



Principal's Newsletter Week 7, Term Two, 2020

He mihi mahana kia koutou – A warm greeting to you all!

Our students and staff have really settled since returning from lockdown and things are continuing to soften around Level 2 guidelines. We are still maintaining high levels of hygiene and social distancing. School buses no longer have a limit to the numbers of passengers on board. We are still building things back up to ensure students feel supported and to reduce any anxiety. Our student leadership teams are starting to re-form and become active. We will be holding a powhiri for our new Assistant principal, Mrs Angela Teague, on 15<sup>th</sup> June. At this event we'll also be welcoming any students and staff who started since our February powhiri.

I've been able to see lots of great learning happening with our learners over the last week and a half – it's been great. You may have seen some of our videos on Facebook too – if you're looking for some inspiration check them out. A few notes:

### **School Uniform**

Just a reminder that we do expect all students to be in correct school uniform. We have a range of second hand polar fleece jackets available for \$15 from reception and we do expect full black shoes. We have other uniform items too, including brand new school beanies (\$5). As always, for full new school uniform the Uniform Shoppe at the Netball Courts can help you out.

### **Bell Times**

Just a reminder about bell times – school starts at 8.45am, break one (morning tea) 10.30 – 11.00am, then break two (lunchtime) is 12.35 – 1.25pm.

We've been releasing our walkers, cyclists and scooter riders at 2.50pm to help with social gathering and safety at the front of the school and we'll continue this for at least another week. Students who take the bus are released at 3pm and line up to wait for their buses.

### **Property Works**

It's still a bit crazy out the front of the school with work being done to upgrade the water mains up Lake Road, so please be patient and if you are dropping off your child in the morning – consider doing so in a safe place away from the turning bay.

Our roofing project is nearly complete (this has affected approx. 60% of the school, including the hall) and the new school building project is still well on track. This includes the new BIG carpark and first 2 X 2-storey buildings which are well into the design phase.

We have also received the green light for our playground to be demolished and for a new one to be built – all going well there will be a 12 – 14 week timeline for this. This is exciting as so many of our students still love

the playground. Our reception area has changed a bit (students come to the new Student Services window opposite entrance to Rooms 7/8). The next smaller building projects we're planning include a shelter near the front of the school, a fitness circuit and more decking and outside seating. Lots happening. Let me know if you want to help with a packing pallet project...

## **Vacancies**

### Teacher Aide Vacancy

One of our Teacher Aides, Lisa MacRitchie, has recently registered as a teacher and has resigned as a TA, so we are looking to hire a new TA. Our TA's work with teachers and students to support students who need assistance. It's a fantastic opportunity to join an experienced, well managed team of professionals. Experience preferred but not essential – a positive attitude and willingness to make a difference are most important. MUST LOVE WORKING WITH CHILDREN! For questions contact [zanec@ni.school.nz](mailto:zanec@ni.school.nz) and applications (CV with 2 referees + cover letter) email: [rangic@ni.school.nz](mailto:rangic@ni.school.nz)

We wish Lisa the best in her new endeavours and thank her for her time at Northcote Intermediate, supporting learners in our Kawau team.

### School Receptionist

We're also recruiting a permanent position as school receptionist – someone to be the welcoming face of our school – a role which includes some other elements and duties.

Both these positions are advertised on Seek – should you know anyone who may be keen and awesome please encourage them to come for a visit.

Our next Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> June.

Enrolment packs for 2021 are almost ready so we'll be beginning this process very soon for 2021...!!!

There has been some attention in the media recently around what some parents have observed about their children whilst they were learning from home in lockdown. Nationwide there has been a spike in the number of parents wanting for their child/ren to be tested for learning needs such as autism and ADHD. Should you have any concerns around your child's learning please touch base with your child's classroom teacher in the first instance. We have a learning support network that includes Senco (Special Education Needs Coordinator), LSC (Learning Support Coordinator), social worker and guidance counsellor, access to the RTLB (Resourced Teachers for Learning and Behaviour) system and a range of other external organisations.

We are still waiting on advice for a number of special events, including: school camps, education outside the classroom (EOTC) and sports camp. AIMS games has now been officially cancelled.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Monday is Queen's Birthday holiday observed. Enjoy the break.

Best regards,

Phil Muir

Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

## School Policies

We encourage you to be part of our school's official policy reviews. This term we are reviewing:

- Documentation and Self-Review
- Employer Responsibility

Should you wish to read these, or any of our policies, go to:

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Search for our school, then log in using our community login:

Username: northcoteint

Password: Respect

Look at Policy Reviews, under review. Should you wish to give feedback, click the Red review icon, where you can submit feedback. Please submit feedback on the currently reviewed policies before the end of Term.

## Rugby

Junior Rugby is back on again! Come and have fun playing rugby for your local club, Northcote Birkenhead Rugby Club. We offer Tackle and Rippa (non-contact) grades, for boys and girls, aged five and up. Registrations are open again at [www.northcoterugby.co.nz/Juniors/Juniors](http://www.northcoterugby.co.nz/Juniors/Juniors) or contact us at [northcotejuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:northcotejuniorrugby@gmail.com)

## Marrzipan

Marrzipan Drama is running a special DISCOUNTED short term for the rest of term 2! Students will get to explore different scripts, choose their favourite, audition and be cast as a character, and then record a MOVIE TRAILER for the play. A digital copy will be sent to parents so you can celebrate your child's achievements by watching it at home with them.

Marrzipan Drama is a safe space where children are encouraged to learn at their own pace and come out of their shell when they are ready, with the guidance of our wonderful, fun and supportive Marrzipan teachers.

Check out our website for more info or to book a trial class [marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://marrzipandrama.co.nz)



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We are writing to advise you of our level 2 plan for The Uniform Shoppe retail stores which are reopening from Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May to their normal store hours. Please visit [www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz](http://www.theuniformshoppe.co.nz) to see what these hours will look like.

We have reviewed the Government's Covid 19 website for instructions on opening our stores in Level 2 and have implemented the following in store

- The Shops have been cleaned and all equipment will be sanitised after every use. Counters and high touched areas will be wiped down regularly.
  
- Contact register sheets will need to be completed for each person that enters the shop. This will be set up at the entry of the store where customers will be required to wait as we will be limiting customers into the stores. Our limits per store will be:
  1. Manukau - 5 customers
  2. Avondale - 2 customers
  3. North Harbour - 2 customers
  4. Pukekohe - 2 customers
  5. Papakura - 3 customers
  6. Mt Wellington - 1 customer
  
- We will have signage placed around the shop to advise customers to keep to the 1-2 metre social distance and for other level 2 protocols.

Kind Regards

The Uniform Shoppe/SAS Sport Team