

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

We are seeing unprecedented numbers of students signing up, trialling for, and being involved in all manner of extra curricular activities. We have groups training from 7am each day, as well as during break times and after school. Today alone we had football training and basketball training before school, then at lunchtime we had French Club, Chess Club, Tag Tournament at school, Tag Zone day offsite, Cricket training, Coding Club, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Comic Club and Dance - this is amazing to see! For some activities, there has been overwhelming interest and we have had to either have selections or draw the line on numbers. We do our very best to provide as many well-managed opportunities for all students. Should your child miss out on an activity, please be assured we do everything we can to provide alternate opportunities. Congratulations to all who are participating, and long may this continue as the days slowly get darker and colder. We're now nearly halfway through the term so we're well into setting routines and engaging in learning.



New Lateness Monitoring Process

In line with the Ministry of Education's new Stepped Attendance Response System (STAR), we will be sending out letters to the parents/caregivers of students who are late or have an unjustified absence two or more times a week. We will do our best to appreciate individual circumstances, however, having trialled it this week, we have found the majority of parents who have been contacted have been grateful for the notification. On the subject of attendance, our school's overall attendance is extremely high, averaging over 90%. Thank you for supporting your child to attend school regularly, there is a massive connection between attendance and achievement.

Trips

As of writing this, we have had our Aotea, Motutapu, and Kawau teams head out on their Art Gallery and CBD adventure - and we have received excellent feedback from attendees and random citizens noting how well-behaved and engaged in their learning our students are. Thank you again to any parents/caregivers who have been able to help out - without your support, we would not be able to run these activities.

Every time, everywhere, everyone Term One Standards

In our current round of school assemblies we have been sharing our Term One focus of **STANDUP** - Saying only good things, Treat others with kindness, **Always** wear your hat outside, **No** excuses - be accountable, **Do** the right thing, Use your manners and **Positive** vibes only. How we set the conditions for our school is really important, and maintaining them takes work. Please help us to reinforce these messages and standards.

Overseas Visitors from the OECD

Recently we hosted a group of visitors from the Ministry of Education and the OECD TALIS project. TALIS is the world's largest research and assessment system for teaching, learning and school leadership. This is the first time they have visited our country, and we were selected as part of a very small group of schools. It was a real honour for us to present what we do and take them on a tour of our school. Visitors spent time in classes, learning and had a robust Q & A session with senior staff. The attendees were amazed at what we do and we were really proud to showcase this.

Bus Update

We have a considerable number of students who catch the bus. For some routes, we are battling with AT to increase capacity. If there are any parents who wish to make independent submissions, please do so, and if we do have any parents who may have any influence with AT, I would be grateful to hear from you so we can make things better. In some cases, in the morning, it may be a case of a child catching an earlier bus.

TERM 1, WEEK 5

UPCOMING KEY DATES

11th March - Pasifika Fono
(Parents Evening), 6pm, School Hall

18th March - Camp Information
Evening, 6pm, School Hall

21st March - Teacher only day -
school closed for staff to have
professional development on the
new maths curriculum)

26th March - Netsafe Parent
Information Evening (online)

1st April - Parent Teacher
Conferences (more information
will come out about this)

6th April - Shore to Shore fun run

OUR FULL LIVE CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE
THROUGH OUR WEBSITE LINK ON THE
HOMEPAGE
[HTTPS://NORTHCOTEINT.SCHOOL.NZ/](https://northcoteint.school.nz/)

FOR UP-TO-DATE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS
OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL,
CHECK OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM
PAGES.

From the bus company, we've been told they are regularly seeing a significant difference between how many students are on a school bus versus how many of them have actually tagged on. This mismatch means they receive inaccurate passenger data, making it harder to assess and respond to the needs of the schools relying on the service.

Forgetting to tag on is often an unintentional mistake. Students might have run out of credit on their AT HOP card, forgotten to bring it to school that day, or maybe they misplaced it for the fifth time in a few weeks and are avoiding telling their parents the bad news! A reminder is sometimes all that's needed to change this behaviour.

Please remind your children to always tag on and off the school bus with their AT HOP card. This means Auckland Transport can accurately track the number of students on buses and adjust services where necessary. Another tip is to enable the auto top-up feature on your child's AT HOP card. This means the balance will automatically top up once it falls below the figure you set.

Every day, we have staff members at the bus bay who supervise students getting onto the bus at hometime and we remind our students to tag on and off the bus and to fill every available seat. We have also held a 'bus' assembly to remind students of appropriate bus behaviour.

School Board

At our last school board meeting on 24th February, we voted in Mr Damian Lawrence as our new Board Chair (Presiding Member). Katrina King, our outgoing Board Chair has been a fantastic Board Chair over the last three years and we genuinely thank her for her service in the role. Katrina will stay on our board until the end of the current board's term, which is September this year. Our next school board meeting is scheduled for 25th March.

