



### **Term 4, Week 3 Principal's Newsletter**

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 ● Kumusta

Kia ora all

It's been another busy fortnight, with great weather which has enabled us to carry on doing great in-class learning as well as lots of extracurricular activities. Please note:

#### **Covid increase**

The Admin Team have noticed an increase in Covid cases this week. We're tracking these and keeping a close eye on numbers. Please continue to be vigilant with cold-like symptoms and use RAT tests. We will continue to promote well ventilated rooms, good hygiene and monitor the situation.

#### **Tribute to Mrs Karen Russell**

Many of you will have heard the sad news of the passing of Mrs Karen Russell late last week. Karen served dutifully as Deputy Principal at Northcote College for the last 21 years and retired mid this year on medical grounds. Karen was an exceptional leader with a huge heart who over the years supported thousands of people in our community. We send our sincerest condolences to her family and the Northcote College community – a very sad day. Karen's last wishes were that we continue to look after each other – keep an eye out for anyone who might need support, whatever that may be, and do your best to assist. It's a message we will continue to share with our students and staff.

#### **Gumboot Friday**

Tomorrow is Gumboot Friday – the fundraising day for the 'I am Hope' Foundation, which provides free counselling for teenagers. It really is a fantastic initiative and we have supported this for many years. There will be a number of events, including a non-uniform day. Student leaders will share more information in the build up to this day however it is a non-uniform mufti day, gold coin entry (sensible clothes please) and there will be a BBQ. We will be hosting 2 ambassadors from the I am Hope Foundation – Sebastian and Trent and we will be doing live feeds to the Gumboot Friday streaming. We are huge supporters of Mike King and his team and fully appreciate the value of funding guidance counselling for youth.

#### **Visitors This Week**

On Tuesday we welcomed Hon Jan Tinetti, Hon Kelvin Davis and local MP Shanan Halbert. They have heard that we are the best Intermediate School and wanted to see what this looks like. Our students were fantastic guides and hosts and gave them much to think about. Hopefully we can see some

student voice influencing some policy changes that will give schools more support. I'd like to add a special note to acknowledge Abby Allan, Pann Thaug, Aimee Humphries, Alana Mouldey and Oscar Beszant who went the extra mile in an extended Q & A session – a great opportunity.

### **Before and After School Care Survey**

Earlier this Year Premium Kids' Care stopped their service due to a massive decline in numbers. We have been approached by Skids, who operate in other nearby schools to see if there was interest in starting up a service here at NIS. Please complete the following survey if this is a service you would be interested in:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9GVLBYT>

### **Life Education Trust**

Next week we start out Life Education Trust Health programme – students will be able to talk more about this – encourage conversation around the dinner table about what they're learning in this programme.

### **Transition Talks**

This is the season where we interact with LOTS of primary and secondary schools. There are transition visits and meetings going on for next year's Year 7's as well as our Year 8's leaving us to secondary school. Should you have a question about transition at either end – please contact us.

### **Last Week's Athletics Day**

This year we gave students the option of participating competitively at the Takapuna Athletics Club, or in a non-competitive day here at school – we had around half the school at each event and both events were positive and students were able to participate in the way that made them comfortable and challenged in their own way. We also had a group that spent the day working on building computers that are now on their way to a school in Samoa – so a range of activities which all looked like fun for those involved in each. PS the staff won the tug of war despite some early surges from the students.

### **School Fun Run 15<sup>th</sup> Nov**

Next week is our school fun run – teacher will be preparing and informing students between now and then about this event.

### **Combined Schools Boards CoL**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> November Northcote Intermediate School is hosting the first get-together of all school board members in our community of learning. This will give boards an opportunity to understand how we function together, and how we might do this better moving ahead.

