NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
Text Only Newsletter
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Diary

· Ap. 24. 7-12 Zone Swimming
· Ap. 25. Anzac Day
  7 pm Information Session
· Ap. 27. Late start 9.45 am
  VSSSA Swimming
· May 1. Athletics Carnival-Coburg
· May 3. School Assemblies
· May 5. Yarrambat Golf
· May 6. Saturday. ACE (Select Entry) Program testing for Yr 7, 2007
· May 8. District Athletics-Meadowglen
· May 9. Grade 6 Local Primary Schools Transition Day.
  Yr 10 starts 11.00 am
· May 11. 7.00pm NHS Music
  Concert—Preston Town Hall
· May 13. Saturday. Diversity in the Kitchen
· May 19. VCE District Sports
· May 24. VCE District Sports
· May 25. Yr 9/10 District Sports
· May 26. Yr 9 English Exam
  End of Yr 10 Assessment
· May 31-June 6 Yr 10&11 Exams
Our biggest ever Open Day looms

**Wednesday April 26th** is shaping up to be our biggest Open Day yet. A record 220 parents, students and friends have already visited the school on operational days this year. We expect approximately 500 again on Open Day this year to visit the school between 2 and 7 and/or to attend the information session at 7.00 pm.

School hours on Wednesday will be until 12.40 pm, with the school only running the first four periods of the day. Students are dismissed at 12.40, except those who are involved in Open Day performances and displays.

**Please note: School Commences on Thursday April 27th at 9.45 am to run Period 2 onwards.**

**SRC Executive elected**

Northcote’s student leadership structure includes the **Captain’s Council** (comprising the School Captains, Deputy Captains and Year Level Captains) and the **Student Representative Council** or **SRC**. This is a report on the newly elected SRC office bearers.

It was a pleasure to see so many students from Years 7-12 nominating for Office Bearers positions in the SRC. After nominations were made two weeks ago, students stood before their peers the following week (Thursday 13th April) to give a speech as to why they should be considered for the nominated position. All candidates were impressive but a special note must be made about the young Year 7 and Year 8 students who were courageous enough to stand before junior and senior students and make their speeches. We all witnessed some up and coming student leaders of the future for Northcote High School. We look forward to all SRC representatives’ involvement in developing student action teams that support the students, the school, its community and its environment.

On Tuesday 18th April, Ms. Sinclair, Chandra Gamble 11G (a member of the Captain’s Council) and Ms. Castles counted the votes. We are delighted to announce the following results:

- **SRC President Mia Trnka 12D**
- **SRC Secretary Nicole Triantos 12A**
- **SRC Treasurer Stacey Rothwell 12 C**
- **School Council SRC Representative Dean Evagorou 12 I**
- **SRC Vice –President Coel Mekawy 12C**
- **SRC Vice – Secretary Stephanie Moncur 10C**
- **SRC Vice - Treasurer Dean Camenzulli 11F**

Congratulations to ALL the successful candidates. Congratulations to ALL candidates who nominated for Office Bearers’ positions.

Special thanks to Ms. Davidson, Ms. Hill, Ms. Bennett, Ms. Sinclair, Ms. Anderson and Chandra Gamble for their help and support during and after the elections.

*Ms. Castles*
*Student Leadership Coordinator*
*Cluster Educator*
Principal’s Report

Internationally, educators discuss the new Three Rs – rigour, relevance and relationships. Within those conversations there is a clear recognition that students need to be able to experience a depth and rigour in their learning while also finding relevance and meaning in what they learn. A key to doing this is building a strong relationship with their teachers, their school, their family, their community and their learning.

I read recently that the international multi-disciplinary Aspen Design Summit hopes to frame their educational investigations with these new Three Rs- rigour, relevance and relationships. They state how “each child brings to school a unique and tentative mix of interests and affinities, along with an often incongruous mix of perceptual, motor, expressive and social skills”.

