



Principal's Newsletter Week 9, Term 2, 2020

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

As a community of learners we are going well – and the more we work together the stronger our recovery from lockdown and the associated levels will be. Overall, our return from lockdown has been great – there has been a calm, positive and caring feel across our school campus and students should be commended for their efforts. I believe that our students, have grown in wisdom and maturity by the experiences that we have been through. We are very well placed to continue to build on these returns to business as usual. And it's now happening very quickly – as an awesome learning incubator our temperature is constantly rising and we're nearly at our optimum temperature!

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister's announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

We are supporting contact tracing by having QR code posters at our entrances – so if you haven't already downloaded the NZ COVID Tracer app the Ministry of Health's [NZ-COVID Tracer app page](#) has information to help you do that.

It's fantastic to see many parents getting back into being involved in so many areas of school life – coaching, tutoring, taking music lessons, presenting to students, sharing their knowledge about harakeke, following our videos and posts on social media and showing an interest in our community's success. It's clichéd but true – together, we achieve.

Staff are compiling an end of term progress report, which will be followed up in week one Term 3 with an opportunity to meet and discuss your child's progress. Term 2 finishes on Friday 3rd July. You will have seen your child in action over lockdown so will have much to share from your perspective – we have an opportunity to strengthen our learning relationships. It has been a very long term – which has had some extra bits thrown in - so expect some exhausted students and teachers. Both teachers and students have had to learn how to learn, and support – remotely. That's a huge undertaking that we shouldn't forget. Please continue to be kind, caring and realistic, and communicate with us. Learning is happening and people are safe.

We've been helping out an organisation called 'Pacific Assist' (formerly Furniture for Schools) with some of our surplus furniture – which will be sent to disadvantaged communities in the Pacific Islands. There is another project that sees our students rebuilding computers that will be sent to either Kiribati or Tonga. This is a multi-organisation project, which also includes parents and former students – thank you to those of you who are giving time to help with these projects – there are more to come.

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 now complete (this has affected approx. 60% of the school, including the hall,) and the new school building project is still well on track. Our Art room's full overhaul is also nearly completed. Sports, arts, cultural activities – they're all starting back up. Also – we could use a third piano. If anyone just so happens to have, or know, an upright piano that's in good condition that needs to be rehomed, sold for an educational price or donated we would be seriously interested. Please let me or Mrs Babbage know.

There is a big powhiri on Monday for students and staff new to our school since February, and we also welcome our new Assistant Principal – Mrs Angela Teague.

Thank you again for your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Phil Muir

Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate School

Notices

Registered AT HOP cards only

Please note that bus drivers are not accepting cash. Instead, you'll need to use an AT HOP card to tag on and off. You need to make sure your AT HOP card is registered - this makes contact tracing easy if needed in the future. Visit our [website](#) for information on where to get your AT HOP card and how to register it.

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 (only size 10 is available) 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. Sport camp hoodies from last year do not count as school uniform. From next week onwards any incorrect uniform will be confiscated.

We're also looking into some new uniform items including warm, water repellent jacket that's sensibly priced yet smart and quality.

Lost property

Just a reminder, if your child has lost any piece of uniform, it may be in our lost property. Students are more than welcome to come up to the front office to have a look to see if they can find what they have misplaced. Please make sure that all of your child's uniform is fully named. This makes it easier for us to return them to the students.

Absence process

If your child is sick or not going to be able to attend school, there are two ways of letting the school know. The first option is to call the school on 09 481 1400 and leave a message on our absence line or the second option is to send us an email on absences@ni.school.nz

Arriving late process

If a student arrives late they need to go to the student window to sign in so we know they are on school grounds. If you know your child is going to be late, call the front office on 094811400 and speak to the office team or emailing the office team at Admin@ni.school.nz

Leaving early process

If your child has an appointment or needs to leave early for a certain reason, the office team needs to be informed so they are able to collect your child for you. You can do this by calling the front office on 094811400 and speak to the office team, emailing the teacher of the student or emailing the office team at Admin@ni.school.nz

From Northcote Development

There will be further demolition and removal of houses on Lake Road. The next houses are 181 – 193 & 1 Fraser Ave commencing on 15th June, then 185 & 187 Lake Rd commencing 25th June. They estimate the work will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. Please take this into consideration – we will be too.

From the Ministry of Education

School transport services are now back to normal.

Good hygiene practices are still a priority. Vehicles will continue to be cleaned regularly in accordance with Ministry of Health guidance.

No physical distancing is required on Ministry, regional council or Auckland Transport school bus or public transport

services. Bus Lists we still keep lists of students who travel by buses, and we still line our students up at the end of the day to help manage passengers.

Fare collections may be reintroduced by councils and Auckland Transport, as confirmed by Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Families should refer to their regional council (or Auckland Transport) website for more information on the timing of this, if it has not already begun in your area.

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.

Attention all Techy/Computer Savvy parents & caregivers!

We have been lucky enough to be able to be part of a VERY cool programme & initiative with Furniture For Schools Charitable Trust. Our school has donated lots of unused & surplus equipment such as desks, chairs and tables to be packed up and shipped off to schools in the Pacific Islands to be used in their schools.

We now have been asked to help out by sending 40 computers along, too. With this, we need some assistance from our experts in the community who have a good knowledge of computers and their operating systems to help our students. We are going to be setting up a working bee of computer stations, where students have been tasked with removing the old hard drives, replacing them with news ones, installing windows and then Quality Control checking them before we pack them up ready to send.

