

NORTH STREET SCHOOL NEWSLETTER ISSUE NO. 31

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As a management team we are hoping to clear up some of the confusion created with the implementation of the COVID-19 Protection Framework - 'Traffic Light' system. The country moves to this Traffic Light system from December 3 but schools will move to the system from January 1 2022, which will be reviewed December 13. At this stage we are governed by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ministry of Education (MoE) guidelines for gatherings under COVID-19 Level 2 until the end of the year. Whether parents are vaccinated or not we are supposed to keep gatherings under a certain number. So until the end of the year all parents can come into our school under COVID-19 Level 2 guidelines. This includes mask wearing where applicable, scanning the QR Code or signing in and using the hand sanitiser. We are only asking for vaccination status for those parents who are working with our students for mandated school activities. We are asking for parents not to gather inside the school grounds but rather to wait outside the gate as this is one of the guidelines suggested by MoH and MoE. We are also asking parents who need to come onto school grounds to pick up their child, or to see the teacher, or to see office staff to do so under these conditions. The Year 1-2 finishing time at 2.45pm, along with their siblings, will continue to the end of the year as this was implemented to avoid congestion of parents at the end of the day. We would like to make it very clear that we are not refusing entry to parents or students who are not vaccinated. If you have any concerns, then please do not hesitate to contact our office for clarification.

Unfortunately, we have to bid farewell to staff as we have 3 teachers who are leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Dana Farrell is moving on to take up a position as a Learning Support Coordinator at Whakarongo School utilising her vast experience working with special needs whanau. Miss Cheyanne Harvey is moving to Whanganui to begin teaching at St John's Hill School to be closer to her fiancé - congratulations Miss Harvey! Whaea Waimarie Stirling is moving to the East Coast to be closer to her whanau, ki te tautoko, ki te awhina, ki te whakawhanaungatanga hoki - ma te atua koutou e manaaki. We wish all of our departing staff all the best for their new positions and their life journeys.

As we have staff leaving we also have 3 new teachers starting, Jamie Millar (Purapura Whetu), Elliana Roestenburg and Whaea Rachel Perigo (Roimata Toroa), have all secured permanent positions starting next year. They are all very excited and eager to start at North Street School. We could hardly call Whaea Rachel a new teacher as she has spent a great deal of time here as a Kaiawhina and Kaiako in previous years, but we would like to congratulate her for graduating with her full teaching qualifications, nau mai, hoki mai ano. Elli is very familiar with our school as she spent a number of weeks in her final teaching placement in Roimata Toroa - so much so she wanted to come here to teach in her first full time position. Jamie is returning to Feilding from Tauranga and has come highly recommended from her former principal and former North Street School student Ngaire Durie. To all of our new staff members, nga mihi mahana ki a koutou.

Significantly, we have 3 Provisionally Certified Teachers (PCT) graduating as fully registered and certified teachers. Whaea Jodi Murray, Miss Cheyanne Harvey and Miss Phoebe McNab, who is also getting married next year! Congratulations to these hardworking and professional colleagues, we would like to wish you all the best for your future endeavours.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the support, aroha and manaakitanga shown to our beautiful friend and work colleague Jan, Mrs Williams and her whanau. Last Thursday we farewelled Jan with a heartfelt waiata and haka from our school whanau, Mrs Williams would of been proud of you all. Jan will be sorely missed by all of those that had the pleasure of knowing her.

*Kua hinga he totara i te wao nui a Tane
(A great totara has fallen in the forest of Tane).*

Ka kite ano

Paora Pomare
Deputy Principal
North Street School



Thank you to all our Year 7 & 8 Touch Players. Your efforts this year, considering the circumstances have been awesome. A special mention must go to our two year 6 students Siena Faye and Chase. Although our last game was anti-climactic with our opposition not showing up. The spirit amongst the team remained high...it may be due to the box of favourites chocolates handed out at the end of the game. These games will leave us in good stead for next year. Playing students from college has given you all some resilience, respect and dedication. For those of you moving on to secondary school I wish you all the best in all your future endeavours. Huge thank you to Perenara for transporting our team over to Palmerston North each week.



Leavers Hoodies - These are expected back mid next week. A reminder that you must pay your \$63 before they are given to your child. Many thanks. Kim

William Pike – The last challenge for the year took place yesterday, at Off the Loop Wake Park in Foxton. It was a fantastic day, with everyone challenging themselves and having a blast!



Next week's newsletter will come home on Friday.

Lucky Bookclub – The final issue for the year closes tomorrow, as well as the \$5 Duffy book offer. Please get these into the office

- Reminders**
- 13 Dec PB4L Celebration Day
 - 14 Dec Year 8 Graduation/Prize Giving
 - 15 Dec Last day term 4 - 12.30pm