MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Kia ora Parents, Whānau, and Caregivers

With less than a month to go until we wrap up for the year, we've been keeping our students busy and focused, and there are still so many learning opportunities happening. We've been sharing in assemblies the importance of keeping up standards and maintaining high expectations of yourselves and others, and preparing students for their next steps. For those of you with children in Year 7, we will be sending our 2028 information soon so you can be prepared for next year. For those who have a child in Year 8, there has been a lot of work put in behind the scenes to help with their transition to college. Below are some updates and highlights.

Transitions To and From NIS

Enrolment and transition season continues on. This week we've had staff from Northcote College in to gather data and information about our Year 8 students heading into Year 9. Mr Cooper and Miss Davidson have been visiting Year 6 teachers at our feeder primary schools to do the same for our incoming Year 7s.

If you have not yet enrolled your child at a high school, please do so ASAP. Schools need time to plan, and late enrolments may not get their first choice of subject selections.

Mental Health and Wellness

Along with the "busy-ness" of Term 4 transitions comes anxiety for some of our tamariki as they get closer to the shift from intermediate to high school. Some students will also feel excited about the new opportunities ahead, and others might be feeling overwhelmed, sad, or nervous. We encourage you to keep lines of communication open with your child.

Validate their feelings before reassuring them. When your child voices a worry, resist the urge to immediately say, "You'll be fine!" Instead, acknowledge the feeling, for example, by saying, "It makes complete sense that you feel nervous about a bigger school," before reminding them of the positives that await them.

Manage your own anxiety. Tweens and teens closely mirror the emotional state of the grown-ups around them. Project calm confidence in your child's ability to handle the change, even if you feel nervous for them.

Keep home a low-pressure zone. Hold back from bombarding them with questions or plans the moment they walk through the door. Give them time to decompress, and save casual check-ins for relaxed moments like driving in the car or going for a walk.

UPCOMING KEY DATES

17-19 November - EPro8 Tournament

19 November - Kapa Haka Festival

26 November - Pasifika Connect Showcase

30 November - School Board Meeting (6pm)

1 December - Music Showcase

3 December - Year 8 Market Day

8 December - Sports and Academic Prizegivings, Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea

14 December - Year 8 Graduation & Dance

16 December - Last Day (half day)

OUR FULL LIVE CALENDAR IS AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR WEBSITE LINK ON THE HOMEPAGE
HTTPS://NORTHCOTEINT.SCHOOL.NZ/

FOR UP-TO-DATE PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL, CHECK OUR FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM PAGES.

Maintain healthy habits. Encourage them to stick to consistent sleep routines, including time away from screens before bedtime. Keep an eye on their nutrition, hydration, and body movement / activity.

If you need extra support, or you're worried about your child, please reach out to either their classroom teacher, team leader, a deputy principal, or one of our school counsellors.

Overseas Trips 2027
Just a reminder that parent permission forms for the overseas trips are due in tomorrow, Friday 20th November. With deposits paid by 1 December. Please contact me, or Miss Teague on angelat@ni.school.nz if you have any questions. All trips have minimum numbers to make them work and we will know this very soon. There are also opportunities for parents/caregivers to go on these trips as helpers - email philm@ni.school.nz if you want more information about being an adult helper.

Term 4 End of Year Reports
We are again entering 'report season', and our teachers are busy analysing assessment data and student work, writing report comments, and measuring students' progress and achievement. We have made some behind-the-scenes tweaks to this round of reports after mid-year ones. We've taken on some feedback and further refined our processes. For the most part, reports will look the same as they did mid-year and for most students, you will be able to see the progress they have made in their learning.

As we did earlier in the year, we are taking a careful approach towards our end of year reports. Through significant amounts of professional learning, we've grown in confidence and further developed our understanding of the new curriculum and the progressions of learning within it. This may mean some Term 4 reports reflect a bit more or a bit less progress than expected as we make more confident teacher judgements about students' overall academic achievement against the new curriculum expectations.

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. WhatsApp groups are now our biggest specific area of concern. You should be well aware of what groups your child may be in, who else is in these groups, and the nature of the content they are sharing. Parent and caregiver advice and guidance can be found at Netsafe: https://netsafe.org.nz/

Lost Property - Clothing, Phones, and Watches!
We have lots of lost property at the moment. If your child is missing an item of clothing, a drink bottle, or a lunch box, please encourage them to look in the lost property by Student Services.

We also have a small number of phones and watches - some that have been sitting in the office for a year or more! If you think one could belong to your child, please give the admin team a call on 481 1400 with a description.

