# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### TERM 3, WEEK 3

#### Kia ora

It's been a mixed batch of weather this week – from blue skies to hail stones... but great to know we're closing in on spring.The next few weeks will see a settled school with few scheduled disruptions to learning which is a good time for students and teachers to consolidate learning. It was great to see such a big turnout to our recent parent teacher interviews. Feel free to contact your child's teacher, team leader or me should you have any follow ups from that meeting, or if you were unable to meet and wish to discuss anything.



We welcomed six international students from Tokyo this week – it's great to be able to host guests again – they help to enrich our learning community.

Please check your child's online and social media activity – particularly if they are in a group such as WhatsAPP. It is very easy for students to say things online that they would not say in person.Do your best to 'stay in your child's' world and know what apps, programmes and circles they may be in. More information below about cybersafety.

This week we held our school cross country – on Tuesday when it was fine – and it was fantastic to see so many of our students giving it their best.

Please continue to check your child is coming to school in the correct school uniform – it has been great so far this term. We will challenge students in non uniform items.

Stay safe, keep the vitamin C up and we'll be through winter in no time. Our full live calendar is available through our website link on the homepage. For up-to-date photos and videos of what's happening at our school, including this week's Sports Camp action, check our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Our School Board meets next on 7th August. There will be a Board newsletter sent out next week.

Thank you all for your support throughout Term 2, and as always, if there is anything we can do better, or if you have any compliments, 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

# UPCOMING KEY DATES

7 AUG - NIS BOARD MEETING
7 AUG - ICAS EXAMS BEGIN
IO / II AUG - NIS OPEN DAYS
I6 AUG - TEAM PHOTOS
22 AUG - SPEECH FINALS
 4-8 SEPT - AIMS GAMES



### NEW BUILDING UPDATE



Our new building is expected to be completed by the end of August, and we will start to move students in soon after.

The teams that will be moving into the new building will be Tiritiri Matangi, Motutapu and Rakino. Kawau and Rangitoto will remain in their current classrooms

## POLICY REVIEW

This Term our Board will be reviewing three policies: Learning support, Inclusive education and Māori educational success.

We have three further policies that will be reviewed internally. These are: Learning support coordination, Identifying learning support and gifted learners.

To see all of our policies, and the review schedule go to <u>https://northcoteint.schooldocs.co.nz/</u>

## **CYBERSAFETY - PARENT ADVICE**

Policy

We collect student phones in at the start of the day, and return them at the end of the day so we have very few issues at school. Outside school, do your best to understand what programmes and/or apps they may be using, and what groups they may be involved in. If you as a parent wish to learn more about what you can do to create an 'online safety plan' for your child I suggest you go to Netsafe's parent page for some excellent advice: <a href="https://netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/">https://netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/</a>



You may wish to note Netsafe's contact details should any issues arise, or you need advice:

- Email help@netsafe.org.nz
- Call toll free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- Online report at netsafe.org.nz/report
- Text 'Netsafe' to 4282



A massive shout out to Chris Brebner and the team at **Total Property Worx** who answered our SOS call when our chicken coop was destroyed by the recent severe weather event – the new one which is nearly completed is VERY sturdy and will shelter our wellloved chickens really well.

Labour and materials were all gifted to us – which is an amazing gesture – and was an amazingly quick response.

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# FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

- Huriata Phillips-Robinson, Maia Anderson Rm 2
- Liam Abbot, Sunnymarel Tuuamaalii Rm 9
- Erin English, Daniel Pratt Rm 10
- Jordan-Leigh Alexander, Vienna Campbell Rm 11
- Riley Littin Rm14

- Hayden Keane, Stevie Pounder Rm 16
- Darnell Jia, Noah Kimura Rm 18
- Andrew Baird Rm 19
- April Peita, Ava Feary Rm 20
- Laura Alchin Rm 21
- Quintus Du Toit, Neel Mistry Rm 22

Congratulations to all of this week's recipients