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ONEPOTO SCHOOL –

"Empowering ourselves to be successful learners"

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Thursday 2nd July 2020 **Newsletter #8**

What a great Term 2!

We made it! It has been a long term that was interrupted by the COVID-19 Lockdown, but we made it through this very unique time in our lives and history. A huge thank you to all of our staff, students and families for supporting each other during this time. The transition back to school was long and the preparation by our teachers was very different, as we fast-tracked ourselves into online learning and home learning packs. The teachers did an outstanding job planning and teaching online, to ensure our students were learning.

What I am most proud of, is our students who returned from lockdown more responsible and confident as learners. Congratulations parents on looking after your families during this time at home. We all learned a lot about ourselves, our families and what we valued most in life.

In class, students have been learning about growing plants, the 1919 Flu Epidemic (Black Death and Ebola) compared to the COVID-19 epidemic. Students have been involved in mini research tasks, learning different types of writing such as Information reports and procedural writing. Our "Boost Groups" with our Teacher Aides have been very successful supporting students in Phonics and the Steps to Literacy Programme. Students are asking questions and using these new skills in class. Students have coped well with their transition back to school!

COVID-19 UPDATES - We are still under Alert Level 1

With a gradual increase in COVID-19 cases, we continue our hygiene regime at school, regular hand washing and hand sanitizing and wiping down of all high use surfaces. Parents and whanau are welcome back into school to drop off and pick up children. School starts at 8:45am and school ends at 2:45pm each day.

Term 2 finishes this Friday 3rd July at our normal time of 2:45pm.

Term 3 starts Monday 20th July at 8:45am. Have a wonderful holiday!!!!!!!

Ngā mihi nui,

Daniella Latoa-Levi

Tumuāki – Principal

LEARNING CONVERSATIONS – *Tuesday 4th August and Thursday 6th August*

Mid-Year Learning Conversations will take place next term over two afternoons, ***Tuesday 4th August from 2pm to 7pm and Thursday 6th August 3pm to 5pm***. Notices for this event will be handed out next term. Teachers will meet with Parents/Caregivers and students to discuss student learning and learning at home during COVID-19.

Student Reports will be distributed in the following week, after the Learning Conversations.

REBRANDING & DESIGN WORKSHOP

Thank you to the parents and school community who attended this meeting last week. It was great for our whanau to see the new school plans and discuss cultural design ideas for the school grounds. The next workshop will be held next term on Thursday 20th August 3pm to 5pm. We would love to see as many parents and whanau as possible to share more design ideas.

ROAD PATROL CROSSING

A huge **Thank You** to all our students and families for using the Road Patrol Crossing in the morning and afternoons. Thank you for using the Drop Off & Pick-Up Zone. This will continue into Term 3.

BASKETBALL – RESTART

The Onepoto Magic had a BYE this week. Their next game is the first week back in Term 3 on Wednesday 22nd July at 5:45pm on Court 1.

NEW BUILD UPDATE

- Demolition of the old junior block has started and more fencing put up along our driveway. This will continue in the school holidays.

Northcote Intermediate Enrolment 2021 Information/Updates

28th July – Year 6 Parent Information Evening, 6 – 7pm, school hall
6th 7th & 13th August – School open days (tours for parents/students to see how it all happens here)
Week beginning 17th August – Enrolment interviews (parents schedule through school interviews website – info in prospectus). We have catch ups for these the following week.
11 Sept Out of Zone enrolments close
25th September Out of Zone candidates notified
20th November orientation day (lots of interactive fun to make students comfortable, confident, familiar and connected with us).