

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2, WEEK 2

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

It was fantastic to see so many of our whānau community at a number of events since our last newsletter, including parent-teacher conferences, the Shore to Shore Run, EOTC, camp and ANZAC Day. Your support is invaluable, and we would like to emphasise how important the connection between school and home is - this directly impacts our tamariki's success, so it is important that we keep these lines of communication open and functional. We simply could not run events such as EOTC or camp without the help of whānau, so if you have been involved: many, many thanks and we hope you enjoyed the experience too. Supporting and watching our learners grow is special.



We have successfully gained funding for some projects that we will be carrying out soon, including astro turf beneath the shade shelter, new basketball hoops, new football goals, new staging, support for our AIMS Games teams, and a replacement front electronic sign. We also plan to tidy up and re-mark our whole court area as it is in need of a refresh.

Phil will be overseas from 28 April until 15 May, doing a range of professional development activities, including attending The Learning Technologies Conference, visiting schools, meeting educational leaders, and visiting high-performing organisations. He will report back more fully on his return. In the meantime, should you have an urgent issue, Ms Angela Teague will be Acting Principal, supported by our outstanding team.

Curriculum, Assessment, and Mid Year Reporting

The end of Term 2 will bring mid-year reports to your inboxes. We are currently working with our Student Management System provider to re-jig our report format in light of the new reporting requirements. Alongside this, we are working hard to align the new English and Mathematics curriculum documents (only released October last year), with new formal assessment tools, and the new reporting descriptors.

We are doing our best to understand and implement all the changes, but do want our whānau community to be aware that we have never before had to manage so much change in such a short timeframe. We are aiming to be as accurate as possible in our reporting this year, but in light of the overwhelming amount of change, we may need to err on the side of caution when making our informed decisions about your child's progress and achievement.

It is also important for our whānau community to understand that the new curriculum expectations are more difficult for our students to achieve, especially as our students have not had the opportunity to be exposed to content now expected to be taught in previous years. It could be that a student who has previously been meeting curriculum expectations, is now working towards these.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

4 - 8 May - NZ Sign Language Week

8 May - Class and Portrait Photos (full and correct uniform required for this)

11 May - School Board Meeting 6pm

11 - 15 May - Rotuman Language Week

12 + 14 May - Writers' Festival Trips for selected students

15 May - Pink Shirt Day (non-uniform fundraiser)

29 May - Teacher Only Day (curriculum assessment and reporting)

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.

While our aim is always to ensure there are “no surprises” at report time, the timing of the guidance we are receiving may mean we cannot fully meet this aim this year. We will continue to update you as we work through the process.

Everyday Standards at Northcote Intermediate School

We'd like to remind our students and whānau about the standards that we uphold every day. This includes correct uniform, regular attendance, respectful communication, and excellent conduct. At the intermediate age, students experience change in many ways and we are here to help navigate your child's development by fostering high standards. Through our assemblies, notices, and staff, we explain and reinforce what these standards are, which helps students form good routines/habits and prepares them for high school and life in general. We believe in 'fixing the little things'.

We can support you if there is a need - please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties or hardship. Having students attend school wearing the incorrect uniform makes them stand out from other students, and can take the focus away from teaching and learning. Over the winter months, students should come to school with black shoes and socks, warm uniform tops, and a raincoat and/or umbrella.

Behaviour Management

In line with our everyday standards, we are increasing our focus on student behaviour choices during specialist tech classes - when dealing with power tools, hot ovens, etc, it is very important that students act sensibly and follow all teacher instructions. Any students who are not able to do this may be removed from a tech class. We appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of our students being accountable for their words and actions.

ANZAC Day Community Service of Remembrance

As has been our tradition, this year we again participated in the Northcote ANZAC Day service at the Northcote War Memorial Hall. We had students involved in the march, wreath laying, raising and lowering the flag, and speaking. Our students were phenomenal! Special thanks to our Head Students: Kate, Lillah, Sofie, Ben, and Joel for their official duties as part of the event. We could not be more proud of their participation and community spirit.

Table Talk 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:

- What learning was tricky this week? What or who helped?
- What is something interesting about you?
- What made you laugh this week?

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. Students are also required to wear closed-toe shoes for certain tech classes.

New School Caps - Faulty

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. Watch this space for a resolution.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Due to EOTC and Camp running different timetables this year, we held parent-teacher interviews for each year group on different nights. We are looking at other models for future interviews to help minimise disruption to learning. We welcome any feedback on what works best for you.

