



Term 3, Week 8 Principal's Newsletter, 15<sup>th</sup> September 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 • Kumusta

Kia ora all

I'd like to acknowledge Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori and share the whakatauki "mā pango mā whero ka oti te mahi" – through black and through red the work is completed. Those few words talk about the collective efforts of a diverse range of people who get things done well – and about cohesion, diversity, and working through challenges as a community to improve our world. We have certainly been through some challenges and changes however we're smashing out LOADS of awesome opportunities, learning and success! I'd also like to acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, certainly someone who has 'always been there' throughout my lifetime – it seems a strange place to be without her presence. Congratulations to King Charles III and the very best for his reign.

The last couple of weeks have been exceptionally busy and we have had students participate in a range of areas, many of which are highlighted further below.

### **New School Board**

Our new School Board took effect on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Congratulations to our new board members:

Sally Clendon (returning)  
Rochelle Greer  
Katrina King (returning, current Presiding Member)  
Damian Lawrence  
Spencer Willis (returning)  
Zane Cooper (staff representative, returning)

Thank you to those who also applied, and who took the time to be part of the democratic process of voting.

### **Public Holiday**

Please note, there has been a one-off national public holiday announced for Monday September the 26<sup>th</sup> to mourn the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

## **Caretaker**

Recently our caretaker, Mr Rob McCall tendered his resignation due to his poor health. I have been staying in touch with his family and he is recovering but will not be returning. Should you know anyone who would be an amazing caretaker, please let me know.

## **Auckland Region Speech Finals**

We had 2 students compete in the Auckland Rehu Tai Speech Finals at Manurewa Intermediate. Lila Smedley competing in the Spoken Word section and Sam King in the Rap section. Both students performed extremely well, and Sam won the overall category! Congratulations.

## **Cross Country Interzone Championships**

Congratulations to our 2 students who attended the interzone cross country championships at Muriwai beach to compete against the best from the six Auckland zones. Emma Davies (Year 8) finished a very impressive 5<sup>th</sup> place and Gino Calla Moret (Year 7) nursed a stitch to recover and finish in a strong 39<sup>th</sup> place. Well done!

## **AIMs Games**

Mr Christo Peters, our Sports Coordinator has pulled together an overview of our 2023 AIMs tournament (see below). I'd like to acknowledge the students who travelled either in teams (Girls Basketball, Boys Football, Mixed Hockey, Girls Netball, individual athletes) and thank all the parents and staff involved – a huge campaign, planning, training, proving resilience – well done to all involved. I was fortunate enough to see all of the teams in action and visit the camp – so much pride, determination and growth shown.

## **Blast Programme**

In partnership with the Blue Light organisation, our Blast programme kicked off this week, with 15 of our Year 7 boys involved in a confidence, character and mana building programme. Twice a week at 7am... fitness, food, and focus.

## **The 'Kids' Sing' Concert**

Our Tui Korokoro choir performed beautifully on Wednesday night in the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Parnell, their beautiful voices filling the space, delighting and entertaining the audience. Congratulations and thanks to all those involved.

## **Science Fair**

Congratulations to those who won an award at the NIWA North Harbour Science and Technology Fair!

Aimee Humphreys

Ava-Rose Feary

Ira Perry-Bren

Melissa Lai & Emily Podmore

Alana Mouldey

Grace Day

Matilda Allen

Sam King & Tom Fletcher

## **Facemasks And Ongoing Health Awareness**

As of Tuesday this week, mask wearing is no longer required. There will be some staff and students who choose to continue wearing masks, and we will honour and support their decision around this. We will continue to have masks available for anyone who chooses to wear one. Also, household contacts of a person with COVID-19 do not need to isolate, but instead are asked to complete a RAT test each day, for five days. Therefore, ākongā who are household contacts but test negative and do not have COVID-19 symptoms, should continue to attend. It is the best place for them to be so they can be engaged in their learning, and connected with their teachers, classmates and friends. We will continue to monitor the situation and encourage strong hygiene practices. Please also keep an eye on signs and symptoms of sicknesses and be sensible should your child or a household member become sick.

## **Rarotonga Trip 2023**

There has been a lot of interest in the proposed NIS Humanitarian Aid & Leadership expedition to Rarotonga in June 2023. Students can apply through the link in the daily notices and if there are any parents who were unable to attend the parent evening earlier this week please contact me or Mr Joel King if you have any questions.

## **FIRST Certificates**

Erin English, Rory Koolen - 1

Mele Vaiangina - 3

Colby Morgan, Tom Fletcher - 4

James Moore, Sebastian Baarspul, Liam Phillips, Benjamin Currie - 5

Issac Vine, Jully Chae, Sophie Higgott - 7

Max Talaic, Ben Hewlett - 13

Asher Hughes, Dylan Vickery, Leon Stirling-Phongsa, Yeva Butler - 14

Thomas Naude, Xavier Robinson-Baker, Lucas McSkimming - 16

Arihia Lipscombe, Preston Barton-Greene, Kiedis Burgess, Jenna Ellis - 18

Lily Morris, Dylan Fyffe, Ava-Grace White - 19

Amy Meng - 20

Lucy Martin - 21

Kyle Merrilees, Callum Sewell - 22

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).



Ngā mihi

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

# ZESPRI AIMS GAMES

September 3-9 2022

## Team Sports

On Sunday 4th September our teams departed Northcote en masse for Tauranga to compete in girls basketball, boys football, mixed hockey and netball.



