

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora

One more week to go then it's the end of another massive term!

I'd like start by acknowledging all of our AIMS teams – AIMS is a massive sporting event in Tauranga involving many students, staff, parents, coaches and managers. I was fortunate enough to visit and see each of our teams play last week. Mr Peters has written a report on our AIMS campaign which is included in this newsletter to give full details – however I'd just like to congratulate all students, parents, and staff for their commitment to what was a very successful AIMS tournament.



Recently Miss Teague and I visited Norway with a team from AUT's School of Education as part of our partnership project. The focus on this is teacher education, and we visited 2 university campuses and a number of schools. This is well timed as we continue to hone our practices on academic achievement. Among our observations was just how much we offer on top of the core curriculum. We will synthesize key learnings and when we do our annual review and planning for 2024 look at what we might include to further improve what we do at NIS.

In Term Four we are trying to provide field trips that will offer all students the opportunity to go to either Rangitoto Island or Rotoroa Island. We are currently experiencing challenges with both ferry and bus transport. We will make a final call before the start of Term 4 on this.

Learning in Term 4 will see maths focusing on Algebra, Statistics and Measurement. Literacy will be focusing on narratives and spelling and inquiry's overarching themes will be digital technology and our local curriculum. Students will be creating a digital piece to share their learning and understanding of an element of Northcote's history. Later in the term we will be hosting our NIS Digi-con exhibition.

Our new building, Te Whare o Akoranga is complete and we will be moving our first team in, which will be Rakino, in Week 1 Term 4. Staff have been working on establishing school wide norms for collaborative learning and expectations. The building has been blessed by our Kaumatua, Mr John Marsden so we may move in, and there will be an official opening ceremony later in the year.

Just a reminder that in Term 4 hats should be worn at school. These should be either of the official school bucket hats or caps, or a plain dark blue or black cap with no logos is acceptable.

Thank you all for your support throughout Term 3, and as always, if there is anything we can do better, or if you have any compliments, feel free to contact me directly on principal@ni.school.nz.

Ngā mihi
Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

TERM 3, WEEK 9

UPCOMING KEY DATES

15 SEPT - Pizza Lunch Fundraiser

22 SEPT - Last Day of Term 3

23 October - Labour Day

6 November - Beginning of 2
weeks of cycle safety
schoolwide

17 November - Teacher Only
Day

**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
AIMS GAMES ACTION, CHECK OUR
FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES.**



Congratulations!

We've seen considerable success this term in a range of areas – and I've just been informed that three of our Year 7 Netball Teams have won their grades! There will be a full sports write-up with details for this term.



EPRO8

Our EPRO8 teams have performed extremely well, with two teams representing us:

WATT Your IQ - Luke Martin, Liam Phillips, Parker Nicholls and Callum Sewell

The Brain Cells - Charlotte Barlow, Owen McDonald, Tun-tun Pongjak and Samantha Wang

WATT Your IQ won the regional competition and will be representing our school in the Auckland finals next week.

MATHEX

Our Mathex team also performed extremely well, with our top Year 7 team scoring 90/100 – which is an outstanding score.

Year 7 teams:

Owen McDonald, Chloe Birzin, Geneva Coneybear & Parker Nicholls (highest scoring team)

Ethan Shen, Judd Smith, Hayden Keane & Toby Goertzem

Year 8 Teams:

Antonio Coneglan, Faran Poorekhorsandi, Carter Cheetham & Boris Mitev

Jimmy Duff, Meg Zhang, Sage Babbage & Koni Taukolo

Thank you to the staff and parents who supported these teams.



CYBERSAFETY - PARENT ADVICE

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: <https://netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>



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

FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

- Oliver Mulholland, Sebastian Baarspul, Lavaka Mafi - 1
- Liam Phillips, Parker Nicholls, Rowan Matthews - 9
- Yuqing Huang, Ria Dahya - 2
- Daniel Campbell-Bowie, Azra Besyaprak - 14
- Cooper Welsh - 3
- Linnea Tan Miller - 18
- Emma Flynn, Cole Butler - 4
- Charrise Lim, Tun-Tun Pongjak - 22

Congratulations to all of this week's recipients

2023 AIMS GAMES

The trip down was awesome. There was some good team bonding for all teams as well as lots of laughs and no traffic. We arrived at our accommodation around midday, unpacked, set up sleeping arrangements, and then it was off to the opening ceremony at Mercury Baypark Arena. The ceremony was awesome with around 5000 attendees.

Monday was our first day of competition and was full of many many highs. Nine of our footballers scored goals - so close to every position scoring, with Issac McMillan (centre back) narrowly missing an opportunity to credit the backline with their first goal - something he would achieve in the penalty shootout in the final game! Basketball got through their first two games unscathed. Two good results despite a couple of patches of scrappy play. Netball was marred with weather for game one which they narrowly lost before bouncing back to an emphatic win against Mahurangi in game two. Back at our accommodation after game one the netball team led celebrations for netball coach Moni Lomu's birthday in true NIS style with dancing and singing.

