MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Here are some updates to keep you informed:

Sickness
We're starting to see lots of winter illnesses. If your child should be sick, please notify our school admin team on absences@ni.school.nz as soon as practicable and if you notice your child starting to 'drag the chain' in the morning, let us know if you need support. Otherwise we expect all students to be in the correct uniform, at the correct time, with the correct equipment and a positive, learning attitude. It's a team effort so please reach out should you need any help.

School Board Survey
Our annual school board mid-year parent/caregiver survey is here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MS3LKRR

Please take a few minutes to complete this as it gives us valuable feedback on how we can continue to improve. Survey will close off at 5pm Wednesday 11th June.

Next School Board Meeting
Our next school board meeting will be 16th June, 6pm in our staffroom. This year is a board election year, which will happen in September. Visitors are always welcome to attend our meetings. If you would like to find out more about being a board member and supporting our community, please contact either me or our Presiding Member, Damian Lawrence: board@ni.school.nz

Social Media - Reminder
Just a reminder that parents need to be vigilant with their child's access and use of social media. During the day, students do not have access to their phones at school. They are not to be used when they come on school grounds and are collected upon entering class and stored safely during the day. However, we have had a number of students being part of chat groups that have had inappropriate conversations outside of school hours. Check in on your child should they be a device user. We are finding more parents who are saying no to their child even having a mobile phone - there is a strong correlation between the uptake of mobile device usage and social and mental health issues.
For advice, support, or to refer inappropriate online usage go to: https://netsafe.org.nz/

Northcote Kāhui Ako
In last week's budget announcements it was officially communicated that Kāhui Ako, or Communities of Learners, will be discontinued at the end of January 2026. Our Northcote community has been highly effective in recognising shared concerns and addressing them. Our current areas of across community focus are: 1) improving skills and confidence in Maths, 2) developing our local curriculum, 3) supporting the wellbeing and learning of our individuals. Our team will continue to work on these goals, and at the same time we will make plans for how we can continue to work together as a community of schools. There has been considerable progress made and we intend to carry on working together collaboratively.

Matariki @ NIS
This year we will be hosting a morning event, which will include performances and kai, on Tuesday 17th June from 6.30am until 8am. Parents & whānau are welcome, you do not need to book. Those attending are encouraged to donate a gold coin to help cover costs. We will have student performances as part of the event. Students will be actively involved in making the event happen. If you have any connections to grocery stores/farms/food sources who may be able to donate or sponsor us, please let me know!

UPCOMING KEY DATES

16 June - School Board Meeting, 6pm, Staffroom

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17 June - Matariki Breakfast @ NIS, 6.30 - 8am

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17 June - Rarotonga Trip Parent/Student evening meeting

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18 June - Showquest

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20 June - Matariki Public Holiday

OUR FULL LIVE CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE LINK ON THE HOMEPAGE
HTTPS://NORTHCOTEINT.SCHOOL.NZ/

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

FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

- Miley Heppell, CJ Kingi - 1
- Stacey-Lee Kirk, Samuel Weaver - 2
- Abel Abraham, Mia Parslow - 3
- Emily Bean, Calais Graham-Slater - 4
- Cooper Gissing, Zoe Hawken - 5
- Lucas Daffern, Rebecca Anajao - 6

- Nesandi Herath Mudiyanselage, Indira Middlemiss - 19
- Hazel George, Avelyn Lyle - 20
- Emma Ladd, Daniel Lai - 21
- Ling Li-Jiang, Ryder Stewart - 22
- DJ Vega, Hunter Malins - 23
- Penny De Kock, Vikena Folau - 24

Congratulations to all of this month's recipients

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

School policies that are being reviewed by the board this term are:
Health, Safety and Welfare.

If you would like to read the full policies go to:
https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/
Search for our school, then log in using our community login:
Username: northcoteint   Password: Respect

Look at Policy Reviews, under review. Should you wish to give feedback, click the Red review icon, where you can submit feedback. Please submit feedback on the currently reviewed policies before the end of term.

