



Term 4, Week 5 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

I can't believe that this is the second to last newsletter that I will be writing for this year! In less than a month we will have wrapped up classes for the year... and what a year it has been – we've swung from distancing and mask wearing to interaction beyond our classrooms and have navigated a lot of unknowns. Hopefully the 2023 that we're currently planning turns out to be settled and safe. Here are a few updates since the last newsletter:

Prizegiving Update

This is the first year we've been able to do a full end of year formal prizegiving for a few years. We're trying to maximise the time when parents may wish to see their child be recognised for their achievements. The format for this year's prizegiving is:

Friday 9th December

9.15-10.15: Sports Prizegiving

11.00-12.00 Academic Prizegiving

We are unable to host at our usual venue, the Northcote College School Hall due to it being renovated so we will be hosting it here at NIS. We will notify parents of award winners should they choose to attend.

Last day of the year

Wednesday 14th December is our final day for 2023, and this will be a half day, finishing at 12.30. We have rearranged buses to align with our earlier finishing time.

The Voice

On Wednesday afternoon we were treated to 11 of our EXCEPTIONAL students and their voices in our annual 'The Voice' competition. Check out our Facebook feed for some videos – Our whole school were captivated for the whole time – all the contestants were outstanding. I'd like to give a particular thanks to Mr Jon Pickford for pulling it all together and coaching the students.

The Winners of “The Voice NIS”

1st Place – Sienna, 2nd Place – Seini, 3rd Place – Luca

The Best of the Rest

1st - Alex, 2nd - Sateki, 3rd - Leela

Thanks to all those who were involved including: Daniel, Natasha, Will, Maddy, Lila

We are hoping to have some of these singers perform at our showcase concerts on 29th and 30th November.

NZEI Paid Union Meeting PUM

Currently the NZEI are negotiating the next collective agreement for teachers and are working through their consultation and feedback process. This involves members being invited to attend paid union meetings in school time. We have been able to accommodate all member’s requests to attend these meetings without any disruption to classes and learning so we won’t be holding any half or reduced school days.

Guest Speaker

On Tuesday afternoon we hosted Jake Bailey, a motivational speaker who talked about his personal battle with cancer at a young age. He was really inspiring and gave our learners some food for thought about how fortunate they are, how precious life is, how things can change unpredictably and how he battled his way through his recovery through his mindset and resilience.

Combined School Boards Kāhui Ako Get Together

On the 14th of November Northcote Intermediate School hosted the first get-together of all school board members in our community of learning. This gave our boards an opportunity to understand how we function together, and how we might do this better moving ahead. The event was well attended and had a great buzz to it – lots of ideas being shared and lots of connections being made. In Term 1 2023 the Presiding Members will get together again and there will be a follow up meeting for all board members later in the year to discuss progress.

Staff Appointments for 2023

I’d like to announce that we have appointed Mr Scott Lemon and Miss Kelsey McGhee to start with us at the beginning of 2023. Scott comes to us an experienced teacher from Willow Park School and Kelsie is a beginning teacher, who is a former NIS student and spent a good length of time here as a student teacher.

FIRST Certificates

Jo Wilde, Meg Zhang - 2

Liam Trice, Eilidh Clark – 3

Jordan-Leigh Alexander, Sarah Joseph – 14

Luke Martin, Blake Anderson – 22

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



Ngā mihi

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

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.

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Homestay families needed

We need more homestay families. The opening of the borders has meant a surge of interest from overseas students. For the start of 2023, we will have international students here from Peru, Chile, Italy, Germany, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, China, Tahiti, and New Caledonia. Students are here for between two weeks and a full year. If you can help, please contact Cici Xu at the international office for more details: homestay@northcote.school.nz 0275912006