



NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER

2022 -TERM 1 – WEEK 4

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 Mône • Привет • Bonjour • Dia dhuit • Hola • Guten tag

Kia ora all

As we navigate our way through the current phase of Covid-19 we will do all we can to maintain our school running. Covid can change things very quickly. Currently we have 18 students and staff isolating and 2 students and one staff member with Covid. These are relatively low numbers. Should this change we have plans to staff our classes as best we can, drawing upon all resources available. There may come a time when we simply do not have enough staff to cover classes. Should this eventuate, we will need to look at options including rostering classes home. I will give you as much notice as possible and I apologise in advance.

It has also been announced by the Minister that we will be moving to Phase three of the Covid Response Plan. This will see an increase in self-management and a change to close contacts. I expect there to receive a detailed information pack in the next 24 hours, from which I will summarise key points and notify you. Everyone will still need to exercise good judgement and personal responsibility.

Face mask wearing: Thank you all again for bearing with this – I know it's a pain however correct mask wearing is still considered to be the front line for defence against Covid. Wearing a mask not only protects yourself but those around us. When we do have to work through a contact tracing process to categories those who are close contact mask wearing is a big factor in people being categorised as a close contact. We have a small number of students who have been granted formal mask exemptions. Let me know if you have any questions around this.

In the meantime, please keep working with us to keep everyone safe.

We transformed our annual start of year parent evening into an online presentation with an accompanied parent guidebook. Usually these are packed hall events.

Link to presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WN37e-rAtJ0>

Link to guidebook on this page of our website: <https://northcoint.school.nz/general-info/>

Camp: At this stage our camp is still full steam ahead. I know lots of students have missed camps over the last 2 years and are keen to have an amazing experience. We will continue to monitor and update on this, however at this stage our goal is to make it happen. Once again our school camp will be held at Finlay Park Adventure Camp in the Waikato. An important information letter, permission slip and health form will be sent home with students

tomorrow (Friday 25th February) and will also be sent via email and the school app. Can these please be returned to school ASAP with the last day being Friday 11th March. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact our Deputy Principal, Mr Joel King (joelk@ni.school.nz).

New building project: We now have the hoardings up around the area for the new building and Cooks Brothers Construction have taken over the site, with earthworks and foundations scheduled for the next couple of weeks. If you do come to our site, please be very careful around the new development. Check for signs and stick to footpaths please.

FIRST Award Recipients

At yesterday's online assembly we 'presented' the following students with FIRST Awards. These are awarded to students who have shown particular effort towards one or a number of our FIRST criteria – being future focused, inspired, resilient, successful, thinkers.

Congratulations to the following:

Mitch Tonner
Samuel Joseph
Eiva Tearii
Kaleb Potter
Kayla Maxwell-Gates
Chloe Shera
Indy Lythe
Samara Paterson
Antonio Coneglan
Sienna Fitzgerald
Kyra Connell

We also have three new uniform items - a new polo which is a new replacement for the old polar fleece and a winter weight waterproof jacket. I am keen to seek feedback on these items to ensure they are fit for purpose. Please let me know if you have any issues. Students can continue to wear the previous uniform, and we are continuing to allow students to come to school in either 'formal' uniform or PE uniform, but please don't mix and match and which ever one they're wearing, encourage your child to wear it with pride.

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

Ngaa mihi,

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

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School



ST GEORGE'S COMMUNITY CENTRE SPEECH & DRAMA LESSONS

WHO?

Lessons for Years 1 - 13.

WHEN?

Students attend 1 x 30-45 min (age dependant) lesson per week during school terms. Lessons are at St George's Community Centre after school on Wednesdays, between 3.30pm - 7pm.

WHERE?

St George's Community Centre, 2 The Terrace, Takapuna.

LESSONS INCLUDE...

- Public speaking skills
- Acting skills
- Positive body language
- Speech writing & delivery
- Vocal skills
- Poetry recital
- Reading aloud
- Manners & relationship skills
- Building self-esteem & confidence

We also offer professional qualifications through our association with NZ Speech Board and Trinity College of London.

For more information

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In an ever-changing and fast-paced, technology-addicted world, it can be difficult to guesstimate what skills our children need in order to prepare them for an uncertain future.

However, there is a bedrock set of skills that have always been essential throughout history, and will continue to be for all generations to come. That is; the skills that give us the ability to communicate, to be creative, and to have a grounded sense of self-confidence.

In a nutshell this is exactly the family of skills that Head Held High speech and drama lessons are designed to develop.

At Head Held High we use hundreds of fun games and imaginative scenarios in our lessons, to teach conversation skills, confident body language, respect for ourselves and others, how to relate positively to peers and adults, public speaking skills, good manners, and harnessing creativity. All blended into a programme that all types of students love and have fun being a part of!

In addition to all of the above, Head Held high students also have the opportunity to gain globally recognised qualifications by sitting Trinity College of London or NZ Speech Board examinations.

To enrol for your no-obligation trial lesson simply visit:

www.headheldhigh.co.nz/enrol-for-head-held-high

Or, if you've got questions, we're happy to answer them!
Simply email: janita@headheldhigh.co.nz



red light protocols

rest assured we are teaching this term in full accordance with this venue's red light protocols