

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents, Whānau, and Caregivers

Our recent Year 6 parent information evening saw a packed hall full of parents keen to learn about NIS. We have our open days next week which are always a nice time to meet next year's students and families and help them to feel confident about their transition to intermediate school.



We are also getting to that time where we are seeing some events that involve many students coming to an end, which includes our Netball season, Basketball Season 1 and this year's school production of High School Musical. We have so many students, staff and parents involved in facilitating opportunities for students to find their passions. I will do one special shout-out this week to the cast and crew of High School Musical who have been working away since the start of the year - and absolutely nailed their performances this week. What an outstanding production! So much talent and hard work. All who were involved can be really proud of their achievements and a special thank you to Mrs Allen and Mrs Day-Jones. There will be a performing arts evening in Term 4 where many more students can be involved.

Thank you and congratulations to everyone who has been supporting our students, and there are still many opportunities to be involved in extracurricular activities.

Thanks again to those who participated in our mid-year survey - great to know we have your confidence. A special mention to those who wrote comments - whether it was notes of thanks or suggestions for improvement - our board and senior leadership team have read through all of the comments and will be taking your feedback into account as we move ahead. There were some comments that referred to scenarios that can easily be solved - please do not hesitate to contact either me, one of our Deputy Principals, or your child's Team Leader so we can resolve any issues promptly.

Attendance

We regularly track our attendance data, and each term we receive a formal summary from The Ministry of Education for the previous term. We've had some very positive attendance data from Term 2, which shows that our regular attendance (students absent fewer than five days across a term) has improved by 7% compared to Term 2, 2025. There are many variables involved in attendance, however it is pleasing to see an increase in a statistic that is very important in determining long-term success.

We're now aiming for the same improvements in Term 3, because every day at school matters. Parents can view the STAR framework used by schools and the Ministry of Education to understand what constitutes good attendance and what steps are taken when attendance is concerning. [Star Attendance Framework](#)

TERM 3, WEEK 4

UPCOMING KEY DATES

19 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

28 August - AIMS Bake Sale -
Lunchtime

2 September - 2027 Out of Zone
enrolment applications close

4 September - AIMS Bake Sale -
Lunchtime

15 September - Te Āhureka O Te
Reo
An evening of kapa haka, kai and
kōrero to celebrate Te Wiki o Te
Reo Māori

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.

Bandquest - Come along and support our NIS bands

Rockshop Bandquest is upon us. There are twenty competition nights over Aotearoa and our NIS spot is next Wednesday Night, 6:30pm at the Bruce Mason Centre. Please note, if you are coming to support friends and family in bands - and buying tickets through TICKETMASTER - make sure you do not click on the "North Shore" event the day before. This year we are part of "Greater Auckland" - August 19 - Wednesday. There are usually door sales on the night as well and the venue generally does not fill up - if you decide to come at the last minute. We are grateful for all the whānau support, for our hard working band coaches Travis Dearden, Paul Barry, Bronwyn Babbage, Tom Mitchener and all our instrument tutors for helping to get our tamariki to this point.

Te Āhureka O Te Reo

An evening of kapa haka, kai and kōrero to celebrate Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori - Tuesday - September 15, starting at 6pm.

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 are particular platforms to be mindful of. On an adjacent note, our board is in the final stages of our latest iteration of our school policy for Artificial Intelligence, which is something we need to use safely, productively and creatively.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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MONDAY 28TH LET THE GAMES BEGIN! 	TUESDAY 29TH MOVIES BUS TRIP \$72 	WEDNESDAY 30TH MAD SCIENTIST 	THURSDAY 1ST MOTAT BUS TRIP \$72 	FRIDAY 2ND FRIDAY FIESTA! 
MONDAY 5TH DRAW YOUR OWN UNIVERSE! 	TUESDAY 6TH AUCKLAND ZOO BUS TRIP \$72 	WEDNESDAY 7TH CREATIVE CREATIONS ONSITE DAY OR RAINBOWS END BUS TRIP \$95 	THURSDAY 8TH WONDER WORLD BUS TRIP \$72 	FRIDAY 9TH NINJA WARRIOR 

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