

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Here are some updates to keep you informed:

Speeches have been a big part of inquiry learning this term, with team finals taking place this week and school finals next Tuesday. We still believe in the importance of researching, writing and performing some form of speech and seeing students grow in confidence and critical thinking skills. We are seeing many outstanding speeches being delivered.



Our School's Next Strategic Plan - Community Consultation

Thank you to those of you who took the time to respond to our recent survey. Your feedback will be taken into account. Our next steps are to gather feedback from students, staff and our school board. We will update you in due course. As we are in the process of a board election, our current board will make recommendations to the incoming board, who will work with the school's leadership team to finalise a plan.

Year 6 Open Day Tours

Next Thursday 14th and Friday 15th August, we are hosting our annual Year 6 Open Day Tours for prospective new students. Year 6s and their whānau can come to NIS between 9am-12pm and receive a school tour from one of our Student Leaders or Student Councillors. The Principal Team will be available to answer any questions too. If you are aware of any Year 6 students who may be interested, please let them know! More details can be found on our school website and FaceBook.

Government Announcement about Changes to NCEA

On Monday 4th August, the Minister of Education made a significant announcement about the future direction of our national qualification, NCEA. Consultation on the proposal is now open, and over the coming weeks schools and communities will have the opportunity to provide feedback and input on the final shape of this proposal. Your feedback as parents of students undertaking NCEA is valuable, and we encourage you to consider the documents linked below.

The timeline for the proposal means that there will be no changes for current students in Years 9-13. Under this proposal, students who are currently in Year 8 would be the first group to undertake the new Foundational Award in Year 11 (in 2028) and new qualifications in Year 12 and 13 in 2029 and 2030 respectively. Further information can be found here:

Ministry of Education - consultation on proposal to replace NCEA:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultation-proposal-replace-ncea/details>

Ministry of Education - proposed changes to NCEA: what you need to know as parents and caregivers:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wx5iueUn8Lco5g6MWW3LerlA2H0Uybr4/view?usp=sharing>

Ministry of Education - survey questions for parents and whānau: <https://web-assets.education.govt.nz/s3fs-public/2025-08/250731%20FINAL%20%28clean%29%20Parents%20family%20and%20student%20questions%201.pdf?VersionId=scLifPuQipFFKxW3vWXTNOqYg.uAJGYn>

TERM 3, WEEK 4

UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

14 + 15 Aug - Open Day Tours

19 Aug - Bandquest!

29 Aug - Teacher Only Day

1-5 Sept - AIMS Games Week

8 Sept - Board Meeting (last for current board)

10 Sept - Board Election

14 Sept - USA Trip Departs

17 Sept - New Board Takes Office

19 Sept - Last Day of Term 3

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

We have had a lot of interest in being on our school board. Nominations have now closed. You will receive a voting pack from Schooled's Election Pilot platform once all has been compiled. Dates for the election process can be found in our 'Upcoming Key Dates' section above.



Congratulations Skye Saynor

Recently Skye represented North Harbour Diving in the New Zealand Skills synchro event, with her training partner, Addison Whitaker. The two girls took the gold, beating teams from all over New Zealand, including Wellington, Waikato, Invercargill, Dunedin and Waitakere!

Cook Islands Language Week Performances

As part of the Cook Islands Language Week, our Pāsifika Connect cultural group performed at our NIS assembly this week. They also took to the road and performed for Birkenhead Primary School students.

Te maata i taau ka oronga ko te maata rai ia i taau ka rauka | The more you give, the more you receive.

Bandquest

We have six bands competing in BANDQUEST this year. If your whānau are interested in supporting the bands, you can purchase tickets for the show from ticketmaster - here is the link:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/rockshop-bandquest-takapuna-beach-19-08-2025/event/240062F5CB5B17DC>

The Bandquest Northshore regional heat is on Tuesday August 19 at 6:30pm at the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna. Adults are \$20, Students are \$10, and under-fives are free. Door sales are available on the night.

Uniform expectations

We have noticed an increase in non-uniform clothing, shoes /sandals, and socks being worn at school. Please support us by ensuring your child has the correct uniform items at all times. High expectations around uniform continue into high school, so we do our students a disservice if we let things slide. Uniform items can be purchased from: <https://northcoteint.nz/uniforms.com/>
If you need any help with uniforms due to financial hardship, please reach out and talk with us.