Term 2 School Policy Review

Part of the School Board's role includes reviewing our school policies. We have a schedule of policies to review that you also have access to view and give feedback on. Should you wish to do this, 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.

Click the red review icon to submit feedback. Policies for review in Term 2 are (feedback must be submitted before the end of term):

- *Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) - Board Review*
- *EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities*
- *EOTC Risk Assessment and Management*

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!

- Iraina Liu, Sophie Nguyen, Tom Koyfman, Zoey Currie - 1
- Benji McElrea, Gianna Goforth, Lia Ellis, Pedro Garcia Mirabeti - 2
- Heesara Maddumage Medduma, Ivy Dakin, Sam Fujisato Moore, Simi Drotini - 4
- Aiden Vellaidan, Healious Fifita - 5
- Amelia Van Den Nieuwenhuysen-O'Dowd, Clara Bailey, Henry Morris, Jonathan Tripp - 6
- Pip Cook, Sophie Campbell-Eniola - 13
- Casey Wallace, Millie Hurring - 14
- Jeremiah Anajao, Rose Blackmore - 15
- Holly Todd, Kya Tamatea, Liam Fouhy, Logan Smith - 22
- Erin Penelope Day, Ethan Kelly, Jax Fuataha, Matatini Drollet-Le Caill Hill - 23
- Amy Frires, Cooper Crang, George Booth, Isla Cromarty - 24

SPORTS UPDATE

Term One Summary

A massive thanks to those who helped with our sporting programme last term. Below are a few note-worthy statistics from last term:

- It was a busy start to the year with 13 trials, school swimming sports, the start of the waterpolo season, and the term 1 football development programme all taking place in weeks 2 & 3!
- 267 students took part in term 1 sport.
- We fielded 19 seasonal teams (basketball & waterpolo) and 17 teams represented us across 10 zone days.
- Our Softball Boys Team won their Zone Day and our Boys Tag Team finished runners-up. Both represented North Harbour at the Auckland Championships.
- 90 people assisted with sport at school (18 secondary school students, 5 NIS students, 5 outside helpers, 14 NIS staff members, and 48 parents).

Term Two Sport Information

Sport is already in full swing. Basketball, Hockey, Waterpolo, and Table Tennis are all underway for the term. For an overview of what and when is happening, please refer to the [Term 2 Sports Summary](#). Please note that students will have to also pay attention to the daily notices to ensure they make key trials and sports sign-ups.

Football Boys Zone Day Trials - these are taking place on Fri at lunchtime (Y8 Boys) and Fri after school (Y7 Boys). Permission slips will be sent out after trials and will have to be completed by Mon 4 May at 3pm. Students should have already signed up using the link in the daily notices.

Orienteering Zone Day - entries are closed. There is a meeting for all attendees at morning tea tomorrow (Fri 1 May) in the Sports Office.

Rugby Girls Zone Day Weigh-in - this takes place in the Sports Office at lunchtime tomorrow (Fri 1 May).

Squash Zone Day Sign-ups - Caregivers wishing to sign their child up for the Squash Zone Day can do this [here](#). Registrations are due by Tue 5 May at 3pm.

Rugby Boys Zone Day - We have numbers for an U45kg and a U60kg team this year. Unfortunately that means our students 60kg+ will not be able to take part this year. Training sessions start next Wed after school and will run from 3pm to 4:30pm.

Auckland FC Promotion

Auckland FC's biggest game of the season is this Saturday 2 May, 5pm at Go Media Stadium. A knock-out game against Melbourne City with a place in the semi-finals on the line. The team would love to see NIS students, staff, and their families there for a great sunny afternoon of football and fun!

