



# NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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### TERM 2 – WEEK 2 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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

Term 2 has started well with very good attendance, positive people and many big steps in the return to pre-Covid activities. It's been great seeing students training, going through selections, playing sport, and being involved in cultural activities. I was able to see our footballers in action earlier this week at the zone day in Albany – and we have some serious talent! Results below. There are lots of opportunities now happening – including student leadership projects, chess tournaments, drum group, kapa haka, numerous bands and a growing range of sports including basketball, netball, water polo – with more to follow.

We are still actively encouraging vigilance around Covid-19, which is something we are now living with and managing. Earlier this week a large middle school near us was forced to close and return to online learning as they were hit with a significant wave of Covid-19 cases. We will continue to monitor and manage the situation and I thank you for your support. So far this term we have had minimal impact.

We continue to encourage the wearing of masks and maintain our staggered finish (non- bus students released at 2.50, bus students released at 3pm), ventilate as best as possible and maintain good hygiene practices. Please continue to monitor for Covid symptoms.

As we move into the cooler time of the year, please ensure your child has correct attire – full black shoes and black socks (with non-PE uniform) and a warm top – there are new jackets available at the uniform shop and we have very limited stock of second-hand polar fleeces at the office.

Otherwise let's continue to work together to do the best for our people!

#### Term 2

Looking ahead we have National Anti-bullying week in Week 3 (16 – 20<sup>th</sup> May) and Pink Shirt Day on 20<sup>th</sup> May (mufti day) followed by Book Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> May. This will finish with a book character costume dress up day on 27<sup>th</sup> May.

**Teacher Only Day** – just a reminder that Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is a teacher only day. Our staff have a full day planned, including a keynote presentation onsite from Sir Ian Taylor and a tour of our area looking at the local and NZ/Aotearoa History curriculum. This is the Friday of Queen's birthday weekend and has been aligned with the other schools in our community of learners.

#### Staff Update

Amanda Keppel, our Student Services Assistant, has been promoted to executive administration position at Marist School in Herne Bay. Amanda has been an efficient, reliable, and valued member of our staff since she joined us in 2021. We wish her the very best in her new position.

### **FIRST Award Recipients**

At Wednesday's online assembly we 'presented' the following students with FIRST Awards:

Ira Perry-Brennan - Room 7/8; Xavier Robinson-Baker - Room 16; Mikaela Ring - Room 16; Thomas Naude - Room 16; Ethan Lai - Room 17; Annan Chai-Rodgers - Room 17; Tassi Grenfell - Room 18; Kiedis Burgess - Room 18; Rowan Matthews - Room 22; Seini Palu - Room 22

These are awarded to students who have shown effort towards one or a number of our FIRST criteria - being future focused, inspired, resilient, successful, thinkers. Congratulations to all recipients.

### **Next Board of Trustees**

This will be on 16<sup>th</sup> May and will be online.

Also, this year is a Board of Trustees election year. We have set the date of 7<sup>th</sup> September. We have 5 elected parent positions. Please start to think if you, or someone you may know, would be keen and interested in putting themselves forward for nomination. There will be more information closer to the election.

### **Ministry of Education School Planning and Reporting Survey**

Schools and kura will soon need to change how they plan and report at the school level. Your feedback will help us know what the law (regulations) should say for schools and kura to work best with you to:

- plan - so that school/kura know what needs to happen, and when to make school/kura work better for all students, including your child
- report - so whānau and community are involved with regularly checking on progress and improving results.

We'll also be able to help create guidance for whanau and communities of how schools can build good relationships and processes in order to plan and report well.

Should you wish to participate in the survey here is the link: [Whānau and community survey](#)

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,



Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

### **SPORTS NEWS**

With the change in alert levels, we are happy to announce that all competitions are back running. Week one saw netball grading start, with Basketball recommencing in week two. Week two has also seen the start of Waterpolo competitions at Glenfield and the Millennium Institute as well as Zone Days for Football Year 7 & 8 Boys, Table Tennis and Hockey.

### **Football Year 7 Zone Day – Tuesday 10 May**

Congratulations to the Boys Year 7 Football team that won this year's zone day and will now progress to the Auckland Champs on 15th June. The Zone Day was the first on the North Shore for 9 months and was played in fantastic spirit.

Northcote started well with a solid 1-0 wins in the three pool play matches accounting for Whangaparaoa, Albany Junior High School and Belmont. In the quarter finals we struck Rosmini, the school that had taken the 2021 final from us in a penalty shoot-out. Sadly for Rosmini we played perhaps our best match dismissing them 4-0.

In the semi-finals we faced a hungry Murrays Bay team who were quickly playing defence as a quick goal had them on the back foot. Another goal followed soon after and we took control of the game. Despite the continual attacks Murrays Bay remained resistant and exploited a rare defensive lapse to peg a goal back - the only goal we would concede.