While our teams were battling in their pools, we also had two individual athletes taking part in gymnastics and tennis. Ollie Hall finished day two with a gold in the gymnastics artistic twisters boys competition while Zanya Ferrone finished with a bronze in the rhythmic open junior advanced. On Tuesday the competition hit a new level for all teams. Our boys footballers found themselves 0-1 down against Tauranga before clawing back a goal for a draw. In their second game of the day, we rattled a very good Royal Oak team with two good opening goals. Royal Oak replied with a solid header and then a sublime header in the top right-hand corner that would have made a premier league highlight reel - for another draw. This meant that the boys needed to win both games on Wednesday to progress into the championship round. Girls football suffered a hard loss to Te Puke in what was a good game. In game two they found themselves down a goal to Orewa before a huge strike into the top right corner by Meika leveled the score and re-energised the team in the second half. The poor netball team dragged themselves out of bed at 6 a.m., breakfasted, showered, and barely got to the courts on time for their 8 a.m. first round against Gisborne's Ilminster Intermediate in hideous weather. Thankfully we made it on time despite horrid traffic, as the final score was 26-8 to us. They then went to hang out at the Aratiki Community Centre where the Black Ferns were training - it is accurate to say our girls did not need much encouragement to get a photo with the team! Game two was against Murrays Bay, and it was not our finest hour ...enough said. The day ended on a high with a comfortable win over Helensville. Basketball only had one game at 6:50 p.m. for the day! We played a lacklustre Papamoa College who despite our scrappy play and less-than-perfect rebounding, proved no match for us.

Competition day three and basketball had two tough losses. First against Koromatua (who went on to win AIMS) 52-10, then a close game versus Northcross 18-14. They recovered with a convincing win against Whangaparaoa 40-16. They are now playing off to place 9th-16th. Football Girls started the day with a respectable 0-0 draw against St Marys College. Attempts from both sides weren't converted due to good defense from both teams. The girls played Papamoa in their second game and despite the 0-4 score line, the game was fairly even, we just conceded a couple of good shoots from one of their players who had a handy shot on her. Football Boys needed to win against Murrays Bay and Blockhouse Bay to advance to the round of 16. Murrays Bay was up first and while they fought well, we had speed and strike power over them, while both defenses were of similar quality. The final score was a well deserved 4-1 to us. The second game of the day was against Blockhouse Bay who had pulled out of a friendly with us leading up to AIMS as they were worried that morale would drop pre-AIMS. As it turned out things were very close with us walking away with a 1-0 victory to secure our spot in the top 16. Netball had been placed in the B Grade after day two so games were to see which of the 5 sections we would wind up in. It was a good day for us winning all our games and making it into the first tier of the B competition.



Day Four saw basketball recover from a couple of hard losses to destroy locals Mt Manganui before suffering a difficult 2 point loss to Baradene. Boys football benefitted from a bit of coach research as Mr Davids's planning nullified Cambridge's attack while our strikers did the damage at the other end of the pitch. The second match of the day was the one we were desperately trying to avoid - a loss. Possession and shots at goal are not enough to win games, especially when the opposition has a phenomenal keeper and a little bit of luck. A 2-1 loss exited us from the quarter finals of the main draw. We then rallied against Glen Eden to finish the day on a high. Girls Football achieved their first win courtesy of Carmel before losing a see-saw match against Aquinas 2-3. Netball faced the harsh reality of sport when they were one point down, gained a penalty shot as the final hooter went, then failed to convert - a tough one point loss. It is what we do after these setbacks that define us, so it was pleasing that we bounced back with a well fought win against Belmoral.

The final day was for final placings and it was tough. Football boys beat Northcross in an impressive penalty shoot-out to secure 5th place, the same result as last year. Girls Football, now without two players through sickness, suffered an agonising 0-1 defeat against Marist to finish 28th overall. Basketball finished 12th overall with a single basket being the difference between the teams. Netball lost their final game against Karori to finish 12th of the 80 teams in division B.

Results

DAY ONE

Basketball - beat Mahurangi 22-7, beat St Marys 21-12
 Football Boys - beat Whenuapai 6-0, beat Santa Maria 3-0, beat Whangaparaoa 8-0
 Football Girls - lost to Mt Maunganui 0-8, lost to Raroa 0-2, lost to Maidstone 2-3
 Netball - lost to Rotorua 16-22, beat Levin 26 - 17

DAY TWO

Basketball - beat Papamoa 26-4,
 Football Boys - drew with Tauranga 1-1, drew with Royal Oak 2-2
 Football Girls - lost to Te Puke 0-1, drew with Orewa 1-1
 Netball - beat Ilminster 26-8, lost to Murrays Bay 11-35, beat Helensville 34-7

DAY THREE

Basketball - lost to Koromatua 10-52, lost to Northcross 14-18, beat Whangaparaoa 40-16
 Football Boys - beat Murrays Bay 4-1, beat Blockhouse Bay 1-0
 Football Girls - drew with St Marys 0-0, lost to Papamoa 0-4
 Netball - beat Maratai 27-7, beat Edgcombe 28-8, beat Onewhero 25-12

DAY FOUR

Basketball - beat Mt Maunganui 36-2, lost to Baradene 20-22
 Football Boys - beat Cambridge 3-1, lost to Howick 1-2, beat Glen Eden 3-0
 Football Girls - beat Carmel 1-0, lost to Aquinas 2-3
 Netball - lost to Hutt 21-22, beat Belmoral 31-23, lost to Pukekohe 19-25

DAY FIVE

Basketball - lost to St Marys (Auckland) 15-17
 Football Boys - beat Northcross 1-1 (4-3 in penalty shootout)
 Football Girls - Lost to Marist 0-1
 Netball - lost to Karori 10-20

