



Principal's Newsletter **Week 5, Term One, 2019**

Thank you for another amazing week at Northcote Intermediate School.

We are very pleased with how 2019 has begun. There is already so much happening or on the cusp of starting up, it is an exciting time! Thank you to the parents who have been taking time to be involved in our School and are helping to make things happen.

We've had students out at triathlon zone days, at Piha on the William Pike Challenge, at softball tournaments, at the whole School swimming sports day – which was huge, at the league tag zone day and at numerous trials for upcoming sports and activities. The house 'stomp/banner/mascot' presentation was massive and the students and staff enjoyed themselves immensely. Many of our events are posted on our Facebook page or your child's 'Seesaw' site, so you can feel part of the learning and action.

Last week's Community Hui was positive and productive. Some excellent conversations and ideas were raised about how we can continue to build our understanding of Te Reo and Tikanga. Next Thursday night is our Pasifika Fono and we are looking forward to meeting more keen parents and students at that event.

There was a huge buzz around our 'Tell the Teacher' evening on Wednesday night, with many conversations about how we can work better together to understand your children and engage them with meaningful learning programmes. Our big question for all students and parents is 'what does success look like for you', so we know that what we do meets the educational, social and emotional needs of our learners to make them as future ready as we can. Thank you to all of you who were part of this, it was great to see so many people coming and going and sharing.

Recently we've put a halt to scooters and skateboards being used during school time as we have seen a marked increase in injuries and some behaviour was getting out of hand. Students have responded really well to this and have shown an understanding around the reasons why we've put this in place. As of

next week we'll be ramping up our sun safety efforts. We are going to make morning tea and lunchtimes 'no hat, no outside play' times. Many students have hats – they just don't wear them. We have loan hats if it's difficult for you to obtain one – otherwise please make sure your child has a hat between now and next Monday to wear at school. This rule will be in place until we can increase our sunshades and it only applies during our sunny terms – Term 1 and 4. Thank you. It's learning for life.

We are also still aiming to be a 'Zero Waste' School. Students should be bringing non-recyclable rubbish home with them. We spend far too much money on rubbish management, storage and removal – money that would be better spent going into classroom and student development. We are working on a number of projects to build students' learning and attitudes towards rubbish, recycling, the environment and sustainability. Please support us on this. Things like foam noodle containers – if students are going to eat them (bearing in mind how unhealthy they are)–they are being asked to rinse them and take them home to dispose of. Many of our students are now fully on board with this and understand the reasons why. Please encourage this. On another note, we have also seen quite a few students coming to school with packs of Raro drink concentrate and then eating it straight from the pack. We'll keep an eye on this – we ask that you please keep an eye on this too. It's extremely unhealthy!

I could go on and on but I won't – enough for now – there's great stuff happening. As always, please let us know what we can do better and continue to share any stories of success with us – because together, we achieve.

Best regards
Phil



Phil Muir
Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

Northcote Intermediate Board of Trustees

Hi, I'm Kate. I have been on the Board of Trustees at Northcote Intermediate School for three years and I am the newly elected Board Chair. This is a role I am passionate about; Northcote Intermediate is an amazing school with fantastic staff who are passionate about our learners and their education. I'm the owner of Premium Kids Care (after school care) which is onsite at 7 schools across the North Shore and West Auckland. I also have a background in HR and Senior Management and have done many papers in Psychology (one day I will find the time to complete my degree). I'm also a mum of three and an avid runner. I'm always around school in some capacity and I welcome the opportunity to chat and for you to pass on any ideas/thoughts that I can feedback to the rest of the BoT. Having said that, we are in a BoT election year, so if you are interested in what happens at BoT level or are keen to nominate yourself, you are welcome to sit in on a Board Meeting. Our next meeting date is Monday, 25 March at 6.00pm in the staffroom at Northcote Intermediate School.

Kate Punturiero

Board Chair

Upcoming Events

12 March	Boys' Cricket Zone Day
13 March	Polyfest
14 March	Swimming Zone Day Community Fono
18 March	Girls' Cricket Zone Day
20 March	Kaipatiki Youth Panel
21 March	WDHB Pasifika Week Celebrations at Onepoto (4.00pm-7.00pm)
27 March	Girls' Tennis Zone Day
28 March	Boys' Tennis Zone Day

Community Notices



Here's what the kids have to say about PKC.....