In the final we faced Northcross who had accumulated the biggest wins in previous matches - they also averaged nearly a foot on most of our players. The game was played with great speed with Northcote scoring late in the first half of the match. From that point on both teams threw wave after wave of attack at each other but both defences held, and Northcote emerged victorious.

Thank you to Mr Davids (Coach Davids) for selecting, coaching, and guiding the team to reach their potential.



### **Football Year 8 Zone Day – Wednesday 11 May**

After the high of the Year 7 Zone Day, our Year 8 team (made up largely of last year's Year 7 team) had a goal of going one better than 2021 when we lost a dramatic penalty shoot-out to Rosmini in the final.

With the draw mirroring the Year 7 Zone Day, we again played teams from Whangaparaoa, Albany Junior High School and Belmont in pool play. Early signs were promising with 2-0 win over Whangaparaoa, a 2-1 win over Albany and a 4-1 win over Belmont. Despite the solid scoring, early pool matches exposed weaknesses in our defence early on, something Coach Davids would work on

for the remainder of our matches. A clean sweep in the round-robin saw us face Mahurangi in the quarter final where despite some promising attacks, our defence held, and our strikers did the damage at the other end of the pitch to claim a 2-0 win and a place in the semi-finals.

The semi-final was against old foe Rosmini. The game started with wave-after-wave of attack from Rosmini that exploited our defensive weaknesses. Each was repelled by gutsy but scrappy scrambling defence as the team rallied to keep the opposition scoreless. After five minutes we went on attack launching a series of classic counterattacks in a match that we dominated. Despite regularly getting the better of our defenders, shots failed to find the back of the net and regular time finished 0-0 necessitating a penalty shootout. Sadly, history repeated itself and Rosmini again pipped us in the penalty shots.

While Rosmini advanced to the final, we played Orewa for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>. With both teams having lost their semi-final in a penalty shootout, everyone had something to prove. Neither team was able to take control of a game that was played at pace with play racing from end to end. In the last three minutes Orewa sunk the games only goal, leaving us to accept 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Remaining Zone Days this term**

Squash – Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May (entries due Fri 13 May)

Football Year 7 Girls – Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May (trials end of week 3)

Football Year 8 Girls – Tue 31<sup>st</sup> May (trials end of week 3)

Rugby Girls 7s – Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> June (registration/trials end of week 3)

Hockey Boys – Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June (no trials – members of weekly team attending)

Hockey Girls – Thu 9<sup>th</sup> June (no trials – members of weekly team attending)

Rugby Boys – 14<sup>th</sup> June (trials week 4)

Football Year 7 Boys Greater Auckland Champs – Wed 15 June (team that qualified at zone day)

Table Tennis Zone Day – 21<sup>st</sup> June (expressions of interest/trials week 5)

Waterpolo – 30<sup>th</sup> June (no trials – members of weekly team attending)

**Please note:** That all trial notices and links to permission slips for the above events will be communicated through daily notices.

### **Weekly Sports**

#### **Basketball**

We are now halfway through the Semester One (Term 1 & 2) Basketball competition. It has been a rollercoaster ride with ever-changing Covid restrictions that have differed across the five different venues our twelve teams have been competing at. A renewed thankyou to our 20+ coaches and managers that continue to coach and manage and make Basketball happen.

#### **Hockey**

This year we have moved to a 7-a-side format and have fielded three teams – a Girls, Boys, Mixed. With one game under our belt, the girls team currently have the bragging honours following their 11-1 victory over Northcross.

#### **Ki o Rahi**

The student leaders will be running a Ki o Rahi lunchtime competition starting in week 4 which we encourage all classes to enter a team. Thanks to Tamaki Ki o Rahi who will be coming in to train our student leaders on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### Netball

Our netball teams have started the season well. We are still in grading stage so we are hitting some tough competition on the court. Year 8/1 had the heart breaking loss of the week with a 1 goal loss to Northcross. With a couple of wins and losses shared among other teams, we have another four weeks of grading remaining before the official competition begins in June.

### Table Tennis

Grading began on Wednesday for the Table Tennis where we have two evenly selected teams named Tahi and One.

### Volleyball

Harbour Volleyball are coming in from week three to provide the first of eight weeks of free training in our new outdoor Volleyball Court. To date we have just over twenty students signed up for this. While we have reached our quote for Girls, we have had very limited interest from boys and encourage boy players wishing to take part to see Mr Peters or Mrs Orsler in the Sports Department as soon as possible if they wish to take part.

### Waterpolo

After a term of running our own competition at the Glenfield pool, it has been great to re-engage with regular competitions. This term we have our Narwhals and Nitros teams taking part in the Glenfield competition and our Nightmares in the Millennium Competition. Tuesday saw the Narwhals go down 8-3 to a strong Birkdale Year 8 team, while the new look Nitros team (a mixture of beginners and our top players) easily dispatched Northcross 15-2. The Nightmares face Orewa on Friday evening in their first game of the Millennium Competition.

*Christo Peters & Karen Orsler  
Sports Co-ordinators*



## **MUSIC LESSONS** at Northcote Intermediate School

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