



# School Board Newsletter

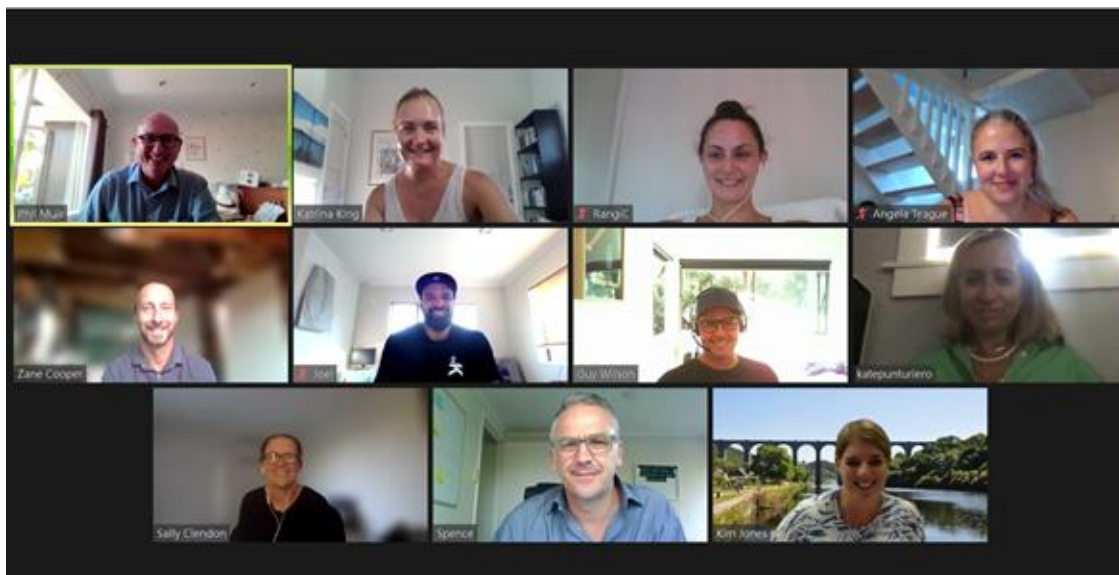
## Term One 2022

Tēnā koutou,

Haere mai and welcome to our first newsletter of 2022. I would like to extend a warm welcome back to our Year 8 families and a big NIS welcome to our new Year 7 families. I hope your children enjoy their time at Northcote Intermediate, take opportunities, and flourish to become the best they can be. I'd also like to send our thoughts and best wishes to all families who are personally affected by the current COVID-19 outbreak.

After two years of COVID interruption, I'm sure we all hoped that the start of Term 1 2022 would be as smooth as possible for our tamariki but sadly Omicron had other ideas. So far Northcote Intermediate seems to be weathering the storm reasonably well and our wonderful Principal team and teaching staff are working hard to keep learning as normal as possible for our students. We are working through a range of scenarios for the end-of-term camp at the amazing Finlay Park. We would love this to happen as planned at the beginning of April as it's such a fantastic experience for the students, but we are also mindful of the many considerations around health and safety, wellbeing, financial impact etc. Principal Phil Muir will continue to update you on the decision-making process around this.

I thought I would take the opportunity with our first newsletter of 2022 to introduce you to the members of your School Board – here they are, along with the Principal Team, on our recent Zoom Board meeting:



*From Top Left: Phil Muir (Principal), Katrina King (parent trustee), Rangi Clarkson (Administration Team Leader & Board Secretary), Angela Teague (Assistant Principal), Zane Cooper (staff trustee & Assistant Principal), Joel King (Deputy Principal), Guy Wilson (co-opted trustee), Kate Punturiero (Board Chair), Sally Clendon (parent trustee), Spencer Willis (parent trustee), Kim Jones (co-opted trustee).*

Our NIS School Board experience ranges between 2 months and 6 years – with 4 members in their first term and 3 members in their second term. Parent trustees Katrina, Spencer, Sally, and Guy all have children still at the school (and some who have moved onto college), while Kate and Kim’s children attended NIS several years ago. Staff trustee Zane has teenage children at college. We bring a wealth of skills to the Board including community and business governance, property, finance and accounting, strategic planning, project management, marketing and communications, curriculum and education (including learning support needs), and sustainability. We bring different skills but our reasons for being on the Board are the same: because we all believe that great education matters and that every student is important, we want to contribute to our community, and we want to help make Northcote Intermediate the best school it can be.

Finally, it is election year for School Boards, with the official process taking place in September 2022. If you have any interest in joining the Board and/or are keen to learn more, please reach out to me on [botchair@ni.school.nz](mailto:botchair@ni.school.nz).

Stay safe and well, and please continue to keep in touch with the school through this challenging time – we always welcome your thoughts and feedback.

Ngā Mihi,  
Kate Punturiero  
NIS Board Chair

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## 2022 Meeting Dates

Members of the community are very welcome to attend our Board meetings, usually held in the school staffroom from 6.00pm (or on Zoom depending on COVID levels):

28 March	16 May
20 June	15 August
19 September	31 October
5 December	

## Get in Touch

The Board are always keen to know what issues are important to you, what concerns you have or what you would like us to advocate for on your behalf. Please get in touch if you have questions or concerns: email [botchair@ni.school.nz](mailto:botchair@ni.school.nz).

## What We Do

*We are a dedicated group of current and alumni parents, passionate about Northcote Intermediate and tasked with governing the school - supporting our Principal Phil Muir and his team in their management of the school's staff, students, finances, property and much more.*

*As well as overseeing general issues as a full Board, we have subcommittees for Property, Personnel, Health and Safety, and Finance. The Board is also focused on upholding our school values of respect - for ourselves, others, and the environment – and the school's vision and mission to “empower, learn and grow together...by equipping ākonga with meaningful knowledge, FIRST skills and values.”*