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

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

- Beau Bradley, Theo Maharaj, Yang Yuan - 1
- Timmy O'Connor, Grace Halliwell, Shu Yuan - 2
- Tony Slavinskiy, Georgia Martin, Chao Yuan - 3
- Blake Norton, Jaehee Kim - 4
- Skylar Newmarch, Sadie Carey - 5
- Charlie Blackmore, Saya Hewaiz - 6
- Cooper Weingarh, Kelly Liang - 7
- Max Burnett, Zoe Hellyer - 8
- Reef Wright, Issy Czurajewski Ortega - 9
- Zoe Balolong, Paddy Seyb - 10
- Charlie Gillon, Aryan Saxena - 11
- Ahalya Vijay, Liam Jones - 12
- Myah Haythornthwaite, Nate Donnell - 13
- Haami Barnes, Richie Cairns - 14
- Charles Huelgas, Liyana Abdullah - 15
- Georgia Whiting, Alexander Johnston - 16
- Armani Roberts, Sam Mather - 17
- Jose Vasquez Orellana, Braxton Henare - 18
- Boston Stantiall, Dahlia Firmston - 19
- Hugo Callanan, Kiera Clapperton - 20
- Aina Bond, Isobel Frires - 21
- Amber Conway - 22
- Na'a Anitoni, Phoebe Simmons - 23
- Emily Dowsett, Amelie Senarath, Vikena Folau - 24

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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A WARM & WELCOMING
ENVIRONMENT**

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Second and consecutive sibling receive

**50%
OFF**



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Children from NIS can walk to Food-
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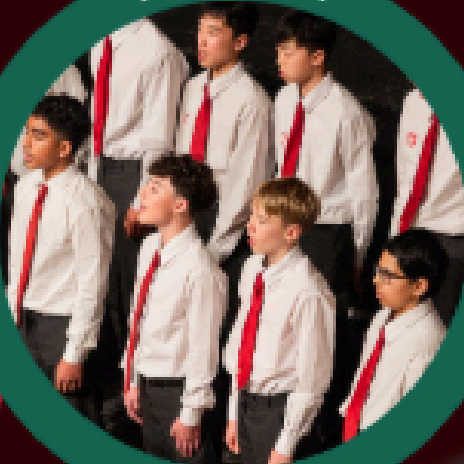
Pancakes,
fruits and
veggies
everyday

Afternoon tea provided in all sessions.

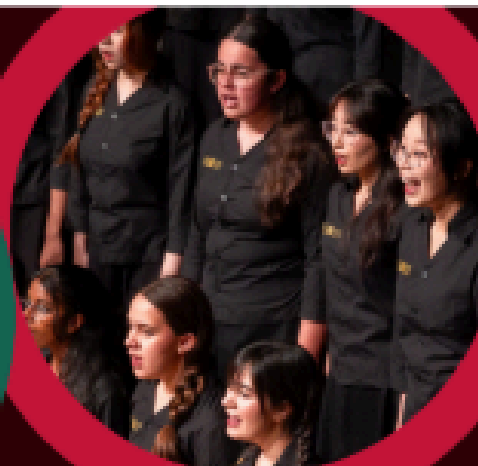
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Momentum



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Nota Bella



Westlake Music

CHORAL GALA

Friday 8 August, 7pm

Westlake Girls High School
Events Centre

\$15 Adult

\$10 Concession

\$45 Family

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Choralation



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SURF CAMPS & PROGRAMS

OREWA & MANGAWHAI

THE ULTIMATE KIDS SURF CAMP

5 nights, All inclusive.

Term 3, 4 & 1 Holidays | ages 8-15



YOUTH SURF CAMP

4 nights, All inclusive.

Term 3, 4 & 1 Holidays | ages 13-17



KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

2 day program - 9am - 1pm

Term 3 & 1 Holidays | ages 6-15

AFTER SCHOOL SURFING

Terms 4 & 1 | ages 7-15

KIDS SUMMER SURF PROGRAM

3 day program - Xmas holidays | ages 7-15

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