

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents, Whānau, and Caregivers

Thank you to everyone who has given time or support so far this year. Term 3 at Intermediate is a time to consolidate learning. By now, students and teachers should know each other well and what we need to do to continue to improve our students' learning. The mid-year achievement data that was in the recent student reports is used to target learning levels and achievement. Your child's team leader will be sending out details around specific topics, however, some of the learning we have scheduled for Term 3 includes: Literacy: novel studies (and following on from a really successful book week, we know how popular reading is at school), speeches, debating and writing mastery. Maths should be covering fractions, algebra and measurement. In social studies we're learning about how good people make good leaders. Mental health is covering resilience and coping, and PE is focusing on athletics and cross-country.



We will also be starting a trial accelerated maths programme soon, and are confident that we can continue to support all levels of student learning and achievement. Of course, on top of this, we have a whole range of extracurricular activities, including AIMS games, Bandquest, and our school production of High School Musical. Exciting times ahead!

Mid-year reports/parent-teacher conferences

It was great to see many parents/caregivers/whānau at our recent parent-teacher conferences. Should you still have any queries around your child's learning at this point in time, please contact your child's classroom teacher, their team leader, or one of our leadership team. You should have a clear picture of where your child's learning is at so we can work together for their educational betterment between now and the end of the year.

Matariki

This term, we had the opportunity to celebrate Matariki by showcasing the talents of our tamariki through our Kapa Haka and Kaiurungi Rōpu. Our Kaiurungi leaders hosted a special whole school assembly where they shared their pepeha and personal experiences of how they observe Matariki with their whānau. The Kapa Haka performed with exceptional pride, showcasing a highly impressive repertoire of items. The school proudly contributed to the assembly with a beautiful Matariki waiata and a spirited kanikani. Classrooms were also adorned with a range of projects and artworks that students had created based on the Matariki theme and learning.

Uniform Issues

Some school hoodies have faulty name labelling, where letters are not sticking properly. Should your child's uniform be faulty, please return it to NZ Uniforms who will address the issue.

TERM 3, WEEK 2

UPCOMING KEY DATES

10 August - NIS Board Meeting

11 August - High School Musical
extra performance in NIS Hall

12 August - NZAIMS Specialist
Conference visits to NIS

12+13 August - High School
Musical performances at
Pumphouse

18 August - Bandquest

19 August - Rehu tai Regional
Speech Finals (at NIS)

20+21 August - Open Day Tours
(for 2027 enrolments)

24 August - MONDAY - TEACHER
ONLY DAY

2 September - 2027 Out of Zone
enrolment applications close

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.

Mid-year parent/community survey

Thank you to those of you who responded to our parent/community survey. We're really pleased with the feedback and it's comforting to know how much confidence our parents have in us. Our board will be discussing the full results at their next meeting.

NC Sports Exchange

As part of our build-up to AIMS, about 80 of our students headed to Northcote College last Friday for a sports exchange with their Year 9 Junior teams. We had the following teams participate: netball (Y7/Y8), volleyball (boys/girls), football (boys/girls), basketball (boys/girls), hockey (mixed) and tag (mixed). It was a challenging day for many of the teams, but we also managed a few wins. Thank you to the parents for coaching, managing and accompanying us. A big thank you to Northcote College for graciously hosting us.

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.

Secondary School Enrolments

For parents of Year 8 students, it is time to get serious about enrolling your child at 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. If you are looking at enrolling your child at a school outside of their zoned school you should pay particular attention to closing dates -out of zone enrolments generally close in the first week of September and schools do not give extensions to these closing dates.

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

Table Talk Topics

This round of Table Talk Topics are great ones to get the grown ups thinking as much as the children! Sharing your own answers to the questions is one way to strengthen your relationship, build trust and understanding, and be a role model for your child.

- How is your 'mental battery' and what things do you like to do to recharge?
- Is there anyone or anything in your life that you are supporting? If so, what does that look like and how is it making you feel?
- How can you support others while also maintaining your own wellbeing?