At Northcote High School we strive to create an environment of respect and achievement where all students can learn and become confident participants in society...confident learners who contribute purposefully. Respect for self, others and learning is critical to developing strong relationships, achieving personal goals that are a personal stretch and being able to participate and contribute in a way that has personal meaning and relevance. Respect provides the foundation for Rigour, Relevance and Relationships

Our Leading Schools Fund Project development has begun. Professional Learning Teams are working in the related areas of Community Links, Collaborative Projects and Assessment for Learning. Facilities development plans are being finalised and construction work is set to start in Term 4. Our Year 9 Global Citizenship Centre will be an active learning environment with those international new Three Rs – rigour, relevance and relationships.

In addition to our LSF project construction set to start in Term 4, we have received notification that the 3 additional new replacement portables will arrive at the end of this term (June 1st). These new classrooms will complement the LSF project work.

This term, we held three significant parent/community partnership evenings.

- A Harmony Forum was held with parents, students, ex-students and community members to discuss the positive ways we are currently working with our richly diverse community and ways we can further expand our links.

- A Parent Partnership Discussion Group meeting was held generating new ideas to connect parents, gather (eg. year level, small group, socially, by parent interest topic) and link to potential parent support (eg. establish a database of parent support, professional links, etc)

- Parent Teacher Meetings had a new format and were held throughout the day with many students actively involved in these very important meetings.

We thank all those who attended these three events and look forward to building and extending our links, our learning, our relationships and our community.

Gail Davidson
Principal
Melbourne Scholarship winner

Lakshmi Sinnappan, who completed an outstanding VCE at Northcote in 2005, has been awarded a University of Melbourne Scholarship by the Dean of Commerce, to support her tertiary studies in 2006.

The school congratulates Lakshimi on her outstanding efforts, and wishes her well for the future.

Our Year 7 Softball Stars!

On Wednesday 12th April we sent a keen group of year 7 students out to play Mill Park SC and Lakeside SC in Softball. Although not successful in making it through to the zones the girls played a great game, learnt lots and represented the school positively. A big thankyou and well done to all the girls involved for making the effort to join in on the day in spite of it being parent teacher interview day.

Great effort girls! Ms M. Young

At Right: Our fit team… Helina, Paige, Mena, Rachael, Lauren, Selma, Rachael and Tylah.

Peer Helpers at Northcote High School

Peer Skills is a ‘Kids Help Line’ Program. It aims to teach students in high schools counselling skills so that they can respond in the best possible way when helping their peers with problems. Northcote High was lucky enough to have the opportunity to have some year nines trained towards the end of last year. They had two full days of intensive training where they worked on building confidence and learning the skills that would be needed to become ‘Peer Helpers’.

After seeing how other schools that had undertaken the training applied it to their day-to-day lives our Northcote students decided that the way in which they could most effectively use their new skills would be by helping the year sevens with the often difficult transition into high school. Since then they have spoken at the transition day last year and have even established an email where year sevens who do not wish to speak to them in person can contact them. In the next few weeks they will be making more efforts to meet and support students through their NHS 23 classes on Tuesdays.
Programs like ‘Peer Skills’ are incredibly important not only because they build trust and inspire a sense of community also due to the fact that they help bridge the gap between the Student Wellbeing Team and students.

Peer helpers are Jessica Djimoti, Emma Newbould, Sunny Bhlatt, Jessie Bayiartakis, Celia Milton, Daniel White, Anthony Gabb, Jack Atkinson, Kate Jama, Shurki Ibrahim, Lana Sheya, Mahla Cameron– Bradley, Noni Sproule, Winjirra Patten. Some are pictured above.

2006 Annual Athletics Carnival—May 1

Compulsory attendance for all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students

Held on MONDAY 1st of MAY 2006 at Coburg Athletics in Outlook Rd.

It costs $4 if you meet at the track at 9.20 or $8 if you go from school at 9.00 am by hired buses.

You get a permission form which must be returned to the GENERAL OFFICE with the money by Thursday the 27th of April - at the latest.

