

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 1, WEEK 6

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

Education Review Office (ERO) Review

Last week we hosted a team of reviewers from the Education Review Office (ERO). They were thorough in their review, focusing on a range of compliance and educational issues, including classroom observations. It will take a number of weeks for the official write-up to come back to us, which will be shared with you as well as published on the ERO website. Initial feedback from the team was excellent. There are some areas that we need to continue working on, including our structured literacy programme; however, so much of what we do has received a glowing initial response. We're really proud of our school and look forward to sharing the final feedback.



Wearing shoes to school

We have some students who arrive at school in bare feet - please ensure your child is wearing shoes/sandals to school. We can help if you need. Footwear is part of our uniform for safety and pride.

Shore to Shore fun run: Sunday, 29th March

We've always had big numbers of students and staff participate in the Shore to Shore Fun Run. Details and entries are through the event website:

<https://stage.harbourport.co.nz/calendar/shore-to-shore-2026-northcote-intermediate-school/>

Table talk - parent/student chat topics. Hopefully you're all having regular conversations with your children. It's healthy to engage in conversation and find out what they're up to, what they're learning, how they're feeling, what you can do to support their success. Here are some topical topics:

- If you had to describe yourself in 3 words, what would they be?
- What are you learning in each of your subjects at school?
- How have you been a good friend this week?

Teacher Only Day

Just a reminder that our Term 1 Teacher Only Day, focusing on structured literacy and writing, is Friday 20th March. School will be closed for instruction on this day.

Whānau Fun Evening - Thank you

We were amazed by how many families joined us recently for our Whānau Fun evening, with hundreds of people in attendance. The atmosphere was fantastic, as was the entertainment and food. A huge thanks to Emma Hegan for her work on organising this event.

Reporting to Parents

There is no change to the requirement that at least twice a year schools are required to report to students, parents/caregivers/whānau in plain language on their student's progress and achievement across the curriculum. However, there are new common components that are expected in all reports from 2026. These are:

UPCOMING KEY DATES

18 March - Year 8 Camp
Information Evening, 6pm Hall

20 March - Teacher Only Day
(academic staff will be focusing
on improving literacy outcomes)

20 March - All Abilities Sports
Day, hosted at NIS (only students
invited to attend)

23 March - Next School Board
Meeting

31 March - Year 8 parent teacher
interviews

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.

1. Progress descriptors for reading, writing and maths
2. A visual representation of the student's progress over time
3. A narrative about how progress descriptors were selected, as well as how parents and whānau can continue to support the next learning steps
4. An attendance record

We will ensure this takes place in our scheduled mid year and end of year school reports. More information can be found at:

<https://tahurangi.education.govt.nz/reporting-to-parents-and-whanau-guidance-released>

All Abilities Day

On Friday 20th March, we are planning an All Abilities Sports Day. We will be hosting students from a number of schools at the inaugural Intermediate All Abilities Sports Day. This is for students who do not ordinarily participate in sports. We will have some of our students involved in the organisation as well as participation. Those students parents'/caregivers will be notified directly.

Crossing the road - does your child have headphones/earbuds?

We've been keeping an eye on the 2 road crossings closest to the school. Generally, students are streetwise and follow good safety practices. If you have a child who you know wears headphones or earbuds to listen to music - please encourage them to be ULTRA careful when approaching road crossings/crossing the road. It is most sensible to wear just one earbud for safety.

New School Caps

A number of students have new school caps that are fading. I have been in touch with NZ Uniforms and they are looking to put this right with replacement caps. We are just waiting to ensure that the replacement ones are of a better quality, so watch this space and I will let you know ASAP when we have a resolution.

Upcoming Trips, EOTC and Camp

By now, all families would have received notifications about either our Year 8 Camp or the Year 7 EOTC activities. Please refer to your communications for dates and costs. Every year, we have an increasing number of families that need assistance for their child to attend Camp or EOTC. If you are in a position to support other students attending our Camp/ EOTC programmes, you can do this via Kindo. A huge thank you to the families and organisations who have already donated, you have made it possible for many students to attend Camp or EOTC.

@School App

It's great to see people using the app to notify us of absences through the app feature. The school calendar is also connected to the app, as are the daily notices, and Kindo/EZ lunch. The school app does not replace our other methods of communication. If you haven't received login details to install the app, please email admin@ni.school.nz

Parent Handbook

Our [Parent Handbook](#) provides an overview of important information about how our school runs and includes important points of contact. It is updated as required.

