

NORTH STREET SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Kia ora whanau

We made it!!! it's been a rollercoaster of a term - we'd like to congratulate you all on making it through!

I want to acknowledge the incredible job all our staff have done to navigate through the past 11 weeks, supporting their students both working from home and at school and supporting one another while teachers have battled with Covid and their own whanau contacts.

Enjoy the Easter break and holidays with your tamariki, we hope you are able to use this time to relax and regroup, and prepare yourselves for a (fingers crossed) more settled term two. Next term we have Harold and the Life Education truck in and the school will be visiting Kauwhata Marae and Kitchener Park to learn about some of the local narratives. Teachers' only day next term is the last Friday of the term, the 8th of July.

Anzac Day - On the 25th April there will be a dawn service at the Feilding cenotaph. It will start at 6.30am. If you wish to attend with your whanau everyone is welcome. Please wear your school uniform and jacket, if you would like to be part of the students laying our NSS wreath.

COVID

The Minister of Education Chris Hipkins has announced the move to Orange at 11:59pm, Wednesday 12th April. The decision to move to Orange has been made on public health advice and reflects that we are moving past the peak of cases and our health system is able to cope. We are seeing that cases are declining due to high levels of vaccination and natural immunity after infection.

What does the move to Orange mean for our school?

At Orange, face masks are no longer required at school. However public health advice is that masks continue to be strongly encouraged when indoors. Wearing a mask is a key health measure that slows the spread of COVID-19 in indoor settings. For that reason, we ask that visitors to the school, including parents and whānau, wear a mask whenever they are indoors on school grounds.

We also ask that your child (if they are Year 3+) continues to bring a mask to school every day. There may be times that we'll ask them to wear a mask, too – for example, when we are having an assembly in the hall. If there are a high number of cases at school or in the community, we may ask that masks be worn in classrooms for a time.

At Orange, students aged 12 and above are still required to wear a face mask on school or public transport.

We will continue to keep all the other health measures in place at school that we know slow the spread of COVID-19. These include ensuring our indoor spaces are well-ventilated, maintaining good hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate physical distancing whenever we can and, most importantly, staying home if we are sick.

We are looking forward to a few less restrictions and returning to school life that is a bit closer to normal.

Uniform

Our uniform looks fantastic especially when our students are together as a group representing North Street School in the community. When we have children in their full school uniform they look smart and are proud, this is our expectation. Of late there seems to be children wearing a few extra add ons that are not needed nor wanted.

It needs to be made clear that our students need to enter the school grounds at the beginning of the day in full school uniform and at the end of the day leave the school grounds in full school uniform. It is totally acceptable for our students to bring PE gear, shorts, t-shirt and sneakers, if they need to do physical activity. If for any reason your child is unable to wear the correct uniform then a note is required.

As we go into the colder months the only add ons we want to see are NAVY tracksuit pants/trousers. Girls may wear NAVY tights under their skirts/skorts or long navy socks. If students need more layers, then NAVY thermals are accepted. Fleece tops are available for purchase from the office. We are waiting on a back order of softshell jackets for all our new students. These are supplied free of charge from Kids Can and we ask that if your child leaves, we would appreciate these being donated back to the school for new students that enrol in the future.

We are very lucky to be able to have these jackets supplied however these are not always going to be available. If your child has been given a jacket this year that is oversized, please wash and return it and we will swap it for a smaller size when they arrive.

REACH

During the Interschool athletics day, Skye and Ana noticed a girl struggling on her own during the 800 metres race. They both ran with her and encouraged her to the end of the race. Today the mother came to our school to drop off a thank you for both girls!! As a class and school we are all very proud of the NSS manaakitanga they showed on this day

Ka kite ano

Jo Reiri-Tatana and Paora Pomare
Principal/Deputy Principal

Reminders:

Thurs, 14 Apr -Last day, Term 1, 3pm
Mon, 2 May – 1st day Term 2



Tararua Rippa Rugby Tournament - Year 5/6

This was held at Ongley Park on Tuesday, we came away with 2 wins and 2 losses, a fantastic effort and amazing REACH values were shown.



INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Fantastic day which was enjoyed by all. Huge thank you to Matua Nopera for spending many hours of his own time to sort our students into their respective events. Ka nui te mihi ki a koe Matua! Here are just a few snapshots of the day's proceedings.

Placings from the day as follows:

- High Jump - Ameerah Panapa June – 3rd
- Long Jump – Iritana Wiparata – 2nd
- Discus – Arorangi Panapa June – 1st
- Sprints – Iritana Wiparata – 1st
- Shotput – Valentyne Faamanu-Manutulila – 1st
- 800m – Siena-Faye Kotuhi – 2nd



Basketball Draw Week 11 - ***UPDATE*** Last game of the term



FEILDING JUNIOR BASKETBALL LEAGUE FINALS

FINALS - THURSDAY 14 APRIL

COURT 1 - MAIN GYM				COURT 2 - SIDE GYM			
3 PM	MSS 2	vs	MSS 1	This game is being played at school			
3.15 PM	Teams have access to court			3.15 PM	Teams have access to courts		
3.30 PM	NSS Blue	vs	St Josephs Jets	3.30 PM	Cloverlea Sharks	vs	LSS Heat
SOCIAL FINAL							
4.15 PM	LSS Bulls	vs	NSS Yellow	4.15 PM	Ashhurst	vs	NSS Green
COMPETITIVE FINAL							
5 PM	LSS Lakers	vs	Cloverlea Giants				

It looks like the Dental Bus is heading our way in Term 3 this year, all going well! In the meantime, if you require any urgent care for your child or if you have concerns, you can make an appointment at the Dental Clinic at Feilding Healthcare. Please phone 323 6686