



School Board Newsletter

Term Two 2023

Tēnā koutou,

Another term almost over and we'll be halfway through the year! It's been another busy term with lots of learning and activities including school camps, many Sport Zone Days, ongoing weekly sports, EPro8, Mathex, Showquest, Sports Camp and on Wednesday we have 44 Year 8 students heading away with teachers and parents on the Rarotonga educational and humanitarian trip.

School Community Survey

The school recently conducted a Community Survey to find out what you love about Northcote Intermediate and what we can be doing better. Thank you very much to everyone who took the time to complete the survey – we had over a 50% response rate which is fantastic! Below is a summary of some of the key survey outcomes.

Overall Summary

School Scorecard



38

NPS

4.0

Satisfaction with
Education

4.2

Satisfaction with
Communication

4.0

Setting up for
College

4.3

Part of the
Community

4.4

Satisfaction with
Classroom Teacher

**Score on scale of 1-5 (with 5 being highly satisfied)*

**[NPS \(Net Promoter Score\)](#) refers to the score around "How likely is it that you would recommend our school to a friend or colleague? - on a scale of 1-10." Almost 90% of parents surveyed scored NIS 7 or higher.*

Feedback on Things We Do Well

“Very friendly & welcoming staff, excellent environment”.

“Timely communication & Principal at the entrance greeting all the students!”

“Strong community feel, where my child is happy and excited about going to school each day.”

“The support from senior team when kids need it has been exceptional. The additional support for kid that struggles has been fantastic. It is really appreciated that whenever there is a child in need, there is help and support available. And so many opportunities in sports and arts for our kids which is great.”

“A great team of passionate educators that care about kids and genuinely want to provide a great learning environment.”

“The staff treat our kids with respect & allow them to make decisions & deal with the consequences in a safe environment.”

Feedback on Things to Work On

“Would like more awareness of child’s academic achievement/difficulty and what we can do to help.”

“More granular, direct, and specific communication. More feedback to my child from school.”

“I’d like to see literacy and numeracy tasks set for kids that parents can follow and help with at home to extend my child. My child likes a challenge, so if the teacher sets the tasks, he’ll rise to the occasion.”

Next Steps

As you can see, there was some fantastic feedback and endorsement of the great things happening in our school. We also received some great constructive feedback, and we are currently looking at ways to improve and enhance what we do and how we communicate as a school with key focus areas being fine-tuning **Communications** (including newsletters and parent/teacher communications), continuing to focus on and better report on **Academic Progress**, and continuing to support our **Great People**.

Thanks again to all those who participated in this important survey which we now intend to conduct annually.

Board Member Changes

One of our newer board members Darren Coneybear has unfortunately made the decision to step down due to unexpected work and personal commitments. I would like to thank Darren for his wonderful contribution to the board and school in the time he has been with us. As luck would have it, at the same time we had recently made the decision to co-opt a new board member, Dris Adradi, so we fortunately maintain a full board. Dris brings a wealth of engineering/technology

and business experience to the board and has a son currently in Year 7, and an older daughter who attended the school in 2018/19. Welcome Dris!

Farewell to our Deputy Principal Joel King

We unfortunately say farewell to our wonderful Deputy Principal Joel King this term, who leaves us to be the new Principal of Birkdale Intermediate. Joel has made a fantastic contribution to the school including establishing our popular annual camp at Lake Karapiro, developing several community support programmes within the school, and spending many hours refining and reporting our annual educational achievement data (Analysis of Variance). We wish Joel all the best in his new role and look forward to continuing to see him around the community.

Coming Up in Term Three

Next term, our Year 8s will be visiting the local high schools to decide the next steps in their education journey. We will also hold our information evening, roadshows, and open days for the local Primary Schools to show the Year 6 students and their families all the wonderful things that Northcote Intermediate offers.

I wish you and your whānau a wonderful school holidays.

Ngā mihi,
Katrina King
NIS Board Presiding Member

NIS Board: Who We Are

Katrina King (Presiding Member)
Dris Adradi (parent representative)
Sally Clendon (parent representative)
Rochelle Greer (parent representative)
Damian Lawrence (parent representative)
Spencer Willis (parent representative)
Zane Cooper (staff representative)

2023 Meeting Dates

Members of the community are very welcome to attend our Board meetings, usually held in the school staffroom from 6.00pm:

7th August 11th September
30th October 4th December

Get in Touch

The Board are always keen to know what issues are important to you, what concerns you have or what you would like us to advocate for on your behalf. Please get in touch on email

northcoteintboard@gmail.com.

What We Do

We are a dedicated group of current and alumni parents, passionate about Northcote Intermediate and tasked with governing the school - supporting our Principal Phil Muir and his team in their management of the school's staff, students, finances, property and much more. The NIS Board is also focused on upholding our school values of respect - for ourselves, others, and the environment – and pursuing the school's vision and mission to "empower, learn, and grow together...by equipping ākongā with meaningful knowledge, FIRST skills and values."