



## Term 2, Week 2 Principal's Newsletter

Kia ora all

Term 2 has started out with mixed weather but lots of smiles. Among other projects carried out over the holidays we had all the walls of Rooms 1 – 4 recovered – a project long overdue. Thank you to Matt Choat and the team at Mammoth Insulation for your support, and for donating the materials to make this transformative project happen. The students and staff are loving their newly refurbished environment.

### **Te Ara Awataha Walkway**

Thank you to those of you who were able to help out at the celebration for the new Te Ara Awataha walkway, the belt of land that runs from Greenslade Reserve, around our school and to Cadness Street Loop Reserve. Our staff have started taking groups of students there to learn, including an E-DNA project with the council, and our staff are having a guided tour of the area after school on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Learning in Term 2**

Team leaders will share more details around learning programmes for Term 2, however our school's overarching learning focus for Term 2 is: Rangatiratanga – learner's determination, problem solving skills, persistence, courage and assertiveness. The Science theme is the material world and planet Earth and beyond and our whakatauki is 'he maurea kai whiria' – ignore the small stuff and focus on what is most important. Term 2's learning will culminate with a celebration of learning presented in 'our museum' in Week 10.

### **Camp**

From Day 1, Term 2 we went straight into camps with Rangitoto and Rakino departing on Wednesday followed by Motutapu leaving on Friday. I was lucky enough to be able to spend time at both of these camps, and can once again reassure any parents who weren't able to attend that they were well run and lots of fun and great learning. Seeing students challenge themselves, support others and grow is always special. This year we added the night trip in the barge to see the glow worms – which was quite spectacular. Camp Three, with Tiritiri Matangi and Kawau, heads away on 14<sup>th</sup> May, and I'm sure they too will have a wonderful time.

### **ANZAC Day**

Thank you to those students and parents who supported the Northcote ANZAC Service. Our students who participated showed pride in their school and community and we have received some super positive feedback from community members.

## **Contact with your Child's Teacher**

Your child's teacher is your first point of contact should you have any questions. Hopefully by now you'll have had a number of opportunities to meet and connect with them. The best way to contact your child's classroom teacher is by email. Please contact reception if you have not yet been able to connect – the power of the partnership between parents and teachers is immeasurable. We also have a really strong wrap-around team should you need further advice. Do not hesitate to contact me or one of our DP's should you have a question that's beyond the scope of your child's classroom teacher or Team Leader. We want you to feel supported as a parent/caregiver.

## **FIRST Certificates**

Natasha Karu, Leo Kim – 3  
Chloe Everett, Luke Ferguson – 4  
Sarah Virginia, Geneva Coneybear – 9  
Manaia Fraser, Zanya Ferrone – 16  
Tabitha Sandford, Jayden Tonner – 17  
Ethan Shen, Freddie Cawkwell – 18  
Adelaide Middlemiss – 19  
Alden Permana – 20  
Luca Patching Miller Watson – 21

## **Looking ahead - Dates**

Week 3 (next week): NZ Sign Week, Book Week – finishing with book character day on Friday  
Week 4 (Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> May): Camp 3, Writer's Festival, Pink Shirt Day (19<sup>th</sup> May)  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is a Teacher only day (for all schools in our Community of Learners) followed by King's Birthday on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Term 2 finishes on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June

Our full live calendar is available through our website link on the homepage.

## **Student Absence or Late to School:**

To advise of a student absence or that your child is going to be late to school, please call 481 1400 or email [absences@ni.school.nz](mailto:absences@ni.school.nz).

## **Picking up a student for an appointment:**

As classes are often outside of the classroom for break times, sports activities or technology classes, it can take some time to locate students when parents come to the office without notifying us in advance.

In order to reduce your waiting time, please email the absence line ([absences@ni.school.nz](mailto:absences@ni.school.nz)) or call the office (481 1400) to let us know that you will be coming into school to pick up your child and the approximate time. If possible, please discuss with your child the approximate time they will be picked up so they can come to the office to meet you and be signed out and ready to go with their school bag and phone.

## **Update of Contact Numbers in Case of Emergency:**

Would you please notify the office ([admin@ni.school.nz](mailto:admin@ni.school.nz)) if you have had a change of address or phone number. In case of an emergency, we need to be able to contact parents/caregivers. It is important that we have updated contacts.

Stay safe and keep warm and dry as we move into our winter season.

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).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PM', written in a cursive style.

Ngā mihi

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

**SINGING LESSONS** - Is your child keen to become a more confident and proficient vocalist?

We have the opportunity to include a vocal coach in our line-up of music lessons at NIS. Singing lessons are a bit like sport/gym coaching - bringing the natural talent out of someone, strengthening and developing their skills as well as teaching about muscles and the body and how to get the best results out of what you have.

I already have some students keen to sign up for singing lessons who are in bandquest and want to become more confident with their expression and extend their range (becoming stronger at singing lower and higher notes). Quite often students audition for bandquest or being a soloist in the choir and they are not quite strong enough and I suggest singing lessons to them - now is the opportunity. Year sevens who want to have 'another crack' at auditions next year would have the rest of this year to improve and impress!

If your child is interested in some vocal coaching please let me know as soon as possible. If there is enough interest I will organise a private tutor during school time. The cost will be approximately \$20 - \$30 per lesson. [bronwynb@ni.school.nz](mailto:bronwynb@ni.school.nz).