



Principal's Newsletter **Week Six, Term Two, 2019**

Kia ora whanau

Winter is now upon us, bringing with it rain, wind and much cooler temperatures. In preparation for this, we recently had all of our drains pumped and our shade sails/shelters have been installed in front of Kawau, the hall and the tuck shop – which will provide shelter in both winter and summer time. There is going to be another shelter installed in the Rangitoto area. We have also had all our roofs and doors inspected and there will be some maintenance work underway to ensure any issues are remedied.

Stage Quest was held on Thursday, 6 June. Over 80 of our students performed at Spark Arena – and they performed with passion and professionalism. Their theme was 'we are the generation of change'. In their 12 minutes of stage time they put together a beautifully choreographed performance, mixing live music performance with dance and drama. Weeks of work had gone into the preparation for this big night and they made our community proud. A huge thanks to the parents and staff who were involved, particularly Sophie Day-Jones for her commitment and enduring energy.

Progress is being made on the NZEI and PPTA teacher negotiations and the PPTA have now called a halt to the planned strikes for secondary students in week 7. We are hoping there will be a swift and fair resolution to the situation so we can focus our energy on providing the best education for your children. In the next newsletter I will outline some staffing changes for Term Three.

Each week we have a well-being focus and this week I'll share it with you - fight procrastination. Make a start this week on that one task that you have been avoiding or putting off. Set yourself a short timeframe (say 30 minutes) and focus on that task. Figure out how you can put yourself in the 'zone' to do some inspiring work. This well-being focus ties in nicely with our staff who are working through writing student mid-year reports, which will be issued in Week 10.

On Friday, 7 June we have another group of 30 visiting principals from South Korea – the group that came two weeks ago absolutely loved their visit and gained so much. Our students are great hosts and this is another great opportunity for us to stay sharp and be our best.

Nathan Wallis spoke at our school on Wednesday night and was extremely popular – with over 450 parents attending from across our community! We were never expecting so many people - it really challenged our car parking facilities! Nathan put on an outstanding presentation. His key messages were: Boys and girls are 'wired' differently, boys develop more slowly than girls – so be patient with them, teenagers cannot necessarily read facial expressions and adults need to be the ones to validate their children's feelings before they try to give them advice. As parents, we've all fallen into this trap – our children do not come with instruction manuals and yes, they can be frustrating, but we must remember they are still developing. You can follow Nathan on <https://www.facebook.com/nathanwallisxfactoreducation/> or through the xfactor website.

Our next parent event, which is being supported by our recently rekindled PTA, is a screening at the Bridgeway theatre of the movie 'Celia'. Anyone who knows of Celia Lashlie will understand how important her messages are for parents. I suggest you mark this on your calendar right now - Wednesday, 7 August at 8.00pm. More information about how to book will follow. I know there are so many parents in our community who want to take on board as much advice as they can to help to grow their children to be safe and successful.

Enrolment zone submissions close this week and we will be working through these submissions with the Ministry and principals of the surrounding schools to enable us to collectively make decisions to manage this process. Once we have finalised the zone we can publish the next steps, which will include an updated calendar for enrolments for 2020. This has been a thorough process and we thank you for your patience.

Board of Trustees. As you will be aware, this year we have undertaken BoT elections for both a staff representative and community board members. As there were only five applicants for parent trustees, we did not need to go to a community vote. The five applicants automatically form the new BoT, however as there were four staff nominations, we are running a staff election. We would like to announce the full Board to the community once this has been confirmed. All going well, we will make an announcement late next week.

We recently compiled a school wide student voice survey to find out what we can do better from a student's perspective. This covered 14 areas and is based on the work of John Hattie. Overall the feedback is extremely pleasing – particularly in the areas of 'my teacher makes me feel welcome in class', 'I feel safe in class' and 'my teacher helps me understand what I am learning'. Areas that we need to pay some attention to are: 'my teacher communicates with my parents about my learning' and 'my teacher and I work together on my learning'. This last one showed 78.9% students were in the middle two blocks of a four bar graph – which is not bad – but we see room for improvement and will be discussing in teams in Week 7 how we can improve on this.

We welcomed back our China trip students and staff this week. 25 students and four staff spent two weeks on a partnership project with Confucius Foundation – and had an incredible time. They visited schools, cultural sights, learnt Mandarin and how to be a global citizen. Watching the regular updates through the Facebook page and the group's WeChat feed was a great way of being part of their adventures and learning. Thank you to all students, parents and staff who made this an outstanding educational opportunity. We will be hosting students and staff from our partner school in China in weeks one and two of Term Three.

Our next big international adventure is in September, where we will have 19 students and staff travel to San Francisco and Los Angeles on the BITE (Business, Innovation, Technology Experience) trip. Students were selected at the end of last term and we can now announce that the staff travelling will be Rebecca Spurdle, Conor McHoull and Vaha Fapiano. This will generate many links to great learning and help to keep us focused on living our ethos of being future focused, inspired, resilient, successful thinkers.

Next week our student leaders start visiting our feeder schools as part of our partnership programme. We have students at the GirlBoss leadership day with Alexia Hilbertidou, Microsoft showing their latest educational tools to staff, a rugby tournament, North Shore Mathex and a number of our teacher aides will be graduating from a Pasifika education programme. Congratulations to Cathy Lio, Val Porter, Rachelle Payne and thanks to Rebecca Spurdle for her support.

Another recent international achievement is Kate Cronwright. Kate attended the Global Cheer & Dance Games in Hawaii 17 - 19 May, representing the All Star Legacy gym. Teams needed to have won a bid by winning a local competition to attend - there were teams from New Zealand, USA, Australia, China and Canada competing at the Global Games. Kate competed in two cheer teams, one of which Legacy Snowflakes won their division and were overall level 1 Grand Champion runner ups. The teams had been training up to 12 hours a week in the weeks leading up to the competition so was a great result after lots of hard work. Congratulations Kate and your supporters – a great achievement.

