



NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 – WEEK 10 – 7th July 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 Mōre ● Привет ● Bonjour ● Dia dhuit ● Hola ● Guten tag

Kia ora all

We're now halfway through the year! The last few weeks have seen a steady increase in the number of students and staff who have been absent – for a variety of reasons. The school holidays should be a good circuit breaker and a time for those who are run down to recharge. Please continue to look after yourselves and your families – there is still a good chunk of winter to come. We have avoided needing to close the school or change our settings although we have regularly reviewed where we're at and may need to return to indoor mask wearing and other measures should Covid and the flu rise. Otherwise there have been lots of opportunities for students to get back to how it used to be over the last term and we are looking forward to a busy Term 3 packed with lots of learning opportunities and adventures!

Today's Lockdown

Today at 11.00am we were put into lockdown by the Police as a precautionary measure. We followed all procedures and our students and staff were fantastic throughout what turned out to be an hour and a half lockdown. Please keep an eye on your child and should they show any signs of distress, please let your child's teacher, or me know, if you'd like support. Being out and about in the playground at lunchtime students seemed back to their usually happy selves.

Parent Teacher Conferences and Mid-Year Report

On Friday your child will receive a hard copy of their mid-year report. They will also receive information for the Parent Teacher Interviews that will be held on 27th July. Please take the time to book a slot or contact your child's teacher should you need to make alternative arrangements. These conferences are a great way to find out how your child has been learning, where they are at, and what their next steps are.

Reinfection Advice

Recently the Ministry of Health updated their guidelines around Covid-19 reinfections. Essentially the 'safe from reinfection' period has been reduced from 90 days to 28 days The full document can be found here:

<https://www.health.govt.nz/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-health-advice-public/advice-people-covid-19/getting-reinfected-covid-19>

Uniform

A big part of intermediate school is preparing students for high school, and all the high schools in our area have clear expectations around uniform. Our key value is respect - in general, our uniform is being worn with pride, however I think it is timely to put out a reminder of what our uniform expectations are so we can start Term 3 looking sharp. Please ensure that your child wears **plain black socks** with their uniform and adheres to the guidelines at the end of this message. We can help out with support if required – please ask me or our admin team.

Mrs Wicks – Room 2

Mrs Lisa Wicks will be starting her maternity leave early in Term 3. We are fortunate enough to have Miss Claire McCurran return to teach Room 2, with Mr Oliver Li teaching on Thursdays. Lisa and Claire have planned to spend some time together with Room 2 to ensure the transition goes well. We wish Lisa and her family the very best for baby #2.

New Pedestrian Crossing on Lake Road

Work is now under way on the new pedestrian crossing on Lake Road closer to our school (in line with our Motutapu block). Work on this should be conducted after hours, but please take note if you pick up or drop off – there will be some knock-on to the flow of traffic.

Secondary School Enrolment – For Year 8 Parents – Reminder:

Soon it is time to start enrolling your child at high school! If you have not yet decided, you may wish to attend an open day or evening.

Northcote College is hosting an open day on 30th July, from noon – 3pm

Takapuna Grammar School have an open evening on 28th July at 4 and 5.30pm

Westlake Boys High School have an open evening on 4th August at 6pm

Westlake Girls High School have had their open day/evening

Please do your own research, check relevant school websites for up-to-date information and if you are applying for an out of zone enrolment be sure of the closing dates.

School Board Elections - Reminder

This year is School Board election year. Our school will be undertaking a parent election for five school board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15th July 2022. We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our own school's election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database. You will receive nomination papers by post if we do not have your email address in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon. Election day is Wednesday 7th September. We've had fabulous School Board members and we're looking to continue the tradition! Should you have any questions around what the role entails, please contact me. We look forward to your participation in this very important process.

There will be an information evening on Tuesday 26th July at 6.30pm in Room 7/8 for anyone interested in learning about being on our school board.