"I love going to PKC ' cause the boy teachers play with us like big brothers"

"The food that they give us after school is way yummiier than we get at home !"

And here's what parents say.....

"My daughter has been going to PKC before and after school since she was five, and she LOVES it!!! Alanah and her crew are very hands on with all the fun activities and it is obvious they care about each and every one of the kids. Couldn't recommend it more!"

"i love that my kids don't miss out on their after school activities because I have to work"

Come for a free trial day - Enrolling only takes 5 minutes !

[Enrol Now](#)

After school Mandarin Lessons 2019

Mandarin has emerged as the new must have language so why not introduce this language to your child through fun and easy to learn classes after school! Taught by a fully registered primary school teacher Ray Chen, this is a great opportunity for children to be culturally inspired by the Chinese Language in a safe, interactive and positive learning environment. Lessons will be taught in the Glenfield area. Please contact him by visiting his website www.mandarinheroes.com or e-mail mandarinheroes@gmail.com if interested.

GIRLS ONLY!

GIRLS' BRIGADE



*Educate
Inspire
Develop*

GB meets weekly at various locations

For further information call one of the following:

Birkenhead (Wednesdays at 4.30pm)
Mrs Jenny Goodwin 480 0710 or
jhgand5@xtra.co.nz

Glenfield (Mondays at 6pm)
Mrs Judith Martin 419 2586 or
j.martin@xtra.co.nz



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- Learn how to prevent a situation occurring or to avoid it by being aware
- Use safe and effective techniques to defend yourself
- Learn how to use 'controlled' aggression
- Develop your ability to strike (punch and kick properly) if needed and to use techniques that work
- Small, private, female only classes
- Get fitter, stronger & toned
- Boost your confidence

28 Day Intro to Krav Maga. Monday, Wednesday, Friday @ 10-11am. Basement 1/65 Birkenhead Ave. Next course starts Monday May 6th - Limited spaces. Call Sare on 021987399 or email sare@eqfitnessstudio.co.nz for more info.

Joy of Giving Tea Party - Ways to Wellbeing



Join us to experience a fun afternoon of connection and giving in this inclusive, local community event. You will have the opportunity to listen to our inspirational guest speakers (Jennifer Allen and Steph McKee), enjoy light refreshments with a glass of bubbles, as well as receive a fabulous Joy of Giving goodie bag. Our two guest speakers will share their authentic stories based around our theme 'Ways to Wellbeing'. This is a volunteer-run event with all proceeds raised going to the NZ charities Joy of Giving supports this year (Shine, The Kindness Institute, Big Buddy, Trees that Count, Women's Fund, Just Because, Banardos).

www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/joy-of-giving-tea-party-tickets-57680728612

Chefs for Compassion

We're doing a special walk on Monday 11 March, 6pm from Northcote Tavern. Join us to walk (or run) for a more compassionate, healthier community. All proceeds goes towards [Auckland Women's Refuge](https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/walk-for-compassion) Refuge. <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/walk-for-compassion>



Walk or run by yourself or with your whanau, work colleagues, school or sports group: \$5 per person.

Raising funds for Auckland Women's Refuge.

Visit our Give a Little page for more info and to donate.

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/walk-for-compassion>

Supported by Calliope Athletic & Harriers Club, Rotary Birkenhead, and Chefs for Compassion

*Walk with us
for a more compassionate,
healthier community*



WALK FOR
COMPASSION



WHAKARONGO MAI
Hear it

Author Talk

James Russell

At Birkenhead Library

Wednesday March 20th 3:30pm

**Come along and listen to James talk about his books
and what it is like being a writer.**

Author of the popular children's books

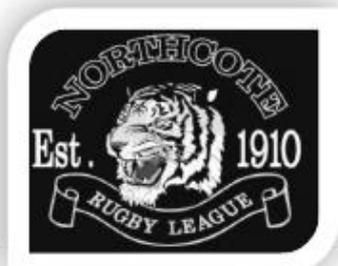
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NORTHCOTE & BIRKENHEAD TIGERS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB 2019 Season