Term 3 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 3 are:

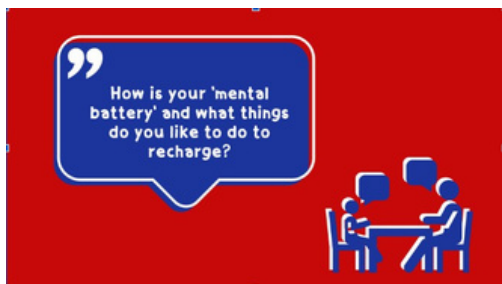
- School community engagement policy (Board review)
- Inclusive school culture (Board review)
- Enrolment
- Student attendance (Board review)
- Student uniform, student dress expectations
- Concerns and complaints policy

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!

- Chevy Edmonds Black, Sophie Harris, Aria Vine, Juno Hill - 1
- Abdelfattah Al Ibrahim, Bailey Till, Amirali Nabati, Coen Fischer - 2
- Luigi Shannon, Arlo Vendetti, Jacobi Sinclair, Rafael Raymundo - 3
- Harper Mullany, Zoe Stephens, Thalya Vitória De Oliveira Rehder, Habiba Dhool Hassan Haji - 4
- Stella Cooke, Marianna Kamperi, Levi McPherson, Grisha Sakpal - 5
- Johnny Jones, Jeremy Noonan, Amanda Gacitua, Ava Parkinson - 6
- Zac Perham, Maisie Allison - 13
- Macy Bluett, Amalia Fitzgerald, Lance Auwdinata, Ella Matthews - 14
- Yuji Shah, Fateeha Ayaz, Maks Gray, Zoe Lyons - 15
- Sophia Weinstein, Kaitlyn Player - 22
- Ava Ramsey, Aaron Pajares - 24

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WESTLAKE **MUSIC**

2026

GALA WEEK

OUR FINEST SHOWCASES OF THE YEAR!



CHORAL

04 August | 7:30 PM

*Westlake Girls High School
Events Centre*



TICKETS

*Double concert passes available
online only via WGHS website*



INSTRUMENTAL

07 August | 7:00 PM

*Westlake Boys High School
Auditorium*



MAKE A change take a survey

FOR 11-24 YEARS

FOR OUR COMMUNITY.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Scan Here! 

• Your ideas



• Your community 

• Your future



• Your choice



 **YOUR VOICE. OUR KAIPATIKI. OUR FUTURE.**



TAKES LESS THAN
3 MINUTES



ANONYMOUS



YOUR VOICE
MATTERS

GET READY FOR A FUN

Girls Time

Girls Aged 8-14
Friendships Workshop

Wednesday 19th August
3:30pm and 6pm
Birkenhead

In this workshop, we'll strengthen self-esteem, explore participants unique qualities and learn how their actions can create a positive vibe around them.

Next, we'll dive into friendship magic! What qualities do they want in a friend? How can they be the kind of friend who makes a difference? We'll break down the good and not-so-good behaviours and learn how to stay true to ourselves while lifting others up!

Through empowering and engaging activities, they will boost their confidence and learn to handle those tricky friendship situations like a pro! By the end, they will feel empowered to influence their environment and their friendships in a way that reflects their values.

Led by Racheal Wallis, a dynamic, registered social worker with years of experience working with youth in NZ, London and Los Angeles - this is an experience you don't want to miss! Let's build friendships that last and self-esteem that shines!

