



NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 – WEEK 4 – 26th 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 Môre • Привет • Bonjour • Dia dhuit • Hola • Guten tag

Kia ora

As the days get shorter and colder, we still need to be actively vigilant with illnesses – particularly Covid-19 as it is still having an impact on schools across the country. We have still been fortunate with low numbers and consistent attendance; however, we are monitoring this regularly. Should there be a spike in illness we will need to adjust what we are doing, which could include returning to mask wearing or if we are unable to staff our classes, moving back to learning online. We will continue to push hygiene, ventilation and highly recommending mask wearing and distancing where possible.

Another impact from Covid-19 is that Premium Kids Care (PKC - the before and after school care programme who have been with us for many years) will be finishing their services at the end of this week. Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the sustainability of their Northcote site. I wish to thank Kate and her team for many years of service to our community.

Please Note: Parents who have been meeting or picking up students at the end of the day - next Monday 30th May we will be returning to all students finishing at 3.00pm

Pink Shirt Day

Last week the school turned to a sea of pink as we celebrated Pink Shirt Day as the culmination of anti-bullying week. We're doing what we can to support students as they navigate challenging times. Emerging adolescents have always needed greater support to develop their social skills – with so much disruption to their schooling over the last couple of years there is a lot of work and support required in this space. We raised over \$1500, all of which has gone to the Mental Health Foundation. Thank you for all your support with this – teaching our learners to be charitable and considerate is really important to us.

We also hosted special visitors from sporting and community organisations last Friday, including Raelene Castle, Chief Executive of Sport NZ, the team from Kaipatiki Community Resources, Active and Harbour Sport. It was a great opportunity to showcase what we offer and what is going on in our growing community. They were really impressed with the range of activities and support we offer our community.



Breakfast Club

Northcote Intermediate has joined the KickStart breakfast program and will be providing Weetbix, milk, and yoghurt daily for the students of Northcote Intermediate. The program will be supported by the staff initially. However, we would like to invite members of our community who would like to come in and help support the program as a volunteer.

This would involve helping set up and supporting students to tidy and pack up at the end. If you would like to volunteer your time for 1 or more days a week, please email Mr Cooper: zanec@ni.school.nz

Starts: Monday 30th May

Time: 8 - 8.30am (Monday - Friday)

Who: All Northcote Intermediate Students are invited

Where: Food Tech Room

Teacher Only Day – just a reminder that Friday 3rd 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.

Remember this year we also celebrate Matariki as a national public holiday on Friday 24th June so there are three 4-day school weeks in the next month.

FIRST Award Recipients

At Wednesday's online assembly we 'presented' the following students with FIRST Awards:
Matilda Allen – Room 22; Jordan Green – Room 22; Benjamin Loong – Room 20; Lexi Yates – Room 21; Mia Boniface – Room 16; Olivia Ashton – Room 16; April Peita – Room 20; Nontapat Srikaeo – Room 6; Lachlan McKenzie – Room 6; Neel Mistry – Room 4; Natasha Weinstock – Room 4.

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.

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

Ngaa mihi,



Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

Sports Results

At the recent Takapuna Athletics Prizegiving, two NIS students did extremely well:

Jess Lathwood

Grade 12 Girls
1st Overall Points Club Nights
1st Track Points
1st Field Points

1st Club Champ Points

Club Record 12G 80m Hurdles - 16.17 sec



Awarded Joint Most Improved Senior Girl (new award and based on PB's achievements)

Emma Davies

2nd Overall Points Club Nights
2nd Track Points

2nd Club Champ Points

Club Record 12G 3000m - 11mins 35.02sec

The 12yr old girls division has one of the biggest groups at the club so to be awarded these achievements is outstanding.

SPORTS NEWS

Zone Days

The squash Zone Day took part on Wednesday 25th May and NIS fielded four teams in the boys grade - more than any other school. This event is very much a participation event for us as we focus on giving students an opportunity to try something new.

At 8:30am a very excited 11 boys boarded the new NIS van for the short trip to the North Harbour Squash Club in Shea Avenue. Once at the venue, play was underway shortly after nine with students playing 10-minute games. The first round saw Northcote Tahi play Mahurangi 2 and Northcote Toru playing Rosmini. Early games proved high tension as Tahi's Jamie Richardson won his game by a single point right on the 10-minute whistle. In the second game Sam Merrick mounted an epic comeback to close a 10-point deficit to a single point but ran out of time leaving the tie at 1 game each and all the pressure on the final match. Thankfully for us Lucas Galopin played some great squash after a bit of a shaky start and was able to secure a 2-1 win in the first game of the day. The team would win their next two matches and progress to the semi-finals where they would suffer a 2-1 loss against Orewa, their only loss of the day. They then rallied to win their last game and finish 3rd out of the 15 teams - a fantastic effort for a team whose members play water polo and football.

