



# NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER

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### 2022 -TERM 1 – WEEK 2

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

2022 is now well underway and we are experiencing excellent levels of student attendance every day. It's lovely welcoming and farewelling students each day, as well as seeing some great learning happening in classes and around our campus.

Just a note on Covid-19 – should you have a positive case or contact in your immediate family, please notify me as soon as possible so we can be aware of and manage the situation – should this happen, early notification is hugely valued. As always, if your child is unwell with cold, flu, fevers or gastric symptoms, please keep them at home. If you are concerned, please take them to your GP and have them tested.

During these very humid and hot times it is essential we look after ourselves. Please continue to ensure your child has their own named drink bottle and hat and rests well when they can. We are keeping our classrooms well ventilated and can monitor air quality including CO2 levels, temperature and relative humidity.

Traffic at front of the school before and after school – there has been a significant increase in the number of parents dropping their children off at school in the mornings and after school. Before school it is important to be patient, drive slowly when in the turning bay, drive forward as much as possible, and keep traffic flowing. After school, we keep our turning bay free from cars between 2.50 and 3.20 for the buses. Please do not park in the cycle lane, do not double park, and do not stop on the yellow lines. The Countdown carpark is the best place to meet your child after school if you are picking them up with a car.

Visitors to the office – we are getting lots of visitors to the office – which is causing some congestion issues – please only come into school if absolutely necessary. If you do need to come in, please ensure to wait outside if someone is already in our reception area.

New School App and School calendar. It's great to see people using the app to notify us of absences through the app feature. The school calendar is also connected to the app, and we are in the process of adding daily notices and EZ lunch to it too. The school app does not replace our other methods of communication. If you haven't received log in details to install the app, please email [admin@ni.school.nz](mailto:admin@ni.school.nz)

Over December and January we replaced our student management system (formerly Edge, now eTap) and I do apologise for any inconveniences. It is still possible there are teething issues with the new system, so please bear with us and let us know if something doesn't seem right with communications or functionality.

We did have a parent evening scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> February which unfortunately cannot take place at this time – we are looking at the best alternative. This is where we would introduce staff to parents and talk through how things work at NIS.

Sports – the governing body which oversees zone days announced yesterday that there will unfortunately not be any zone days happening under Covid-19 Red level.

Camp – at this stage our school camp in week 10 is still scheduled to proceed. More details will come out around this very soon.

New building project – following on from the appointment of Cook Brothers, they will be setting up their site fencing over the next few days to begin the project – which is exciting news!

If you have moved house or changed any of your contact details please notify us so we can update our information on [admin@ni.school.nz](mailto:admin@ni.school.nz)

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is 21 Feb and will be by Zoom.

We are constantly reviewing our health, safety, and welfare policies. All our policies, as well as the review process are accessible to parents. We encourage you to be part of our school's official policy reviews.

Should you wish to read and give feedback on these, or any of our policies, go to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Search for our school, then log in using our community login:

Username: northcoteint

Password: Respect

Look at: Policy Reviews, under review. Should you wish to give feedback, click the Red review icon, where you can submit feedback. Please submit feedback on the currently reviewed policies before the end of Term.

As always, if there is anything we can do better, feel free to contact me directly on [principal@ni.school.nz](mailto:principal@ni.school.nz).

Ngaa mihi,

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

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School



# MUSIC

**There are many musical opportunities at Northcote Intermediate School. Please talk with your child to see if they are interested in learning an instrument or joining a music group.**

## **Concert Band Programme - After School**

In conjunction with Northcote College, Northcote Intermediate School students have the opportunity to enrol in a 2-year FREE programme which involves learning a wind instrument (Clarinet, Saxophone, Trombone, Trumpet, Flute or Clarinet) and being part of either the Senior or Junior concert bands. Conductor: Mrs Bronwyn Babbage (Head of Music NIS). Permission forms will be available over this next week.

## **Mr Pickford's Rock Band Programme - Tuesdays**

Mr Jon Pickford will be auditioning musicians for our fabulous Rock bands over the next few weeks. Some learners will have already taken permission forms home this week (please see Mr Pickford's note below).

## Mrs Babbage's Wednesday Music Programme

On Wednesdays: Kapa Haka, Ukulele Band, Music Extension = Songwriting, and "Korokoro Tū" (Harmony Singing Group). Please keep a look-out in the daily notices regarding meeting times.

## Other Instrument lessons - During the week

We also have excellent Keyboard/Piano, Guitar and Drum tutors from MEC (Music Education Centre - Glenfield) and "Musiqhub" teaching through NIS. Flyers for these lessons will be at the Student Services window. Please note that these are private companies so whānau will pay per lesson directly.

### Rock Bands / Contemporary music groups

Mr Pickford will be at school **every Tuesday** this year and is on the lookout for talented musical and vocal performers to be part of our Music Performance & Rock Band groups for 2022. During Term 1, he will be holding auditions to allow our talented students to show what they can do. **Any students who missed out on an audition sign-up letter can collect one from the student services window.**

Mr Pickford's groups this year will likely include:

- *Rock Bands*
- *Vocal Soloists & Duos*
- *Small instrumental groups (contemporary)*

**Please note that students do not need to know how to play or sing the whole song to audition - a part of a song is fine.**

### Approximate timeline for Auditions in Term 1

<b>Term 1 Week 3</b>	Year 8s (first auditions)
<b>Term 1 Week 4</b>	Year 8s (second auditions)
<b>Term 1 Week 5</b>	Year 7s (first auditions - possibly some Year 8 callbacks)
<b>Term 1 Week 6</b>	Year 7s (second auditions)
<b>Term 1 Week 7</b>	Final week to complete auditions - groups posted on Daily Notices
<b>Term 1 Week 8</b>	Expected start to contemporary music programme

If you have any questions about auditions, please feel free to contact Mr Pickford by email [jonp@ni.school.nz](mailto:jonp@ni.school.nz)

# Are **YOU** the next great pop star?



We are the largest specialist music provider in Auckland.  
Teaching music is what we do!

We are completely focused on giving your child the best musical learning possible.

Our programmes are individualised to develop your child's musical passion and ability.

We have lessons in piano, guitar, drums and other instruments starting in term one right here at school! Enter the URL below into your browser to enrol your child today!

<https://forms.gle/b7KaVWEtd1W9Jmkj7>



*"Music lessons have transformed our son... The experience has been so positive that his little sister is now learning and receiving all the same benefits."  
- Rien & Andrew*

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