Donating Uniforms / Hats
At the end of the year there will be an opportunity for any students who are leaving us to donate any reusable uniform items. Hats and shirts are the most needed items.

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. We encourage you to share some of your thoughts and feelings in return and be a role model for being proactive about nurturing your mental health and wellbeing.

- How did you show care for another person recently?
- How have others shown care for you?
- What and 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!

- Francesca McClung, George Henwood, Immanuel Harris Tupou Palu, Issachar Palmer-Cook, Lehan Huang, Lia Ellis, Reuben Haworth, Scarlett Thurston - 2
- Hazel Trotter, Lucas Van Der Merwe, Mali Collier, Ollie Kemp - 3
- Ivy Dakin, Peyton Buck, Sam Fujisato Moore - 4
- Georgia McIntosh, Julian Zhu, Ollie Verry, Stella Cooke - 5
- Eason Liu, Luca Allely, Phoebe Darragh, Phoenix Clark - 6
- Advaith Abhilash, Finn Sisley, Nhea Santhosh, Ryder Seymour- 7
- Aidan Rogers, Lihley-Anne Mana-Hohaia, Theo Allen, Thomas Sheldon - 8
- Angus MacNeil, Jada Rudolph, Katie Wallator, Tavita Manley - 9
- Aryan Saxena, Kevin Chen, Michael Puliuvea, Zoe Hawken - 10
- Hannah Tobin, Hera Lyndon, Jaxon Lotulelei - 11
- Amaya Sunil, Jasper Fyffe - 12
- Chase Ryan, Fletcher Welton, Jack Vincent, Lucy O'Regan - 14
- Archer Snookes, Millie Sherson, Sadie Lindsay, Sienna French - 15
- Arabella Luff, Joel Honore, Pippa Nightingale, Shelby Underdown - 16
- Margaux Cruz, Umair Khan, Von Drake Singson, Zoe Bubb - 17
- Bea Tennant, Lucas Lundmark, Marshall Van Den Berg, Sophia Baatjes-Walker - 18
- Alyana Hoeta, Leily Ganji - 19
- Harriet Beguely, Joeziah Kauhega-Pilosi - 20
- Holly Maxwell, Owen Alvarez - 21
- Bernadette Potgieter, Clementine Ede, Logan Smith, Teddy Lloyd - 22
- Lachlan Collins, Patrick Hallam, Reeva Hinchliffe, Trident Tawhara, Viktor Ivanov - 23
- Ava Ramsey, Isla Cromarty, Korah De Souza, Scarlett Warr - 24

SPORTS NOTICES

Six Students Qualify For Athletics Auckland Champs

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified for the Athletics Auckland Champs by finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd at the recent North Harbour Zone Day:

- Meleane Taukolo - Year 8 Girls 100m
- Bella Malu - Year 8 Girls Shot Put
- Taylor Marshall - Year 8 Girls 400m
- Oscar Badham - Year 8 Boys Discus
- Sam Hunter - Year 8 Boys 1500m
- Sofie Gryniewicz Horgan, Meleane Taukolo, Bella Malu, Taylor Marshall - Year 8 Girls 4x100m Relay

Silver Place - Intermediate Schools Diving Nationals

Skye Saynor competed at the Intermediate Schools Diving Nationals this month and did herself proud. The judges loved her new dives that she has been working on and achieved a fantastic Silver place in the Year 8 Girls category. Thanks to Skye's performance Northcote Intermediate School gathered enough points from her dives to finish up in Bronze place overall.

Sports Uniform returns

A reminder that our seasons are finishing over the next few weeks. We are asking for school-supplied uniforms and equipment to be returned to the Sports Office as soon as games are finished.

Used Rugby/Football Boots

Every year we have students that do not have football/rugby boots and need to borrow these from the school, whether for hardship reasons or to allow them to attend a one-off zone day. If you have old used boots, particularly sizes 7+, we would be grateful if you would consider donating them to the School Sports Department.

Basketball Season Finals on Monday

The final round of Basketball for the year takes place on Monday. We ask students to bring a change of clothes as we will be collecting uniforms after the games. For those that can come along and support, below are the final rounds, which include 5 teams in the Grand Finals, including our top Girls Team:

<u>Girls</u>

Northcote Magic v. Rosmini Titans - 6:30pm, East Coast Bays Leisure Centre - Division 2D 5th/6th
Northcote Spark v. Belmont Buckets - 6:30pm, Eventfinda Stadium, court 2 - League 1 7th/8th
Northcote Swift v. NX Wairau - 6pm, Murrays Bay Intermediate - League 3 3rd/4th
Northcote Stars - Bye (no game)
Northcote Speed v. TNIS Wildcats - 6:30pm, Eventfinda Stadium, court 4 - League 5 Grand Final
Northcote Switch v. MBIS Blizzard - 5:30pm - Murrays Bay Intermediate - League 5 5th/6th