Results for Northcote Toru, Rua and Whā were mixed with all teams picking up wins and losses. With all of our teams based primarily on friendship groups, ability varied hugely within teams with nearly everyone experiencing wins and losses throughout the day. Some of the individual highlights of the day included the never-say-die attitude of Harry Bentley who must have run several km each match as he chased after every ball, Noah MacRitchie whose focus, determination was second to none, and Ethan Liu's sportsmanship. All the students who took the court were worthy of praise and we hope that a number of them elect to play squash next year when they transition to College.

Thank you to Double Dot Squash for providing the team with free court hire and a free coaching session at the YMCA in Akoranga Drive.



Inter-school co-operation

As we work to provide better opportunities for our students, we are increasingly forming relationships with other local schools. On Thursday 26th May, five members of the Girls Hockey Team travelled to Northcote College to referee the primary school hockey zone day. For many of them it was a chance to reengage and give back to their primary school.

We have been grateful to have Connor Westbury from Northcote College running our Girls Football trials. Connor has overseen trials and trainings for our two girls zone day teams and will be taking the teams to Zone Day on Tuesday 31st May. Connor is also working with the NIS Sports Department to create a weekly 5 or 7-a-side football competition for intermediate schools that we hope will be hosted at Northcote College in Term 4.

Weekly Sports

Basketball

Changes to the basketball format have made it extremely difficult to judge form with teams being decimated by covid and others moving grades and game days. Arguably the standout performer in recent weeks have been the Year 7 Huskies who remain undefeated after 5 games with 2 wins, 0 losses and 3 draws!

Hockey

Hockey is still taking part in grading rounds and all our teams are acquitting themselves well. Of mention this week is our boys team. They have won two of their first three games including a gutsy come-from-behind 3-2 win after being down 0-2 earlier in the game.

Netball

We are now in the last week of grading so can expect teams to be put into grades from next week. Noteworthy performance of the week was Year 8 Team 2's 30-10 win against Whangaparaoa College.

Table Tennis

Our two teams have now finished grading and we look forward to the regular season starting this week.



Water Polo

We are in week three of water polo for the term and our Northcote Nightmares team has been promoted from the Millennium C Grade into the B Grade after 22-0 and 18-0 wins in their first two games.

At the same time, we have had mixed results in the Glenfield Competition where we have struggled with numbers. If there are students in the school interested in giving water polo a go, we would welcome their involvement as we cater to all abilities. If your child is interested, please get them to see Mr Peters in the Sports Department.

AIMS Games

NIS will announce the four team sports selected to represent us at AIMS next week. These teams will be staying together and will be overseen by NIS staff.

There is also an opportunity for students to participate in individual sports at the AIMS Games. If a student wishes to do this, they will need to be overseen by a caregiver who will be responsible for them at AIMS. Please note that AIMS Games are an unofficial national intermediate championship for most sports, so the level of competition is very high. Although parents/caregivers are responsible for the costs, transport, accommodation, food and care of individual sport participants, entries still must come through the school. AIMS offers a number of different individual sports. **NIS invites parents who intend for their child to attend to please complete the NIS Form by Friday 3rd June. Please contact Christo Peters by email christop@ni.school.nz**

Football/Rugby Boots

We are looking for good condition rugby or football boots that are no longer required. Each year we have a number of students wishing to take part in Rugby, Football, Touch, League zone days that do not have boots. If your child has grown out of his/her boots and you are happy for them to be given to a good home, please drop them off to our Sports Department.

Remaining Zone Days this term

Football Year 7 Girls – Mon 30th May

Football Year 8 Girls – Tue 31st May

Rugby Girls 7s – Thu 2nd June

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

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

Rugby Boys – 14th June (trials week 4)

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

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

Water Polo – 30th 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.

Christo Peters & Karen Orsler

Sports Co-ordinator

Term Dates & Public Holidays:

Term 2: 2 May – 6 June

Term 3: 25 July – 30 September

Term 4: 17 October – 14 December

Teacher Only Day: 3 June

Queens Birthday: 6 June

Matariki: 24 June

Labour Day: 24 October