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### Principal's Comment

The 2011 academic year ends on Friday. As a year punctuated by significant events globally, nationally and locally draws to an end, it is reassuring and uplifting to review the progress made by students and to recognise their effort and achievements. The truncated Term IV has been seven weeks crammed with end of year assessments and celebrations. Highlights of the term include Sports Prizegiving, Senior Prizegiving, the Annual Music Concert, Service Award assemblies, the announcement of 2012 Prefects, the Leavers' Dinner, and the very recent Junior Production and Music Concert.

### NZQA Exams

The NZQA examinations held at the school are managed each year by an NZQA appointed Examination Centre Manager. The Northcote College Centre Manager reported that Northcote College students presenting for examinations this year were both very well organised and behaved. I know that many students were aiming for Excellence and Merit endorsements and we look forward to the arrival of the examination results arriving mid-January.

### Service Awards

The annual Service Award assemblies have become a key feature of the Northcote College school year. These awards are recognition of the voluntary contributions students have made to school and the community through acts of service. We are delighted that more than 300 students received awards this year. It is positive for both the school and community that students of Northcote College are increasingly willing to offer their own time for the benefit of others.



Hannah Coombridge Dux 2011

### School Goals for 2012

Term IV has seen staff planning for 2012. In 2011 we have had a school wide focus on professional learning and self-review to improve outcomes for students with a particular focus on implementing the new inquiry based Professional Learning Model. This can be summarised by saying we are focussing on who is learning, who is not learning and what we are doing about it.

The draft annual plan for 2012 is shaped around our actions and outcomes in 2011, new initiatives and guidelines from the Ministry and ideas and issues emerging from our own research and observations. We are committed to focusing relentlessly on positive outcomes for students.

As I write we are awaiting and anticipating approval from the Ministry of Education for our updated property plan which will see significant change to the learning environment for students, beginning in C and D blocks and including a renovation and extension to the library. We expect this project to commence during 2012.

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### Farewell and Thanks

We appreciate the support of the whole school community and thank all who contributed to the success of students at Northcote College in 2011 and to the 2011 strategic review.

To students and their families for whom this newsletter will be your last as a current student, I wish you all the best for the future. I speak on behalf of the staff when I say how very proud we are of your individual and collective achievements. We look forward to following your achievements through life. Do stay in touch and keep us informed.

I wish all Northcote College families the very best for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to students returning to school in 2012.

We constantly strive to improve and respond to the learning needs of students. I invite and welcome feedback from parents. All suggestions, ideas and comments can be emailed to [principal@northcote.school.nz](mailto:principal@northcote.school.nz)

Vicki Barrie

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## Prefects 2012

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Northcote College has a long tradition of providing leadership opportunities for Year 13 students. There were 76 outstanding candidates nominated for 2012 Prefects and we congratulate the 28 who were elected.

Stephanie Adams	Aaron Delaveau
Madison Bartlett	Jason Delaveau
Leisha Cheong	Ryan Doubleday
Tina Crooks	Sid Dymond
Melissa Farquhar	William Fagan
Shelby Haarhoff	Eddie Gee
Veaunka James	Henry Law
Nikki Lydiard	Robbie Macdonald
Hazel Meikle-Downing	Michael McSweeney
Holly Quinn	Kevin Orense
McKenzie Rayes	Havyn Ruka Tepania
Katrina Shepherd	Andy Sawyer
Talita Kate Simpson	James Stebbing
Georgia Tong	Jesse Thomas

We thank the current Prefects for the valuable contribution they have made to the school which they have done with enthusiasm, goodwill, initiative and style.

In Term III elections were held for the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. Congratulations to Henry Law who was elected to this position for 2012.

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## Past Pupil Update

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The North Harbour Club AIMES Awards recognise and reward outstanding young people in the region for excellence in their field. The 2011 recipients are quite outstanding and include four Northcote College past pupils. Congratulations to all those recognised.

**Richard Stebbing** [2002 - 2006]  
Supreme Winner  
IT, Innovation & Science Award

**Elliot Christensen-Yule** [2002 - 2006]  
Arts Award

**Amanda Judd** [2000 - 2004]  
Service to the Community Award

**Adam Gerrett** [2004 - 2008]  
Emerging Talent Award



Amanda Judd (2nd from left); Richard Stebbing (2nd from right); Elliot Christensen-Yule (far right); Adam Gerrett (not pictured).

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# Northcote College Senior Special Prizes

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The annual Senior Prizegiving is an opportunity to celebrate and share in the academic success achieved by students in years 11, 12 and 13. It is a pleasure to congratulate those acknowledged on the night and also those who have risen to meet their own challenges and goals throughout the year.

## Year 13

**Hannah Coombridge** - Dux 2011, University of Auckland Scholarship, Vineyard Trophy for Integrity, Service and Consideration of Others, Senior Writers Prize, Deputy Head Girl Award, Year 13 Classics Cup.

**Jessica Watson** - Proxime Accessit, Beachman Prize for creativity, originality and individuality in any area of the school, Millicent Hoyle Prize for Senior English.

