

18 June 2024

Principal's Pen

Dear Parents & Caregivers

Welcome to Week 8 of the term. This term has been a very busy one and seems to be flying by very fast. The colder weather has certainly settled in and it is great seeing your children with some warmer clothes for those colder than usual days. Please look at the lost property rack in the walkway by the library. We end up with literally hundreds of dollars' worth of property left there at certain times. In these days and times where every dollar counts, please make sure you are not buying replacements that may just be found on the rack!

As we approach the end of the term our teachers are preparing their mid year reports for your children. This year these will be available in Hero, our student management system. When the reports are completed, they will have a summary of your child's first two terms of the year. There will not be New Zealand curriculum judgements as this part of the system will not be completed until the end of year. Teachers will be able to discuss this aspect however at the parent/child/teacher conferences in Week 2 of Term 3. Rest assured this information is known by your child's teacher as it usually is, but just isn't ready for Hero for the mid year report. Details of how to find this will be sent to you in Week 10. There will be details of how to book your conference time through Hero then also.

Last week our school took part in the North Shore schools Showquest event held in the Kiri Te Kanawa theatre at the Aotea Centre. What an amazing event it was, and I am very proud to say your children who were in the Show Quest team placed first out of the primary and intermediate schools! I missed being there because of Covid but did watch it online. It was amazing and if you haven't seen it yet, look for the link sent out by Jo Hodgson. It was truly spectacular. A huge thanks to Jo for leading this and to our teacher's Jenny Lee and Carey Thomas for your input and time. A very special thanks to you amazing parents who took care of choreography, lighting, soundtracks, makeup, costumes etc. Your time given up coming in to teach the dance moves was so important for the success of the Showquest team and it couldn't happen without your time, creativity, and support.

Important Dates

Just a reminder that Friday 28th June is Matariki, and school is closed. We will be having our Matariki celebration here from 6am on Thursday 27th June so look out for details on Hero if you haven't seen that already. Our team here are working hard to make this a fun start to the day for everyone able to come along.

Community

We have had a very successful year in a variety of sporting codes this year, in particular the miniball/basketball teams have enjoyed a hugely successful year. With the end of the season upon them, we have a high number of teams in finals this week and some older teams in semi-finals. I know we all send our best for the teams, and if they win – fantastic, but if they don't – fantastic! Like all school sport in primary schools, this couldn't happen without the support, time, and energy of dedicated parents. Thank you for all you do for your children and our school.

Take care and keep warm, dry, and safe.

Kind regards

Upcoming Dates

Upcoming dates are published on the homepage of the school website and on the Calendar section in Hero.

Term 2 2024

Thursday 27 June - NPS Matariki school celebration 6am

Friday 28 June - Matariki - school closed

Friday 5 July - last day of term 2 2.55 pm

Monday 22 July - first day of term 3

Community News

Northcote College Open Day Saturday 27 July 2024 12.00 – 3.00pm

You are warmly invited to visit with your whānau to view the school and talk to staff and current students. Discover exactly what Northcote College has to offer.