

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

It was great to see so many parents come to our recent parent-teacher conferences. By now you should have had a number of touch points with your child's teacher and team leader - meetings, phone calls, emails. Please let me know if you have any questions around this. We aim to keep parents informed of their child's learning and progress. The artwork and literature that students produced, which was on display in each area was outstanding - for a range of photos of this check out our Facebook page.



Term Two's inquiry focuses on Science, so look forward to hearing more about that. Please continue to ask your child to share their learning with you, and if you received any tips or advice at the meeting, action it, and if you need further help, please ask.

Overall, Term One has been a massive term with so much that has been happening, and it continues next week with camps and EOTC, so there will be lots more confidence building, adventures and learning. Thank you to all our parents/caregivers who have helped out, or will be helping out - it has been a big ask this term and as a community we have come together to make some fantastic learning experiences.

I am also delighted to FINALLY share the live video Eke Paunuku, Auckland Development filmed at the end of last year - capturing the role NIS has played to date in the planning of the new reserve and playground as part of Te Ara Awataha and Town Centre Development.

Storylink:

<https://www.ekepanuku.co.nz/news/northcote-new-community-hub-and-cadness-reserve-upgrade/>

A MASSIVE thanks to Emma and Chantal and the students of Room 1 and Room 2 (2024) for being involved in this - and to the students who were in the video too.

Have a safe and restful Easter and ANZAC break, both of which fall in the upcoming school holidays.

Here are some updates to keep you informed:

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.

ANZAC Day Community Service of Remembrance

As has been our tradition, this year we will again participate in the Northcote ANZAC Day service. This is at 10.45am on 25th April, at the Northcote War Memorial Hall. We will have students involved in the march, laying a wreath, raising and lowering the flag as well as speaking. This is open to all students and whānau to attend. We strongly encourage all of our Student Leaders and Student Council members to attend this event in full, formal school uniform.

TERM 1, WEEK 9

UPCOMING KEY DATES

6 April - Shore to Shore fun run

4 - 11 April - Camps/EOTC

11 April - Last Day of Term 1,
school closes at 3.00pm as usual

25 April - ANZAC Day Community
Service

28 April - Day 1, Term 2!

5 - 9 May - Book Week -
Friday 9 May will be our Book
Character Dress Up day

16 May - Pink Shirt Day -
promoting kindness, diversity, and
anti-bullying

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. We are just asking for a koha/donation towards this on the night. Please mark this date on your calendar, and for numbers, if you are planning to attend, please register [here](#).

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.

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.

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



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Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

- Daphne Newport, Miley Heppell - 1
- Kasey Kelly, Timmy O'Connor - 2
- Evie Togia-Dove, Oliver Court - 3
- Kevin Chen, Oscar Badham - 4
- Irene Vaka-Nau, Joel Clark - 5
- Chris Rivera, Zoe Copas - 6
- Keira Weitz, Noah Sapsford - 7
- Harry Green, Lucia Foster - 8
- Amy Scott, Seongtaek Lee - 9
- Jennifer Nelson, Leo Perham - 10
- Georgia Smith, Kymani Gates - 11
- Alex Evans, Axel Norden - 12
- Kerrison Teahan, Skylar McSkimming - 13
- Gemma Kusnadi, Rosa Lawrence - 14
- Meena Zhao, Vincent Banks - 15
- Pippa Nightingale, Sam Hunter - 16
- Aysha Andrews, Peter White - 17
- Bea Tennant, Tahu Thein - 18
- Alex Smith, Hugo Paul - 19
- Elias Dakin, Harriet Beguely - 20
- Amor Andrews, Mila Vodanovich - 21
- Ed Muir, Titus Hale - 22
- Charlotte Lynch, Siu Uhi - 23
- Chloe Ku, Hudson Budel - 24

Congratulations to all of this month's recipients

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Speed puzzle event - 10 May 2025

Enter a team now - keep the puzzle at the end of the event!

Competition details:

10 May 2025

Northcote College school hall

Teams of 4: 1,000 pieces, competition from 9am-12pm

Teams of 2: 500 pieces, competition from 1:30-4:30pm

Get ready to put your jigsaw puzzling skills to the ultimate test at our **Fun Speed Puzzle Event**! Gather your team of 4 or team of 2, and race against the clock to complete beautiful puzzles.