After School Learning Lab Digital Academy Programme

From the start of Term 2 we will be hosting 'The Learning Lab' who will be offering after school classes for students who wish to extend their learning. I have seen the curriculum and know the staff who are offering this and it should be a great opportunity. It is however not an official NIS programme, it is self managed by an external organisation, the same way our MiCasa after school care programme operates. More information can be found in the community notices at the bottom of this newsletter.

FIRST Certificates

In our formal school assemblies, we present stand-out students with FIRST certificates. This started in Week 4, and our first lot of recipients are listed at the bottom of this page. Congratulations all!

As always, if there is anything we can do better, or if you have any compliments, feel free to contact me directly at principal@ni.school.nz



Ngā mihi

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

- Jess Strang, Mikayla Healey - 1
- Juke Mionnet-Masutti, Rosie Holdaway - 2
- Ruby Jameson, Noella Vella - 3
- Spencer Wakelin, Ana Puliueva - 4
- Lilah Bell, Casey Reid - 5
- Liam Holdaway, Jinze Mahara Broughton - 6
- Quaid Sullivan-Pilkington, Finn Sisley - 7
- Bianca McPherson, Lihley Mana-Hohaia - 8
- Daniel Johnson, Izzy Inwards - 9
- Cybell Cai, Max Bentley - 10
- Michael Puliueva, Nina Arenas - 11
- Gracie Metahysa, Tristan-Leigh Alexander - 12
- Lily Davis, Aria Powell, Monique Wright - 13
- Gov Robinson, Yoyo Wu - 14
- Lucas Guo, Perse Young - 15
- Vansh Arya, Reanne Poutama - 16
- Vince Old, Romane Cassany - 17
- Yunny Zhou, Ruby Alder - 18
- Noah Foote, Eva Corgnet - 19
- Samuel Lawson, Kiera Clapperton - 20
- Abby Nicol, Susanna Guo - 21
- Thinuka Rathnayaka Mudiyansele, Mason Levi-Rees - 22
- Meleane Taukolo, Harry Cavanagh - 23
- Lea Mollgaard, Myan Nithi - 24

Congratulations to all of this month's recipients

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Shore to Shore Fun Run. Registrations are OPEN (<https://shoretoshore.co.nz/register/>).

Click NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL to register and make sure to put your class number down. We're looking to get as many entrants as possible - your family and friends can also register for our school! All entries go towards earning sports equipment for our school!

HARCOURTS COOPER & CO

Shore to Shore

5km Fun Run/Walk

Sunday, 6th April 2025

Join our favorite fun run from Takapuna to Milford!

Prizes up for grabs
Family-friendly open to all ages
Activation zone at the finish line

Register Now!



shoretoshore.co.nz #shore2shore25

	Fun run/walk	Timed run/walk
Students, families, parents of registered schools only	\$18.00	\$23.00
GENERAL PUBLIC <small>*Not associated to a school</small>	\$30.00	\$35.00

Event Day Schedule
7:30am - Check-in opens
9:00am - Race starts
10:45am - Awards ceremony

Buses
Between Start & Finish Line
\$3 per person, purchase online
7AM-8AM, 11AM-12PM

School Fundraiser!
All entries go towards earning sports equipment for your school - courtesy of Sports Distributors

Merchandise



Contact School Ambassador if you have any questions!





AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAMME **2025 IS ALREADY OPEN!** **SECURE YOUR SPOT NOW**

[FOR BOOKINGS NOW!!](#)
[GO TO: MI-CASA.AIMYPLUS.COM](http://GO.TO:MI-CASA.AIMYPLUS.COM)

Ages we work with: 4 years old - 13 Years old

DISCOUNT

50%

AMAZING 50% OFF PER SESSION
FOR SECOND & CONSECUTIVE SIBLING
HURRY WE HAVE LIMITED PLACES!!



We are conveniently located at Northcote Intermediate

School (145-147 Lake Road) – Food Tech Room

Staff members would be on site waiting for your children to arrive.



We collect and transport children from different schools. Feel free to drop off your children at our venue if more convenient.


Students from **NIS** are welcome to **walk to the venue**

AFTERNOON TEA
INCLUDED IN ALL SESSIONS



WEBSITE: WWW.MICASAASC.CO.NZ

E-MAIL: MICASAASC@GMAIL.COM

 WHATSAPP: [0220841801](https://wa.me/0220841801)

WE ARE A LICENSED MSD & WINZ APPROVED PROGRAMME



**NORTHCOTE TIGERS
RUGBY LEAGUE**

AGES 12 - 14

U12 BORN 2013

U13 BORN 2012

U14 BORN 2011

YOUTH U13 & 14 GIRLS PLAYERS FOR 2025!

