



Northcote Kāhui Ako – Community of Learners (NCoL) September Newsletter

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Kia ora Northcote community!

It's been a very busy term, and now things feel much more like they used to, not to mention a lot more summery!

Some of the successes across our schools this term have been:

- Birkenhead Primary School's new 2 storey block completed, opened and in action! (Photos below). Congratulations to Bevan and the team at BPS – great building, and a very special opening event – years of work have gone into making this a reality.
- Successful structured literacy evening at Willow Park School
- Onepoto School's roll growth now happening and attendance has been really strong
- Northcote Intermediate School's new 2 storey block well under way, with all precast walls in place
- Awataha Greenway – due to be opened in October
- Date set for all members of our new school boards to get together in Term 4 - 14th November
- End of year reflection and celebration for all NCoL staff set for after school 1st December
- CoL-wide teacher only date set for next year – 2 June 2023
- Lots of sporting, arts, extension and academic activities and events across our schools – great to see interaction, parents and whanau able to be involved – and a return to the good old days!

Ever thought about being a secondary school teacher? Or do you know someone who would be a great secondary school teacher?? You could train in 2023 at our local secondary school. Northcote College has 3 places available for in-school secondary school training.

For more details: <https://www.schoolbasedtraining.org/>

To express interest contact: Petula Edwards pe@northcote.school.nz

As a community, we are focussing on developing rich programmes around transition between schools, educationally important areas such as literacy, mathematics and wellbeing. Building quality relationships is essential in ensuring the success of our learners – the NCoL is a powerful vehicle which is making this happen.

Since my last newsletter to you in Term 2, we have been continuing to make following progress towards our Achievement Challenges:

- 1 Knowing individuals and supporting their wellbeing and learning
- 2 To improve akōnga skill and confidence in mathematics
- 3 To develop our local curriculum

Progress includes:

- Student surveys around enjoyment in maths have been conducted and discussed
- Between school visits looking at practice and resources and how we 'flow' between school levels, including lesson observations
- Much work in across school transition programmes – hui involving a broad range of key staff, planning and delivery of transition programmes
- Primary and Intermediate Schools planning and/or implementing Mitey programme for wellness
- NZCER TSSP Surveys being carried out by schools – when complete data to be collated for the CoL then analysed and reviewed and improvements from key findings implemented
- Staffing intentions across the CoL and planning for 2023
- Ongoing leadership professional development
- For each of our challenges we have put in place the infrastructure for across school sharing of resources and strategies. Slide sets which show the journey that we are going on for each achievement challenge are also under way.

Our Across School Leaders have been meeting regularly to plan and steer progress, and our Across School and Within School leaders have had 2 get-togethers to continue to share developments, planning, review and analyse data and keep momentum going during a busy term.

Our Team:

Across School Leaders (ASLs): David Taylor (Northcote College), Niki Manoa (Northcote College) and Theresa Kinloch from Willow Park School.

Within School Leaders (WSLs):

- **Northcote College:** Antonia Williams, Chadd Davis, Sophie Lindfield, Jordan Bradly, Adele Tunnicliff, Rochelle Gosling, Stephanie Tanner
- **Northcote Intermediate School:** Kelly Singer, Mirela Lapuste, Justin Lintern
- **Birkenhead Primary School:** Simone Nair, Kerrie Little, Sarah McMenamin
- **Northcote Primary School:** Ruby Cameron, Kelly Mattock
- **Willow Park School:** Niall Wilson, Rachel Clapham, Carrie Joyner, Jessica Neutze
- **Onepoto Primary School:** Kristen Webster
- **Northcote Baptist Preschool:** Rosemary Turley

We are also including other talented staff as we grow our momentum, including Ange Teague from Northcote Intermediate, Heather Bartlett from Northcote Primary, and Carey Thomas from Northcote Primary.

I look forward to continuing to work with our community, sharing our progress and seeing the success of our learners. Please let me know if you have any questions around our NCoL.

Ngā mihi nui



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From Birkenhead Primary School's new 2-storey building opening:



From left: Vimal Nair (Board member), Jo McDonald (Board member), Bevan Verryt (Principal), Shannon Halbert (PM), Rev. John Marsden (Kaumatua)



BPS's Kapa Haka Rōpū put on a stirring and polished performance at the opening of their new 2-storey block