This is a really cool opportunity for our students to get involved with giving back, as well as an opportunity for our wider community of experts to help our learners learn or refine their skills in technology further. We hope to promote and push this awesome initiative through the media to help Furniture For Schools Charitable Trust continue to be able to collect and send other school equipment in the future.

If this is you, and you could be available to help on WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE 9:00am - 3:00pm, please could you email me at conorm@ni.school.nz

Chilled: A cool story with a warm message

This performance has been postponed to next year to 2021 in Term 2.

Week ahead calendar- Term 2, Week 10

Monday

- Guitar Lessons with Chenny Chan - various times.
- 9:30am - 10:30am: Stage Band with Cindy Pardo (Beginner level)
- 11:00am - 12:00pm: Big Band with Cindy Pardo (Second level)
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm: Trumpet and Cornet lessons with Mr Verrill
- Powhiri for our new Assistant Principal

Tuesday

- Piano lessons are now happening on Tuesdays for the time being
- 11:00am - 12:00pm: Trombone lessons with Mr Tan
- 1:00pm - 3:00pm: Saxophone and Flute lessons with Steve Sherrif

Wednesday

- HPV Vaccines for all year 8 students
- 9:00am - 3:00pm: Rock Bands and Vocal Groups with Jon Pickford
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm: Stage Band Practice with Northcote College tutors
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm: Big Band practice with Northcote College tutors
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Thursday

- Guitar lessons with Dave Gatman
- New* Drawing Club- Do you need a quiet space to get creative during your lunch break? Come along to the Drawing club in Room 17 after lunch eating. We will provide some basic materials but feel free to bring your own artistic tools. Ka kite ano!

Enrolment dates 2021

Near the end of Term 2_Northcote Intermediate School Prospectus packs will be delivered to the following Primary Schools: Birkenhead, Northcote, Onepoto, Sunnybrae and Willow Park. If you don't receive one of these packs, feel free to pop into the office and pick one up.

Term 3

Tuesday, 28 July – Information evening from 6.00pm- 8.00pm in School Hall

Parents and caregiver are invited to an information evening. Come along and find out what makes Northcote intermediate school different, what changes we have made and our plans for the future. There will be brief presentations by select staff and an opportunity to ask questions.

Thursday, 6 August, Friday 7, August and Thursday 13 August- Open Days from 9:00am- 12:00pm

Parents, caregivers and students are invited to come and see a "normal" day at school. Please come to the school office on arrival and some students will take you on a guided tour of our wonderful school. Please note that our break time is at 10:30am to 11:15am.

Monday, 17 August Enrolment Week

Enrolment are undertaken by appointment where possible, as the Principal enjoys meeting new students. Enrolment appointments with one of our leadership team will be 20 minutes. Students must attend the enrolment interview and are required to bring their Birth Certificate or Passport, Immunisation Report and the most recent school Report along with proof of home address for zoning purposes.

Term 4 2020

Friday, 20 November- Orientation Morning from 9:30- 11:45am

All students who have enrolled for 2021 are invited to an orientation morning. Buses will be provided for students from our contributing Primary Schools- Birkenhead Primary, Northcote Primary, Sunnybrae Normal and Willow Park primary. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

Out of zone enrolments for 2021

The full map and details of streets are now available on our website. If you live out of our zone, and you wish for your child to attend our school we encourage you to apply.

The dates you need to be aware of are:

Friday, 11 September – final date for out of zone enrolments to be completed and submitted.

If a ballot is required this will be drawn on Wednesday, 16 September. We aim to notify all applicants by Friday, 25 September.

Parenting courses in English and Mandarin

Parenting courses for parents of all cultures

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Positive Discipline for Under 4's

New born to 4th Birthday



Effective Discipline

Children aged 4 - 11 years old



Parenting Adolescents

Teens aged 12 - 18 years old

\$100

These three courses in English are delivered **over the phone** for one hour per session per week by a parent educator with over 30 years of experience. You will be able to learn from the comfort of your home at a mutually suitable day and time prearranged between parent and parent educator. Daytime and a limited number of evening options are available.

2020 - Term 3 Course

courses in English	8 to 10 weeks each course	day time and evening	start anytime	over the phone	\$ 100 each course
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Parenting Adolescents 教导青少年

Teens aged 12 - 18 years old

\$80



Effective Discipline 有效的教导

Children aged 4 - 11 years old

\$80

2020 - Term 3 Course

全中文课程	每周五 (9周)	9:30am - 12:30pm	7月24日至 9月18日
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这是一个在线课程 (ZOOM)
请发邮件至 donghalying1977@gmail.com 报名。

2020 - Term 3 Course

全中文课程	每周四 (9周)	9:30am - 12:30pm	7月23日至 9月17日
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For further information about any of the courses, please check under Courses on www.whanaumarama-parenting.co.nz

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Whānau Mārama Parenting Courses are based on the 6 Principles of Effective Discipline from the Discipline and Guidance of Children: A Summary of Research.

All of our courses are skill and strategy based and carry strong positive parenting messages which promote the use of non-physical discipline.

If you have any questions about any of these courses, or if you wish to enrol, please find the desired course on our website and click on either ENQUIRE or ENROL.



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