

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2, WEEK 6

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

**Reminder: Teacher Only Day TOMORROW!  
Followed by King's Birthday Holiday on MONDAY**

We're now over half way through Term 2 - and there's so much happening. We've been fortunate with the long stretch of beautiful autumnal weather recently. As we move into winter, please ensure your child comes to school with what they need to protect them from rain and cold. We've also had a large number of students getting colds and sore throats - please keep an eye on your child's health and if they are not well, please do not send them to school. Our sick bay is not large and can get overwhelmed with students very quickly when they come to school already sick.



## **New School Baseball Caps - Replacements**

There are a number of the new school baseball caps that have faded - our uniform provider has replaced this model with a harder-wearing version. If your child's cap needs replacement due to poor quality, they can come to student services and exchange their old one for one of the new caps.

## **Principal's recent study trip**

I returned to school at the start of Week 5 after a whirlwind tour of schools, attending the Learning Technologies Conference, and meeting with educators who are achieving great things in their communities. It's refreshing and affirming to go beyond one's community to make new connections, learn new skills, see what trends are out there and how they are being managed, and benchmark our progress with others. Our recent ERO review was incredibly positive, and the opportunity to visit schools that had achieved outstanding reviews elsewhere was a great chance to share how we can continue to make those incremental improvements at NIS.

One principal I spent time with had been a war crimes investigator in a previous career - his perspective and tips around working through challenging times was inspiring as was his mission to ensure that everyone he influences knows that they really matter and can thrive in the right environment. I was also fortunate enough to have been invited to participate in the King's Trust's 50th celebrations - an organisation which supports a significant number of young people in many countries providing a range of opportunities to support learning, growth and creating great futures. It was humbling to see what they do, hear about the projects they facilitate, make great connections and come back with some ideas about what we can do to continue to develop and offer great opportunities.

I've made considerable notes and will be looking at the right way to add to what we do as we work through our next steps. Thank you to the board for supporting this and thank you to Miss Teague and the leadership team for holding the fort while I was away. Whether it was at schools, in organisations, looking at the latest AI tools - the overwhelming theme that came through was the way we lead impacts the way people live. As educators, we are making so many decisions and adapting to constant change - taking people on our journey with us whilst providing the best learning ecosystem we can is complex, doable and so important.

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

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

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**1 June: King's Birthday**

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**1-5 June: Samoan Language Week**

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**10 June: Birkenhead College Open Day**

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**11 June: Mathex**

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**15 June: Year 7 immunisations  
(information to be provided)**

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**15 June: Next NIS School Board Meeting**

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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.**

## **Secondary School Enrolments**

For parents of Year 8 students, it will not be long until you need to enrol your child for secondary school. As we receive information around enrolments, we will share it with you; the onus is on you as parents/caregivers to work through this process. The go-to place for information and enrolment is each school's website.

## **Curriculum, Assessment, and Mid-Year Reporting**

There is much talk online and in the media about the refreshed curriculum and reporting to parents. We want to assure you that we are doing all we can to keep up with these changes. It is vital, however, that our whānau community are aware of some of the significant changes and challenges that are taking place.

With mid-year reports due at the end of this term, we need you to be aware that expectations in the new refreshed curriculum documents (the latest of which we only received in October 2025) are harder to achieve than the previous curriculum. It may be that your child who has historically been achieving at or above expected curriculum levels is no longer able to. This is not a reflection on the child or the teacher, but rather the fact that there have been expectations "pulled down" from Years 9 and 10 and put into Years 7 and 8.

Our students have also missed out on learning key concepts that have been "pulled down" from Years 7 and 8 and put into Years 4 to 6.

Teachers are still in the process of learning and implementing the new curriculum alongside a completely new reporting framework. With reporting guidance still being released, amended and updated, many schools are finding it challenging to interpret the new requirements consistently. We are hopeful that more reporting guidance will be released in time for end of year reporting. In the meantime, our message to teachers is to "err on the side of caution" when making their judgements.

## **Matariki @ NIS 2026**

This year's Matariki public holiday day is 10 July, which falls inside the term break. We will be offering our celebration events on 21st July. Details below.

