



Principal's Newsletter Week 9, Term Four, 2021

Greetings • Nau mai, haere mai • Ni Hao • Konnichiwa • An Nyung Ha Sai Yo • Talofa Lava • Malo e Lelei • Namaste • Ni sa bula • Noaia'e mauri • Kia Orana • Asalam Alykum • Nay Ho • Goeie Môre • Привет • Bonjour • Dia dhuit • Hola • Guten tag

Well, we got there!!

Over the last week we've beamed live for our prizegivings, which acknowledged many students and their achievements, and we held our final assemblies with many thank yous, sad farewells and sage advice. Despite the constraints, our students saw out 2021 as best as possible and on a positive note.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts in seeing us through this year – whatever role you played – however big or small. Our school's community is super special, and I have nothing but praise for the support that surrounds our young ones.

At the end of a school year, there are always some loose ends to tidy up – please let me or one of the admin team know if there is anything you need.

All returning students should have received a letter with their school report which says what class they are in and who their teacher will be for 2022. There are very few changes. For new students – letters are in the mail for you with this information. Please contact me should you have any questions. If you are the parent of a child attending NIS in 2022, to book an interview for 1st February please use the code wug6y at: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Term dates for 2022, as well as lots of other information can be found on our website: <https://northcoteint.school.nz/general-info/>

Here are some kick-off dates for 2022:

Day 1, meet the teacher, 1st February

Day 2, first full day, 8.45am start for Year 8's, Year 7's to meet at front of school at 10.45 for 11am powhiri. All finish at 3pm. Buses to resume normal rounds on this date.

New uniform items for 2022: after many years of faithful service our formal polo shirt will be replaced. Our polar fleece jacket is also being replaced. Students may wear either the old or the new items until the end of 2023. I have the following message from our supplier:

Please note, the new school polo will be available for collection 29th Jan, we will make contact with any parents who choose to prepay this item. Please note we have the new light jacket available next week 22nd Dec. All other items are in stock.

Thank you, the Uniform Shoppe

I'd like to finish off with a special acknowledgement and thank you to one of our Year 8 students, Waihuia Thein. Waihuia recently gifted the school with a very special framed taonga made by her from hand dyed and hand woven harakeke – she also made the frame. This now hangs with pride in our reception – a beautiful treasure made by a very talented student. Aroha nui me te whaanau.



A huge thank you to our Kahui Atawhai fundraising committee who had planned a special evening, which could not happen due to lockdown. They have continued with some online auctions on Trademe. Thanks to those who have donated, and congratulations to those who have purchased. Most auctions have closed, however there is one super special piece of art, made by Waihuia's mum Kiriana – which I seriously suggest you have a look at. Auction closes Monday 20th December at 8.30pm: <https://www.trademe.co.nz/art/nz-artists/auction-3390301497.htm>

To those who are leaving us – the very best wishes to you and thank you for all of your support. For those who are returning – see you on the 1st Feb!

It's been a complex, challenging and tiring year for everyone. Have a very restful, safe and happy summer break and a Merry Christmas. See you again and please stay connected.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Phil Muir', is written in a cursive style.

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School