

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

Thank you to those of you who gave feedback towards our next strategic plan. We are now working to gather staff, Board (the current board will compile feedback to hand over to the new board, who will finalise the plan) and student voice. We will update everyone on our progress in Term 4.



Speeches

Eve Allison, Evie Mulholland, Reef Wright and Keira Weitz represented NIS at the cluster finals. All four girls were outstanding. Congratulations to Evie for winning the traditional category, Reef for winning the rap category, and Keira for winning with her flash talk. These three girls will now go on to compete in the Auckland regional finals on Thursday 28 August.

Speeches have been a big part of inquiry learning this term. 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.

Bandquest

On Tuesday night, six of our NIS rock bands competed in the Rock Shop Bandquest. Our bands brought amazing energy and confidence to the stage, and all performers did us proud. Michael Puliueva was awarded keyboardist of the night. Jensen Birss was given the top vocalist award. Our Lord of the Strings band came away with 2nd place! A humongous thank you to Mrs Babbage for all of her dedication and very hard work in preparing our students and coaching bands. Thanks also to Paul and Travis who coached some of our rock bands too.

Artificial Intelligence

We have a staff working action group who are developing our AI capability and toolset, including ensuring we are using AI ethically, constructively, creatively, and sensibly. Currently our digitech classes use a number of AI platforms, however, we are continuing to develop what ethical use of AI looks like at NIS, and which tools are most relevant, safe and beneficial for us to enhance learning. As artificial intelligence continues to develop, we will be keeping abreast of this topic and ensure students and staff maintain a safe and critical eye on the use of it.

NZEI - Paid Union Meetings (PUMs)

Over the 27th and 28th August, our NZEI members will be attending their paid union meetings as part of the negotiations towards the next collective agreement. Members have scheduled to attend the meetings over a range of times so we can balance out the impact of cover for classes. School will run as usual on these days.

TERM 3, WEEK 6

UPCOMING KEY DATES

22 Aug - Non-uniform day and bake sale (fundraiser for AIMS Games)

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 - Please have your say and vote!

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 on our 'Key Dates' section of this newsletter.

Gymnastics Zone Day

Recently our team of seven students competed in the WAG Category with 119 competitors! Overall, we were awarded the Fair Play & Sportspersonship Award as a school - recognition that our students were continually supportive of each other and positive throughout the competition. Individually, Olivia Smith and Zara Niu were our standout performers with the following results:

Zara Niu - 3rd in Floor, 5th Trampoline

Olivia Smith 2nd Overall, 1st Floor, 2nd Beam

Tongan Language Week Performances

As part of the Tongan Language Week, our Pāsifika Connect cultural group performed at our NIS assembly this week. If you haven't already, you might like to have a look at our Language Weeks Google Site to learn more about some of our Pacific neighbours:

<https://sites.google.com/ni.school.nz/nislanguageweeks?usp=sharing>

Uniform expectations

We have noticed an increase in non-uniform clothing (particularly non-uniform track pants and hoodies) being worn at school. Please support us by ensuring your child has 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!

- Mikayla Healey, Caelyn Park - 1
- Ellie Worth, Kasey Kelly - 2
- Alyana Rose Hoeta, Kingston Callister - 3
- Calais Graham-Slater, Shierlyn Rumbaoa - 4
- Bowie Hurley-Smith, Taylor Marshall - 5
- Louis Michel, Daisy Liu - 6
- Moore Zhang, Noah Sapsford - 7
- Elliot Farquhar, Lucia Foster - 8
- Seongtaek Lee, Dalia Rizk - 9
- Maxim Nicolas, Faith Kim - 10
- Cruz McClure, Kobe Smith - 11
- Amaya Sunil, Juancho Sabal - 12
- Callum Donnell, Reneen Wong - 13
- Sofia Dobler, Kymani Gates - 14
- Aanyav Prasad, Nathan McIntyre - 15
- Joel Honore, Cassidy Kainamu - 16
- Alysia Wilson, Shivam Raval - 17
- Charlotte Vaughan, Zara Niu - 19
- Jess Strang, Amelia Kapitan - 20
- Nehansa Subasingha, Annabel Stephens - 21
- Zoe Anderson, Kendall Williamson - 22
- Siu Uhi, Matilda Cavanagh - 23
- Scarlett Hoskins, Christian Havealeta - 24