Please see document at the end of this newsletter.

FIRST Award Recipients

At Wednesday'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.

Rose Dagger – Room 1

Linna Maekawa, Nathan Phillips – Room 2

Jasmine Wright, Kiwa Conrad – Room 4

Dominique Maltby, Gino Calla Moret, India Watts, Joshua Munn, Liam Phillips, Olivia Warr – Room 5

Elijah Ahn, Elsa Pan – Room 6

Maddy Sims, Joye Lee – Room 7

Faran Poorekhorsandi – Room 8

Sam Blackburn – Room 13

Maeghan Cutler – Room 14

Hannah Dixson, Yuqing Huang – Room 16

Danish Raju – Room 17

Quade Barnard, Maikah Noble, Hannah Lenz Tasi Grenfell – Room 18

Sienna Macfarlane, Ava-Grace White – Room 19

Sophia Littlewood – Room 20

Aleksandr Zavtaskii, Chloe Huntington – Room 21

Luke Martin, Harry Bentley – Room 22

Congratulations to all recipients.

NIS School Uniform Guidelines:

Formal kit

- Shorts: Navy blue NIS uniform
- Skorts: Navy blue NIS uniform (not on uni shop website)
- Skirts: Navy blue box pleat NIS uniform
- Trousers: Flat front navy blue NIS uniform
- Polo: old style or new
- Jacket: NIS uniform
- Fleece: NIS uniform
- Sports Hoodie: NIS uniform
- Leavers' Hoodie: NIS uniform

- Kids' Can Jacket
- No other jackets worn in school (raincoats ok when needed)

PE kit

- Shorts: Navy blue NIS uniform
- T-Shirt: NIS uniform
- Jacket: NIS uniform
- Fleece: NIS uniform
- Sports Hoodie: NIS uniform
- Leavers' Hoodie: NIS uniform
- Kids' Can Jacket (available at student services desk)
- No other jackets worn in school (raincoats ok when needed)

Shoes

- Formal: completely black with black laces
- PE: suitable sports shoes (not skate shoes, slip on / loose lace shoes)
- Sandals: Black, brown or navy blue, must have a back strap (no slides or scuffs or crocs)

Socks

- Formal: Black socks only with formal uniform, Plain, no logos - for boys and girls
- PE uniform: ALL white or black socks

Tights

- Plain black
- Plain navy

Hats

- School cap or bucket hat
- Plain navy blue
- No logo at all
- Cap or bucket
- Beanie (on order - may wear plain navy blue)

Hoodies

- Only NIS uniform items
- No other hoodies / jumpers / sweatshirts, etc accepted

Makeup

- No make up (students may wear lip balm or chapstick)

Undergarments

- Black or Navy 'thermal' undershirts (short or long sleeves) may be worn during Terms 2 and 3

Jewellery

- Plain ear studs, sleepers or keepers
- One watch
- Cultural or religious items
- Medic Alert jewellery
- Minimal other jewellery

Nail polish

- No 'fake' nails or extensions
- Natural or pale coloured nail varnish
- Clear nail varnish ok

Hair colour

- Natural colours

Should your child not be able to wear correct uniform, please write them a note.

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 NEWS

Water Polo Zone Day

Last Thursday NIS had a very successful day at the North Harbour Water Polo Zone Day. With four of our usual top team away at Sports Camp, they were bolstered with Tassi and Faran from the Narwhals team.

In their first two games of the day, the team showed off their attacking skills with big wins over teams from TNIS (8-0) and Belmont (5-2) with Hannah leading the way with 6 goals over these two games. The final pool game saw us playing Kristin and again we were up by 3 goals just after halftime, before a fright in the second half saw Kristin come back to within one goal. The team quickly banded together and had to play really tight defence for the first time in the day to hold on for a 5-4 win. This saw us go through to crossover play as the top team from our pool.

