

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Here are some updates to keep you informed:

## Our School's Next Strategic Plan - Community Consultation

Every 3 years, schools review and refresh their strategic plan. We have ongoing review schedules for all areas of our school, from board policies through to curriculum. Our current strategic plan, which is included at the end of the newsletter, finishes at the end of 2025 and we invite you to share your thoughts around what is important for us to include in our next strategic plan [HERE](#)

## New COLA opened at start of the term

Our latest property feature was opened on the first day of term with a special service involving students and guests, including our Kaumatua, John Marsden, our Kapa Haka rōpu, student leaders and our drumming group. This gives us a huge amount of all weather learning and play shelter and we're stoked with the finished result - beautifully engineered and installed. With all the recent wet weather it's already been well used. We are currently working through a naming process with students.



## Mid-Year School Reports and Parent/Teacher Conferences

It was great to see so many parents, caregivers, and students meeting to discuss their progress last week. If you were unable to attend, your child's teacher should have contacted you by now to update you. Feel free to contact either your child's Team Leader, one of our Deputy Principals or me if there is anything further you wish to discuss in relation to this.

## Open Plan Classrooms (ILE's)

Following on from the Minister of Education's recent announcement around Open Plan Classrooms, or ILE's (Innovative Learning Environments) I'd like to acknowledge that we do have 4 purpose built ILE's, each designed for 3 classes. We have retained the same number of traditional single cell classrooms. I have visited schools where they have 'barn-like' ILE's where there are no dividers or a significant number of classes within a far bigger space. Our experience is that our 3 class ILE's function very well, giving many differences to single cell spaces; however we do appreciate that many students are suited to a single cell environment, which we also cater for.

Ultimately it comes down to the skill of the teacher, how they are supported, how they use the space and the way they set the conditions for learning. Please contact me should you wish to discuss this, however, we are very happy with the variety of learning spaces we have and the way we use them.

TERM 3, WEEK 2

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

18 July - Board Elections - Call for Nominations Began

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24 July - Sports Visit to Northcote College

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28 July - Cross Country (opt in for students)

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30 July - USA Trip Parent + Student evening meeting

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1 Aug - AIMS Games Bake Sale

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4 Aug - ICAS Exams Start (opt in for students)

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6 Aug - Board Nominations close, 12 noon

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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.

### School Board - Upcoming Election

Board elections start relatively soon, and you should have received information from this on 18th July. We have appointed Schooled to manage our election process, and you will receive more election information soon. In my time at Northcote Intermediate School, we have been extremely fortunate to have had stable, dedicated, and passionate board members - please consider putting yourself forward should you have the time and willingness to support our school at a governance level. 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](mailto:board@ni.school.nz)

### New Curriculum Information

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned the new Ministry of Education parents and caregivers portal. The following link is a guide that sets out what your child is learning at school each year and how you and your family can support them to achieve: [parents and caregivers portal](#)

Here is a useful video that outlines what shapes your child's learning through the new curriculum: [video, understanding your child's learning](#)

Also, here is a link to a useful parents and caregivers fact sheet about the new curriculum: [caregivers fact sheet](#)

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](mailto:principal@ni.school.nz)



Ngā mihi

Phil Muir, Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

## FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

In our formal school assemblies, we present stand-out students with FIRST certificates.  
Congratulations all!

- Aalia Mongelli, Olive Bowater - 1
- Aria Pettigrew, Jada Ruldoph - 2
- Anton Slavinskiy, Derek Piao - 3
- Oscar Trotter, Brody Gilchrist - 4
- Lilah Bell, Madi Yeoman - 5
- Max Moir, Yingxin Yang - 6
- William Borgfeldt, Noah Sapsford, Noah Panter, Finn Sisley - 7
- Joel Revell, Edmund Zhang - 8
- Isobel Jamieson-Wright, Azlyn Sulusi - 9
- Thomas O'Sullivan, Cybell Cai - 10
- Cameron Snelgar, Nina Arenas - 11
- Kisha Jewani, Braxton Alexander - 12
- Harrison Nociar, Marina Kulakova - 13
- Havila Taukolo, Mak Inwards - 14
- Amelia Harris Tupou Palu, Summer Jeffery - 15
- Lily Burton, Carlos Naaniumotu - 16
- Omar Sulaiman Milhem, Lilya Shearer - 17
- Ayden Black - 18
- Arslaan Pathan, George Alley - 20
- Isla Worthy, Hammad Qureshi - 21
- Izabela Stojanovikj - 22
- Phoebe Simmons - 23
- Scarlett Chen, Emily Freed, Isabelle Paston - 24

## 2026 Enrolments for Northcote Intermediate School

Our key dates for 2026 enrolment are:

29 July - Year 6 Parent Information Evening, 6pm

14 + 15 August - Open Days, 9am-12pm

27 August - Out of Zone enrolments close

10 + 11 Sept - In Zone enrolment interviews

## High School/College Enrolments

For those of you with a child in Year 8 – the High School/College enrolment season has started. Schools will post information around enrolment processes, zones and dates on their websites. We have been advertising open dates for a number of weeks now in our newsletters. We have also had presentations from the key secondary schools in our area. If applying for out of zone enrolment you must check the date yourself - most schools close out of zone enrolments in mid-August. Currently our nearest schools are displaying this information:

**Birkenhead College:** <https://www.birkenhead.school.nz/Enrol1>

**Northcote College:** <https://www.northcote.school.nz/enrolments/enrolment-application-process>

**Westlake Girls:** <https://www.westlakegirls.school.nz/domestic-enrolments/>

**Westlake Boys:** <https://www.westlake.school.nz/enrolment/important-dates-enrolment>

Details can change so please check yourself!!



