

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents, Whānau, and Caregivers

As we approach the end of Term 2, I'd like to acknowledge all the efforts that have been made during what has been another exciting term. As I write this, we have a large group of students at the annual sports camp, who have been winning many events and awards and being recognised for their attitude and efforts. Our Humanitarian Aid Leadership Group is in the final stages of preparation before their departure next week, which is another big group who carry out a range of unique, special and rewarding activities.



We've had so many academic, sports, cultural, and art activities so far - and Term 3 just gets busier! Thank you to everyone who has given time or support. There have also been many sick people recently, so please keep an eye on your and your family's health. There are also cases of Covid in our community, so watch for symptoms of that. Otherwise, as always, there's lots of useful information below. Mid-year reports will be sent out next week, which outline student achievement so far this year. Parent/Teacher conferences are not far away, so please make an appointment with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and how we can continue to work with you to prepare them for the future.

## Digital Awareness

As always, be aware of your child's online activities and pay particular attention to any platforms where they may be part of any chat groups - this is often where issues arise. WhatsApp, Facebook messenger, and Snapchat in particular.

## Parent/caregiver Survey

Thank you to those of you who have already completed our mid-year survey. If you have not yet done so, here is the link. The survey will close on Wednesday, 1st July. Your feedback helps us to build our culture of constant improvement.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G9SCZ3P>

## Mid-Year Parent/Teacher Interviews

In Week 1 of Term 3 we will be inviting all parents/caregivers to a mid-year interview with their child's classroom teacher. To avoid disruption to learning, we are going to be running these differently from the past, without the need to close the school early. On Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd, we will be running these from 3.30 through to 6.30/7.00pm.

You will be able to book your appointment via the following link or by scanning the QR code below.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/nt36a>

Bookings are now open, and will close 3pm Monday 20th July.



TERM 2, WEEK 10

## UPCOMING KEY DATES

22-26 June: Sports Camp

25 June: Whanau Connect for  
Māori & Pasifika Families

1-8 July: HALP Trip to Rarotonga

3 July: Last day of Term 2

20 July: First day of Term 3

21 July: NIS Matariki and first  
afternoon/evening of  
parent/teacher conferences

22 July: second  
afternoon/evening of parent-  
teacher conferences

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.

You will receive your child's mid-year report at the end of the term. We will also be sending out a full letter regarding this: giving some context to the changes that are happening within the curriculum, assessment, and reporting space and how these changes will impact on our students' achievement.

### **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. Northcote College's Open Day is on Saturday, 25th July. Westlake Girls' information evening is on 30th June. Westlake Boys' information evening is on 30th July.

### **Behaviour Management - positive reward initiative**

Our Head Students have launched a new initiative to promote good behaviour choices. Students displaying positive behaviours may be given a 'ticket' to put into a box for a weekly lucky draw. Our Head Students have prepared a letter to send out to local businesses to see if they would be willing to donate some small prizes or sponsorship. The Head Students are looking for things like:

- Food/drink vouchers (Subway, McD's, Starbucks, Gong Cha, etc)
- Chocolate bars or other treats
- Funky stationery items, drink bottles
- Fidget toys or other small 'knick-knacks'
- Anything prizeworthy for intermediate-aged students

If you have a good contact, or might be able to provide a small voucher or prize through your own company, please reach out to Miss Teague: [angelat@ni.school.nz](mailto:angelat@ni.school.nz)

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

As mentioned above, we will send out a letter with some important context about the changes happening in education. There was also a recent news article where experts warned of lower maths achievement as a result of the higher expectations. Our main messages as we head into mid-year reporting are:

- All our students have made progress and are learning
- The new curriculums are harder to achieve as they pull down learning from Years 9 and 10, and push other key learning down into primary school
- Our teachers are working incredibly hard to understand and implement all of the changes in a short period of time

### **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. This is the same day as the parent/teacher interviews. Classes may enjoy shared Kai in the morning, followed by a special assembly in the afternoon to mark the significance of Matariki. NIS will celebrate Matariki with a presentation of artwork or inquiry to be displayed around the outside of classrooms. The Matariki display can be a walking gallery for students and the parent community to enjoy before or after your parent/teacher interview.

### **Table Talk Topics**

We hope you enjoy our Table Talk Topics and that you are able to use them to have interesting and meaningful family conversations. They are great for the dinner table, in the car ride, on a walk, or for bedtime tuck-in.

- *What was the standout moment of your day and why?*
- *What challenged you today and what helped?*
- *Was there a moment or person you were grateful for today and why?*

## July Term Break Activities

Here are some suggestions for activities:

<https://ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/tags/event-only-seasonal-tags/school-holidays/>

<https://www.aucklandmuseum.com/visit/whats-on> - note the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, which is always well worth going to!

## 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



Congratulations to Grace Cartan and her team for placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Dolphin Combo at the recent NZ North Island Artistic Swimming Competition



” Was there a moment or person that you were grateful for today and why?