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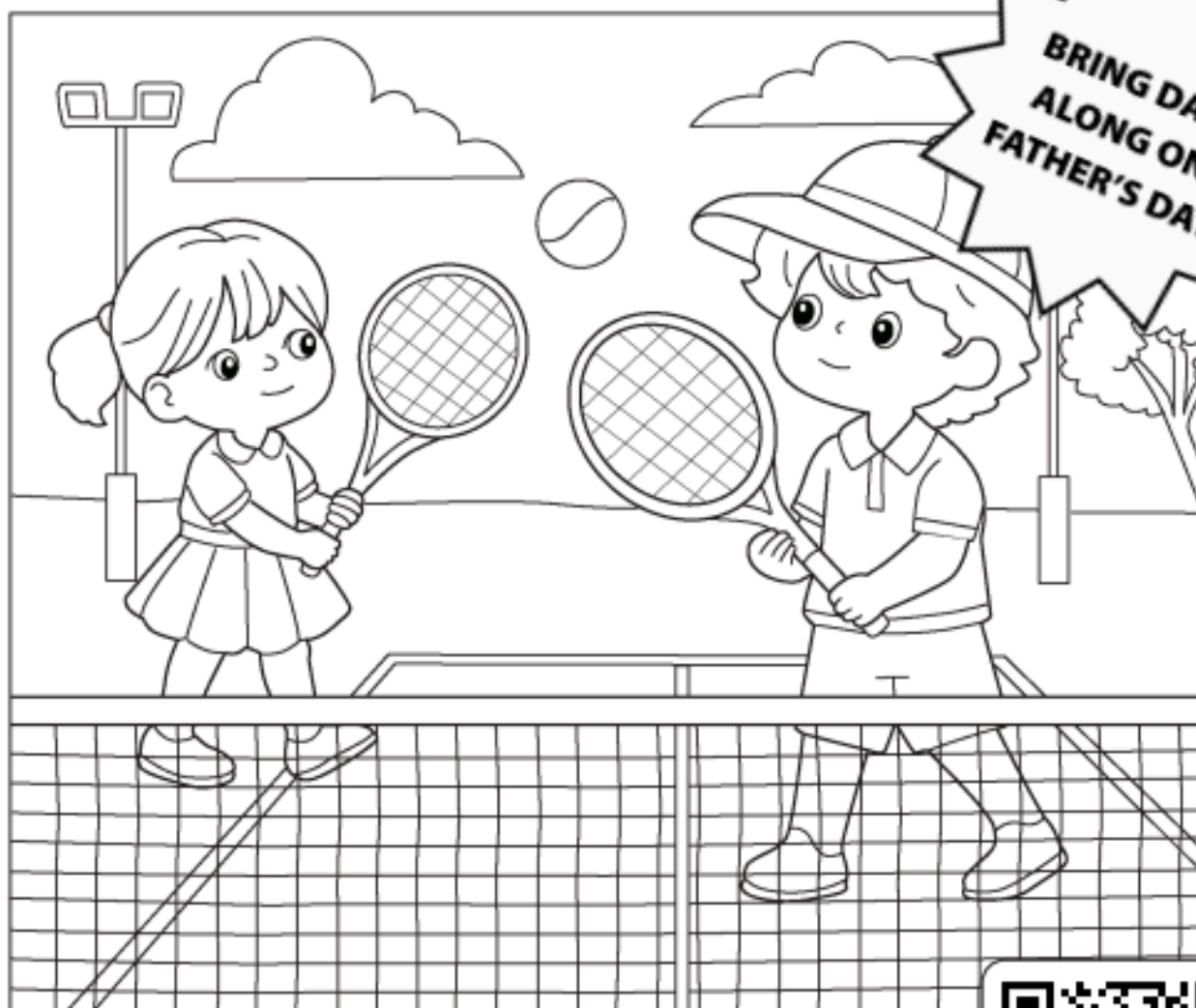
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- Building the core skills required for the NCEA Literacy Co-Requisite (Writing Assessment)
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