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



OSCAR PROGRAMME  
MSD & WINZ  
APPROVED.

**CRAFTING EPIC MEMORIES IN  
A WARM & WELCOMING  
ENVIRONMENT**

Limited places  
book your spot now!  
Bookings: [mi-casa.aimyplus.com](http://mi-casa.aimyplus.com)



Second and consecutive sibling receive

**50%  
OFF**



We collect from Willow Park Primary.  
Children from NIS can walk to Food-  
tech rooms



Pancakes,  
fruits and  
veggies  
everyday

Afternoon tea provided in all sessions.

[www.micasaasc.nz.co](http://www.micasaasc.nz.co)

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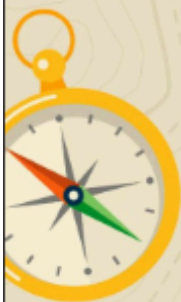
🚀 The Digital Academy is back for Terms 3 & 4—after school and better than ever!

Join us every **Monday** from 3:30pm to 4:30pm in the **Library** for an epic after-school programme built for keen coders, creative minds, and future digital storytellers.

Whether you're into coding, game design, photography, or video making, this is your chance to explore awesome tools, launch your own projects, and work alongside like-minded legends.

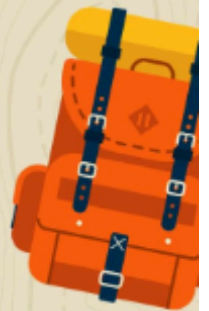
No experience needed—just curiosity and creativity.

Spots are limited, so find us at [thelearninglab.org.nz](http://thelearninglab.org.nz) to join the crew!



# BIRKENHEAD SEASCOUTS

Looking for a **fun weekly experience** combining learning and adventure into the outdoors? Join Birkenhead Sea Scouts for your chance to **experience the outdoors** out on the water and on the land!



**CUBS** Ages 8-11  
Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

**SCOUTS** Ages 11-14  
Thursdays 6:30-8:30pm

**Does this sound like you?** For more information contact us at [birkenhead@group.scouts.nz](mailto:birkenhead@group.scouts.nz) or Simon Rooney at 021 858 919 to **join in the fun** and see if scouting is for you!





**BIRKENHEAD  
COLLEGE**

**WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY**

17 July 2025

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

At Birkenhead College we would like to give families additional opportunities to come and see our school in action.

We have already had our Open Evening on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. We are aware that some people were unable to make this. We have had numerous queries about a chance for you to come in and see the school and ask questions. We are very keen to give you the opportunity to visit our school. We would also like to offer families the opportunity to book an individual time to come into school this term, meet the principal, and have a short tour of the school. Each meeting and tour should take half an hour and can be booked at the following times:

Tuesday, 29 Jul.	Friday, 1 Aug.	Monday, 4 Aug.	Wednesday, 6 Aug.
9.45am	9.45am	9.45am	9.30am
10.15am	10.15am	10.15am	10.15am
12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm
12.45pm	12.45pm	12.45pm	12.45pm
3.30pm	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.30pm
4pm	4pm	4pm	4pm

Please be aware that there are limited spaces available in each tour session and when a time slot is full, it will be unavailable for bookings. To arrange a booking please either complete [this form](#), phone us on 09483 9039 or email us at [office@birkenhead.school.nz](mailto:office@birkenhead.school.nz). If you have any questions or are unable to make these times, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We would also like to remind you that we are open for enrolments at Birkenhead College for Year 9 in 2026. Please use [this link](#) to complete our online enrolment form. When you have completed the form, we will contact you and arrange an enrolment interview with a member of our Senior Leadership Team.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards

Craig Waller  
Principal

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# NORTH HARBOUR SEAHAWKS TAG FOOTBALL

## JUNIOR NATIONALS TRIALS

2025 Junior Tag Football Nationals, December 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>, Bruce Pulman Park, Takanini

### Trial Dates Set!

Join us for the North Harbour Tag team trials. Register online before August 20th.

### Important Information:

- These are trials; no selection is guaranteed.
- Commitment to trainings and financials is required.
- Tag is a fantastic sport to stay active during summer.

### Requirements for Trials:

- Tag shorts and footy boots (No Metal Sprigs) are mandatory.
- Limited belts will be available on trial days.

**Stay Updated:** Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @NorthHarbourTag for full updates.

**Register Online Now:** <https://forms.gle/es791DCTR8XihneK8>



**NORTH HARBOUR  
SEAHAWKS  
TAG FOOTBALL**

# JUNIOR NATIONALS TRIALS

**U12 - U16  
SUNDAY, AUG 24TH**

**U7 - U11  
SUNDAY, AUG 31ST**

ALL TRIALS: KAIPATIKI PARK

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/ES791DCTR8XIHNEK8](https://forms.gle/es791DCTR8XihneK8)



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