Junior Grades from 5 to 15 years

For more information:
contact **Niki 021 885 297**

For registration details visit
www.northcotetigers.sportingpulse.net

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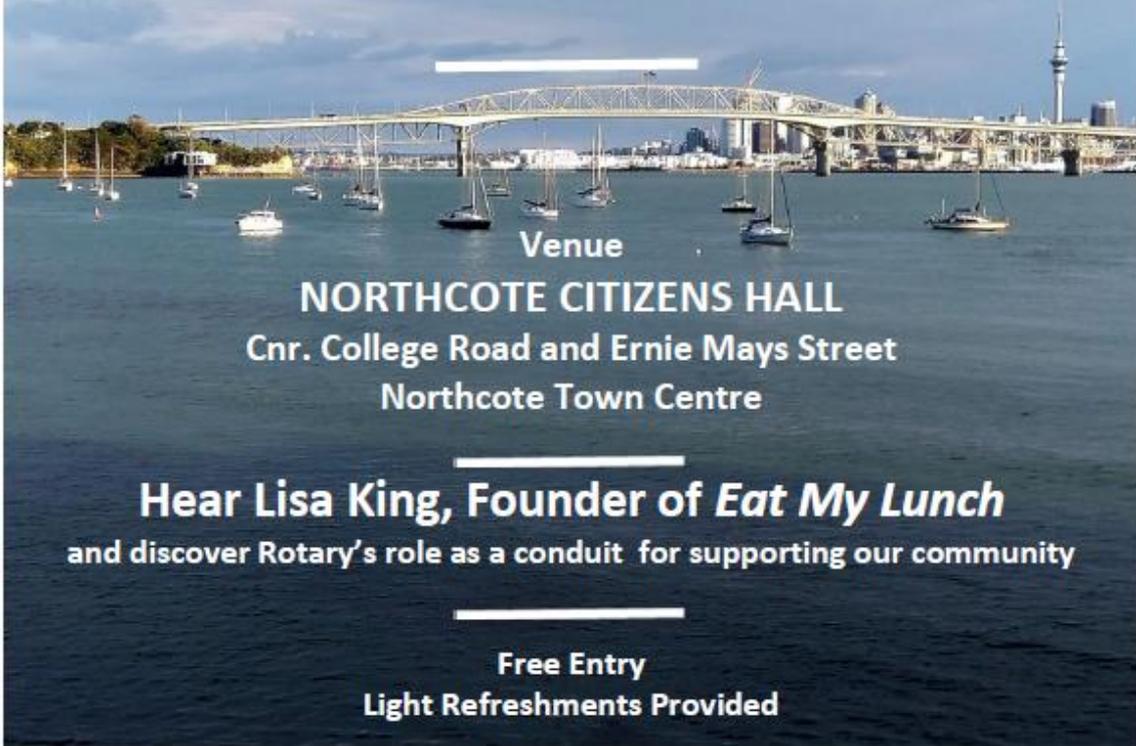


ROTARY MEMBERSHIP EVENING

Monday 25TH MARCH

6.00 pm to 7.30 pm

Join us for an opportunity to meet local Rotarians and business people



Venue

NORTHCOTE CITIZENS HALL

Cnr. College Road and Ernie Mays Street
Northcote Town Centre

Hear Lisa King, Founder of *Eat My Lunch*

and discover Rotary's role as a conduit for supporting our community

Free Entry

Light Refreshments Provided

RSVP by 22nd March. Email: rotarynorthcote@gmail.com. Phone or text 0274 900 908

Lisa King, CEO of Eat My Lunch



Lisa is the founder and CEO of Eat My Lunch, one of NZ's most successful social enterprises. She was a finalist for the 2019 New Zealander of the Year, acknowledging not just her desire to address a social issue, but using her passion, creativity and commercial expertise to make it a reality. Eat My Lunch has given over 1 million lunches in just over 3 years and is an innovative and successful model that is sustainably transforming the lives of Kiwi kids.

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Meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6.00 pm

Rotary Northcote is a respected and reliable conduit for achieving social and environmental impacts in our community. Rotary founded 110 years ago is an International, non-political and independent Service Organisation with Clubs in over 200 countries and with over 1.2M members. It administers the Rotary Foundation - one of the largest Charitable Trusts in the World. We always welcome new members.