Your parents/carers are most welcome to attend.

Roll call is at 1.00 PM at the TRACK. Please have your name marked off.

In all Events you just turn up and enter on the day. Events include

Novelty races which are SACK RACES, THREE LEGGED RACE and TEAM TUG OF WAR.

Field events including High Jump, Shot Put, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus and Javelin.

Track events, which include 100M, Relays, 200M, 400M, 800M and 1500M.

You must dress in warm weather proof clothing preferably in house colours and apply. Sunscreen, regularly through the day.

Wearing a hat and sunglasses is highly recommended. Bring a drink bottle and food. The canteen will be open.

You can win ribbons in all events.

At the end of the day house points will be added up and the results announced.

Houses are used for all students attending. Year 7-10 students can view their house on the gym noticeboard. They are the same as for Swimming.

At 2.20 we will read out the results and clean up. Buses back to school leave at 2.40. Back at school 3.00-3.15.
Events will run as follows – all starting at 10.00am.

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We came, we played, we conquered.

It was Tuesday 11th April and the Chess team was itching to make a move. I had confirmed with 13CABS the day before for a mini-taxi to take us to Lakeside HS for the Northern Zone Chess tournament, a tournament with some 48 players from three different schools. He was to pick us up at 8.50 am from outside the school. The boys were pumped and ready to go. The lads were becoming nervous as 9.00 am went by, then 9.05 then 9.10. “WHERE’S THE CAB?” one of them asked. The tournament was to start at 9.30 am sharp. I took control of the situation as I knew we were in trouble. Straight to the bursar, “call North Suburban taxis” I shouted (I was sure I could count on them). Quickly I took four of our players in my car and headed off for LAKESIDE HS. I told the bursar to put the others in the cab when it came and get down to the playing arena. My superb knowledge of the area and excellent driving skills allowed us to get there on time.

A couple of minutes later the others arrived. Shaken by the experience I was not sure how they would fair in the first round. Hung got out of the chair after three minutes and I thought the worst, but alas he checkmated his opponent with the queen to pawn seven killer move. Tom got up soon after as did Rhys followed by Simon followed by Vaughan followed by Nikola. Six out of six, it was looking great. Then the killer blow both Kim and Shane lost. Maybe it was my driving? No it must have been that cab driver because both had come in the cab. That 10 minute cab drive thru Thornbury Preston and Reservoir may have taken its toll. The lads are not use to travelling so far. Usually from the T block to B10 is the furthest they have gone. Now the serious stuff was about to begin. Tom Noonan Yr10, Hung Pham Yr 11, Simon Chiu Yr 11 all won 7 out of 7 games. Vaughan Rafferty Yr 11 6 out of 7, Rhys Smith Yr 11 and Nikola Trajanovski Yr 11 both winning 5½ out of 7 games and the up and
comer Shane Thomas Yr 11 with 4½ out of 7 games. All in all 7 out of our 8 players finished in the top 8 with our top 4 players all receiving GOLD MEDALS. They will now head to the state finals in September. Watch this space as our other 4 lads try to qualify this Friday at Penleigh & Essendon Grammar (another hard away game). Well done lads.

Mr D. Leondidis Chess & Recreation Co-ordinator.

2 tough games in Yr 8 Cricket Zone finals

Year 8 Boy's Cricket Zone finals
The Northcote HS Year 8 Boys Cricket Team was narrowly beaten by Viewbank College in the Northern Zone Metro Cricket Final on April 11th at Blake Reserve.

Northcote started the day in great fashion against University HS smashing 9 for 111 off 19 overs. Greg Maratos helped himself to 66 not out (including four boundaries and 4 sixes) in alone hand as the Northcote team posted a competitive score.

In reply, University HS struggled to handle the quality bowling and tight fielding from a committed Northcote outfit. University HS slumped to 61 all out in the 18th over. Adrit Sherifi rolled the top order snaring 3 wickets, whilst the entire team should be commended on its fielding effort – catching well and manufacturing 2 crucial run outs.