## **Behaviour Management**

Positive and proactive behaviour and classroom management is also an important focus for us this year. We are keeping "the basics" top of mind in classrooms: active listening when the teacher is talking, following instructions, minimising distractions, and focusing on our work. We've also reinforced this message at our most recent assemblies.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of our students acting with respect (our school value) and being accountable for their words and actions.

## **Table Talk Topics**

This week's Table Talk prompts focus on the grown ups! Parents, whānau, and caregivers, you might like to take some time reflecting on the following questions:

- *Are you aware of what social media and chat groups (Whatsapp is currently very popular with students) your child is using?*
- *Have you checked what your child is saying and who they're associating with online?*
- *Does your whānau use parental controls or have 'family rules' around device use, and what might be the limitations of these?*

We've had some very surprised parents/caregivers recently when we've had to share what some of our tamariki have been getting up to online after school hours.

## **Some activity options in Auckland should you be keen to explore over the long weekend:**

[https://aucklandcouncil.uq.co.nz/mail/view/fy6bq3xrsmrnt07713hcr\\_5lmd0f\\_t8\\_8rc37s26rq2jknh7555xwvc\\_vk\\_j2gg68g\\_88b26zqm9qrlj49jskz](https://aucklandcouncil.uq.co.nz/mail/view/fy6bq3xrsmrnt07713hcr_5lmd0f_t8_8rc37s26rq2jknh7555xwvc_vk_j2gg68g_88b26zqm9qrlj49jskz)

## Term 2 School Policy Review

Part of the School Board's role includes reviewing school policies. We have a schedule of policies that you also have access to view and give feedback on. 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. Feedback must be submitted before the end of term. Policies for review in Term 2 are:

- *Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC)*
- *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](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!

- Isaac Holman, Cooper Jones, Minh-An Nguyen, Sophie Nguyen - 1
- Arthur De Farias Magalhaes, Januki Abeykoonge, Haider Alrufaie, Harper Mannix - 2
- Willa Marshall, Willa Sherriff, Kiko Vega, Shojith Nithesh Jothipragash - 3
- Aisea Fataua, Emmy Toala, Imaran Maharaj, Hinewaiata Heke-Martin - 4
- Karthik Menon, Darcy Warne, Caitlin Willis, Fletcher Moorehead - 5
- Phoenix Clark, Kyle Donnell, Phoebe Darragh, Cohen Aitken - 6
- Mannat Singh, Shierlyn Rumbaooa, Adhvikaa Balasubramanian, Blake Norton - 7
- Harry Green, Emily Lough - 8
- Dalia Rizk, Aidan Campbell, Isobel Jamieson-Wright, Issy Czurajewski Ortega - 9
- Mia Parslow, Joel Clark, Eddie Li, Skye Saynor - 10
- Alfie Beardsley, Hera Lyndon, Thinuka Rathnayaka, Flynn Robertson - 11
- Ariella Rawenata- Davies, Nathan Gan, Amaya Sunil, Alex Evans - 12
- Henry Wang, Braxton Meki-Vaiangina, Maisie Allison - 13
- Daya Saravana Selvan, Chase Ryan, Ben Moore, Avalon Paul - 14
- Alex Ho, Millie Sherson, Archer Snookes - 15
- Reanne Poutama, Napat Srikaeo, Stepan Liaskovskii, Emme Lewis - 16
- Aavya Sharma, Lilya Shearer, Shivam Raval, Omar Sulaiman Milhem - 17
- Tahu Thein, Ben McKibbin, Ruby Alder, Isabella Paves Hernandez - 18
- Indie Bently, Gus Perry-Brennan, Noah Foote - 19
- Harriet Beguely, Vicente De Castro Gomes, Olive Bowater, Olive Furjes - 20
- Cooper Gissing, Susanna Guo, Isla Worthy - 21
- Clementine Ede, Liam Fouhy, Dyaz Wells - 22
- Cohen Bark, Ida Ottaway, Lucy Abbot, Fynn Wardell - 23
- Grace Crampton, Ari Jameson, Alex Fereday, Leo Vincent - 24

★ **Hui o Matariki** ★

**Matariki e Ara e!**



**Matariki Hunga Nui**

  **COLA** 

 Two assemblies in the hall 

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**After morning tea, July 21st**

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★ **Visitors welcome!** ★

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# CHILDHOOD REWIRED: PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE



6-8PM, THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026  
RAYE FREEDMAN ARTS CENTRE,  
SILVER ROAD, NEWMARKET

Join us for an expert-led evening giving parents practical tools to navigate social media, online harm and raising children in a digital world.

