

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents, Whānau, and Caregivers

Some of our recent highlights include:

AIMs Games

This week is huge for our competitors who have travelled to the annual AIMS Games in Tauranga. It is the biggest sporting event in the Southern Hemisphere, with over 14,500 participants from 467 schools. I've been fortunate enough to have spent the last couple of days seeing our teams in action - this is the result of months of planning, preparation and commitment. The spirit that our players have been displaying has been outstanding, and really in keeping with the tournament's theme of 'good vibes only', simple and effective. It certainly feels positive throughout the region and the feedback I get from parents, grandparents, and supporters on the sidelines is great, it's lovely to have these chats. When all is completed there will be a full summary of results, however we have certainly been performing extremely well.

One sport that has been finalised is the 3 v 3 Basketball that ran over the weekend. Our boys were outstanding - coming second overall, which is a fantastic result! Congratulations to Deacon Everett, Elliot Farquhar, Jaxon Lotulelei, Juancho Sabal and a massive thanks to their coach Mrs Claire McCurran and manager Claire Everett.

Te Ara Awataha - Final Stage Completion

We're delighted to let you know that the town centre section of Te Ara Awataha greenway is expected to open to the public from mid-morning this Friday, 11 September.

Over the last six months, the following improvements have taken place and it looks great:

- Resurfaced the Awataha Stream
- Removed more than 400 truckloads of material
- Relocated six pōhutukawa, with the largest weighing 15 tonnes
- Created new footpaths and viewing areas
- Improved access to Northcote Intermediate School
- Planted more than 5,000 native plants, with support from Northcote Intermediate students

We have been part of a number of developments in the Northcote area - which adds authenticity and connection to our learning and believe in contextualised, real-world learning experiences where we can weave them into our programmes. We're really proud to be a part of the regeneration and development of our community.



UPCOMING KEY DATES

5-11 September - AIMS Games

14 September - Full School Board Meeting

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

25 September - Last Day of Term 3

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.

Speeches - Rehu Tai Festival of Oral Language, Auckland Championships

Congratulations to Bethany Lewis who performed in the traditional speech category and Ruby Marks who performed in the rap section of the Auckland Rehu Tai Speech Championships last Thursday. They were both outstanding performers and represented the North Shore with pride. A massive amount of time and effort goes into crafting and delivering speeches, particularly at the representative level. Congratulations to all students who participated in either class, team, school or regional speech competitions this year. We believe it's an important set of skills to foster and will continue to do so.

Network Upgrade

This week our school is having a complete network upgrade. We have been waiting for hardware for this to happen and are pleased that it is now well underway. This involves the replacement of all wifi switches and servers throughout our school, and will provide a stronger, more stable and safer network. Network For Learning (N4L) have facilitated this project and have been great to work with. There will be wifi outages while we go through this process.

Coming to School in Bare Feet

We are having enough students coming to school in bare feet that it's worth mentioning. Although some teachers may permit students to play outside on fine days in bare feet, it is not OK for students to expect to spend whole school days in bare feet. They cannot go into our tech rooms (science, food tech, construction and art absolutely require shoes) and we're not setting them up for success at college. We challenge those who we see arriving at school in bare feet and we can provide support for anyone who needs help getting shoes. Please check your child is not leaving or arriving home in bare feet. Thanks

Parents Who Drop off or Pick up their Children

Please be ULTRA careful and sensible if you pick up or drop off your child to school. If there are buses in the bay you should not try to turn into it. Do not drop your child off in the mouth of the turning bay - we do our best to police this but there are still some drivers who are oblivious to common sense and safety. We have had police supporting us with this and will continue to do so when available. The safest place to pick up from is the Woolworths carpark next door.

Chewing Gum

Just a reminder - no chewing or bubble gum at school. Please support this.

Daffodil Day

We smashed our fundraising goal of \$500! Thank you to everyone who supported either on our official fundraising page, where we raised \$450, or those who contributed via the class buckets that collected another \$416. Daffodil Day is a fundraiser close to many of our hearts, and it was wonderful to be able to raise just short of \$900 for such a good cause!