This left the Metro Final against Viewbank College. Batting first, Northcote HS struggled to ignite – accumulating 5 for 59 off 14 overs. Greg Maratos, David Newell, and Eammon Scott contributed 10 runs each, and some good hitting from Matthew Cowell (9 not out) gave the boys a slight “sniff” at a possible victory.

Viewbank were solid in their run chase – scoring the winning runs with three balls to spare. Once again, quality fielding kept Northcote in the game with three great run outs.

Overall, a fantastic effort to make it to a Zone Final – good luck in 2007!

Year 8 Girl's Cricket Zone finals
Northcote HS Year 8 Girls Cricket Team ran into a rampaging University HS team in the Northern Zone Metro Semi Final on April 12th at Blake Reserve.

After winning the toss, University HS set about amassing a huge total, with their opening pair particularly brutal on any short bowling. It took the athleticism of Lily Potocnik to break the opening stand – a magnificent caught and bowled that raised the spirit of the girls.

Tennille Thomas bowled beautifully without luck as did Marissa Butera, but University HS batted VERY well ending with 1 for 89 off 16 overs.

The Northcote HS innings never really got going – with wickets falling at regular intervals. A textbook pull shot for a boundary from Tennille Thomas set the crowd alight, but a disciplined University HS outfit were deserved winners.

Well-done Year 8 Girls on making it to a Zone Semi Final!!!

Mr Michael James
Year 8 Cricket Coach
Mr. Heyworth’s Cricket Column

Central District Cricket – Final
Match Report – Junior Cricket – Year 7
Date: Monday April 3rd 2006
Venue: Blake Park, East Preston

In favourable weather conditions, Northcote High School year 7 junior cricket team competed in the Central District Round Robin Final against Mill Park Secondary College.

**Game: Result - Northcote High School Defeated Mill Park Secondary College**

After winning the toss, Mill Park batted first and made a solid start to their innings. The opening bowlers for Northcote, Joel Simmons and Lewis Baker were very economical and the batsmen found runs hard to come by because the fielding was sharp. Steven Hinkley made the break through dismissing the opening batsman from a catch by Lewis Baker and he continued to bowl exceptionally well taking five wickets for nineteen runs in this game. Mill Park’s middle order batsman rallied but they could only make seventy nine runs all out. Harry Dwan bowled four overs and took three wickets for six runs in his spell and Northcote had the edge in this game.

In reply to Mill Park’s total, Northcote made eighty for the loss of only three wickets. Luke Dalvean was the mainstay batsman supported by Lewis Baker and Mitchell Cross. This was a convincing win in this District Final and Northcote now play on April 11th in the Northern Zone Competition.

Mr Heyworth would like to thank the year 7 cricket team for their on field performance and the way they played their matches in the true spirit of the game. Mr and Mrs Reid kindly provided parental support and nibbles for the boys at the lunchtime interval.

Year 7 Match Report: Tuesday 11th April 2006
Venue: Blake Park, East Preston

In weather conditions conducive to cricket, Northcote High School’s Year 7 junior cricket team competed in the Northern Zone Metropolitan Semi Finals against Fitzroy High School and Macleod Secondary College respectively.

**1st Semi Final: Game 1: - Result: Northcote High School defeated Fitzroy High School**

Having gained match practice in the previous Central District Round Robin playoff, Northcote won the toss and elected to bowl against Fitzroy High School. Fitzroy made a hesitant start and Lewis Baker (7A) took the opening wicket in his fourth over. Their middle order batsman consolidated and a fine partnership increased the run rate before Luke Koulaxizeili’s (7E) took two wickets from catches by Luke Dalvean (7B) and Joel Simmons (7E) in a fine spell of bowling. Paul Niklas (7E) dismissed their fourth wicket and in this limited over game, Fitzroy made eighty eight runs for the loss of four wickets. In reply, Northcote made ninety two runs for the loss of two wickets. Luke Dalvean, Mitchell Cross and Joel Simmons who top scored with 23 runs were the mainstay of our run total. This proved to be a convincing win and allowed Northcote to proceed to the final of this competition against Macleod High School.

