

Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Min Glar Bar, Annyong ha seyo, Ni Hao, Salam, Enedemin, Alachehu, Vanakkam, Namaste, Bonjour, Tungjatjeta, Gia sas, Pozdrav, God dag, Greetings.

I hope you all had a great Easter break with friends and family.

With only eight school days until the end of Term 1, we have spoken to students about the standards we expect in our school in regards to behaviour, respect and uniform. We would appreciate your support in making sure students are wearing the correct uniform when they leave home in the morning. Parents can address a note to the classroom teacher if there is an issue. As the weather is getting colder, please make sure all uniform items (especially jumpers) are well named in more than one place.

Over the last few weeks we have heard of a number of cases of students using social media inappropriately outside of school hours. I know as a parent and as a Principal that this is a minefield for families and schools. I encourage you as parents to continue to have access to your child's devices and discuss with them appropriate behaviour online. Students need to know that once something is posted online that it is there forever. If inappropriate behaviour is reported to me, I will inform parents. Netsafe have some great tips to support parents - <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/online-safety-for-parents/>

On Friday I was invited to Devonport Naval Base to review the 2018 Fleet Division by Dame Patsy Reddy. I attended the event with Tzion and Nikki, our Head Boy and Head Girl. Dame Patsy inspected all of the fleet and nine of the ten ships. It was an honour for our school to be invited to see such courageous men and women who serve our country.

I would like to thank our student leaders and staff for their fantastic support of our Mufti Day on Friday. Our 'Tell the Teacher' evening was also a success. Our teachers are motivated with the information they gathered from families during the evening. In the future we will look at making this evening earlier in the year.

PTA News

Our school disco will take place on Friday, 6 April between 6.00pm and 8.30pm. The disco will cost \$5.00. This cost has been loaded onto the Parent Portal for payment. In paying through the portal, you give permission for your child to attend. Food and drink will be for sale on the evening (cash only). Students need to be picked up by an adult from the school hall by 8.30pm.

Finally, I would like to thank our School Community for the support over the term. It has been a massive undertaking to induct 12 new staff and 260 new students. Thank you also for taking the time to give us both positive and constructive feedback. We are always open to making sure Northcote Intermediate remains a great place to learn and work.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I would like to wish all students a safe and relaxing holiday.

Onwards and upwards,



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Want to help NIS in their fundraising endeavours?
List and sell your home through me and I'll make sure that NIS gets well needed funds to help with technology, school camps and all sorts of other wonderful things. It's a win-win situation for us all!
*T&Cs apply

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Coming Events Term 1, 2018

April

Friday 6 April Whole School Disco 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Sunday 8 April Shore to Shore Fun Run
Friday 13 April Last day of Term One

Term 2

Thursday 3 May Orienteering Zone Day
Monday 7 May Puberty Sessions
Year 7 Boys Football
Tuesday 8 May Puberty Sessions
Wednesday 9 May Puberty Sessions
Year 8 Boys Football

PTA Events

Late Term 2 Quiz/Comedy Night (date to be confirmed)
Saturday 15 Sept Rugby and Band Night

Guitar Lessons

Guitar Lessons are available in Term 2 on Thursdays, at Northcote Intermediate, through Dave Gatman from Musiqhub. If you would like more information about the Guitar Lessons, please contact Dave on 021 2221456 or davegatman@gmail.com

Tukaha Brazilian Jiu Jitsu - Kids Classes now in Birkenhead

Jiu Jitsu is a martial art, with practical fighting and self-defence systems. Jiu Jitsu has many benefits for children:

- Improves balance and coordination
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Allows for socializing and keeps kids active.
- Teaches focus and discipline

Wednesdays 5.00 – 6.00pm at ETK gym 60-62 Mokoia Rd Birkenhead. To register for your **free trial class** please email tukahabjj.nshore@gmail.com or call Ricardo 021 072 3432
<https://www.facebook.com/TukahaNShore/>

We're working together to grow great kids



counsellors, assessment services, sports, preschools, before & after school care, vision and hearing, tutors, play therapists, extra-curricular activities, osteopaths, dentists, teen careers & motivation, psychologists, in-home childcare, OT's, speech language therapists, under 5's activities, chiropractors, baby specialists, dyslexia specialists, dieticians, physiotherapists, holiday programmes, driving instructors, dance & drama, self confidence, parent education...

 kidslink.co.nz



Keen to progress from learn-to-swim and try competitive swimming? Check out your local Birkenhead Swimming Club at Birkenhead Pool where **Laura Quilter** (NZ rep at 2014 Commonwealth Games) and **Denise Melton** (National Age Group Champion) are teaching the tricks of the trade.

Arrange a free swim trial at: coach@birkenheadswimclub.co.nz
For more info: www.birkenheadswimclub.co.nz