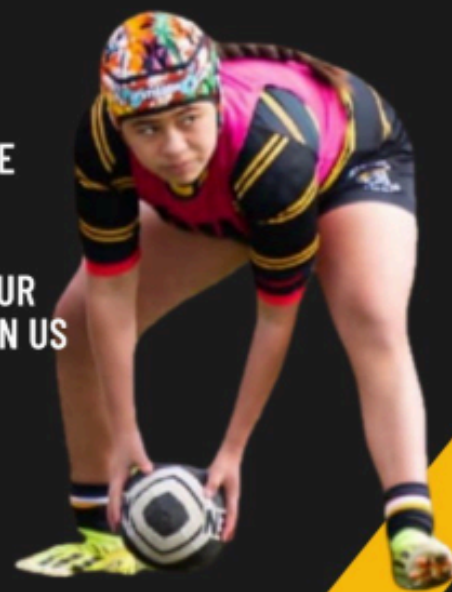
**WE'RE LOOKING TO GROW OUR GIRLS NUMBERS FOR THE
UPCOMING 2025 SEASON!**

**NEW PLAYERS: NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED IN LEARNING AND PLAYING RUGBY LEAGUE, WE
WELCOME YOU WITH OPEN ARMS.**

**EXISTING PLAYERS: WHETHER YOU'RE ALREADY PART OF OUR
TEAM OR PLAY FOR ANOTHER, WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US
AND BRING YOUR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE TO THE FIELD.**

EXPRESSION FOR INTEREST

EMAIL MARIA.BURKHARDT@HOTMAIL.COM



Welcome to The Learning Lab: Digital Academy! 🚀

This isn't your typical after-school program—it's a hands-on tech adventure with a purpose! Every Tuesday at Northcote Intermediate School Library (just follow The Learning Lab: Digital Academy flags!), students dive into coding, robotics, drones, virtual reality, website development, app creation, and more while exploring how technology can tackle real-world challenges. From designing apps that help communities, to using robotics for environmental solutions, this program builds critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills for the future.

With expert guidance, interactive challenges, and opportunities to earn badges, awards, and certifications, students gain the confidence and capabilities they need to thrive in an increasingly digital world.



When? Tuesdays after school




Times: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM (1 hour) or 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM (2 hours)


Where? Northcote Intermediate School Library (follow The Learning Lab: Digital Academy flags!)

Spaces are limited! Visit www.thelearninglab.org.nz to secure your spot today!



2025 Term 2 Digital Academy Programme:

 Northcote Intermediate School – every Tuesday

 Huapai District School – every Friday

Key Features of This Programme:

- ✓ **Standalone Sessions:** No need to attend sequentially. Students can join any session.
- ✓ **Hands-on Learning:** Every session includes practical projects.
- ✓ **Real-World Application:** Focused on **useful skills** students can apply in school and future careers.
- ✓ **Creative & Interactive:** Encourages innovation and problem-solving.
- ✓ **Adaptable for Ages 8-15:** Sessions are structured so younger students can learn with guidance, while older students can dive deeper into advanced topics.
- ✓ **Gain certification and experience:** These badges and certifications boost resumes, university applications, and job prospects in an increasingly digital world.

Digital Academy Pricing Structure

We operate **one day a week**, with **two-hour sessions available**. Students can choose to attend for either **one hour** or **two hours**.

Pricing Over 10 Weeks:

Hourly Choice	Cost Per Session	Total for 10 Weeks
1 Hour (3:30 - 4:30 PM)	\$40	\$400
2 Hours (3:30 - 5:30 PM)	\$55	\$550

Full-Term Booking Discount (15% Off)

For those booking a full **10-week term** in advance, we offer a **15% discount**.

Hourly Choice	Full Price (10 Weeks)	Discounted Price (15% Off)
1 Hour (3:30 - 4:30 PM)	\$400	\$340
2 Hours (3:30 - 5:30 PM)	\$550	\$470

Special Offer – Get a FREE Learning Lab T-Shirt!

When you book your **first full-term package**, you'll receive a free **personalised Learning Lab T-shirt** to celebrate your journey with us!

Programme Overview:

This programme follows the New Zealand Digital Technologies | Hangarau Matihiko curriculum and is designed to be engaging, hands-on, and flexible. Each session is **standalone**, meaning students can join at any time without needing prior sessions.

The programme includes **website development, coding, robotics, digital problem-solving, and digital project development**, aligning with real-world applications and student interests. Sessions run for **2 hours** and include **both guided and independent learning**.

