8:45am to 9:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity to step inside our learning spaces, see your child "in action," and experience the vibrant culture of learning that defines our school every day. To ensure our students can remain focused on their learning and routines, we ask that this remain a "look and feel" visit rather than a time for parent-teacher conversations. Our teachers' priority during this time will be guiding the students through their morning programmes, allowing you to see the authentic, high-quality teaching and learning that happens in our classrooms. We look forward to welcoming you.

Attendance:

As of today our regular attendance has dipped to 76%. Regular attendance is critical to student learning, wellbeing and long-term outcomes. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further support in this area.

Reporting to parents:

We have been assessing your child across reading, writing and mathematics using both formative and summative assessment tools and are in a strong position to report your child's achievement at mid year against the revised New Zealand Curriculum. In the next few weeks we will have access to the new reporting to parents template in Hero and will be using this for our mid year reporting cycle.

Health and Safety:

If your child arrives at school after the 8:55am bell they have to come to the office to sign in. They must not go straight to class. This enables our attendance checking process to run smoothly to ensure we are following up absences as soon as teachers complete their roll. Please do your best to get your child to school between 8:30am and 8:55am as learning starts straight after the 8:55am bell.

School finishes at 2:55pm. If by any chance you are running late, please call the office as soon as possible. If we don't hear from you we will take your child to SKIDS in the hall where you will be able to collect them. Please note, a cost will be incurred for this from SKIDS. A reminder also that children must not play unsupervised in the playground after 2:55pm.

Please [click here](#) to read our updated dress expectations document. We appreciate your support with this.

Reminders:

Birthdays are exciting in all of our households. Can I please ask you to keep birthday cakes and goodie bags at home for celebrations, thank you.

Please scroll through the images on the carousel above this post to see before and after school activities on offer such as Friday morning football with Takapuna Football Club, guitar and drama lesson as well as Scratch Pad coding club.

FONS event dates for your diary:

- Friday, 8 May: Book Week Disco 5:00pm to 7:00pm
- Thursday, 18 June: FONS Fundraiser at Bridgeway Cinema

Schools Docs policy review:

In term 2 we are reviewing some policies in the Safety On and Off School Grounds section and the Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) section. We welcome your feedback on these policies

- School Swimming Pool
- Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)
- EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities
- EOTC Risk Assessment and Management

To review, visit the website <https://northcoteprimary.schooldocs.co.nz>

Enter the username (northcoteprimary) and password (shore).

Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.

1. Read the policy.
2. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
3. Select the reviewer type.
4. Enter your name (optional).
5. Submit your ratings and comments.

Upcoming dates:

5th May - Interschool Swimming Competition

7th May - Whole school assembly led by Tōtara

8th May - Book Week Disco 5:00pm to 7:00pm

21st May - Whole school assembly led by Kererū

28th May - Rippa rugby tournament

29th May - Teacher Only Day: School closed

1st June - King's Birthday: School closed

4th June - Whole school assembly led by Kauri

10th June - Life Education visits begin

18th June - Whole school assembly led by Tūi

2nd July - Whole school assembly led by Tōtara

3rd July - last day of Term 2

Enjoy the weekend ahead.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou,

Melissa