**2nd Semi Final:**

**Game 2: - Result: Northcote High School was defeated by Macleod High School**

Northcote opened the batting but lost the early wicket of Joel Simmons (7E) before Luke Dalvean (7B) consolidated the run score making a valiant twenty nine runs supported by Mitchell Cross (7A) and Lewis Baker (7B) who were not out for twenty three and fifteen respectively. This gave Northcote a run tally of seventy nine with the loss of only two wickets. Macleod High School batting with very experienced openers hammered the Northcote bowling and runs came easily. They achieved the run count in eleven overs for only the loss of one wicket. The Macleod team were the better side on the day and deserved their victory as the team to play off in the Metro V Country final.

I would like to thank all team members for an outstanding performance in this competition and to congratulate them on their previous five victories. With increased practice and given the strength of this year seven side, the goal is to try and go one step further and make the final next year.

*Cricket Coach: Mr. Heyworth*
Bonjour Breizoz Creperie!

Year 10 students of French had lunch at the Breizoz Creperie in Gertrude St on April 7th (Out of Uniform Day). They enjoyed savoury crepes of buckwheat flour with ham and cheese or with ratatouille. Then for dessert they were served wheat flour crepes with chocolate sauce and vanilla ice cream.

To add to the Breton ambiance they drank a glass of [non-alcoholic] cider.

CAMPS UPDATE

The Year 7 Boho Camps Program for 2006 is now complete with 178 students attending the four day camp. Students experienced the bush at night on Mt. Wombat, a hike on Mt. Separation and canoeing at Polly Mc.Quinn's. Other activities included swimming, archery and toasting marshmallows.

Upcoming Camps

Students need to look in the daily bulletin & Newsletter for details of the following. Note: there is no guarantee that all these camps will run.

Term 3:
Year 9 – 11 Snow Camp (60 students, 3 days, cost $540 for skiing or $572 for Snowboarding, date: 30/8 – 1/9)
Year 9 & 10 Horse Riding (30+ students, 3 days, $200 approximately)

Term 4:
Year 8 Boho Camps – students attend in form groups for four days almost every week of term 4.
Activities include an overnight hike, swimming, bowling, horse riding and a visit to a trout farm.
Permission forms will be issued to all Year 8 students at the start of term 3 with all payments made by the end of term.
Year 9 & 10 Gold Coast Camp (44 students, cost $580 approximately, 7 days)
Year 9 – 12 Wilson’s Promontory (20 students, 5 days, cost $180 approximately, dates: 11/12-15/12)

Mr. R. Griffiths
Camps Coordinator

NHS Students with nothing to say! On the Wilson’s Prom walk, near the Lighthouse, December 2005

Year 10 Zone Cricket finals

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL  versus  MELBOURNE HS

Northcote High School captain Daniel Wakim dismissed complacency as a factor after Northcote’s batsmen were dismissed 27 runs short of an imposing total set by the boys from Melbourne High.

Northcote bowlers lead by Oliver Gordon and Dylan Temple maintained a steady line and length to have Melbourne High contained to 30 runs in the first 10 overs. However, the batting team then capitalized on some lucky escapes from difficult chances in blustery conditions at the home of broken dreams – Donath Reserve Reserve. Henry Dalgleish and Sam Baker bowled tirelessly without success. When the bowling stopped and the innings closed Northcote was set six an over to win.
In form batsmen Polidoras and Wakim opened the innings in fine style and they led the promised comeback. However, boundaries were hard to come by and Wakim's well executed cut shot for 4 runs was the shot of the morning session. Polidaris found it hard to find the middle, and holed out to mid on, and this started a batting collapse.

Zac Watkins was timing the ball sweetly, but he too picked out the fieldsmen. The spin duo from Melbourne High used the prevailing Donath wind on the flat heartless, track to their advantage and finally all was lost.

