



# NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

## PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER

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### TERM 2 – WEEK 2 2021

Greetings ● Nau mai, haere mai ● Ni Hao ● Konnichiwa ● An Nyung Ha Sai Yo ● Talofa Lava ● Malo e Lelei ● Namaste ● Ni sa bula ● Noaia'e mauri ● Kia Orana ● Asalam Alykum ● Nay Ho ● Goeie Mōre ● Привет ● Bonjour ● Dia dhuit ● Hola ● Guten tag

Welcome back. It's great to see so many smiling, confident and proud students.

We're still receiving positive feedback about how successful camp was – and how students grew in so many ways. Thank you again to everyone who supported this – events like this simply would not happen without so many people giving their time and support. There are still a couple of sleeping bags to be collected from the office.

Our new caretaker, Mr Rob McCall started recently, as well as our new Learning Support Coordinator, Mrs Alyce Keith. Alyce has been with us for several years as a teacher, most recently as our Food Technology teacher. Alyce knows our students and community very well and we're fortunate to have her in this role. Rob comes to us with a background of garden maintenance and property management and lives nearby.

We have had some feedback on our school App and as a result it has had some modifications. Please continue to send me any feedback so we can continue to refine it to be a worthwhile tool.

**Virtual Student Exchange** - Last Friday we held our first virtual student exchange with students from the Birdwing School in Papua New Guinea, one of the projects we're collaborating with the Pacific Assist Trust on. Sharing experiences such as this are really eye opening and we plan to continue and grow this relationship and offer it out to more students.

**Vaka Project** - This project has already started. Some of you will have heard of this already, and we do plan to offer the opportunity to any parents interested in being involved. The dream is to build a sailable double hulled Vaka. At this point we have launched the idea to students and have put the call-out for students to register an interest. Some parents have already been 'volunteered' to help. Planning will begin soon - then construction... watch this space!!!

If you haven't already seen the camp videos take a moment to watch them – they're great. Links are:

(there is a 16min and a 7min video)

<https://youtu.be/PQR-s5vj4lo> - 16 mins

<https://youtu.be/BTxHuFT1seo> - 7mins

Term 2 sees our learning focusing on science fair, speeches, and the resilience project (on top of core areas of reading, writing, maths, health, and physical education).

**The Resilience Project** – This programme has been launched this week. TRP delivers engaging activities and provides evidence-based, practical strategies to build resilience. The resource hub consists of online presentations and lessons for students, professional development for staff, and a video series for our community. Over the coming weeks we'll be sharing with you key aspects of the programme around Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. You'll hear stories and be introduced to activities to show how these strategies can support our children's learning and development and support you as parents and carers. This programme is an important part of our school's effort to look after the mental health of our community.

Extension classes and programmes have kicked off, which include: Maths extension, Future Problem Solving, Kids Lit Quiz and we had 2 large groups of students attend the Auckland Writer's Festival this week – thank you to those parents who took the time to attend. Our CNTRL group has also started to extend students in the digital technology area.

**Pacific Assist and Harbour Sport Getting Active and Fitter Initiative:** This is an opportunity for our students to participate in an 8-week program, where 2 lunchtimes a week they have an opportunity to get active, build relationships and improve fitness. This program is a collaboration between Pacific Assist and Harbour Sport. It is open to any students, particularly those who want to get active and may not have the opportunity to participate in sports and exercise outside of school.

Another opportunity we are fortunate to offer is the **Equip'd Girls** and **Nga Tama Toa Boys programs**. This is run by the **Sport Pasifik Team**, which sits under the Harbour Sports Umbrella. These programs specifically work with our Maori and Pasifika students helping promote healthy eating and living and being physically active.