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

SPORTS

A frantic start to the year continued with 140 basketballers starting the grading rounds Basketball season on Monday, and 120 Netballers attending squad sessions on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Three Zone Days have taken place since our last newsletter. Highlights are below:

Tag Zone Day - 4 March

Our Girls Team finished the pool undefeated with 2 wins and 1 draw, placing us in second place in our pool. A win and a loss saw us finish 6th. The Boys made their way to the final undefeated, where they lost to Northcross. With Northcross's Camp clashing with Tag Auckland Champs on Tue 17 March at Cornwall Park, we will be representing North Harbour at the Auckland Champs.



Cricket Boys Zone Day - 5 March

A great day for the boys team competing in the A-Division and beating Murrays Bay by one run in their first match and then easily besting Albany Junior High in game two.



Swimming Zone Day - 10 March

A team of 17 students were selected to attend the zone day based on their performance at our school swimming sports. No silverware this year, unfortunately.



FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

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

- Scott Gallacher, Marco Vodanovich - 1
- Issachar Palmer-Cook, Nevaeh O'Leary - 2
- Lucas Van Der Merwe, Te Waere Hohaia-Mana - 3
- Sammy Ridgway, Mirirangi Hauwaho-Pukepuke-Munroe - 5
- Haymish Achintya, Dom O'Meara - 6
- Wesley Black, Isabelle Thomas, Amanda Mancilla, Harry Mouldy - 14
- Sadie Lindsay, Dash Lomo - 15
- Kya Tamatea, Lachlan Collins - 22
- Braxton Mitchell, Fynn Wardell - 23
- Mackenna Hilton, Scarlett Warr - 24

COMMUNITY NOTICES



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SPORTS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

\$60 PER DAY

Are you keen to keep the kids active these school holidays? SportsCamps4Kids Workshops run a 2-day program, offering fun, high-energy sessions led by trained teachers and focused on building confidence and fundamental skills. Running from 9:00am to 2:30pm each day, it's a great way for kids to stay active, make friends, and develop their skills.

RUGBY 5-13 years old 7 th & 8 th April East Coast Bays Rugby	RUGBY 5-13 years old 13 th & 14 th April Takapuna Rugby Club
VOLLEYBALL 11-15 years old 7 th & 8 th April Harbour Beach Volleyball	NETBALL 8-15 years old 15 th & 16 th April Pinehurst, Albany

Register at sportscamps4kids.co.nz

Future 1st XV Rugby Holiday Program (Intermediate School)

Program Description

Welcome to the **Future 1st XV Rugby Holiday Program**, a skills-focused program designed for young rugby players who want to improve their game during the school holidays.

Key Dates: Wednesday, 15th April (1:00pm–4:00pm) and Friday, 17th April (9:00am–12:00pm).

Arlo Leith is a former First XV captain with high-level playing experience, including:

- **Westlake Boys High School First XV Captain 2025**
- **Blues Regional Champion**
- **Top 4 Finish at National Championships**
- **Years of competitive rugby experience**

Jacob Buckley is an outstanding leader and a former member of the **Academy of Sport**, bringing strong knowledge of training, discipline, and athletic development.

The program will focus on:

- 🍌 Core rugby skills and technique
- 🍌 Confidence in contact situations
- 🍌 Game awareness and decision-making
- 🍌 Speed, agility, and conditioning
- 🍌 Small-sided games and competitive drills

Our goal is to create a **positive, safe, and structured training environment** where players can improve their skills, build confidence, and enjoy the game of rugby.

<https://forms.gle/zPNZyixMakZTXrC16>

Spots are limited to **50** to ensure quality coaching. **Additional experienced staff** will be added if numbers exceed this.



MUSIC LESSONS at Northcote Intermediate School

GUITAR, BASS, DRUM & SINGING LESSONS during school hours!

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enrol your child in guitar, bass, drum or singing lessons at Northcote Intermediate School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary during school hours.

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IN A WARM & WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT



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everyday: Pancakes,
fruits, crackers and
veggies



SPORTS

ART & CRAFT



LEGO & ROBOTICS



PIÑATA DAYS



ONE-ON-ONE




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PROGRAMME
MSD &
WINZ
APPROVED.**

We collect from:
Willow Park,
Northcote Primary,
Onepoto Primary &
St Mary's Primary school.

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to Food-tech rooms (where we are located)

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