(showing gratitude)



” What was a challenge that you endured today and what helped?

(building resilience)



” What was the standout moment from your day and why?

(encouraging positive thinking)



# FIRST CERTIFICATE AWARD WINNERS

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

- Artin Soltani, Maeve Esling, Ruby Jorgensen, Jayden Wang - 1
- Scarlett Thurston, Aahana Pahade, Gus Iaseto, George Henwood - 2
- Sharanya Bose, Emilia Upton, Aberdeen Conolly, Xander Rogers - 3
- Hinewaiata Heke-Martin, Eddy Liu, Bax Anderson, Daniel Graham Sawmy - 4
- Indie Melville, Isla Copas, Jamie Phillips, Julian Zhu - 5
- Krishna Kumar, Theresa Wakelin, Luca Allely, Elliott Penn - 6
- Echo Jiarawattanawong, Ori He, Deanna Sirakovski - 13
- Fletcher Welton, Zoe Johnstone-Thomas, Yanna Junaid, Elisha Barboza - 14
- Jack Duckmanton, Sita Pongjak, Gus Mulqueeney, Dora Bonnington - 15
- Maia Bishop, Rafael Featherstone, Kaitlyn Player - 22
- Florence Thomas, Nykheilah Milford, Pari Khaire, Reuben Gray - 23
- Olivia Batey, Josaiah Iese, Jenna Johannes, Sofia McQueen - 24

## 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



**NORTHCOTE  
COLLEGE**

# OPEN DAY

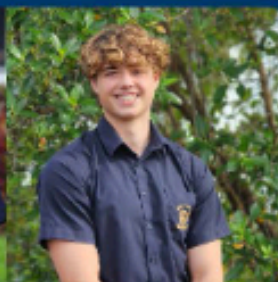
 **SAT 25 JUL**  **NOON-3PM**

 **1 KAURI GLEN RD, NORTHCOTE**

Join us at our 2026 OPEN DAY!

You'll learn why we're so proud of our school and how our students thrive - and why it's the right choice for you.

- Take a guided tour
- Check out our varied curriculum and excellent facilities
- Talk with our students and teachers about what life is like at Northcote College



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INFORMATION



**KIA MANAAKI TE TANGATA**

# Mi Casa July Holiday Programme

Your Child's Best Break Ever!

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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 cinematic 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!

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# SQUASH STARS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

*at North Shore Squash Club*

*Dates: 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> July*

[www.northshoresquash.co.nz](http://www.northshoresquash.co.nz)

## BMX WORLD CHAMPS SUPPORTERS T-SHIRT



Out of 4,000 riders worldwide, NIS student Mata Drollet LeCaill Hill is currently preparing to defend his World No. 1 title. He will be proudly wearing the New Zealand jersey and representing his country at the upcoming UCI BMX World Championships in Brisbane, Australia.

To support Mata on his journey to the World Championships, Mata has launched the "I've Got Your Back" supporter campaign, featuring a limited edition supporters' t-shirt.

Supporters can purchase the limited edition t-shirt through his Shopify platform here: [shop.bmxmata.com](https://shop.bmxmata.com)

You can also follow his progress and find more information on his social media platforms:

- Instagram: @bmxmata
- Facebook: bmxmata
- YouTube: bmxmata

Thank you for your time and for supporting one of New Zealand's top young athletes.



# NETBALL YEAR 7 & 8 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

SKILLS AND GAME PLAY SESSIONS RUN BY THE TAKAPUNA  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL PREMIER NETBALL TEAM



PLAY FUN  
AND  
COMPETITIVE  
NETBALL  
SKILLS GAMES

IMPROVE YOUR  
PASSING AND  
ACCURACY

MEET OTHER  
KEEN  
NETBALLERS

WORK ON  
CHANGE OF  
DIRECTION AND  
MOVEMENT

\$60 A DAY  
OR \$100 FOR  
2 DAYS



MONDAY 6 JULY 10AM - 3PM  
TUESDAY 7 JULY 10AM - 3PM  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

HELD IN THE TAKAPUNA GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS HALL  
LIMITED TO 30 STUDENTS A DAY

**MORE INFO & REGISTER HERE**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CLICK ON THE LINK ABOVE OR CONTACT  
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FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT THE TEAM AT TOURNAMENT WEEK 2026



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JITSU &  
self  
defence.  
Unlock your  
child's  
potential!



Bjj is  
a great  
tool for  
your kids  
to build  
physical and  
social skills  
while learning a bit of  
self defense.  
We aim to push physical  
awareness,  
mental resilience, confidence,  
discipline  
and respect.

TEENS 11-16YO:  
MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY 5:15 TO 6:15

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KIDS 5-10YO :  
WEDNESDAY 4:15PM TO 5PM  
THURSDAY 5:15PM TO 6PM  
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