

Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Min Glar Bar, Annyong he seyo, Ni Hao, Salam, Enedemin, Alachehu, Vanakkam, Namaste, Bonjour, Tungjatjeta, Giasas, Pozdrav, God dag, Greetings!

Haere mai and welcome to the first Northcote Intermediate newsletter for 2019. We aim to email you a newsletter every second week, outlining what's happening within our School and updating you on student success.

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself as the new Principal. I've come from Farm Cove Intermediate School, which is in East Auckland. Prior to that I worked as an Executive Principal in the private sector and before that I served the community of Manurewa High School for 18 years, with the last eight years as Deputy Principal. I have three children between the ages of seven and fourteen and I love the world of education and the opportunities we have to grow our learners.

We also welcome Mr Joel King to our Principal Team. Mr King comes to us from Northcross Intermediate School, where he has been Associate Principal. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge around school leadership, teaching and learning. The third member of our Principal team is Mr Jon Pickford, who has served Northcote Intermediate for a number of years - and is an outstanding Deputy Principal whose heart is fully in the success and welfare of our learners at Northcote Intermediate. As a Principal Team it is our job to lead our School and enable our curriculum leaders, teachers and support staff to be able to provide the best education possible to our learners. Please contact any of us should you have any questions.



Earlier this week we held our powhiri to welcome our new students and staff. This was a special event which welcomed over 250 new students and staff. We are growing. Our roll is now over 500 students. As part of our roll growth we have grown from four to five areas - Rangitoto is our new area, joining existing areas Kawau, Motutapu, Rakino and Tiritiri Matangi. We also have three brand new relocatable classrooms that have been completed over the last few weeks. We welcome a number of new staff to our growing School:

Mr Joel King, Deputy Principal
Ms Kelly Singer, Motutapu
Mrs Lisa Wicks, Motutapu
Mr Pete Anderson, Rakino
Mr Michael Williams, Rangitoto
Mr Elliott Thomas, Kawau
Mr Craig Ellis, Specialist - Visual Art
Ms Rachelle Payne as a new Learning Assistant
Ms Pam Ryder as our new SWiS (Social Worker in Schools, two days per week)

We would like to invite all parents/caregivers to our 'Meet the Staff' evening, which is next Tuesday, 12 February at 6.15pm, starting in our School hall. Here you will meet our staff and hear about what's new and how we do things at Northcote Intermediate. We are very proud to serve our Community and are always looking for feedback on how we can continue to grow and improve. Should you have any suggestions please have a chat with one of our staff or send through an email to principal@ni.school.nz.

PTA - Parent Teacher's Association - Friends of Northcote Intermediate - should we have any parents keen to be involved in a PTA group please email admin@ni.school.nz or have a chat with one of the staff at the Meet the Staff Evening.

A snapshot of some of the learning topics our areas are covering this term:

- Rangitoto opted to choose from the UN Global Goals. Areas they will be exploring are: Renewable Energy, Innovation and Infrastructure and Gender Equality.
- Mr Kingston is looking at getting the 'William Pike Challenge Award' up and running in the next week or so. We're looking at 30 students to take part in outdoor experiences, volunteering and passion projects throughout the year.
- In Rakino Area, as part of our School's new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Maths) programmes, we are looking at introducing environmental sustainability through designing an efficient propeller, aquaponics, designing and building a solar oven, as well as investigating/analysing waste brought into School.

We are also focusing on ensuring we are doing everything we can for our environment. We aim to be a 'Zero Waste' School, and are getting on board with the 'Enviroschools' programme. Many of our students will come to us from feeder schools that already run these programmes - it makes sense for us to continue to grow these habits in our community. Please ensure we work together to reduce unnecessary waste. Students should be taking home any non-recyclable or biodegradable wrappers in their bags/lunchboxes. The big ones to watch are the foam noodle containers. More information will come home around this.

Please encourage your child to discuss with you what they've been doing at School. There are lots of opportunities for students to get involved in teams, groups, trips and activities coming up so stay tuned into our daily notices - these are updated daily and students have access to these.

We are really excited about 2019 and the opportunities for us to work together as a community and provide an amazing learning environment. One where students are FIRST students - Future Focused, Informed, Resilient, Successful Thinkers.

I am looking forward to meeting many of you next Tuesday.

Kindest regards

Mr Phil Muir
Principal



Uniform Regulations

All uniform items must be clearly named.



Summer Uniform (Terms 1 and 4):

Formal - Boys and Girls:

- Polo shirt
- Shorts (boys)
- Skirt, skort or shorts (girls)
- Plain black fully covered shoes
- Navy or black ankle or knee socks
- Plain black sandals with a back strap, such as Roman sandals, may be worn, but black fully covered shoes must be worn for Technology classes
- School hats/caps are encouraged for outside times. There is also a classroom supply of sunblock in every class if students have not brought their own.

