



**TERM TWO 2021**

## Board of Trustees Newsletter

Tēnā koutou,

Winter is upon us, and it is hard to believe that the end of Term Two is only a couple of weeks away. The school is a hive of activity as always, but our teachers are also busy assessing and writing half-year reports to provide feedback on your student's achievement to date. Student achievement is always the key focus of the Board so we can ensure the school is well-resourced to enable our students to achieve to their highest individual level.

As we are almost at the half-year mark, please consider paying your school donation if you can and have not already done so. We rely on this funding for additional school learning resources and activities. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their school donation and technology/resource contribution.

One of the highlights of Term One was undoubtedly the Finlay Park camp in the last week of term. We have had wonderful feedback from everyone involved (including the facility about how enthusiastic and engaged our school was). The Board would like to extend a special thank you to Deputy Principal Joel King and Administration Team Leader Rangi Clarkson for all their hard work bringing the camp to life. Several Board members also enjoyed themselves on camp as the photos below illustrate.

The Board continues to focus on the overall wellbeing of our staff and students and we have been pleased with the outcomes from The Resilience Project (TRP) that has been running through the school in the past months. It was also great to see our students fully involved in both the recent Pink Shirt Day and Gumboot Friday, supporting both local and New Zealand-wide mental health initiatives. It is not all just about dress ups and games - engagement with these fundraising days helps our students develop empathy and a strong sense of community and contribution.

At our most recent property meeting, we had a confirmed start date for our new carpark of this month and were also advised that the building consent plans for our new 12-classroom block have been submitted to council. While we would be reluctant to name a start date for the first spade in the ground, it is great to see the project continuing to progress thanks to the hard work of the leadership team, the Board, and our Ministry property team.

Finally, don't forget that members of our school community are always welcome at our Board meetings (dates below). If you are ever keen to come along, please let our Board Secretary Rangi Clarkson know. I am also always happy to chat with parents who are interested to know what is involved in being on the NIS Board so please get in touch if you are.

Nga Mihi,  
Kate Punturiero  
NIS Board Chair

## NIS 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:

9<sup>th</sup> August      6<sup>th</sup> September  
1<sup>st</sup> November    6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:botchair@ni.school.nz).

*Board of Trustees members taking on the Waterslide, the Blob and the Magic Carpet at camp – from top left Phil Muir (Principal), Zane Cooper (Deputy Principal and Staff Trustee) and Katrina King (right front, Parent Trustee).*



## 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.”*