Term 2: Robotics, Automation & Coding

Focus: Hands-on coding with robotics & automation

Week	Activity	Description	Outcome
Week 1 Tuesday 29 th April	Introduction to Robotics	Learn about real-world robots and how they work.	Objective: Understand how robots function in real life. Outcome: Learn about sensors, motors, and AI in robotics. Skills: Engineering basics, problem-solving.
Week 2 Tuesday 6 th May	Building & Coding Your First Robot (Part 1)	Assemble a basic robot using LEGO SPIKE or micro:bit.	Objective: Assemble and understand basic robotics components. Outcome: Construct a working robot using LEGO SPIKE/micro:bit. Skills: Hands-on assembly, circuit building.
Week 3 Tuesday 13 th May	Building & Coding Your First Robot (Part 2)	Program the robot to complete simple tasks using block coding.	Objective: Program the robot using block-based coding. Outcome: Robot performs a simple automated task. Skills: Logical thinking, coding, problem-solving.
Week 4 Tuesday 20 th May	Obstacle Avoidance Robot Challenge	Use sensors to make the robot navigate obstacles.	Objective: Use sensors to navigate challenges. Outcome: Robot successfully avoids obstacles. Skills: Sensor programming, automation logic.
Week 5 Tuesday 27 th May	Introduction to Python Coding	Learn the basics of Python by writing simple scripts.	Objective: Learn Python fundamentals. Outcome: Write a basic Python script. Skills: Coding, syntax understanding.
Week 6 Tuesday 3 rd June	Coding a Chatbot with Python	Build a simple chatbot using Python.	Objective: Create an interactive chatbot. Outcome: Chatbot that responds to user inputs. Skills: Python coding, AI logic. Objective: Build an interactive game.
Week 7 Tuesday 10 th June	Game Development with Scratch	Create an interactive game using Scratch.	Objective: Build an interactive game. Outcome: Fully functional game with user controls. Skills: Game logic, animation.
Week 8 Tuesday 17 th June	Build a Digital Circuit (Tinkercad & Arduino Intro)	Simulate and build a basic circuit using digital tools.	Objective: Learn digital electronics. Outcome: Simulated working circuit in Tinkercad. Skills: Circuit design, programming.
Week 9 Tuesday 24 th June	Robotics Challenge Day	Final robotics project - race, battle, or solve a challenge.	Objective: Apply all learned robotics skills. Outcome: Final robot competition. Skills: Problem-solving, teamwork.



thelearninglab.org.nz

Marlborough Park hall is a space for youth (aged 11-18). Youthtown is offering a youth hub for all intermediate and high schools students, using Term 1 as a 'tester' for which programmes we want to establish. From there, term 2 is when we'll have programmes established and operating in full swing. At the moment participants will be required to make their own way to the facility.

Some ideas we have currently are things such as:

- Youth café/canteen from the kitchen
- Sustainability hub – a garden which is maintained by youth
- A gaming room, a sensory room, and a potential music room
- Boxing bag / sports & gym equipment
- Study space with wifi available

We are open to feedback on other ideas as well. If your child or anyone you know might be interested in signing up or finding out more, please see the link and contacts below or just swing by and come have a chat with us.

<https://www.youthtown.org.nz/marlborough-youth-hub>

Sarah: 027 368 1633

Customer service: 0800 004 556

info@youthtown.org.nz



The poster is for the Marlborough Park Youth Hub Programme. It features a blue background with white and yellow text and graphics. At the top, 'MARLBOROUGH PARK' is written in a semi-circle. To the right is the 'YOUTHTOWN SINCE 1932' logo. The main title 'YOUTH HUB' is in large white letters, followed by '» PROGRAMME «' in smaller white letters. Below this is a yellow silhouette of six young people jumping or dancing. The tagline 'WE'RE BUILDING FOR OUR YOUTH, BY OUR YOUTH' is in white. The poster is divided into two columns of information. The left column, under the heading 'FREE!', lists 'MONDAY - FRIDAY', '3PM - 6PM', 'ALL WELCOME', and 'AGED 11-18'. The right column, under the heading 'AT OUR HUB:', lists 'HANG-OUT SPACE', 'NEW EXPERIENCES', 'KAI', and 'GAMES & MORE'. At the bottom, it says 'FIND OUT MORE' above a QR code. A footer at the very bottom says 'Any queries? Contact Sarah on 027 368 1633'.

MARLBOROUGH PARK

YOUTHTOWN
SINCE 1932

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COME AND PLAY JUNIOR RUGBY
AT NORTHCOTE RUGBY CLUB IN

2025.

Online registrations are now open for boys
and girls aged 5 and up to play rippa and
tackle rugby.

Registration details at
www.northcoterugby.nz or contact us at
northcotejuniorsecretary@gmail.com