#### **PROPERTY PROJECTS UPDATE:**

Listed below is a brief update on property projects since my last newsletter:

- Library refurbishment has been completed
- Hall floor has been sanded, polished, marked, and resealed
- Music room has had 2 practice rooms added
- Rain shelters and decking for Rooms 15 – 18 and the Rangitoto toilet blocks is complete
- Administration block has had a makeover
- Toilet block refurbishment for Rooms 5 – 8 is well underway
- New decking and seating for playground and Motutapu is well underway
- The new front fence and perimeter fence between us and Onepoto School is complete
- New signage at the front of the school
- Soon we will have 2 more relocatable classrooms and our new 65 car carpark should be underway in June, all going well with consent and resources
- Our new fitness trail will begin construction in Week 5 so there's lots happening here, and much more to come.

**ANZAC Day** - We had several students represent our school with pride. I'd like to acknowledge Annabel Barlow for reading at the service and thank all others who attended.



Warmest regards and thank you for your support

Phil Muir

Proud Principal of Northcote Intermediate

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### **TEACHER ONLY DAY – 4 JUNE**

A Teacher Only Day is being held on Friday 4 June. This involves all schools in our Community of Learning i.e. Willow Park, Northcote Primary, Birkenhead Primary, Onepoto School and Northcote College.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY FEES**

If your child is part of a sporting team, going on a trip, camp, or is involved in an extra-curricular activity – please ensure payment is made promptly.

### **PINK SHIRT DAY & GUMBOOT FRIDAY**

We will be holding Pink Shirt Day on Friday 21 May and Gumboot Day on Friday 28 May. These are both causes that we believe in and will be supporting. More detailed information will come through student leaders. Both will be mufti days.

### **UNIFORMS IN LOST PROPERTY**

We are constantly finding polar fleece jackets around the school many of which are unnamed or indecipherable. Please check your child's name is clearly on their school gear so it can be repatriated with the owner should it be dropped or left somewhere.

### **THE "VOICE" 2021T**

The first heat of the 'Voice' took place on Monday. It was such a fun day and showcased some great talent. We are looking forward to the second heat next Monday 17 May.

### **NORTHCOTE INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND PROGRAMME 2021**

This is a free programme where students borrow a wind/brass instrument for the year for daily at-home practice, have a 1 x half hour instrument lesson, plus 1 - 2 hours band practices per week. It is designed to give students a fun experience and prepare them for curriculum music at high school. Please

encourage your year 7 child to pick up a permission pamphlet from the office or music room and return it as soon as possible. We are aiming to distribute instruments Wednesday May 12 and start lessons straight after that. Contact [bronwynb@ni.school](mailto:bronwynb@ni.school) if you have any queries.



#### **TERM 2 DATES TO DIARISE**

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| 17 May:  | BOT meeting 6.00pm in staffroom |
| 21 May:  | Pink Shirt Mufti Day            |
| 28 May:  | Gumboot Friday                  |
| 4 June:  | Teacher Only Day                |
| 7 June:  | Queens Birthday                 |
| 30 June: | Show Quest                      |
| 9 July:  | End Term 2                      |

#### **SPORTS DATES TO DIARISE**

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| 19 May:  | Ki-o-rahi Zone Day              |
| 31 May:  | Y7 NH Football Zone Day - Girls |
| 1 June:  | Y8 NH Football Zone Day - Girls |
| 3 June:  | NH Rugby Zone Day – Girls       |
| 9 June:  | NH Hockey Zone Day – Boys       |
| 10 June: | NH Hockey Zone Day – Girls      |

### **Youth Injury Prevention - Strength and Conditioning**

This is a specific program aimed at the Intermediate school-age group. The program is about injury prevention, mobility, and correct movement techniques which is super important for their growing bodies.



## **YOUTH INJURY PREVENTION**



45 minute sessions available

You will learn:

- how to warm up and cool down
- correct exercise technique
- posture and movement control

Get in touch with Stephen: [gsscncz@gmail.com](mailto:gsscncz@gmail.com) or [www.gssc.co.nz](http://www.gssc.co.nz)