

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a great break and our learners are back fit, healthy and ready to learn. Last week we welcomed our sister school from China, Dinghai Number 2 Middle School. The 31 students have really enjoyed their time in New Zealand, with a tour of Auckland City, a trip to Hobbiton and a cruise around our harbour. On Monday our guests were welcomed with a powhiri which was put together by our cultural leaders, led by Manaia in Room 1. Guests also included Miss Sophie Day who is our new teacher in Room 3 and four international students who are with us for between three and seven weeks. I would like to thank the families who have taken homestay students, we really appreciate your support.

Enrolment Interviews/Open Days

If you have a son or daughter starting at our school in 2019, please make sure you have booked an enrolment interview with me through the School Office. Our Open Days take place in the coming weeks. Families will be shown around the school by our students and given the opportunity to ask questions and see the school in operation. Open Day dates are in the date section of the newsletter.

AIMS Games

Our AIMS teams are in full swing, training and getting ready for their tournament in September. Please support them by buying tickets to the Little Drifters fundraiser and also by clicking the link below and bidding on their items. There are some amazing items up for grabs. https://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/SearchResults.aspx?searchString=nisaims&type=Search&searchType=all&user_region=100&user_district=0&generalSearch_keypresses=7&generalSearch_suggested=0&generalSearch_suggestedCategory

School Jumpers

School hoodie notices have gone home for any parents or students wanting to purchase one. There is a quick turn around on ordering. We would love our parents to be wearing these out in the community and on the sidelines supporting our teams.

Student Learning

This term our students will be involved in many different learning engagements with a focus on process and production (see focus questions below). Our students will also be writing speeches and poetry. Students would have had the opportunity to set goals for themselves for the second half of the year.

Technological development expands human possibilities

Future Focused

How do inventors meet needs and opportunities?

Informed

What are the steps and process for technological development?

What is the role of technology shaping society?

Respectful

What are the responsibilities around product development? (ethical, legal, environmental)

Lion Foundation Grant

You may have noticed our new sign and front wall. These are projects that have been paid for by a Lion Foundation Grant through The Birkenhead Licencing Trust. Last year we received a grant for nearly \$60,000 which also helped us to purchase new Kapa Haka uniforms and a newly concreted play area for the students. The front of the school is starting to look fantastic.

PTA

This Saturday we will have a working bee at school between 9.00am and 2.00pm. All families are welcome. We have a few jobs lined up including clearing and weeding gardens, emptying the old dental clinic, breaking up old furniture and a spot of painting. If you are able to help in any way for any amount of time, please send me an email letting me know how you can help. benk@ni.school.nz A sausage sizzle lunch and refreshments will be provided.

PTA - Lock in the date!

On Saturday, 15 September Fully Stocked will be playing at the Northcote Rugby Club fundraising for the school. Tickets will be available from late next week. The evening will start from 5.45pm with the All Blacks v South Africa being screened at 7.35pm. Fully Stocked will start after the footy.

Onwards and upwards,



Ben Kelsey
Principal



Coming Events Term 3, 2018

<u>August</u>	
Friday 3	Year 6 Showcase Farewell Dinghai students
Saturday 4	PTA Working Bee – 9.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 7	Cross Country Zone Day
Thursday 9	NIS Open Day for 2019 students – 9.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 10	NIS Open Day for 2019 students – 9.00am – 12.00pm AIMS Disco
Monday 13	Room 3 Meet the Teacher 5.30pm
Tuesday 14	Boostrix Year 7 ICAS Maths Boys' Football Tournament
Wednesday 15	IST Rugby BOT Meeting
Thursday 16	NIS Open Day for 2019 students – 9.00am – 12.00pm
Friday 17	NIS Open Day for 2019 students – 9.00am – 12.00pm
Mon 20 – Fri 24	Enrolment Interview week
Tuesday 21	Rugby League Zone Day
Wednesday 22	Girls' Basketball Zone Day
Thursday 23	Boys' Basketball Zone Day Bandquest
Friday 24	Trees for Survival planting day
Monday 27	Stardome – Rakino
Tuesday 28	Stardome – Kawau
Wednesday 29	Gymnastics Zone Day Sports team photos
<u>September</u>	
Monday 10 – Friday 14	Enrolment Interview week AIMS Games, Tauranga
Saturday 15	PTA Band Night

Community News

This section of information is provided by external sources.

The Uniform Shoppe

The Uniform Shoppe is now open Monday from 10.00am - 1.00pm, Tuesday 11.00am - 6.00pm, Thursday 11.00am - 6.00pm and Saturday 10.00am - 1.00pm.

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Learning

Behaviour

Physical Needs

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ENROLLING FOR 2019

Open Evening - Wed. 15 August

Enrolment: 20 - 23 August, 3.30pm - 6.30pm

No appointment necessary. Please bring your child, a copy of recent school reports and Birth Certificate or passport.

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