**Calvin Baker** - Choir Cup for Outstanding Singer, Stuart Myers Cup for Most Promising Musician, Business and Administration Computing Cup. **Zac Cotter** - Victoria University Achiever Scholarship. **Julian Debruyne** - Fletcher Art Cup. **Caterina Detti** - Victoria University Excellence Scholarship. **Timothy Emerson** - AUT Significant Student Award. **Jonathan Gray** - Year 13 Natcoll Design Technology Prize. **Pierce Hargreaves** - Massey University College of Business 'Captains Club' Leadership Award, School Spirit Award, Head Boy Award. **Polly Holland** - Massey University High Achiever Scholarship. **Jordan Kimpton** - Eddy Sanders Award for Senior Biology, Deputy Head Boy Award. **Nicholas Mainwaring** - AFS Award for the Fostering of International Relations. **Keely Meechan** - Shakespeare Award. **Lorenz Murphy** - Mary Fitzwilliam Cup for Year 13 Instrumental Music. **Chen-Khwan Ong** - WHK Auckland Scholarship for Excellence in Accounting. **Shirley Ou** - University of Auckland Jubilee Award. **Eva Parker** - AUT Vice Chancellor's Award. **Jamie Peterson** - Hopkins Cup for Chemistry, Sutherland Cup for Excellence in Mathematics. **Hayley Pompallier** - Purllant Cup for Most Improved Musician. **Aisha Putranto** - National College of Tourism & Travel. **Tristin Slater** - Northcote Returned Services Association Trust, Otago University Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship, William Kells Cup for Outstanding Senior Science Student, Head Girl Award. **Georgia Stokes** - Lodge North Harbour Masonic Award for Contribution to the Welfare of Others. **Ruby van Dorp** - Northcote College Service Award. **Sasya Wreksono** - Auckland Council Bursary. The Ensemble Cup was presented to the Jazz Band. The BOT Medal was presented to **Dr Claire Spooner**.

## Year 12

**Jaimie Adshead** - Heath Fashion Award for Most Promising Young Designer. **Sophea Ing** - Harbourne & Arthur Cup for Year 12 Instrumental Music. **Ashneel Kumar** - The Grace Martin Library Cup for service to the Library. **Sophie Kwan-Neads** - Year 12 Natcoll Design Technology Prize. **Brady Rapata** - Cable Family Award for commitment to Te Reo Maori and Maoritanga. **Brandon Prince** - Birkenhead Transport Automotive Scholarship Award. **Holly Quinn** - Year 12 Classics Cup. **Sarah Scheuber** - Chris Deverill Memorial Trophy for Courage.

## Year 11

**Daisy Friis** - Sam Goodsell Matthews Photography Award. **Lemi Irakoze** - Northcote College Student Council Award. **Emma Lovegrove** - Zhi Gong Year 11 Art Award. **Vanessa Marriott** - Year 11 Information Technology Cup. **Aram Valesyan** - Guisinger Cup for Year 11 Musician.

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## 2012 Calendar

Term 1	31 January - 5 April
Term 2	23 April - 29 June
Term 3	16 July - 28 September
Term 4	15 October - 12 December

The full 2012 Year Planner is available on the school website [www.northcote.school.nz](http://www.northcote.school.nz)

Course confirmation for senior students will take place in the hall on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 January. Please refer to the school website for details.

Stationery information will be available on the school website, or from the school office, from mid December 2011. Year 9 stationery packs will be available for purchase from Paper Plus, Highbury Mall, Birkenhead, from January 2012.

# Sports Report

Term IV is still a busy time of the year with students participating in Water Polo, Volleyball, Touch, Cricket and Softball competitions and tournaments.

## Water Polo

Congratulations to the Junior Water Polo team who won their North Harbour competition. This is a significant achievement and is based on placings over three terms. **Andrew Farquhar** was awarded Most Improved Northcote player and **Matthew Dwyer** Most Valuable Player.

## Netball

Congratulations to the Year 10 Elite team who were awarded the Netball North Harbour Waller Trophy 2011 for winning their grade this season. Year 9 Elite were awarded the Runners Up trophy for second place in their grade.

## Sports Prizegiving

The 2011 prizegiving was held on 3 November, acknowledging excellence in sporting achievements. Guest speaker Manoj Daji, CEO of ASB College Sport emphasised the benefits of being involved in sports as part of the school curriculum. On a personal level he urged students not to limit themselves to one sport as interest and ability may change from the sport initially selected. Great speeches were also given by Deputy Head Boy, Jordan Kimpton, and Deputy Head Girl, Hannah Coombridge.

Thanks to all the families and friends who have given their support and to everyone who helped make the prizegiving a success.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our sponsors Club Physical, Birkenhead Auto Centre, Fuji Xerox and Contract Environmental Limited for all the help and support they have given to Northcote College sport this year.

Congratulations to all students who have been involved in sports throughout 2011 and to the following students who received the top awards:

Victor Ludorum 2011 - **Morgan Timoti-Cook**

Victrix Ludorum 2011 - **Madison Bartlett**

Junior Sportsman 2011 - **Zac White**

Junior Sportswoman 2011 - **Surita Manoa**

Sports Personality 2011 - **Maddie Stapleton**

## New Website

We are working with AllTeams to introduce a new school sports website in 2012. This is a really exciting initiative which will offer dedicated pages for each sporting code where parents, players and the wider community will be encouraged to engage by uploading photos, results etc, accessing draws and having instant communication between players, parents, coaches and the school. Watch for more information in Term I.

As we look towards the end of the year and plan for 2012, we are asking for anyone who is interested in coaching a team for the school to please contact the sports office.

We are working with Harbour Sport who will be offering free coaching sessions to anyone willing to take on a team next season. As we are unable to enter teams without coaches and managers we do appreciate any help offered with the sporting programme.

## 2012 Programme

The sporting season begins in early February 2012 so please make sure your contact details are up to date and your interest is registered with the Sports Office. If you have questions see one of the Sport Coordinators.

*We wish all the leaving students well for their future and we wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays.*

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