



School Board Newsletter

Term Three 2024

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We are at the end of another busy and successful term at NIS with our ākonga learning, growing, participating and succeeding. Special highlights include a very successful AIMS Games, including the Football Boys team winning the championship and Basketball Girls placing 7th, NIS band *Lack of Vision* winning Bandquest, Zahra winning the Spoken Word at the North Shore Speech Inter-School competition, and many students participating in North Harbour Science Fair, Casio Mathex, the Chess Championship and our Year 6 Roadshows. Thank you to all parents who helped out with these extracurricular events and activities.

It is testament to our wonderful staff and leadership team that we have had overwhelming demand for Year 7 places at NIS next year and for the first time had to run a ballot for enrolment acceptance. We anticipate that the school will grow to over 600 students in 2025.

The board have enjoyed getting out and about supporting key activities this term including attending this year's information evening and open days, judging the excellent Rehu Tai speech competition, and this week we have our end-of-term staff morning tea.

Also this week, over 40 students, staff and parents have headed off on the Business Innovation and Technology Experience trip to the United States for an exciting week touring technology and business facilities and sightseeing in San Francisco. We wish them educational and enjoyable travels.

Introducing two new board members

We had a great response to my request last term for expressions of interest in joining our school board, as we plan ahead for next year's elections. I'm delighted to introduce two new co-opted parent representative board members, Sarah Goforth and Kenny Thein, who bring new skills and experience to the board.



Kia Ora and Dia Duit (Irish for Hello!), my name is Sarah Goforth. I was originally born in Ireland and grew up on the North Shore. My husband, our three daughters and I live in Glenfield, and our eldest daughter is currently a Year 8 student at NIS. In my day job I run the Customer Research team at Westpac, and I attended the University of Auckland where I studied Psychology and Computer Science, with a Post Graduate diploma in Innovation and Creative thinking from Trinity College Dublin. I knew Northcote Intermediate was a really special school when we enrolled our daughter, and she has had so many wonderful opportunities to explore and grow into her interests and abilities. My areas of interest are psychological safety, in particular ours and our children's experiences with technology. My interests are music (I love to sing), gardening and reading. I hope to support the school's great work mahi/obair with my skills, interest areas and experience over the coming years as my next two children come through the school.



Kia Ora, my name is Kenny Thein, and I am the father of three children: Tahu who is entering NIS next year and his two sisters who are at Northcote College and previously attended NIS. I have called the Northcote community home for the last 35 years and, as a child, I attended our local schools. I currently work at Restaurant Brands where I head up their technology team, helping drive all things technology. Before this I was at Air New Zealand where I was a manager in the digital team. Technology is a deep passion of mine and how it can help prepare our children to maximise their opportunities in their future careers. I'm known for being eternally positive and like the thrill of adventure and travel in my spare time. I have previously served on the Northcote Primary Board, and I am excited to work and serve collaboratively with the team at Northcote Intermediate to help foster a wonderful, growing and encouraging environment for our children.

Welcome to Sarah and Kenny, we look forward to working alongside you to serve our wonderful NIS community.

On behalf of the board, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all back safe and sound in Term Four.

Ngā mihi nui,
Katrina King
NIS Board Presiding Member

Your NIS board

We are a dedicated group of current and alumni parents, passionate about Northcote Intermediate and tasked with [governing the school](#) and supporting our Principal Phil Muir and the NIS team to realise the school's vision and mission, to "empower, learn, and grow together...by equipping ākonga with meaningful knowledge, FIRST skills and values."

Board members

2024 board members are: Katrina King (Presiding Member), Phil Muir (Principal), Zane Cooper (staff representative), and parent representatives Dris Adradi, Sally Clendon, Sarah Goforth, Rochelle Greer, Damian Lawrence, and Kenny Thein.

Keep in touch

We are keen to hear both positive and constructive feedback, and any suggestions you have. Please get in touch if you have questions, concerns or would like us to advocate on your behalf – email northcoteintboard@gmail.com.

2024 meeting dates

Members of the community are very welcome to attend our board meetings, held in the staffroom from 6.00pm. Dates for the rest of the year are 4th November and 2nd December.

NIS policies on Schooldocs

You can keep up to date with all our school policies and participate in the regular reviews at www.schooldocs.co.nz. Our community login is USERNAME: northcoteint, PASSWORD: Respect