

# School Board Newsletter Term Two 2025

Tēnā koutou katoa,

At only nine weeks, Term Two has been condensed but there has been a lot going on for the NIS whānau with many learning and extracurricular activities happening that shine a bright light on the wonderful talent and mahi of our students. This includes (to name a few) Pride Week, Pink Shirt Day, Auckland Writers Festival, Samoan Language Week, Book Week, Sports Camp, Esports Fuse Cup, Year 8 Football team crowned Auckland Champions, placing first in Showquest with a truly memorable performance, and a personal favourite, the Matariki Breakfast event.

And just yesterday, a group of Year 8 students, teachers and parent helpers headed off to the warmer climes of Rarotonga which will no doubt be a life memorable experience.





The NIS Board is extremely proud of everything that goes on at our school, and we would like to say a huge thanks to the wonderful NIS teachers, support staff and leadership team for their enthusiasm and efforts teaching our tamariki this term. With the ever increasing roll (622 at last count), responding to a new curriculum and the inevitable sickness that comes at this time of year, we know it has been a hectic and challenging term at times.

### Community Survey

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent community survey - all 271 of you! Your feedback included lots and lots of positive comments and some really constructive suggestions. The survey is super important to the NIS staff and Board as it helps us celebrate what we do well and highlight the areas we need to work on.

The results are hot off the press and the Board and Leadership Team will be taking the time over the coming weeks to work through the details. However a few initial highlights include:

- When asked "how likely is it that you would recommend our school to a friend, family member or colleague," on average you rated 8.2 out of 10.
- When asked "*what do you like best about our school?*", culture, care and community came through strongly, as did the amazing dedication and expertise of our teachers.

The full survey results plus any key actions from the feedback will be shared to the school community during Term Three.

#### **Board elections**

A reminder, triennial elections for the NIS Board will be held this September. We are looking for passionate and diverse people to join, so if you are considering throwing your name in, feel free to reach out as we would love to share our experience and offer any tips. Even better, attend a Board meeting. Our next (and last for the current Board) is at 6.00pm on 4 August. At that meeting we will be working through Strategy, saying goodbye to a few Board members and also discussing our approach to AI so it will no doubt be an interesting one.

Further information on the ins and outs of being on a School Board is available here.

We wish everyone a wonderful holiday break, I think we all deserve it, and look forward to seeing you all back safe and raring to go in Term Three.

Ngā mihi nui, Damian Lawrence NIS Board Presiding Member

#### Your board

2025 Board members are: Damian Lawrence (Presiding Member), Phil Muir (Principal), Zane Cooper (staff representative), and parent representatives Sally Clendon, Rochelle Greer, Dris Adradi, Kenny Thein and Sarah Goforth.

#### Keep in touch

We are always 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 board@ni.school.nz.

## **NIS policies on Schooldocs**

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