

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Kia ora Parents, Whānau, and Caregivers

Welcome to Term 4. Term 4 will go **very** quickly and we have lots happening.

Some of our recent highlights include:

A number of NIS elite cheerleaders had incredible results at the Australasian Majors Cheer Competition. Sofia Butchart and Jada Rudolph won 1st place for their Level 3 & 4 teams Spirit and Stormz; Emilia Upton and Lila Wickenden won 2nd place for their Level 2 team Angelz; Dahlia Firmston, Emilia Upton, Amber Miller, and Lucy Abbot won 1st place for their Level 1 team Snowflakes. These are the students you'll often see tumbling around the school field at lunchtimes. Very talented girls.

Georgia Smith qualified and represented Harbour at the 2026 XP Gymnastics Nationals in Tauranga over the recent school holidays. She was the Step 6 Vault Champion, bringing home a gold medal, and her team also won silver, so some fantastic results for Harbour on a national scale!

Our "Vicente and the Unihorns" band made it into the National Finals of Rockshop Bandquest back in August. Vicente De Castro Gomes - lead vocalist, last week was awarded a prize. Vicente won the "Rockstar Styles" award - which is an award for overall skill, stage presence, and performance - in other words - he brought the vibe! The judges gave him an unofficial 11/10 for his rapping at our performance night, and he has been rewarded for his incredible dedication and hardwork.

Overseas Trips 2027

We like to give parents and students as much notice as possible for our overseas trips so they can budget accordingly. They are expensive and serious students should start their fundraising as soon as possible. At this stage, we are planning to offer our Humanitarian Aid Leadership Programme (HALP) trip to Rarotonga at the end of June, our Business, Innovation, Technology and Science (BITES) trip to San Francisco, Silicon Valley and Houston in October, and China in late April through our partners at Confucius Foundation/University of Auckland.

There will be an information evening on Wednesday 11 November at 6.00pm for anyone interested in learning more about these trips. We will be asking for commitment before the end of this term, so we can finalise numbers and travel arrangements and all trips have minimum numbers to make them work. There are also opportunities for parents/caregivers to go on these trips.



UPCOMING KEY DATES

26 October - Labour Day Public Holiday

27 October - Year 7 Athletics Day

29 October - NIS Colour Run

30 October - Year 8 Athletics Day

2 November - School Board Meeting (6pm)

6 November - Gumboot Friday

11 November - Overseas Trips 2027 Parent/Student Information evening (6 pm)

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.

Te Ara Awataha - Final Stage Completion

We're delighted to let you know that the town centre section of Te Ara Awataha greenway is now open to the public. 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. We believe in contextualised, real-world learning experiences and where we can, we weave them into our programmes. We're really proud to be a part of the regeneration and development of our wonderful community.

Hats for Term 4

Reminder - hats are compulsory outside during Terms 1 and 4. We have a large number of students who wear their hats all year round, which is good to see. Reminder - students need either a school cap or school bucket hat, or a plain blue or black cap or bucket hat. There are still a few students with the batch of really faded hats that can be swapped for a replacement new one at student services. Please support us to keep your child sun-safe.

Hackathon - Sprint Problem Solving Event

We have planned a 'Hackathon' that we will be facilitating at the University of Auckland's Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on 27 November. Students involved will be looking at ways to make a better, safer, healthier social media space. We'll be working through applications and selection over the next couple of weeks. This is the first time, to our knowledge, an event such as this has been offered to Intermediate School students, and we're excited about the learning it offers. Having our young people involved in designing solutions to challenges our society faces is important, and we're proud of the broad range of opportunities for our students.

Digital Awareness

We continue to face challenges with students and group chats. We strongly encourage parents and whānau to regularly check in and monitor their children's digital use. On an adjacent note, our School Board is in the final stages of our latest iteration of our Artificial Intelligence Policy. AI is something we need to navigate safely, productively, and creatively.

Secondary School Enrolments

For parents of Year 8 students, you should have now enrolled your child at their secondary school. If you have not yet done so, please prioritise this so the school can plan accordingly. This is the same for Intermediate and Primary schools too. The go-to place for enrolment information is each school's website.

Table Talk Topics

We can support children's mental health and foster healthy relationships by regularly talking with our children about their thoughts, feelings, and experiences. As we've mentioned before in this section, checking in with them when there are fewer distractions such as during car rides, family dinners, or at bedtime often works best. We encourage you to share some of your thoughts and feelings to build trust with your children and be a role model for being proactive about nurturing your mental health and wellbeing.