High School/College Enrolments
For those of you with a child in Year 8 – the High School/College enrolment season starts soon. If you have not already decided, please take it upon yourselves to make an informed decision around which school you will enrol your child at. Make the time to attend open days/evenings, and ask reliable people questions that are important for you to find the best school for your child. If applying out-of-zone for a school, ensure you have your application in before the due date.

Schools will post information around enrolment processes, zones and dates on their websites. Currently our nearest schools are displaying this information:

Birkenhead College: https://www.birkenhead.school.nz/Enrol1
An Open Night will be held on Tuesday 17th June at 6pm

Northcote College: https://www.northcote.school.nz/enrolments/enrolment-application-process
An Open Day will be held on Saturday 19 July

Westlake Girls: https://www.westlakegirls.school.nz/domestic-enrolments/
An Open Night will be held on: 15 July, 4 + 6pm

Westlake Boys: https://www.westlake.school.nz/enrolment/important-dates-enrolment
An Information Evening will be held on 24 July
Details can change so please check yourself!!
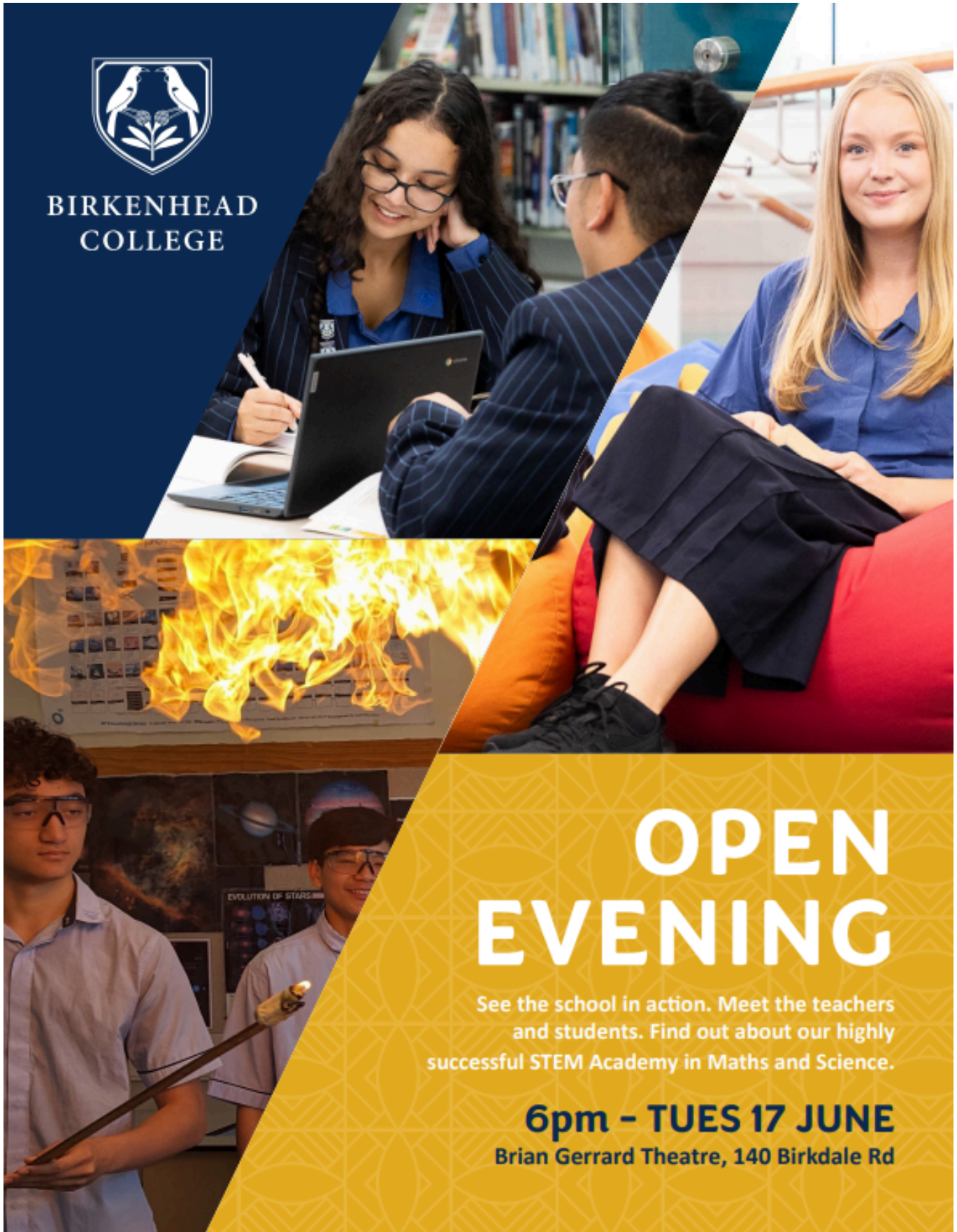
Westlake Girls Visit and Open Night Invitation
We're excited to let you know that Westlake Girls High School representatives — including our Head Prefects — will be visiting Northcote Intermediate on 19 June. They'll be speaking to students about life at Westlake and what makes our school a great place to learn and grow.