## **FIRST Certificates**

Matt Buckley, Samantha Buchanan, Hirun Anthonidura – 3

Kiara Page, India Watts, Olivia Togia-Dove – 5

Sienna Fitzgerald , Ari Pragnell – 13

John Matthews, Liane Umali, William Forrest – 14

Ria Dahya, Yuqing Huang – 16

Ayla Harvey, Alea Alhakim – 17

Kobe Geraets, Vinny Van Walen – 18

Alden Permana, Lily Lawson – 20

Jacob Holten – 21

Ryan Maindonald, Mya Howard Hemopo - 22

## **Uniforms In Lost Property**

We are constantly finding polar fleece/jackets around the school many of which are unnamed or indecipherable. Please check your child's name is clearly on their school gear so it can be repatriated with the owner should it be dropped or left somewhere.

## **Payment of school accounts**

Our school is a Kindo school which means you can pay for all your school costs easily; order lunches, view your family account, all using the same login details.

To make a school payment, log into Kindo and click on the '**Fees & Donations**' icon.

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## **Term Four Policy Review**

Should you wish to view and give feedback on any of our policies, go to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Search for our school, then log in using our community login:

Username: northcoteint

Password: Respect

Look at: Policy Reviews, under review. Should you wish to give feedback, click the Red review icon, where you can submit feedback. Please submit feedback on the currently reviewed policies before the end of Term.

## **Weekly Sports**

### **TOUCH**

We have fielded five teams in the Weekly Touch Competition taking place at Becroft Park this term. The first week was a bit of a baptism-by-fire with four of our five teams suffering heavy losses. With trials having to be delayed until Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, teams were named later that afternoon, Labour Weekend on the Monday, Tuesday being athletics day, Wednesday Tennis Zone Day, it was a bit of a perfect storm as we struggled to find managers and coaches for teams before Thursday's games. It is pleasing to report that all teams now have managers and 4 out of 5 also have coaches – Thank you to all the parents who answered our calls for help!

### **TABLE TENNIS**

Our two teams are underway in the Term 4 Weekly competition where we have a team in the A-Reserve Grade and another in the C section. We have moved two tables into room 23 which now gives the teams a dedicated space to practice as the tables can remain set up.

### **WATERPOLO**

In the Glenfield Competition, our Narwhals team started the term with a close 8-12 loss to the centre Year 7 Development Team but were overpowered by a strong Birkdale Year 8 team this week. The Nightmares started their term 4 campaign with the slimmest of wins, edging out Rosmini 5-4. They face Kristin B on Friday evening.

## Zone Days

### TENNIS GIRLS

The Tennis Girls Zone Day took place on the same day as our Athletics school athletics Day. Four students represented us – Samantha Buchanan, Lucy Martin, Lila Smedley, Leela James. The team acquitted themselves well finishing a creditable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the doubles competition and 7<sup>th</sup> in the singles. Thank you to Sharmila Jeram for taking the team.



## TENNIS BOYS

A team of five boys represented us at this event – Taylor Birss, Sebastain Nicholas, Sam Blackburn, Shingo Edwards, and Ira Perry-Brennan. Our team included a couple of players in their first season of interclub so it was always going to be tough. While the team finished at the bottom of the field, we did have a couple of good individual wins and everyone had a fantastic experience.

## TOUCH

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November our top boys and girls touch teams travelled to Sunnybrae Park to take part in their year's zone day. For the boys it was a tough day at the office as a number of our students were very new to touch. Highlights for the day were the continual improvement including the two goals against Wentworth in the second to last game. The girls feared slightly better starting with a couple of well fought draws against Albany and Whangaparoa. Neither team made finals unfortunately but a whole lot of experience was gained by both teams that will be valuable in the weekly competitions. Thank you to Girls Coach Chelsea Halling as well as our many parents who helped with transport.

### KEY DATES

Fri 4 Nov – Football Boys Competition (AIMS Games Team)

Tue 8 Nov – Badminton Girls Zone Day (participants from school weekly teams)

Wed 9 Nov – Badminton Boys Zone Day (participants from school weekly teams)

Fri 11 Nov - Athletics Zone Day (participants selected at school athletics day)

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





## **Northcote College**

*Principal: Vicki Barrie*

Northcote College is looking for kind and caring host families for 2023. Short (2 weeks plus) and long term stays available.

For further information please contact:

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