The afternoon saw us playing in the top half of the draw, and much tougher games. Hannah, Rose and Sam really lead the defence in these games, causing a number of steals and getting the ball up the pool to Madeline who was on fire in attack. After beating MBIS 5-2, we faced off against Northcross in our final game. The team found themselves behind for the first time in the day and fought back with exceptional defence to be tied up with 2 minutes left in the game. Madeline then scored a penalty to put us in the lead with 1 minute remaining, before Olivia saved the day with an incredible save in goal to see us win the game 4-3 and end the day unbeaten!

It was an incredible day, playing 5 games with only one sub to give short rests and the entire team should be really proud of the resilience, skills and teamwork they showed throughout the day. Water polo is certainly a sport on the rise at NIS!

NB: We then played the same Northcross team on Friday evening in the B Grade semifinals and won 8-1 with our exhausted sports camp crew back in the mix. The team are rapt to have started this term in C Grade and now be playing in the B Grade final to end the term on Friday evening!

Steve Mouldey
Team Manager

Sarah Osborne
Teacher in Charge



JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES & EVENTS

CATS PRODUCTION

Annan Chai-Rodgers, a Year 8 student from Room 17 at our school, will be performing the role of Bustopher Jones in APAA's production of Cats during the July school holidays at the ASB Waterfront Theatre (138 Halsey Street, Wynyard Quarter, Auckland CBD). The beloved Andrew Lloyd Webber production is taking place at the end of the first week of the school holidays - six shows only: **Friday July 15 to Sunday July 17**. Students have been rehearsing since the middle of 2021 - with the season postponed twice due to Covid - so the cast is excited to finally present the show to an audience! Tickets can be purchased from the theatre or Ticketmaster. A special discount for Northcote Intermediate whanau is available: buy tickets to either performance on Friday July 15 (2.00pm or 7.30pm) and use the promo code JELLCLE to get adults at children's prices (only via the ASB Waterfront Theatre). The link is <https://www.asbwaterfronttheatre.co.nz/auckland-performing-arts-academy/2022/cats-the-musical/#ticket>



BASKETBALL CAMP

We are excited to share a set of upcoming Holiday Camps that we are running in partnership with [Harbour Basketball](#) during the upcoming July School Holidays.

Flaxhill is run by Sonny Tuaputa, (Lead Coach at Flaxhill Hoops, Basketball Coach at Rosmini College, and Assistant Coach with the Auckland Tuatara NZ NBL team) and Matt Lacey, (a NZ Coach of the Year award recipient). Sonny and Matt will be leading all the camps each week of the holidays. The three camp locations are **Rosmini College**, **Eventfinda Stadium** and **Kristin School**.

We are really looking forward to providing a high quality camp experience for the Harbour community and would love to extend an invitation to all of your students to attend these camps. Each camp will consist of skills, small sided games, National Style of Play concepts and 5v5 games for application of teachings. Please follow the link to find out more information and to register www.flaxhill.co.nz



Get On Board!

NIS School Board Elections 2022

It's time for the triennial school Board elections and our school will be undertaking a parent election for five school Board vacancies in September (for a three-year term). We encourage all members of our school community to consider putting forward a nomination to join the Board.

Being a school Board member is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences. We welcome anyone who is keen to make a positive difference to our students' education and help Northcote Intermediate become the best school it can be.

KEY DATES

Nominations open on 15th July and close on 3rd August with the election taking place on 7th September. You will be emailed a nomination form by our Returning Officer CES.

MEET THE BOARD

Come along at 6.30pm on Tuesday 26th July (first week of Term 3) in the school staffroom for an informal 'meet and greet' information session. This will be a chance for you to meet some of the Board and ask questions. Please RSVP (for catering purposes) to rangic@ni.school.nz.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

<https://www.schoolboardelections.org.nz/becoming-a-board-member/>

GET IN TOUCH

Please email Katrina King (NIS Board Chair) at northcoteintboard@gmail.com.