Hats for Term 4

With Term 4 approaching it's a timely reminder to dig your child's school hat out and have it ready. We actually have a large number of students who wear their hats all year round, which is good to see. Reminder - either a school cap or school bucket hat, or a plain blue or black cap or bucket.

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. All welcome.

Digital Awareness

We continue to face challenges with students and group chats. 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.

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!

- Blake Johnson, Sophie Nguyen, Yumi Salgado - 1
- Harper Mannix, Peter Ng Lam-Tronson, Scarlett Holani, Shem Klaassen - 2
- Benji Kemp, Coco Maddams, Te Waere Hohaia-Mana - 3
- Annabelle Edwards, Caleb Wilmot, Hadleigh Tucker, Ivy Dakin, Sam Fujisato Moore - 4
- Caitlin Willis, Darcy Warne, Eden Scott, Sammy Ridgway - 5
- Anton Clough, Indiriya Aung, Nathan Corgnet, Zoyi Nicholson - 6
- Bethany Lewis, Henry Wang - 13
- Hazel Nikora, Layla Gerrard, Lucy O'Regan, Yibei Lu - 14
- Avani Maharaj, Emma Holten, Mason Saward, Tristan Sentillas - 15
- Matty Woodward, Mia Perez, Ruby Marks, Seth Tukuniu - 22
- Benjamin Lam, Fia Butchart, Florence Thomas, Maraea Sword, Reuben Gray - 23
- Ari Jameson, Ava-Lee Sulus, i Jackson Faauga-Marsters, Leonardo Pala - 24

COMMUNITY NOTICES



The town centre section of Northcote's 1.5km greenway is now complete, connecting people, nature, and neighbourhoods and providing improved stormwater management.

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Another milestone in the transformation of Northcote Town Centre completed.



What's next?

The upgrade of Puāwai Cadness Reserve will complete the greenway by late 2027, delivering new green space, play areas and places for the community to connect.

Artist's impression – new pavilion in upgraded Puāwai Cadness Reserve



audo.co.nz/northcote

Kindo has a fresh new look.

The updated experience is now rolling out, making school admin even easier to manage.

Watch what's new (2 mins)

👉 <https://bit.ly/4fWYaMc>

Our new look is here!



kindo.

See and sort school admin in seconds.

Rolling Out Now

MiCasa OCTOBER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

FUN! FRIENDS! ADVENTURE! MEMORIES!

YOUR CHILD'S BEST BREAK EVER!

SCAN ME TO BOOK!

MONDAY 28TH	TUESDAY 29TH	WEDNESDAY 30TH	THURSDAY 1ST	FRIDAY 2ND
LET THE GAMES BEGIN!	MOVIES BUS TRIP \$72	MAD SCIENTIST	MOTAT BUS TRIP \$72	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

SPACES FILL FAST! **AWESOME ACTIVITIES!** **MAKE NEW FRIENDS!** **FUN EVERY DAY!** **MEMORIES THAT LAST!**

WINZ Subsidies available

145-147 Lake RD Northcote | WWW.MICASAASC.CO.NZ | 022 084 1801 | Micasa@kidznetic.co.nz



ETHOS ACADEMY OF SPORT

3-Day Sports Camp

AGES 8-13

Ethos is a three-day holiday camp that develops character, confidence, leadership and life skills through sport.

 **OCTOBER 5-7, 2026**

 **08:15 AM – 4:30 PM**

 **Birkenhead College,
Main Gymnasium**

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

- Daily House Competition
- Movement Activities
- Challenges
- Team Building
- Multiple Sports

WHY JOIN US?

- Build Confidence
- Make New Friends
- Active Learning

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or \$75 a day

Limited Spots Available
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combo

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NORTHCOTE SOFTBALL CLUB

open day

20th September 10am-12pm

Give Softball a go!

All ages and skill levels, new and returning players all are welcome.

Where: Diamond 10, beside the the main clubhouse Rosedale park.

Jack Hinton drive via Rosedale road.

What: Fun games and skill sessions.

2026/27 Season registration on the day

Uniform handed out after registration.

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/northcotesoftball>