

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora all

Term Four is now upon us and it's already super busy.

We have been able to confirm this term's field trips that will offer all students the opportunity to go to either Rangitoto Island or Rotoroa Island. Information specific to classes will be sent out through teachers and teams.

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 now open for business and our Motutapu, Tiritiri Matangi and Rakino teams are enjoying their new learning environment. Being in the new building has brought a fresh sense of pride and enthusiasm and it's great to see it in action. There will be an official opening on the 7th November.

On 17th November at our teacher only day we will be starting with a presentation at Northcote College by Melanie Riwai-Couch, sharing her research on helping educators to make the greatest improvements to the overall quality of education, then we return to school to work on our literacy programme and how we best deliver it.

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.

If you are a parent of a Year 8 child, and you've not yet enrolled them at secondary school – please do so ASAP or ask for help.

Thank you all for your support throughout 2023, 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 4, WEEK 2

UPCOMING KEY DATES

23 October - Labour Day

30 October - NIS Board Meeting

3 November - Gumboot Friday

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, CHECK OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES.



Our Kaumatua, John Marsden, with Matua Stan Conrad at the recent unveiling of our new waharoa

MATHS SURVEY

Our teachers benefit from professional development from Massey University for DMIC (Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities) to promote teaching mathematics through group problem-solving. This professional development is possible through funding from the Ministry of Education. The MoE has requested that we do Teacher and Student Surveys to provide key information to them.

The Research Team for DMIC is also wanting to use the same surveys (so the surveys are still only done once) to analyse our progress and adjust our programme where we think this is needed. Each school that receives DMIC ICS is required to do the surveys by MoE.

You can find [here](#) the Parent Information sheet and [here](#) the Student Opt-Out form for any students or parents of students who do not want their child's data to be used for our research purposes. The students still complete the survey for the MoE, but can opt out of their responses being used for our research (a reminder to parents this is an OPT OUT form, not a consent form).

OUTSTANDING FEES

As we head toward the end of the school year, we thought it timely to remind all parents / caregivers about the importance of payment for school-related fees. These payments are essential to the smooth operation of our school and play a vital role in supporting the resources and experiences that enhance the education of our learners. We encourage you to check in with the Administration team if you are unsure of your balance and aim to settle all outstanding fees before the end of term.

Your support and prompt payment of these fees is greatly appreciated, as it ensures that we can continue to provide a high-quality education for your child. While we encourage you to settle accounts via Kindo, other payment options are:

- Cash, or EFTPOS at the School Office
- Internet banking to account number 12-3053-0365947-00 referencing your child's name and room.

We thank you again for your continued support and co-operation.

TERM 4 POLICY REVIEW

In Term 4 our board will be reviewing the following policies:

- Curriculum and Student Achievement
- Home Learning
- Distance Learning
- Health Education

All our policies are available at www.schooldocs.co.nz

THE UNIFORM SHOPPE - TEMPORARY RELOCATION

Due to repair work onsite, The Uniform Shoppe in Northcote will temporarily be closing their doors until some time in January 2024.

Last day Northcote: 24th October 2023.

New Location : 57 Glenvar Ridge Road, Long Bay, Auckland 0630 Ph: 027 5566816 nhstore@sas.co.nz

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

- Amariah Mataipule, Ben Champion, Ricky Guo, Nash Brazil - 1
- Jasmine Punsalan - 13
- Avelynn Lake, Milan Brooks - 2
- Jaren Hong Goo, Ariana Dyason - 14
- Ava Milne, Dante Fetuani - 3
- Daniel Dong, Luke Martin, Yuanxi Song - 16
- Sophia Suresh, Danish Raju - 4
- Yomashee Wannaku Kankanamge, Ardriaan Grobler - 17
- Lara Sin, Tejas Zibbu - 9
- Ashling Caulton, Jazz White, Elijah Ahn - 18
- Cyrus Beazley, Zauraiz Khan - 10
- Amy Pheasant, Charlie Mather, Ollie Hall - 19
- Boris Mitev, Julia Pollard - 11
- Isaac Paston, Alex Martin - 20
- Tiger Nair, Aksh Kamboj, Mila Bundy, Ashley Kim - 12
- Mabel Koolen-Bourke, Liam Bain - 21

Congratulations to all of this week's recipients



HAVE A GO NIGHT!

TAKAPUNA ATHLETIC CLUB

WEDNESDAY 25TH OCTOBER
ONEWA DOMAIN
5:15PM

- TRY ATHLETICS FOR FREE
- POLICE SPEED GUN - FIND OUT HOW FAST YOU ARE !
- MEET OUR ATHLETIC STARS
- \$25 REBEL SPORTS VOUCHERS FOR FIRST 10 NEW MEMBERS
- BRING A NEW FRIEND ALONG AND BOTH GET AN ICE BLOCK
- PRIZES TO BE WON !

WESTLAKE 2024 INSTRUMENTAL AUDITIONS

Auditions for the 2024 Westlake Instrumental Ensembles will be in Week 4 of this term! You can find the sign up forms below. Please fill in the correct form for your instrument. If you are auditioning with more than one instrument you will need to fill out a separate form for each one.

On the form you will find three sections:

- Student Information
 - 2024 Ensemble information
 - Audition Information – Here you can book an audition time and also view the audition material
- AUDITION FORM LINKS:**
- String Auditions – Thurs 2nd Nov & Fri 3rd Nov: https://form.jotform.com/Lui_Kasey/westlake-string-auditions-2024
 - Woodwind Auditions (excluding saxophones) – Thurs 2nd Nov: https://form.jotform.com/Lui_Kasey/westlake-woodwind-auditions-2024
 - Brass Auditions – Fri 3rd Nov: https://form.jotform.com/Lui_Kasey/westlake-brass-auditions-2024
 - WGHS Saxophone Auditions – Wed 1st Nov (Westlake Girls' students ONLY): https://form.jotform.com/Lui_Kasey/wghs-saxophone-auditions-2024

If you have any questions, please feel free to email the WGHS music administrator, Ms Lui via klui@westlakegirls.school.nz



School Chess Development Weekly Chess Events

- 📍 Location: Northcote Intermediate
- 🕒 Events Duration: 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm
- 💰 Entry Fee: \$5/night
- 🕒 Chess Clock: Yes
- ⌚ Time Control: 25 mins + 5 secs or 15 mins + 5 secs
- 🏆 Prize Giving: Every Three Weeks

📅 Friday: Advanced Junior Club

- To join, players should be experienced in chess competitions or in School Year 4 and older.

📅 Two Competition Groups:

- Advanced
- Intermediate

📅 Saturday: Junior Club

- Anyone familiar with chess rules can join in on the fun.

📅 Four Competition Groups:

- Advance Plus
- Advanced
- Intermediate
- Beginner

📖 Rules:

1. 😬 Silence is Golden: Players must maintain quiet during the event.
2. 🙅 No Assistance Allowed: No help can be given during the games.
3. 🚫 Organizers' Discretion: Organizers reserve the right to relocate players for smoother competition and may ban misbehaving participants.
4. 👶 Child Supervision: Please note that we are not childcare facilities. For young children, parental supervision is required. Older kids should be picked up on time after the event.

📧 For ANY inquiries, please contact Michael at nsichess@gmail.com.

Let's help kids enhance their logical thinking, time management, socialize, have a blast, and forge new friendships through chess!