There is much, much more happening here – this is just a snapshot. Follow us on Facebook for up to date and live feeds as we cannot capture everything on these written pages.

Here's a little something I'd like to add to this week's newsletter that I think we need to remind ourselves of at this mid-year stage, and that I'll be reminding students and staff about in our Week 7 school assembly:

We all have a right to respect.

To enjoy one another's respect we remember that:

- We all share the same place, space and reason for being here
- We all share the same fundamental feelings – it's all about the way we treat one another here
- Safety is more than physical safety (people's feelings, personal space, property)
- Consider language (no put-downs, cheap shots)
- Bullying is totally unacceptable in our school
- Courtesy, consideration, manners

These are not my thoughts; they have been taken from a magical educator by the name of Bill Rogers. They are simple and effective. Print them and pop them on the fridge door at home.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we achieve.
Best regards

Phil Muir
Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School



Upcoming Events

10 June	Year 7 Girls' Football Auckland Champs 'Girl Boss' leadership day
11 June	Student Leaders to Northcote Primary
12 June	Year 8 Girls – Westlake Girls Talk 1 st Rugby Tournament
13 June	North Shore Mathex
15 June	Chef's for Compassion Dinner
17 June	BoT Meeting
18 June	Mobile Library Year 8 Boys - Westlake Boys Talk
19 June	Boy's Rugby Zone Day

Community Notices

THE UNIFORM SHOPPE
THE SMART CHOICE

OPENING HOURS

MONDAY & FRIDAY

10.00 AM TO 2.00 PM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

10.00 AM TO 6.00 PM

SATURDAY

10.00 AM TO 2.00 PM

Contact Details

027 556 6816 | nhstore@sas.co.nz

Inside Barfoot & Thompson Netball Centre, 44 Northcote Rd, Auckland 0627

PKC Senior Holiday Programme July 2019 Northcote Intermediate (Children in School years 7 and above)

Short Day 9am - 3pm

Full Day 7:30am - 6:00pm



Monday July 8th 2019

Gravity Trampoline Park

Defy gravity and jump the day away! Come and kick off the holidays with us at Gravity Trampoline Park.

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Tuesday July 9th 2019

Escape Hunt

Get locked in and clued up, beat the clock and break out! Today we are off to Escape Room Takapuna!

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Wednesday July 10th 2019

Hungerball

Come along and play the newest sports craze! Today the team from Hungerball is back onsite!

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Thursday July 11th 2019

Ice Skating

Aotea Square Ice Rink is back! Pull out your winter woollies, today we enjoy our very own winter playground in the heart of Auckland!

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Friday July 12th 2019

Glenfield Pools

Pack your togs and towel! Today we are off to make a splash at Glenfield pools.

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Monday July 15th 2019

Odyssey Maze

Today we get lost in a world of A-MAZE-MENT! Come and join us at Odyssey Sensory Maze!

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Tuesday July 16th 2019

Spookers Tour

Come along for a behind the scenes tour of New Zealand's only haunted house attraction theme park! Today we are off for a scare at Spookers!

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Wednesday July 17th 2019

Laser Force

Don't just play the game. Live the game. Today we are off to enjoy the next level of laser tag at Laser Force Wairau.

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Thursday July 18th 2019

BLITZ Gaming

Come and experience virtual reality gaming like never before! Back by popular demand, today we are off to BLITZ Virtual Reality Game Centre.

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60



Friday July 19th 2019

Vertical Adventures Rock Climbing

Conquer your fears and master over 30 uniquely themed climbing walls! Today we are off to check out Vertical Adventures Rock Climbing!

Short Day \$60

Full Day \$60

Contact us:

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Important Information

All bookings must be done online, please visit www.premiumkidscare.co.nz to book. Payment in full is required prior to the commencement of the programme. Spaces are strictly limited and done on a first come first served basis, your child's space is not confirmed until all necessary enrolment forms are complete and payment is received in full. Once the program has commenced there will be no refunds for cancellations. Your fees will still be payable if your child/children do not attend. We reserve the right to change activities/trips due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances



AIMS Games Water Polo Team Fundraiser



Please help us raise money for the Water Polo Team who will be travelling to the AIMS Games in Tauranga in September. For every box sold, Dad's Pies will kindly donate \$16.00 to the team.

Pies can either be picked up from Northcote Intermediate at 3.00pm on Thursday, 27 June (we prefer this option) or delivered in the Auckland area. For delivery we will be in touch to confirm delivery date/time.

All boxes of pies (12 per box) and sausage rolls (24 per box) are \$40.00 each. We will also gratefully accept any donations.

Please confirm your order below by end of day Friday 21 June - note, orders must be full boxes, no individual pie sales.

Please return this form to the office or email sallyp@ni.school.nz by end of day Friday, 21 June.

Child's Name: Room:

Your contact name & phone number:

- box(es) Mince
- box(es) Mince & Cheese
- box(es) Steak & Cheese
- box(es) Butter Chicken
- box(es) Sausage Rolls

- boxes total @ \$40.00 each = \$**

Payment Options:

We prefer payments made via the Parent Portal
<https://parent.musac.school.nz/>
Please note, pie costs will not show on the Parent Portal until orders have been received and entered into our system.

Online Banking -
ASB 12-3053-0365947-00

Cash or Cheque made out to
Northcote Intermediate School

Eftpos available at the School
Office

- Pick up School Office - 3.00pm Thursday, 27th June OR
- Delivery (enter address and phone number below)

Thanks for your support!