



IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS 1 September to 30 September

Sunday 4 - Friday 9 September
AIMS Games in Tauranga

Wednesday 7 - Thursday 8 September
Rotary Speech Finals

Friday 9 September
Special Union Meeting for Teaching Staff. **School will finish** at 12.30 (buses will pick up students at 12.30). See note below, you can also refer to the full [letter on the NX website](#).

Tuesday 13 September
NX Hockey Prize Giving 6.30pm in PAC

Wednesday 14 September

- NH Girls Volleyball
- Enrolment catch-ups

Thursday 15 September

- NH Boys Volleyball
- Auckland Champs Cross Country
- Interzone Rugby League

Wednesday 21 September
Orienteering Rogaine Event

Thursday 22 September
Immunisation catch-ups

Friday 23 September
End of Term 3—School finishes at 3pm

[Check out our School Website for the very latest updates.](#)

Principal’s Message

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are currently in the process of promoting, interviewing and enrolling new students for 2017. We have already had a number of open days and an evening where community members were able to visit Northcross and gain an understanding of how we operate, ultimately helping parents make their choice in the transition process.

I would like to acknowledge our students, especially the Northcross student leaders who actively helped promote our school. We have had many positive comments from visiting parents on how astute, knowledgeable of their learning and fluent the youth leaders were when touring the learning areas. It is hard to single out individual performances but I thought head girl, Jumana Maash and head boy Ruderger Van Den Heever were exceptional in their personal addresses to 400 plus parents at our open evening. They both spoke with confidence and a genuine appreciation of their time at Northcross, it was hard to believe they are only 13 years old.

Congratulations to all students who have excelled recently in cultural, sporting and academic events. Our webpage certainly highlights the outstanding achievements of our students. I was very interested in the Mathex results this year with both our Year 7 and 8 teams coming first in their respective divisions. We know the future skills our students will need in an ever changing work environment, including the ability to solve complex problems. For Northcross students to achieve a quite remarkable double highlights the ability and talents of our students and their aptitude to problem solve under pressure. Congratulations to all involved. A special mention of Miss England who organised this regional event.



Best of luck to our students, teachers and parent helpers who will take on the top sports teams and individuals from around New Zealand in Tauranga next week. The AIMS Games has become New Zealand's largest sporting event, allowing Intermediate aged students to compete for national titles in a multitude of sports.

We look forward to following their progress with great interest, wishing them all the best. An acknowledgement to Miss Hale, Director of Sports, for coordinating and overseeing all the logistics involved in getting 180 students and support staff to Tauranga.

Parents and community members please be aware of the latest Educational initiatives proposed by our Minister regarding the way schools are funded. It was around 5 years ago that the Government was then going to cancel the 1:120 Technology staffing we received. This basically meant that we would not have been able to provide our specialist programme (Bio Technology, Food, Graphics/Design, Robotics, Coding, Hard Material, Art, Drama and Music) . It was only through parental outcry that the Government reneged on their decision.



We are again facing this threat! As a school we have strived to promote the Specialist programme to our students knowing they will take the learnt skills into future employment. We are again asking for your support in being able to maintain and provide this vital programme.

Jonathon Tredray
Principal

School Funding Review

The Government has announced a proposal to dramatically change the way schools are funded. Principals and Boards of Trustees would have to make trade-offs between teaching staff and other costs schools face.

NZEI Te Riu Roa and PPTA (the unions that represent more than 60,000 teachers and support staff) have asked all members at our school to attend meetings in September to hear more about the proposed school funding review and help determine the education sector’s response.

We saw the same discussions 5 years ago which were quickly terminated after a revolt by our community

The meetings are paid union meetings, which means *Northcross Intermediate School* will need to send our students home at **12.30pm on Friday 9th September** as we will be operating with a skeleton staff due to the majority of our staff attending the meeting. If this causes any major disruption, we will make arrangements for supervision in school until 3.00pm. **NOTE:** Buses will be running at 12.30pm for all our students.

It is important for union members in our school to attend these meetings to have a say about how we get better funding, not bulk funding.

Thank you in advance for your support in this very serious and far reaching matter.

Jonathon Tredray Principal
[Click here for the full letter on our website](#)

Notices

NX Set to Compete at AIMS Games

Northcross is off to the AIMS Games, in Tauranga, next week. Our team of 185 students who are competing across 15 different sporting codes have all worked extremely hard along with their coaches in the build up to the 2016 tournament.



We wish to thank all those who have supported us in the lead up to this national tournament, your support has been amazing and our students will be sure to do our school and community proud, giving 100% effort and determination to every moment of every game. You can follow our progress over the course of week on Facebook – search NX AIMS and ‘like’ the page to get up to date results and to see some of the action. All the very best to our AIMS NX athletes!

Shannon Hale
Director of Sport

Homestays Needed in 2017

Interested in finding out how to become a Homestay Family for Northcross in 2017? Remuneration \$300/week. Please contact Anna Inger annai@northcross.school.nz or Sharon Hines sharonh@northcross.school.nz.

Health and Well Being

On Friday 16 September, to support our Health learning this term, each Year group will attend a **‘Tackling Technology’** assembly. These will be delivered by Dan Ackerman from Attitude, whose team of young and passionate presenters work with over 400 schools and 270,000 students each year. Content includes text bullying, online safety, communication, building character, and balance.



Janine Joyce—Director of Health

Year Book 2016—Reminder

The financial contribution made by our families during the course of the school year enables us to provide an exciting and extensive range of learning opportunities for our students. As a heartfelt “thank you” we would like to gift you the 2016 Yearbook which issues at the end of the school year in December.



This is a high quality glossy magazine of more than 100 pages detailing the highlights of the school year. We need to place final numbers with the publishers at the beginning of December so please make sure that all payments have been made by 30 November so that we can include a “thank you” copy for you.

Payments can be made via the online shop for many items, or via internet banking to account no. 12-3059-0287951-50, or by credit card or eftpos. Statements will issue in September towards the end of this term to give you plenty of opportunity to ensure you have nothing left outstanding (donation not included) and are in line for your free gift. Thank you for your on-going support for our wonderful Northcross students.