We've brought together a group of experts covering the neurological, physical, emotional and relational impacts of growing up online - alongside practical strategies parents can actually use at home.

## HOSTED BY:

MATILDA GREEN – BROADCASTER,  
B416 SPOKESPERSON AND HOST  
OF THE ONE YOUNG MIND PODCAST

## SPEAKERS:

DR SAMANTHA MARSH – ONE OF NZ'S LEADING  
RESEARCHERS ON SCREENS AND YOUNG  
PEOPLE, SPEAKING ON THE DEVELOPING BRAIN  
AND WHY CHILDREN ARE UNIQUELY  
VULNERABLE ONLINE.

ROBERT KNIGHT – PHYSIO TO THE BREAKERS,  
SPEAKING ON THE PHYSICAL IMPACTS OF  
SCREEN-BASED CHILDHOODS.

## EXPERT PANEL:

KELLIE LAVENDER – EATING DISORDERS  
AND BODY IMAGE

RICHIE HARDCORE – BOYS, MASCULINITY  
AND ONLINE INFLUENCE

JO ROBERTSON – SEXUAL HARM & HOW TO  
APPROACH TRICKY TOPICS WITH YOUR KIDS



Parents will leave with practical tools, greater understanding and clear next steps they can use at home.

6-8PM, THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2026  
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# SPORTS UPDATE

## ZONE DAYS

### Squash Zone Day - Thu 14 May

Northcote Intermediate fielded 11 teams in the North Harbour Zone Day. Most had not played before. After a crash course in squash at the YMCA the day before, we descended on the North Harbour Squash Club where we acquitted ourselves very well. Special congratulations to our top girls' team of Sofie Gryniewicz Horgan, Charlotte Lynch, and Maddisyn Blackburn that won the Girls Title!

### Football Girls Year 7 Zone Day - Mon 18 May

With smaller interest in the Year 7 Zone Day, everyone that trialed for the team was selected. Our team was a mix of club and non-club players. The format was a 9-team round robin meaning eight games over the day, which led to some very tired players. The team ultimately finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

### Football Girls Year 8 Zone Day - Tue 19 May

Success for our Year 8 Girls Team that showed amazing determination to win this year's Zone Day. The day started slowly with a 0-0 draw against Orewa B, 0-2 loss to Murrays Bay A, and 1-0 wins over Kristin and Pinehurst. The team showed amazing grit which only improved as the day went on. We advanced to the quarter-finals against the much-fancied Belmont who were undefeated with 4 wins and a +12 goal aggregate to our +0. Ultimately, it did not matter as we repelled wave after wave of attacks, shut down their key goal scorer, and finished regulation time at 0-0. The match went to penalties where we took an early lead which we never relinquished. The team progressed into the Semis against Northcross where we mounted repetitive attacks at goal whilst repelling all attacks. Ultimately the match again went to penalties and the same scenario played out as we advanced to the final. In the final we had a rematch against Murrays Bay A who had beaten us in pool play. Again, neither team could score, again, we went to penalties, and again our team came through! The team have now qualified for the Auckland Championships on Wed 3 June.

### Rugby Boys Zone Day - Tue 27 May

This was the first time in three years that the Boys Rugby Zone Day had taken place, so we were all gracious of the fantastic weather. With the format changed to 10-a-side this year, we were able to field an U45kg and U60kg team with 5 reserves. On the day, 5 became 1 reserve between two teams as sickness and injuries claimed a number of players. With negligible reserves, a few of our heavier U45kg players found themselves playing part of every game for both teams. Both teams had some memorable games with the U45kg wins over Belmont and Birkdale being good enough to earn them 6<sup>th</sup> place. The U60kg team improved as the day progressed and their final game brought the best out of the team, coming from 3-tries down to score four unanswered tries and beat Whangaparora.