The team was magnanimous in defeat and congratulated the team from the Melbourne HS.

Over the journey it was an excellent effort by Northcote High School.

**Man of the Match**: O. Gordon

Melbourne High School 3 / 113 defeated Northcote High School 9 / 86

**Results:**

**Bowling**: O. Gordon 2 / 12, C. Polidoras 1 / 14, D. Temple 0 / 13, S. Baker 0 / 23, H. Dalgleish 0 / 36, D. Wakim 0 / 15

**Batting**: D. Wakim 30, O. Gordon 15, C. Polidoras 12

**Fielding**: Catches: H. Dalgleish, O. Gordon

*Mr. G. Thomas Coach*

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**Year 9 Student Leadership Training**

As part of National Youth Week 1st- 9th April Darebin Libraries hosted two leadership sessions in conjunction with experienced staff from the Reach Foundation at the Northcote Town Hall. Northcote High School, along with two other schools were invited to attended these leadership sessions.

The presenter, Elise Klein from the REACH organisation, ran both sessions. In the first session on Tuesday 4th April, Elise addressed a number of key issues that young people face in their lives such as: comfort zones, dreams, goals, honesty, self-confidence and the ability to listen to others. Elsie challenged students to “step outside” their “comfort zones” and challenged them to think about what they would like to change in their world. Our students identified areas such as discrimination, bullying, respect for others, less crime, racism and body image to name a few.

Elise spoke about world-renowned leaders such as Nelson Mandala and his strength as a person, a role model and as a leader who represented the plight of so many repressed and abused people worldwide. The students participated in various group activities where they stepped outside their comfort zones and discussed within their groups as well as the wider group the questions that Elise had posed: “What matters most in your life? What would you do for it?” Students were very honest and open and this was very moving for all those involved.

Session two on Tuesday 11th April was met by our young leaders with great enthusiasm. Inspired by their first session students were keen to see what Elise Klein the dynamic young REACH facilitator had in-store for them. She provided a fascinating insight into a project to she was involved in to build a school in Mali, West Africa. She detailed the difficulties, the poverty and challenges she and others faced in realising a dream to build a school with and for the local community. She screened a video which focused on the young people of West Africa detailing the community’s difficult family and health conditions, their aspirations and of course their dreams. As a very positive person Elise explored the themes of leadership and motivation. She directly challenged and encouraged our students to verbalise their dreams. She spoke to them about the courage and determination required and the skills that each person possesses and how everyone has the power to further develop their ideas and skills to make their dreams reality. Truly inspirational!

Ultimately, it was a great experience for students and staff. One key message that stood out and we believe students took back with them was: “Leadership is not being afraid to show who you are.”

Back at school our Year 9 leaders were charged with ideas for ways in which they as a Year Level could help others. They canvassed supportive networks and fundraising activities they may develop in
conjunction with our local community and beyond. Expect to hear more in future newsletters of what directions and goals our young leaders in Year 9 at NHS propose in realising their dreams!

We encourage all our students to log on and check out these links


http://www.daredin-libraries.vic.gov.au

Explore the possibilities of what your local community can offer and how you can become an active member.

Ms. Castles, Student Leadership Coordinator and
Ms. Fattore & Ms. Archer Year 9 Coordinators

SHORT SCHOOL NOTICES

MS KELLY WINS 3 TEACHING AWARDS
Our very own Ms P. Kelly has been notified of THREE outstanding academic achievement awards from the University of Melbourne: 1. The Dean’s Honours Award (top 1-2% in Faculty of Education undergraduates and graduates) 2. The MECU Excellence in Secondary Teaching Award (top 4 achievers in Grad Dip in Education – Secondary) and 3. The Hugh Childers’ Memorial Prize (second in Grad Dip in Education). Well done Ms Kelly!!