**Girls Basketball** had a challenging week with a number of close games not going our way. Despite some tough results the team remained positive and were often surrounded by parent support throughout the tournament. Perhaps the highlight on the court was the final game against Baradene College when everything fell into place and the team left AIMS Games on a high with a 20-8 victory. A huge thanks to coach Chelsea Halling who trialed, trained, patched up and motivated our team throughout the event. Thanks also to the fabulous Ms Nathan who managed the team and drove our bus-sized 19-seater van.



**Boys Football** were our standout team results-wise - finishing pool play undefeated (6 wins and a draw) with a goal differential of +40! We defeated Sacred Heart College 1-0 in the round of 16 to set up a quarter-finals with Rosmini College. In the match we scored first early and led before Rosmini levelled mid-game. The second half was very even until a deflected shot from Rosmini bounced off the top of the goal and went back into play where

it was put into the back of the net by Rosmini's striker. The reaction was interesting as even a couple of random older gentleman walking past the goal at the time had their hands in the air confused about why the goal had been awarded given it had gone out of play. After that, both teams had further opportunities but failed to convert so the match finished 1-2 to Rosmini. Our team won their final games to finish a very credible 5th overall with just a single loss over the five days. Thank you to coach extraordinaire Mr Davids whose fitness training, practices, organisation of friendlies and general can-do attitude brought the best out of the team. Thank you also to Maria Bain for all the management and organisation that allowed the team to function so well.



**Mixed Hockey** The team started with a hiss and a roar on Tuesday winning games 4-0, 4-0, and 9-0. From Wednesday the journey became more of a roller coaster ride as the team hit the business end of pool play. After pool play they progressed to the B Division Finals where they defeated Tauranga Intermediate 2-0 and Waikite Valley School 2-0 to make the Division Final. The final game did not go our way but the team finished happy with their tournament. Thank you to the fantastic management/coaching duo of Ms Burgess and Todd Huntington that provided the team with an absolutely fantastic experience!



**Netball** opened their tournament with a 7-6 win but the rest of pool play was a mixed bag with an additional win and some losses. We progressed to the B Grade where we picked up a win and a couple of losses to find ourselves off in B Grade Division 3 and finishing 64th out of 110 teams. Despite starting the week with 11 players, injuries proved challenging and by our last game we barely had enough players to take the court. Thank you to Coach Karen Osler and manager Gillian Lathwood for their continual patience in what was a challenging tournament with the full gambit of weather conditions.

## Individual Athletes



Riley Burbidge (Cross Country) was NIS's first competitor this year. Riley ran the 3km course (including 2 hurdles and some brutally steep hills) placing 33rd out of 121 finishers.



Charlotte Welsh (Swimming) had a successful event setting personal best times in all the 8 events she swam! Her top ranking was 6th out of 50 in the 50m breaststroke.

Peter Raistrick (Mountain Biking) competed in the Year 7 Boys category of the Enduro and Cross Country events. He finished 48th overall and posted a very respectable 1:10.03 for the 10km Cross Country Course.

**TAKAPUNA ATHLETICS CLUB OPEN DAY. SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER.  
11am - 2pm. ONEWA DOMAIN. BBQ. LOTS OF PRIZES!**

- Come and try athletics!
- Meet our Commonwealth Games athletes.
- Free sausage sizzle and lolly scramble.
- Amazing prizes - signed t-shirts, hoodies and annual membership and coaching worth \$150.
- \$25 Rebel Sports vouchers for the first 10 new members to join our Club
- Use the NZ Police speed gun to find out how fast you are!
- Second hand uniforms and running spikes to swap on the day
- Bring your friends and family!


Website: [www.sporty.co.nz/taahc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/taahc) Email: [takapunaathleticsclub@gmail.com](mailto:takapunaathleticsclub@gmail.com)



**RUN, JUMP OR THROW?**  
**GIVE IT A GO AT** Takapuna Athletics Club  
Open Day!

Saturday 24th September. 11am - 2pm. Onewa Domain, 2 Akoranga Drive, Northcote. BBQ. Lots of prizes. Meet athletics stars. Give it a go!

Thanks to our partners  





  
**Rotary**  
 Kaipātiki





2022 Charity  
 BOOK FAIR  
 7-9 OCTOBER

GLENFIELD COLLEGE HALL  
 60 Kaipatiki Road, Glenfield

Friday 7 October: 11am\* - 7pm  
 Saturday 8 October: 9am - 5pm  
 Sunday 9 October: 9am - 3pm  
 \*\$10 Entrance Fee for first hour on  
 Friday only, otherwise FREE entry

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## BOOK COLLECTION

2022  
 SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER  
 TO SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

### BOOKS REQUIRED \*

Do you have good quality books to donate?  
 If so, you may drop them off at any of the  
 Z service stations listed below.  
 If you are unable to do so, or have a large number  
 of books, please contact Graham or Judy:  
**09 488-7105** to arrange for assistance.

\*Sorry, we don't accept damaged books, ex-Library books,  
 Reader's Digest collections, encyclopaedia, phone books,  
 magazines or newspapers. 100% of proceeds will be returned to  
 the community for charitable purposes.  
 Thank you for your support

Drop-off bins are located at the  
 following Z Service Stations:

Glen Park	241 Glenfield Road
Greville Rd	43 Greville Road
Mairangi Bay	413 Beach Road
Milford	151 East Coast Road
Onewa Road	119 Onewa Road
Sunnybrae Rd	37 Northcote Road

### Jazz School, school holiday Big Band workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz standards to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard. October the 3rd, 4th and 5th. Please visit [jazzschool.co.nz](http://jazzschool.co.nz) or email [jnrjazzschool@gmail.com](mailto:jnrjazzschool@gmail.com) for more information.