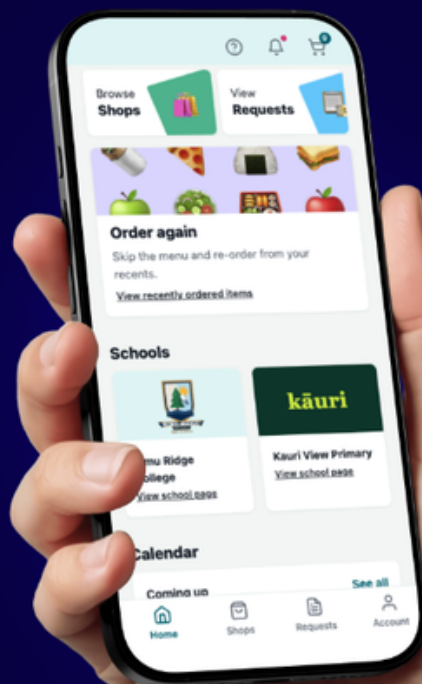
Book online: www.strongerwithin.org



A new look is coming

kindo.

See & sort school
admin in seconds



Arriving in August



23 July 2026

Dear Parents/ Caregivers,

If you missed our successful Open Evening, we'd love to welcome you to Birkenhead College.

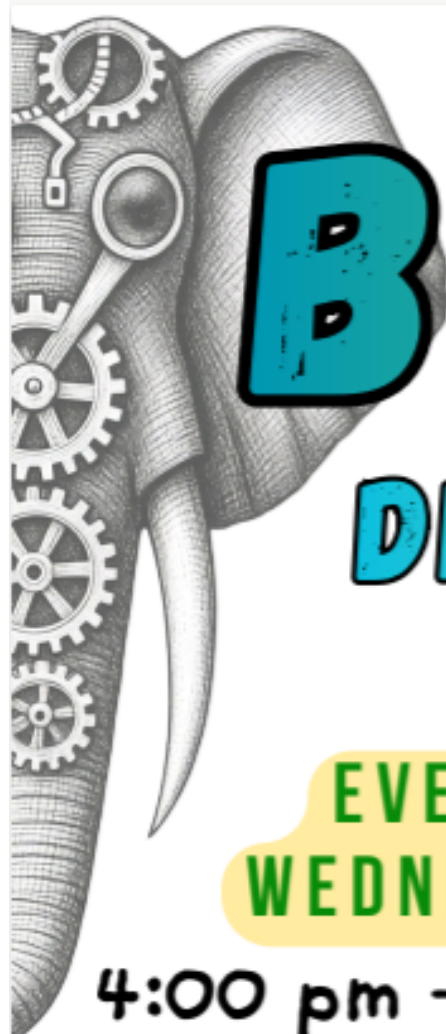
Families are invited to book a 30-minute visit this term to meet the principal, tour the school, and have any questions answered. Appointments are available at the following times:

Tuesday, 4 Aug.	Friday, 7 Aug..	Monday, 10 Aug.	Wednesday, 12 Aug.
9.45am	9.45am	9.45am	9.30am
10.15am	10.15am	10.15am	10.15am
12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm	12.15pm
12.45pm	12.45pm	12.45pm	12.45pm
3.30pm	3.30pm	3.30pm	3.30pm
4pm	4pm	4pm	4pm

Places on each tour are limited, so we encourage you to book early by completing the form [here](#) , calling 09 483 9039 or emailing office@birkenhead.school.nz . Enrolments for 2027 are now open—complete our online enrolment form [here](#) and we'll contact you to arrange an enrolment interview.

We look forward to welcoming you to Birkenhead College.
Kind regards

Craig Waller
Principal



BOYS



term 3

ages 10 to 14

DRAWING CLASS

"Mechanical Creatures"

**EVERY
WEDNESDAY**

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

8 weeks - Starts July 29th

BIRKENHEAD



\$165
term



Piano, Guitar, Drums & Flute Lessons



RIGHT AT SCHOOL !

Why not give it a go this term?

Give your child the opportunity to develop valuable strengths through music education that support success both in and out of the classroom.

All with zero extra travel for families

Scan the QR code to enrol



**0800 89 39 39
Or call us!**

Learning music supports all areas of learning through **developing**



**Confidence
& Creativity**



**Concentration
& Memory**



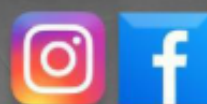
**Discipline
& Focus**



**and so much
more!**

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**Kids
JIU
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**

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

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