APPEAL FOR HELP—WITNESSES TO A VEHICLE ACCIDENT ON APRIL 11
On the evening of Wednesday April 11 (our school Parent Team Meetings) a car parked in Potter Avenue was struck by another unidentified car. If you saw anything please contact Mr Murphy at the school. We encourage students to take personal responsibility for their actions. We would hope that, if it is a parent of a student at this school who was responsible for the mishap, they would come forward.

CORRECTION TO COUNCIL CANDIDATE STATEMENT
My brief description letter placed in the newsletter contained an error regarding my employment at a private Catholic school. It should have read as follows, “I remained in this position until 1988 when I took up a position with a private Catholic school within the science laboratory department. During this time I was asked to teach electronics/system for a short time and on occasions science practicals”. I apologise sincerely if this information has been interpreted differently and assure readers that it was not intentional. Jim Galea

LONG TERM HOMESTAYS REQUIRED BY NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
Term Two and Three is the time many new overseas students arrive here and need help finding a home placement home. Current full board rate is $200-220 per week. Local families, who are interested in the young student’s daily lives are preferred. Please contact James in the Overseas Students Office on 9488 2334

2006 ENGLISH COMPETITION
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (formerly The English Competition), conducted by the University of N.S.W., will be held this year at Northcote High School, in the third week of June. It is open to all year 7 to 12 secondary students throughout Australasia. All students entering the competition receive a certificate of participation, credit, distinction or high distinction, depending on their achievement, and a document of statistical results. Students wishing to enter should give their full name and a $4 donation to their English teacher by Tuesday, May 2nd.

LATE START FOR YR 10 on TUESDAY MAY 9—11.00 am
Year 10 classes will start at 11.00 am on Tuesday May 9, to allow for a local Primary schools transition event for over 150 students.

THE AMAZING RACE—FRIDAY APRIL 28th
Northcote HS has again attracted media attention, fielding strong teams in the MET-Link Amazing Race, Heat 1, this Friday. 60 students volunteered for the 8 places we were allowed. A report will appear next edition.
NEW CALEDONIA FRENCH LANGUAGE TOUR—SEPTEMBER 2006
Thankyou—all deposits have been received and tickets and accommodation ordered. A second meeting for parents and students involved will be announced shortly.

NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL
Last Thursday night (April 20th) was the first meeting of our new School Council. John Butera was elected President, Brenda Gilmartin—Vice President and Graham Moore – Treasurer.

SEWING & BUILDING HELP NEEDED ON THE SCHOOL PRODUCTION
We are looking for anybody with sewing or building skills who may like to volunteer their services for the making of costumes and sets for this year's school production, "A Northside Story". Please contact Mr. Madden at NHS.

Community Mail Bag

THE NTH FITZROY PRIMARY SCHOOL "BIGGEST EVER GARAGE SALE " - SUNDAY MAY 7TH
Over 50 stalls of new and old treasures, sausage sizzle, fresh coffee and delicious food.
Nth Fitzroy Primary School, Fergie St. Melway 30B12. 10am - 3pm Enquiries and stall bookings 9481 5860.

SUPPORT FOR STEP FAMILY MEMBERS
A monthly Support Group for stepfamily members in the Darebin area is being held at Preston Creative Living Centre, 648 High Street, Reservoir. The group will meet on Mondays, the 24th April, the 29th May, the 3rd July and 31st July 6.00-8.30pm. Register your attendance by phoning Daniela Zimmermann from the Stepfamily Association on 9481 1500.

DOBSON'S UNIFORM SHOP

VCE GIRLS: LAST CALL FOR JUMPERS TO BE DROPPED OFF IF YOU ARE NEEDING "VCE" EMBROIDERED ON THEM.
NEW VCE UNISEX FLEECE JUMPERS ARE NOW AVAILABLE -THE COST IS $74.
OPENING HOURS: TUES: 12:30 - 4PM, FRIDAY 8:30 - 11:30AM
Northcote High Uniform Shop St Georges Rd, Northcote phone: 9488-2317
Email Nor@Dobscons.com.au