## AIMS GAMES UPDATES

Entries for AIMS Games individual sports have now closed. These individuals are being entered by the school this week. Below are some updates for the selection process for AIMS Games Teams:

**Basketball 3v3** - After discussions with our AIMS Coach & Teacher In Charge of Boys Basketball, only players in the Vanguards and one player who arrived this term will be considered.

**Football Boys** - Our AIMS Coach and Teacher In Charge of Boys Football has confirmed that the full Year 7 and Year 8 Zone Day Teams will trial for AIMS Positions with the addition of 1-2 players that will be contacted directly.

**Football Girls** - Our AIMS Coach and Teacher In Charge of Girls Football has confirmed that our Year 8 Auckland Champs Team and 1-3 members of the Year 7 Zone Day Team will be considered for AIMS Games Positions. The year 7 trialists will be contacted directly.

**Hockey Mixed** - Our AIMS Coach and Manager will be involved in selecting the teams. The process has not been confirmed yet, but it is likely that this will take place at a Sunday Practice when both of our teams train together.

**Netball Girls**- Our AIMS Coach will be attending games for 7/1 and 8/2 over the coming week, She will be talking to the team coaches and a small number of students will be invited to attend a training with 8/1 where the AIMS Coach and School Representative will select our AIMS Teams.

**Rippa Rugby** - We are still in the process of appointing our Rippa Coach so have not finalised the selection process yet.

## Jammies for June Donations

Is an initiative that collects brand-new pajamas for children staying at Middlemore Hospital over the winter months. Many of these tamariki arrive at the hospital with very little, and a warm pair of jammies can make a world of difference to their comfort and recovery.

If any staff, students, or whānau would like to donate, please note the following:

What: New flannelette or warm pajamas (sizes 0–16).

Condition: Must be brand new (for health and safety/hygiene reasons).

Drop-off Locations: You can drop donations directly to Room 1 here at school, or take them to the Barfoot & Thompson Northcote office.

For more information on the drive, you can check out the official website: [jammiesforjune.org.nz](http://jammiesforjune.org.nz)



# COMMUNITY NOTICES



OUT OF SCHOOL CARE

## Teachers Only day at Mi Casa Friday 29th May

Join us for a day of fun games, baking, movies and more!  
Enroll now for the Teachers Only Day, and you'll unlock a secret bonus:

The Reward: 5% Discount

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# Mi Casa July Holiday Programme

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**Monday 6th**

**Wearable Arts**

Get ready to turn "trash" into high-fashion treasure! Join us for a day of boundary-pushing creativity.



**Tuesday 7th**

**Ice Skating**

**Bus Trip \$72**

Lace up those skates and get ready to glide! We're heading out on an epic excursion to the ice rink for a day of frozen fun.

**Wednesday 8th**

**Movies**

**Bus Trip \$72**

Grab your popcorn and settle in! We're heading for the big screen for a day of cinemate adventure.

**Thursday 9th**

**VR & Gaming**

Step out of the real world and into the digital realm!



**Friday 10th**

**No Programme Today.**

Enjoy your long weekend.

**Monday 13th**

**Escape Room Challenge**

Think you have what it takes to beat the clock? We're transforming our space into a series of immersive puzzle rooms.

**Tuesday 14th**

**Zone Bowling & Laser Tag**

**Bus Trip \$72**

Lock and load for a day of high-octane action and friendly competition! We're boarding the bus and heading to Zone Bowling.

**Wednesday 15th**

**Building Bots**

**Onsite day**

OR

**Robot Rampage**

**Limited Space Van Trip \$95**

**Thursday 16th**

**Around the World**

We're going global! No passport? No problem. Today, we're transforming our center into a bustling international hub.

**Friday 17th**

**Fun with Food**

Roll up your sleeves and put on your chef's hat—it's time to get messy, creative, and delicious!

Northcote Int School, 145-147 Lake Rd

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- Building critical thinking and reading comprehension, including inference skills

### Teacher: Allie Rankine

Qualified & Registered New Zealand Teacher  
with over 30 years of experience.



*Please email to reserve a place or to inquire further.*

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