Winter Uniform (Terms 2 and 3):

Formal – Boys and Girls:

- Polo shirt
- Polar fleece jacket
- Shorts or long trousers (boys)
- Skirt, skort, shorts or long trousers (girls)
- Plain black fully covered shoes
- Navy blue or black socks, black or navy tights
- School beanie (optional)
- School scarf (optional)

PE Uniform – Boys and Girls for both summer and winter:

- PE shorts
- PE shirt
- Sports shoes (students should wear different shoes from their formal shoes)

General Information

- Children must wear full formal uniform to School unless attending a sports training.
- If their class has had sport in the afternoon, their teacher may allow them to go home in sports uniform that day.
- Children must bring a note from a parent or caregiver if they do not have all items of their uniform at School.
- Jewellery - one watch and one pair of plain ear studs - one in each ear - are the only items of jewellery permitted.
- Makeup - no makeup is permitted. This includes mascara, eye liner and nail polish.
- Uniforms need to be clean and repaired if they are damaged or torn. Shoes need to be clean.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times.

We are very proud of our uniform at Northcote Intermediate School and encourage our students to wear their uniform with pride in the School and the Community.

Upcoming Events

12 February	Sports Information Evening 5.30pm (School Hall)
	Meet the Staff Evening 6.15pm (School Hall)
18 February	Basketball Trials
21 February	Netball Trials
25 February	Swimming Sports (at Northcote College)
26 February	Boys Softball Zone Day
27 February	Girls Softball Zone Day
	Netball Trials

Admin Housekeeping 2019

Absences

If your child is going to be away from School please make sure you notify the School Office. There is a designated answer phone line so you are able to leave a message. Please make sure you leave your child's name, room and the reason they are away. If we have not heard from parents regarding their child's absence you will receive a text message as soon as practicable in the morning. You can reply to this message via text (which may cost, depending on your individual plan), phone the School Office, 481-1400, or email us at absences@ni.school.nz. If we don't get a reply your child's absence automatically changes to 'truant'.

Late to School

If your child is late to School they must come to the Office to sign in. This will ensure that they get marked on the electronic roll and that we don't send a text message to parents to check their whereabouts.

Lunch Orders

Northcote Intermediate will use **ezlunch** for School lunches this year. It is an online ordering system that delivers lunches to School.

How to order: go to www.ezlunch.co.nz to create an account (you will only have to do this once). To place a quick order online:

1. Select your delivery
2. Fill up your online 'lunch boxes'
3. Review and place your order

Payment can be made by using your ezlunch account topped up by credit/debit card or bank transfer. Orders need to be made by 9.00am.

School Payment Method

Northcote Intermediate is pleased to advise that all School payments (including School trips and sports fees) can be made through our Student Management System EDGE.

Instructions for registering and logging on to the parent/caregiver portal:

1. Enter the website into your browser <https://parent.musac.school.nz/>
2. Enter your email; this must be the email that you provided to the school.
3. Click 'Forgot My Password' and a link will be sent to your email.
4. Click on the link in your email.
5. You will then be asked to enter a new password and if you would like to log on with the new details.
6. Select your child from the top row (and click on the person icon). If you have more than one child each student's summary data is displayed in separate tabs. The 'School Payments' page shows a balance and list of only the items owing.
7. Please select either 'Pay all items' or choose the individual item to be paid.
8. Click the purple 'Make Payment' box
9. Click the 'Proceed with POLi' box or 'Proceed with Paystation'

10.POLi will direct you to your own secure bank to bank internet payment site. You will be asked to login but please be aware you are now on your own bank site not our Portal.

You will be able to see only items which are due to be paid. Payments can be made in full or in part payments.

Community Notices

Public Health Nurse

Kia ora Koutou Katoa, Hello, Talofa Lava, Malo e Le Lei, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Kia orana.

My name is Sheila Mooten and I am a Public Health Nurse visiting Northcote Intermediate.

I work for Waitemata DHB and I am available to discuss any concerns that you may have about your child's health, growth and development.

I can assist with the following health concerns:

- Skin and ear infections
- Asthma and eczema
- Hearing and vision concerns
- Nutrition and diet
- Enuresis ie bed wetting /soiling
- Linking to health and social services

I look forward to hearing from you, my contact details are as follows 021879317

Marrzipan

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?!

*Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome classes at schools, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website www.marrzipandrama.co.nz (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

Glenfield Rovers

Glenfield Rovers is open for registrations for the 2019 season of football. Trials start from 18 February. All players welcome. Register now at www.glenfieldrovers.org.nz