

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Here are some updates to keep you informed:

Netsafe Parent Evening - Supporting Your Pre-Teens and Teens to Chat Safely Online

Next Wednesday at 7.30pm is the online Netsafe parent evening. This session is designed for parents and whānau who are looking for ways to support their 11 - 18 year olds to navigate the challenges and opportunities of chatting and being online. Gain practical tips and advice for supporting your child's online safety. It is free and very easy to register. Please note spaces are limited so register ASAP. **Register here:** [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Art and CBD Trip

Our recent CBD and Art Gallery trips seemed to go very well, and we received outstanding feedback from members of the public who saw our students out and about in town. One email to share is "They looked very smart in their uniforms and they came across as well-behaved and engaged students having a great time!". Please let either your child's classroom teacher or me know if you have any feedback that can help us improve on this or similar future experiences.

Upcoming Camp (Year 8's) and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC, for Year 7's)

Starting at the end of Week 9 we have a complex timetable of EOTC and Camps - please check that you have the information you need and have completed the necessary permission forms - contact either your child's classroom Teacher, Team Leader or Miss Bronwen Davidson, Deputy Principal on: bronwend@ni.school.nz should you have any questions.

Fair Play Charter

We have hundreds of students, parents, staff, and visitors involved in extra-curricular activities. To help set the conditions for how we conduct ourselves and inform others, we have been working on a 'Fair Play Charter'. The design of this has been through staff and students and we would invite any feedback from parents/caregivers/whānau. Once we are happy with this we will make it into big signs to display courtside and in play areas and add it to our repertoire of student, staff, and parent visuals. The current draft is attached, please contact me if you have any suggestions.

Students' Sporting Success

Congratulations to Azlyn Sulusi, Reef Wright, Savvy Bain and Kiani Wineera who played for the New Zealand Barbarians at the Oceania Cup this weekend. They came 3rd place!

Parent / Teacher Conferences

These are on Tuesday 1st April. This is a great opportunity to find out about how your child has settled into Term 1, their wellbeing, behaviour and friendships, and their learning goals. To book an interview, head to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and use the code **zwuf8**. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code below to book your time.

School will finish at 12.35pm. Buses will not be rescheduled on this day, however, most of our routes are covered by public buses that run regularly.

TERM 1, WEEK 7

UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

25th March - School Board Meeting

26th March - Netsafe Parent Information Evening (online)

26th & 27th March - School Athletics Day

1st April - Parent Teacher Conferences

6th April - Shore to Shore fun run

4th - 11th April - CAMPS/EOTC

11th April - Last day of Term 1, School closes at 3.00pm as usual

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.



Parenting Place Parent Evening

We have booked a speaker from Parenting Place to speak to parents on 'Staying Connected in the Tween Years'. This will be Wednesday 14th May at 6pm in our school hall. This is a great talk and provides parents with some wonderful insights into how to stay involved and engaged with their young people as they transition from children into teenagers. I'll send more information out closer to the event, however at this stage if you're interested, pencil the date on your calendars.

New Attendance Monitoring Process - STAR

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, 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.

Can You Pay It Forward?

As mentioned earlier we are fortunate enough to offer our students the opportunity to participate in some wonderful Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) programmes. Our Y7s have day-based activities which include visiting a local marae and a yachting club. Our Y8s are going to camp at the wonderful Finlay Park in Cambridge. These experiences help our students learn in sometimes challenging but safe environments. Unfortunately, not all of our students are able to participate because of financial reasons. If you are able to make a donation, it would make a significant difference in the lives of our students who wouldn't normally be able to go. On Kindo Shop you have the opportunity to 'pay it forward' with a donation towards another child attending camp or EOTC.

Text help Read&Write

Texthelp Read&Write is a literacy support tool that offers help with everyday tasks like reading text out loud, understanding unfamiliar words, researching assignments and proofing written work. All students at Northcote Intermediate (and our wider Kahui Ako schools) have automatic access to this tool when logged into their device on their school account. Click the little purple puzzle piece to the right of the browser window. There are many features that are potentially beneficial to all our students. These features could be even more important to support our students who are dyslexic or have specific challenges with reading, writing, and spelling. Click on the links below to find out more.

[Intro to Read&Write](#)

[A short video to introduce you to Read&Write for Education. The perfect place to start for first-time users.](#)

[Feature Tour](#)

[Learn about the features and tools available within Read&Write for Education.](#)

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

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| • Cale Peita, Vihaan Bhadauria - 1 | • Eldon Darragh, Leo Shucksmith - 13 |
| • Mannat Singh, Bradley Wong - 2 | • Charlotte Molloy, Leeroy Alona - 14 |
| • Genta Bumi Alghaizan Herdiansyah, Izzy Woodhouse - 3 | • Nini Sophearom, Nicole Ye - 15 |
| • Toby Russell, Oscar Goodacre - 4 | • Fili Mataafa, Napat Srikaeo - 16 |
| • Ramsey Brown, Madi Yeoman - 5 | • Aavya Sharma, Titouan Deleporte - 17 |
| • Kensie Noble, Sam Darke - 6 | • Zack Paddock, Charlie Howell - 18 |
| • Nhea Santhosh, Dev Solanki - 7 | • Ethan Sui, Gemma Crisp - 19 |
| • Emily Martin, Georgia Villella - 8 | • Addison Tanginoa, Annabel MacFarlane - 20 |
| • Liam Petchey, Willow Dorman-Winton - 9 | • Hannah Bendall, Noah Telara - 21 |
| • Paddy Seyb, Betty Liu - 10 | • Amaia Hernandez Jerebine, Diana Cho - 22 |
| • Cate Callinan, TJ Nasilasila - 11 | • Neshone Ranathunghe Mudiyansele, Sia Yousefi - 23 |
| • Jileann Lopez, Nathan Gan - 12 | • Reese Coneybear, Liam Larsen - 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 *Not associated to a school	\$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

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

Register at sportscamps4kids.co.nz



SPORTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

\$60 PER DAY

- ◆ Boys & girls ages 5 - 13
- ◆ All abilities welcome
- ◆ Focusing on fun and fundamental skill development

TIME:
DROP OFF FROM 8:30AM
START TIME 9AM
FINISH 2:30PM
PICK UP BY 3PM

  @SportsCamps4Kids

MON 14 - TUE 15 APRIL
RUGBY
TAKAPUNA RUGBY CLUB
 Focusing on the fun and fundamentals. No rugby experience needed.

WED 16 - THU 17 APRIL
MULTISPORT
TAKAPUNA NORMAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
 Includes a mix of sports such as basketball, netball, football, tennis, volleyball & more!


WED 23 - THU 24 APRIL
MULTISPORT
BELMONT PRIMARY SCHOOL
 Includes a mix of sports such as basketball, netball, football, tennis, volleyball & more!


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! Grab a flyer from the office or 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

