

**23 September 2024**

## **Principal's Pen**

Kia ora koutou everyone,

Welcome to Week 10 of the term. I hope this finds you well and not suffering too much from the sickness that has been rampant across the school this term. School finishes at the usual time of 2.55pm this Friday and I hope you enjoy a decent two week break with your children, family and whānau.

Last week we celebrated Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori/Māori language week with several different activities across the school. Even the board got into this by starting our last meeting with our personal mihi. This was a nice way to celebrate our bicultural heritage.

As a staff we have commenced the class placement process for 2025. This takes quite some time and many meetings to ensure this is done thoughtfully for all the children and teachers at our school. Should you have anything you feel is important for your child/children for 2025 please make sure you let your child's classroom teacher know. Please don't ask for teachers by name but do share things that can help our team in working through our school organisation next year.

This term has been particularly wet, and the fields have suffered as a result. Gravity works against us (like John Mayer's song) and the water from the upper school heads towards the fields. Last year we had some complaints from our downhill neighbours because of the water, but we can't defy gravity. The fields are closed unless they have sufficiently dried out for play. The grass may feel dry, but the ground is still very wet underneath. The fields will be assessed each day until the end of the week.

### **Community**

The Nutsey Avenue drop off/pick up bay has been very busy lately, and a bit slower with the Life Education Trust trailer parked there. This will be in place until the end of term. Please take care not to block the street so cars have trouble exiting Nutsey Avenue onto Onewa Road. Patience is a virtue and needs to be practised at this regular chokepoint, mainly when picking children up at the end of the school day. Thanks in advance.

Have a safe and enjoyable two week break with your children.

Kind regards

Andy Brown - Principal

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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 3 2024**

- Friday 27 September - Last day term 3 2.55pm

### **Term 4 2024**

- Monday 14 October - Term 3 starts 8.55am
- Monday 28 October - Labour Day - school closed
- Friday 1 November - FONS halloween disco 5pm
- Monday 4 November - Board meeting 6pm
- Tuesday 5 November - Year 3-6 school athletics
- Wednesday 6 November - New Parent meeting 9.15am
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## Sports News

NPS had a fabulous morning at the recent interschool cross country. The children were amazing both on and off the track. They upheld our values, displayed exceptional sportsmanship and also came away with some amazing results that they should all be very proud of.

### **Individual placegetters**

Year 4 girls - 1st Ada Powell, 2nd Olive Rundberg, 3rd Caitlin Doland

Year 4 boys - 3rd Sam Palmer

Year 5 girls - 2nd Amalia Wood, 3rd Georgia Boase

Year 5 boys - 3rd Albie Joyce

Year 6 girls - 1st Sadie Brown, 2nd Maddisyn Blackburn, 3rd Tara Young

Year 6 boys - 2nd Nathan McKearney

NPS also came 1st year 4 girls team, 1st year 5 boys team, 1st year 6 girls team, 1st year 6 boys team and 1st overall school. An amazing result contributed to by each student's determination and resilience on the track.



Congratulations to Evangeline Shi who won a silver and bronze medal in her division for patterns and sparring respectively at the ITF National Taekwondo Tournament in Palmerston North.