It's not just about speed—there will also be prizes for the **best-dressed teams**, so bring your A-game in both puzzling and fashion! Plus, enjoy delicious food for sale throughout the event.

All proceeds will support the Northcote College performing arts thrilling trip to **New York and Los Angeles** this September 2025.

Don't miss out on this exciting event that combines fun, creativity, and a great cause. Join us and be a part of something amazing!



SPEED PUZZLE EVENT

10 MAY 2025

Teams of 4: 9am-12pm
Teams of 2: 1:30pm-4:30pm

NORTHCOTE COLLEGE HALL
1 KAURI GLEN ROAD, NORTHCOTE

A fun, family-friendly fundraiser
for Northcote College performing
arts trip to New York and LA 2025

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[HTTPS://EVENTS.HUMANITIX.COM/
SPEED-PUZZLING-FUNDRAISING-EVENT](https://events.humanitix.com/speed-puzzling-fundraising-event)

CONTACT US:
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EASTER

Holiday Programme April 2025

MI CASA AFTER SCHOOL CARE & HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

BRING YOUR WHEELS EVERYDAY

LOCATED AT NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE Lake Road 145 - 147 Food Tech Rooms

ONE LOW PRICE, ONE SESSION!! \$55 (per child)

8:30am - 4:00pm (afternoon tea included in all sessions)

TREATS, art & craft, Rc CARS & INTERACTIVE GAMES

(Nintendo Switch & Wii) everyday!!

Monday 14th

Conquer the obstacle course in our playground! Unleash your creativity with Origami... and race Mario karts!

TREAT: Finish the fun with a sundae ice cream topped with gummybears & your favorite goodies! 🍌🌟

Tuesday 15th

Air Dough Dollhouse decorations. Boost your fun with interactive games

SLIME

TREAT: And for a delicious twist: **EDIBLE SLIME**

Wednesday 16th

Easter bunny piñata: smash it and celebrate!

NERF Battle!! (bring your own nerf...or we supply them)

TREAT: spaghetti on toast

Thursday 17th

Kick back and kick off the weekend with a Thursday movie!

Dive into cozy indoor pod swings

Sausage sizzle today!

TREAT: Sip on some refresh SLUSHIES for the ultimate treat! 🍹

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Ages: 5- 13

Great fun waiting for you!



2025 Term1 Holiday program
Global Adventure: Learn About the World!

Week1. Monday, 14th – Thursday, 17th April

Week2. Tuesday, 22nd – Thursday, 24th April

Venue: Sunnybrae Normal School
(36 Sunnybrae Road, Hillcrest, Auckland)



**BOOK
NOW!**

Scan the QR code to register



More info: 027 258 0028, korean.arts.n.culture@gmail.com

Children's Art WORKSHOP

One-day program for ages 7-12yrs.

If your child loves drawing and painting they'll love this one-day workshop with artist Eion Bryant.

With step-by-step instruction they will draw then create a vibrant acrylic painting learning tips and techniques along the way.

Fun and focused.

VENUE

Beach Haven
Community House

Date: April 16

Hours: 11.00am -
4.00pm.

Cost: \$65

BOOKINGS:

eion@eionbryant.com

Ph. 0211327033

or 0210606641



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BANDS



WICKED! THE MUSICAL



SONGWRITING

APRIL HOLIDAYS

Unleash your inner rockstar these school holidays! Write and record your very own **music video**, jam with friends in our **band programme**, and explore the magic of musical theatre with **Wicked the Musical**. Little legends can get a head start with our Little Rockers sessions and try out Ukulele, Drums and Keyboard before forming a band together.

Don't miss out—turn up the volume and make these holidays unforgettable! 🎸🔥

**SONGWRITING AND MUSIC
VIDEO: AGES 8-15**

BANDS: AGES 8-15

LITTLE ROCKERS: AGES 5-7

WICKED, THE MUSICAL: AGES 6-14

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Reading









Maths



Writing

About me: I am a Year 12 student at Northcote College, and my strengths include grammar and spelling. I have achieved highly across all of my subjects, including an Excellence Endorsement on my Level One Certificate.

Location, duration, and dates are all negotiable. Please text/call/email if you have any questions, would like to know more, or would like to set up a session for your child!

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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.



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