Link and code for 20% Discount:

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/isuzu-ute-aleague-elim-final-2-auckland-02-05-2026/event/24006497C59...> Code:

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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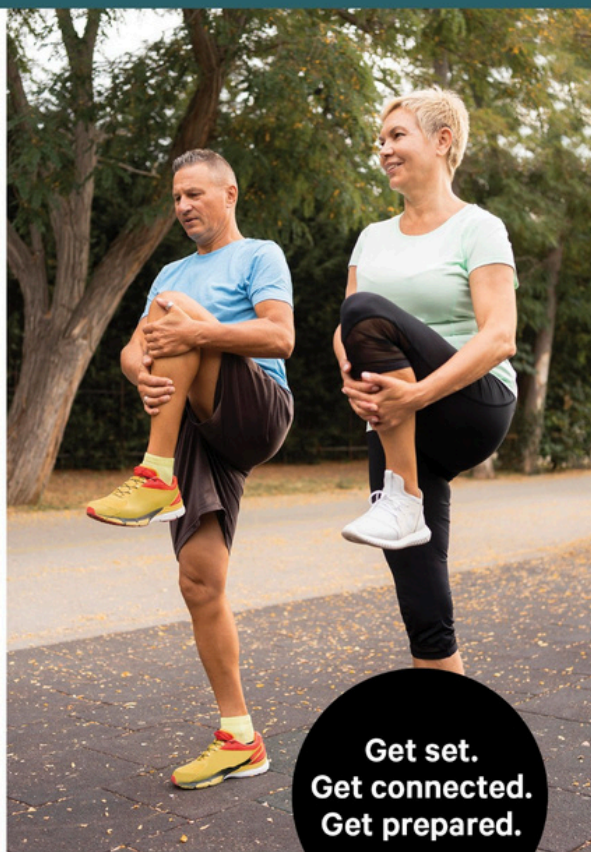
NORTHCOTE AMAZING RACE

Saturday 2nd May

11am–2pm

Pearn Place, Northcote

Think you're ready for anything? Put your emergency preparedness skills to the test in our Amazing Race-style adventure! Join us for a fun, active, playful day with lots of fun prizes – **FREE** for all ages and abilities. Both competitive and casual teams welcome. Walk, jog, or race – it's up to you.



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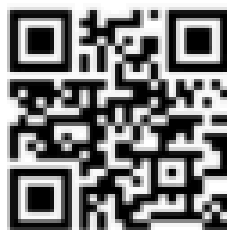
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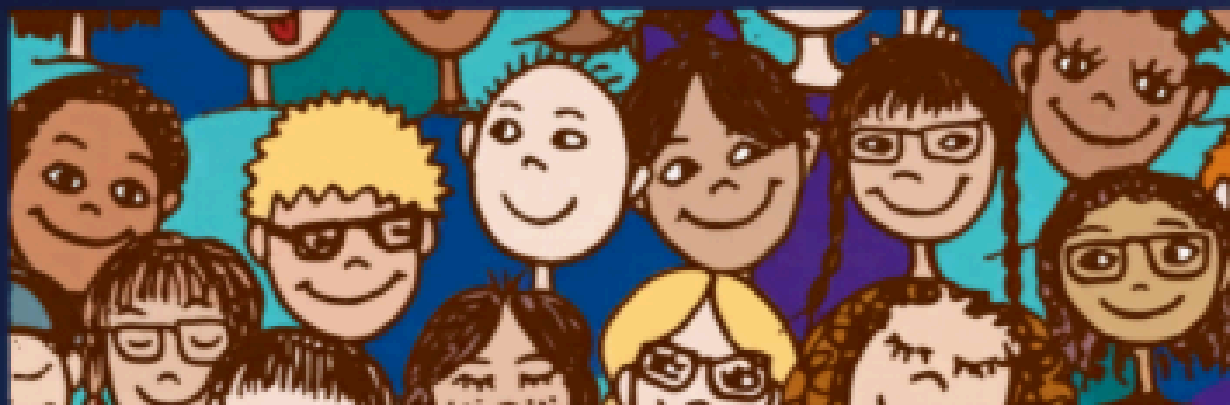
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Hindi Session

- 📅 Thursday 30 April, 10:30am–1pm
- 📍 Athol Syms Community Centre, Epsom

English Session

- 📅 Saturday 2 May, 10am–12:30pm
- 📍 Western Springs Community Hall, Point Chevalier

Somali Session

- 📅 Friday 8 May, 10am–12:30pm
- 📍 Rakiraki Room, Wesley Community Centre, Mt Roskill

Mandarin Session

- 📅 Saturday 9 May, 10:30am–1pm
- 📍 Athol Syms Community Centre, Epsom

You will receive:

- Practical tools and resources to strengthen communication, resilience, and emotional connection within the family
- Growing Stronger Together activity book
- Small workshop keepsakes



If you're interested, please call Asian Health Line [0800 88 88 30](tel:0800888830)

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