

Term 1, Week 8 Principal's Newsletter

Kia ora all

Here are a few updates from Northcote Intermediate School:

### **Community Working bee**

Thank you to the parents and students who came and helped out at our recent working bee. We had around 40 people beavering away. A special mention to Zane Cooper for coordinating and another special mention to Tony McDermott (parent) and Brett Garea (former NIS student) of BGE Environments for donating their time, tools and 3 cubic metres of mulch to make our school shine and thrive. Our gardens look great, and we have lots of crops planted before winter. We do plan to hold another working bee in Spring, date TBC – there was such a positive spirit across those who participated – many thanks

### SunSmart - Hats, Sunblock and Shelter

Please encourage your child to continue to bring and wear a hat and sunblock to school for the remainder of Term 1. Intermediate is a time when we encourage students to be self-managing – however this needs continual pushing. Hats should be either official school hats or plain blue. Also, please ensure their hats are named and looked after – we have a pile of unnamed hats. We are currently running a class hat competition to help encourage wearing when outside.

### **New Road Crossing**

After many months of waiting, the new crossing in front of the school is active. This is a LIGHTS ONLY crossing – not a striped pedestrian crossing – cars should only stop when the lights change to red. The lights will only activate when the button is pressed. We have staff members out there before and after school from 8.15-8.45 and from 2.55-3.20 however users should STOP, PRESS BUTTON, WAIT UNTIL SIGNAL. This might sound like common sense but because the lights were inactive for a long time there have been some poor habits developed. We will work at our end to train students/talk in assemblies.

### **Third New Mural**

Our latest mural (that's three now this year) has just been completed – this one is a special piece painted by Stu Duval – local author and artist. This one sits upon plywood donated by Piritahi and adorns our Music Room feature wall.



### Camp

Thank you to all parents who attended the Camp Parent Information Evening last night. If you were unable to attend and would like to access the information, please click on the link below to view the presentation. This will also be available on our school website.

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aEIFEmrhCOph9XyW-7ayL90KilMk4n4CBYxdLVYM9CU/edit#slide=id.g20973043961 0 4

Just a reminder that the first camp payment of \$170 was due on Tuesday 21st March and the final camp payment of \$175 is due next Friday 31 March. As a school we understand the financial burden camp can put on families and we are willing to support and work with you to ensure the cost is not a barrier to students attending camp. If you do need any support, please contact Joel King (joelk@ni.school.nz).

Finally, please find below the key information for our 3 camps including, dates, drop off and pick up details, and recovery days.

	CAMP 1	CAMP 2	CAMP 3
Rooms	9, 10, 11, 12 16, 17, 18	13, 14, 22	1, 2, 3, 4 19, 20, 21
Dates	Weds 26 - Fri 28th April	Fri 28th - Sun 30th April	Sun 14th - Tues 16th May
Drop off	EventFinda Stadium 8.30am	Northcote Intermediate 8.30am	EventFinda Stadium 8.30am
Pick up	Northcote Intermediate 4.30 - 5.00pm	Northcote Intermediate 4.30 - 5.00pm	EventFinda Stadium 4.30 - 5.00pm
Recovery day/s	n/a	Mon 1st + Tues 2nd May	Weds 17th May

### **Board Chair and Principals Get together**

On Tuesday night we had the Board Chairs and Principals from Northcote Primary, Northcote College, Northcote Intermediate, Willow Park Primary, Birkenhead Primary and Onepoto Primary get together to discuss across school issues and networking. We have a high functioning network and stable governance across our schools. It was great to be able to share issues, solutions and build networks.

### **Te Ara Awataha Celebration**

Please note Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April on your calendars – it is the celebration day for the opening of the Te Ara Awataha walkway which includes the redevelopment of Greenslade Reserve, the daylighting of our creek and the associated paths, bridges, playgrounds and community facilities. We will have students performing and supporting – this will be a great opportunity to see big parts of our newly refurbished community. See the information flyers below.

### **Visiting Norwegian Teachers**

On 23rd March, we will be welcoming a group of Norwegian university lecturers and teachers who will be completing a practicum at our school. This partnership has come through AUT's School of Education. We are very proud to be recognised as a school where we can work collaboratively and share our practice with staff from countries who have renowned educational programmes.

### **Shore to Shore**

At this stage we have over 90 students registered to participate in this Sunday's Shore to Shore event. We will have our marquee set up and 'finish line support' available – if you are there – please pop in and say hello. We're really pleased to have so many people participating in this healthy, social event.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Students are also invited to attend these conferences and talk about their learning.

Bookings are now open. To book please go to <a href="www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> and enter the event code **bkmf5**.

Interviews will commence at 1:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to make an appointment at a later date with the classroom teacher. This can be done via email to your child's teacher.

School will finish at 12:35pm and buses will be scheduled for this time. There will be no 3:00pm bus service on this day.

If you need your child to stay at school until 3:00pm, please email <a href="mailto:admin@ni.school.nz">admin@ni.school.nz</a> by Monday 3 April, otherwise students will be dismissed at 12:35pm when school ends.

### **Last Day of Term**

This Term we finish on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April – with Friday 7<sup>th</sup> being Good Friday.

### **ANZAC Day**

We will be participating in the Northcote Service, which will be open to all to participate in. The service starts at 10.45am at the Northcote Community Hall on the corner of Queen Street and Rodney Road. More information will follow around a meeting time and place for those wishing to march in the parade.

### **Friends of the School Parent Group**

Northcote Intermediate School has a parent group, Te Kāhui Atawhai, who are parents/whānau that are interested in supporting us with sponsorship and fundraising. If interested, please add your name to this list <a href="here">here</a> and pop along to the first meeting on Wednesday 29 March at 6.00pm in the school staffroom.

### **FIRST Certificates**

Samuel Blackburn - 13 Luisa Viau, Marli Lange - 14 Hunter Porter, Vika Uhi – 16 Meg Leywood, Nathan Chamberlain – 18

### **Looking ahead - Dates**

Tuesday 4th April Parent/Teacher Interviews and Aotearoa Archives Art Gallery 1.30 - 8.00pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April last day of Term 1 (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April (first day of Week 1, Term 2) is a teacher only day, followed by ANZAC Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> April

As always, if there is anything we can do better, feel free to contact me directly on <a href="mailto:principal@ni.school.nz">principal@ni.school.nz</a>.

Ngā mihi

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

# Let's celebrate Te Ara Awataha Northcote's new backyard

## A free community event to celebrate your new backyard.

Join us to celebrate the newly completed areas of Northcote's greenway – Te Ara Awataha.

With an amazing assortment of free family activities, including:

- Sausage sizzle and face painters
- Activities for the whole family
- Information stalls
- Live music and entertainment
- And so much more

Saturday
1 April 2023
10am-2pm

A Free Community Event

















# Junior Rugby Registrations are still open!

There are now more ways than ever to participate in rugby in North Harbour! With new Boys and Girls Non-Contact grades running alongside our contact grades, there is something for everyone.

With an exciting year of rugby ahead, don't hesitate to sign up to your local club today!

Head to our website to find your club

https://www.harbourrugby.co.nz/juniors







Learn to Sew
School Holidays & Term 2
Thread Room - Belmont



School Holiday Kids Sewing Workshops:

9am - 3pm. Ages 8+

See website for all holiday workshops & Term 2 sewing classes:

www.threadroom.co.nz