See you there!

WESTLAKE GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL

Open Night

Tuesday, 15 July 2025

4 pm and 6 pm

Event Centre - 2 Wairau Road, Takapuna

For more information visit: westlakegirls.school.nz/open-night

Jazz School
School Holiday Big Band Workshop

This will be an exciting three day school holiday workshop where year 6, 7 and 8 students will learn to play in a Jazz Big Band and then perform a concert for family and friends on the final afternoon. The Big Band is for Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone and Clarinet players plus Electric Guitar, Piano, Bass and Drums. The music we play will range from jazz standards to modern pop classics with an emphasis on having fun while producing music at a high standard.

Please visit jazzschool.co.nz or email jnrjazzschool@gmail.com for more information.

Previous attachment

All proceeds will be used for Rotary Kaipatiki and MS Auckland charitable purposes

Rotary Kaipātiki

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CHARITY BOOK FAIR | 3-5 July 2025

Northcote College Hall
1 Kauri Glen Road, Northcote

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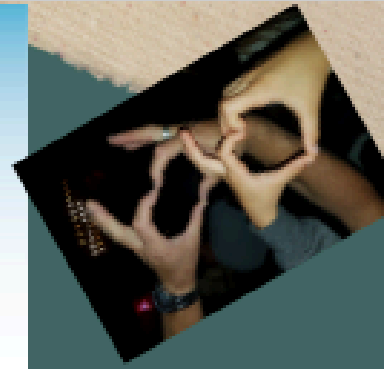
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¡Hola! ¡Amigos!

THIS TERM 2-
Beginners
Spanish lessons
- everyweek!!!

MI CASA
AFTER SCHOOL CARE
& HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

EMAIL: micasaasc@gmail.com
WEB: www.micasaasc.co.nz

STARTING Mon 12th May Term 2 - 2025
WE ARE OFFERING THESE AMAZING DISCOUNTS!...

Best Friends FOREVER

1- SECOND & CONSECUTIVE SIBLING 50% OFF (Half price per session)
2- FOR THE FIRST TIME WE ARE OFFERING
A SUPER SPECIAL:
BRING YOUR FRIEND TO MI CASA and YOU & YOUR BUDDY WILL GET 50%
OFF AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS (casual or regular bookings).

ALSO DO NOT MISS OUT OUR BEGINNERS SPANISH CLASSES STARTING
TERM 2 (WEEK 3) (at no extra charge this is included in your session).

**CHILDREN FROM NIS WALK TO OUR TECH ROOMS (IN THE
HEART OF THE SCHOOL)**
We collect from:
WILLOW PARK PRIMARY
ONEPOTO PRIMARY
NORTHCOTE PRIMARY
& ST MARY'S PRIMARY

friends

WE ARE LOCATED AT NORTHCOTE
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL- 145 LAKE RD

Booking Link:
mi-casa.aimyplus.com
Website : www.micasaasc.co.nz

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 29th 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 6th 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 13th 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 20th 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 27th 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 3rd 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 10th 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 17th 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 24th 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.