<u>Boys</u>

Northcote Vanguards v. Whangaparaoa - 7:05pm, Eventfinda Stadium, court 3 - League 1 5th/6th
Northcote Tuataras v. MBIS Falcons - 5:30pm, YMCA, court 1 - League 8 3rd/4th
Northcote Huskies v. MBIS Pythons - 5pm, Transformation Academy - League 8 7th/8th
Northcote Saints v. MBIS Eagles - 6pm, East Coast Bays Leisure Centre - League 9 5th/6th
Northcote Bulls v. NZ Raptors - 5pm, Eventfinda Stadium, court 3 - League 12 Grand Final
Northcote Sharks v. Northcote Giants - 4:30pm, Eventfinda Stadium, court 3 - Div 2B Grand Final
Northcote Trailblazers v. MBIS Cavaliers - 7:40pm, AUT, court 1 - Divison 2D 3rd/4th
Northcote Magic v. Rosmini Titans - 6:30pm, East Coast Bays Leisure Centre - Division 2D 5th/6th

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LAKE HOUSE ARTS - CAR BOOT SALE

If you're fundraising for a trip or team, consider this:
Lake House Arts is calling out for anyone interested in having a space in their Christmas Car Boot Sale on Sunday 6 December.

Please click the link below if you are interested:

Christmas Car Boot - Apply for a stall - Lake House Arts





Bringing people together,
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NORTHCOTE
COMMUNITY MARKET

PEARN PLACE
NORTHCOTE TOWN CENTRE
11AM - 4PM

Market deals
Shop local, support local
Something for everyone
Local finds, local vibes
Your local market awaits!



NORTHCOTE MARKET DATES

Saturday November 28th 2026
Saturday December 19th 2026
Saturday January 30th 2027
Saturday February 27th 2027
Saturday March 27th 2027
Saturday April 24th 2027





MARKET INFO

VENDOR REGO

Proudly supported by
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Northcote & Birkenhead Yacht Club — Birkenhead Wharf, Hinemoa Street - nbyc.org.nz

Learn to Sail



STARTS Sunday 22 November* - Sunday mornings, 9am to 12 noon - $395 per sailor - 8+ sessions - no membership needed

We provide

- Club Optimist dinghies
- Lifejackets and buoyancy aids
- Yachting NZ qualified coaches
- Safety boats on the water
- Yachting NZ Learn to Sail log book

You need

- To be 9 or older
- To swim 50 m in a lifejacket
- Wetsuit or quick-dry layers
- Sun hat, sunscreen, water shoes
- Towel and warm change of clothes

Enrol online now — nbyc.org.nz/enrol-learn-to-sail — Takes 5 minutes. Questions? enrolments@nbyc.org.nz.

Parents can learn too — ask about adult Learn to Sail.

*Subject to the Birkenhead boat ramp being open. We'll confirm the start date with everyone who enrols.

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To apply or to find out more information about the above groups, visit our website or find us on Facebook

www.nsym.org.nz



BADMINTON NORTH HARBOUR - SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Programme details

- Dates: 21–24 December 2026
- Morning session: 9am – 12pm
- Afternoon session: 1pm – 4pm
- Location: Active Badminton Centre, 20 Corinthian Drive, Albany
- Ages: 7–17 years (all skill levels welcome)
- Cost: $210 for 4 days

What's on offer

Children will enjoy fun games, learn badminton skills and improve their technique in a friendly environment. Players are grouped by skill level and can earn badges as they progress, with 5 badges to collect.

Players can also win brand new rackets (RRP $150), with thanks to our supporter, MAXX.

What to bring

A drink bottle, snacks and non-marking shoes. Rackets and shuttles are provided.

How to enrol

log in to your BNH account via 'Book Online' at www.bnh.org.nz.
Select the 'Training' tab.
Choose your preferred session.
Complete the form (one per child).
Complete your payment to confirm enrolment.

Please note: a free casual BNH account is all that's needed (paid membership is not required). Payment must be completed during enrolment, and please do not use 'Top Up' to pay, as incomplete payment means the enrolment will not be received.

Full information is available at www.bnh.org.nz/holiday-programme. Families can also join our BNH Development Mailing List for programme updates and the enrolment form: http://eepurl.com/hTjbmv

If you have any questions, please contact Rivenski on (09) 410 6941 or rivenski@bnh.org.nz.
Thank you for your support. We'd love to see your students on court these holidays!