



NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 – WEEK 6 2021

Great to have everyone back at school this week. Just a few words from me before our termly Board of Trustees newsletter (below).

Following on from the lockdown a few things have had to be adjusted – please keep your eye on our calendar and daily notices (through our App) to see what adjustments have been made.

Camp

Camp is confirmed, unless either Auckland or Waikato region should go back into lockdown. Details around this are on our website. Thank you to those parents who have paid their deposits for camp and thank you also to those who have made a donation for others to be able to attend. Please note that deposits are due 12th March. If you or anyone you know is needing support or are in a fortunate enough position to support another child – please reach out to either Joel King, Deputy Principal (joelk@ni.school.nz) or Amanda Keppel, Student Support Services (amandak@ni.school.nz).

There are a couple of dates to note coming up:

16th March - Positive Puberty Parent Evening, NEST, 6.30pm in Room 7/8 (next to reception). I HIGHLY recommend this evening – you'll learn a lot about intermediate aged children, and you'll also find out what your child will learn when they do the puberty classes at school. If we are at Level 1 next week, this will run in room 7/8, if we are still at Level 2 it will be done via Zoom. See the flyer for details.

17th March – Camp Information Evening 6.00pm – 6.30pm in Hall. Those who have been confirmed as parent helpers will stay on from 6.30pm – 7.00pm. Any outstanding health and permission forms please return ASAP.

Kind regards,
Phil

DATES TO DIARISE

01/04: Class & Portrait photos
02/04 – 06/04: Easter Break
12/04 – 16 April: School Camp
16/04: End Term 1
03/05: Term 2 Commences

School Uniform

We have a range of secondhand uniforms available from the school office. All items are priced at \$10.00.

School Camp

The full cost for camp is **\$300.00** with the **first deposit of \$140.00 due Friday 12 March** and the **remaining \$160.00 due Friday 26 March**.

The dates for camp are as follows:

CAMP 1: Monday 12 April to Wednesday 14 April: Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

CAMP 2: Wednesday 14 April – Friday 16 April: Rooms 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21

TERM 1 SPORTS DATES	
15/03	Start of Basketball Season
18/03	NH Cricket – Girls Zone Day
18/03	Hockey Trials to be held at Northcote College 3.30pm – 4.30pm
23/03	NH Cricket – Boys Zone Day
29/03	NH Softball – Girls Zone Day
30/03	NH Softball – Boys Zone Day
30/03	NH Tennis – Girls Zone Day
01/04	NH Tennis – Boys Zone Day

COACHES/MANAGERS FOR BASKETBALL

We **urgently** require Coaches and/or Managers for our school basketball teams. If you are keen to assist, please check your child's team sheet to see whether or not they have a Coach or Manager listed. If they don't and you can assist with either of these positions, please contact our Sports Coordinator Emma Hegan via email emmah@ni.school.nz

MAKING PAYMENTS ON-LINE

To enable you to make payments on-line you need to sign into the parent portal. To access you can go to the Home page of Northcote Intermediate website, scroll down to Edge Parent Portal and click on "Make Payments On-Line". If it is your first time to sign in, please go to "Forgot Password".

Parent / Whanau Information Evening

Your tweens will be experiencing a fun, positive, engaging, interactive and informative Puberty Education & Empowerment programme - Please come along to find out more!

Year 7/8
16th March 2021
@ 6:30 pm
Level One: In Room 7 / 8
Level Two:
Via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86099284107?pwd=bDROUHJzODRHQWFVVDQ1Umc1TzY5dz09>

Meeting ID: 860 9928 4107
Passcode: 712845

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!

Email: emmah@ni.school.com
to RSVP





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NIS Board of Trustees Newsletter: **TERM ONE 2021**

Tēnā koutou,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new school families and staff in 2021 and welcome back our existing whanau and community. Once again, the year has started with some uncertainty with two Level 3 lockdowns in the first month of term. The school has again moved swiftly into online learning mode and the Board remains immensely proud of how our Principal and leadership teams, and all the staff, continue to adapt and manage in this ever-changing environment.

At its first meeting of the year, the Board reviewed the plan for the upcoming full school camp, and we are excited about the learning challenges and opportunities this will provide for our students. It is the school's first time at Finlay Park, and we hope it will become a fixture in the school's annual calendar (fingers crossed for Level 1!). If you are at all concerned about the cost of camp, please do get in touch with our Student Services Coordinator Amanda Keppel (amandak@ni.school.nz) as we have several options available for financial assistance.

The Board's focus is on supporting the leadership team to achieve great learning outcomes for our students and, as part of this, we reviewed our 2020 analysis of variance at our last meeting. This looks at the progress and achievement of all students between their mid and end-of-year results. Overall, given the challenges of 2020, we were pleased with these results but there is always more we can do to ensure all our learners are achieving at their full potential.

On the curriculum front, we are also delighted with the new programme of tech and extra-curricular activities available to students in 2021 – thank you to all the staff making these happen.

The Board is always keen to see the connection grow between the school and community, so we are pleased to highlight our new fundraising and sponsorship committee Te Kāhui Atawhai. The group's kaupapa or purpose is to supplement and expand the school's existing student welfare fund, used for things such as EOTC and camp financial support. The group is currently looking for new volunteers – it is a great opportunity to give back to the school, get to know other parents and whanau, and to really make a difference for our students. You don't need to have any prior experience in gaining sponsorship or fundraising, just a willingness to lend a helping hand and be involved at school. Please email our Assistant Principal Ange Teague on angelat@ni.school.nz if you are keen to be involved.

Wishing you and your whanau a great Term 1.

Nga Mihi,

Kate Punturiero
NIS Board Chair

Board: Who We Are

Kate Punturiero (Chairperson)
Simon Archer (parent trustee)
Sally Clendon (parent trustee)
Katrina King (parent trustee)
Spencer Willis (parent trustee)
Kim Jones (co-opted trustee)
Zane Cooper (staff trustee)

2021 Meeting Dates

Members of the community are very welcome to attend our Board Meetings, usually held in the school staffroom from 6.00pm:

29th March
17th May
21st June
9th August
6th September
1st November
6th December

Get in Touch

The Board are always keen to know what issues are important to you, what concerns you have or what you would like us to advocate for on your behalf. Please get in touch if you have questions or concerns: email botchair@ni.school.nz

What We Do

We are a dedicated group of current and alumni parents, passionate about Northcote Intermediate and tasked with governing the school – supporting our Principal Phil Muir and his team in their management of the school’s staff, students, finances, property and much more. As well as overseeing general issues as a full Board, we have subcommittees for Property, Personnel, Health and Safety, and Finance. The Board is also focused on upholding our school values of respect – for ourselves, others, and the environment – and the school’s vision to “connect, empower, achieve and grow our school and community together.”