- What made you smile today?
- What made you feel tired today?
- Who makes you feel safe and how do they do that?

Term 4 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 4 are:

- Learning Support
- Māori Educational Achievement
- Curriculum and Student Achievement (Board Review)
- Reporting about Student Progress and Achievement (Board Review)
- Health Curriculum (Board Review)
- Privacy Policy (Board Review)

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!

- Yumi Salgado, Tom Koyfman, Aria Vine, Nadhira Permana - 1
- Zeit Sario, Lila Wickenden, Mila Mudford, Zoe Hohaia - 3
- Emmy Toala, Aisea Fataua, Zoe Stephens, Sienna Rogers-Wu - 4
- Lotti Tomkinson, Bella Bradley-Warrilow, Israel Ndenge, William Gilbert-Smith - 5
- Torin Tyler, Krishna Kumar, Amber Borden, Clara Bailey - 6
- Lilah Bell, Carter Gallagher, Jaehee Kim, Kerry Guo - 7
- Arav Deo, Max Copeland, Harry Green, Emily Lough - 8
- Luna Van Der Vlist, William Piggott, Mikayla Healey, Daniel Johnson - 9
- Georgia Smith, TJ Nasilasila, Sadie Carey, Axel Barnett - 10
- Ben Butler, Charlie Webber, Michael Strudwick, Mason Levi-Rees - 11
- Kean Madriaga, Nuala Dallas, Jaxon Grant - 12
- Oscar Tyler, Henry Wellbrock, Elisha Barboza, Charlie-Jane Nociar - 14
- Luthira Thalapatpiti, Fateeha Ayaz, Zoe Lyons, Jacque Djangozova - 15
- Fili Mataafa, AJ Brebner, Arabella Luff - 16
- Ford Edmonds, Jensen Birss, Kayden Powell, Sam Mather - 17
- Marshall Van Den Berg, Max Ferguson, Brynn Brown, Florence Iles - 18
- August Henderson, Charlotte Vaughan - 19
- Daniel Duong, Addison Tanginoa, Phoebe Barr, Charlotte Lynch - 20
- Irene Vaka-Nau, Evan Highet - 21
- Arya Hardeman, Emilia Abidova, William Marshall, Flynn Kelly - 22
- William Zhao, Emilia Robinson-Botting, Olivia Batey, Leo Vincent - 24

COMMUNITY NOTICES



WESTLAKE
BOYS HIGH SCHOOL

INTERMEDIATE RACKET SPORTS DAY

PLAY • COMPETE • CONNECT

An annual event for North Shore pupils in years 7 & 8, especially prospective WBHS pupils, to play, compete and connect.



BADMINTON



SQUASH



TABLE TENNIS



TENNIS



SATURDAY

OCTOBER 31ST, 2026

\$10
PER PUPIL



10–11.30AM

TABLE TENNIS, TENNIS & BADMINTON

All players to meet in the Top Gym at Westlake Boys High School at 9.50am.



12–1PM

SQUASH

Meet at North Shore Squash Club at 11.50am.



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ENTRY FORMS WITH SCHOOLS.

ENTRIES/QUERIES TO DIRECTOR OF RACKET SPORTS,
GARETH O'BRIEN, AT gob@westlake.school.nz

AFTER SCHOOL CLIMBING PROGRAMME
BIRKENHEAD POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE
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PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

SOCIAL CLIMBING

TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY

4:00PM – 5:30PM

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\$10 PER WEEK + ENTRY

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

MONDAY 4:00PM – 5:30PM

TUESDAY 5:30PM – 7:00PM

AGES 8–18 YEARS

\$15 PER WEEK + ENTRY

SQUAD CLIMBING

MONDAY 5:30PM – 7:00PM

AGES 10–18 YEARS

\$20 PER WEEK + ENTRY

THESE PROGRAMMES RUN THROUGH THE SCHOOL TERM AND CATER FOR A RANGE OF ABILITIES, FROM BEGINNERS LEARNING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF CLIMBING THROUGH TO EXPERIENCED CLIMBERS LOOKING TO FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND TECHNIQUE.

TERM 4 IS HERE!

*Let's Finish the Year
on a High Note!*

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