Diary

- June 6. Some VCAA Exams
- June 7. GAT for all students undertaking Unit 3&4 subjects. Report Writing Day. No Classes
- June 8-16. Yr 10 Work Experience
- June 9. Yr 7 District Sport
- June 12. Queens Birthday Holiday
- June 15. English Competition
- June 16. Yr 11 & 12 Reports distributed. Last day of Term 2 School Ends at 2.00 pm
- **July 3. Start of Term 3**
  - July 10. Yrs 7-9 Reports distributed
  - July 18. Parent forum on adolescence
  - July 24. (to July 26) Horse riding camp
  - July 25. Year 10 Parents & students Info evening for Yr 11 2007
  - July 27. Maths Competition
  - July 28. District Indoor Hockey
  - July 28 School production rehearsal –GYM
  - July 30. Honjo HS visit (to Aug 5)
Our Sax Quartet stars

The NHS Sax Quartet, comprising Ali Fyffe (Yr12), Eleanor Lewis (Yr 12), Tom Noonan (Yr 10) and Suzanno Nowara (ex-student), recently competed in the Intermediate/Senior Small Ensemble division of The Clarinet and Saxophone Society of Victoria’s (CLASAX) recent performance competition. The infamous quartet were chauffeured (in the Music Department’s rainbow hippie music mobile) to Melbourne Grammar on Friday evening, 26th of May. The Northcote High School Quartet was the only government school in this section of the competition.

The Sax Quartet played *The Hallelujah Chorus* and *The Liberty Bell* with soul and placed second after Scotch College’s Sax Quartet, with PLC’s Clarinet Trio placing third, from a total of seven highly skilled, private school finalist competitors. The quartet received favourable comments from the adjudicator and received a certificate and silver plaque. This is the second time the Sax Quartet has placed second in a state-wide competition.

Congratulations on the result and for representing Northcote and Government schools.
*Shaun Murray*

Upcoming Camps

Students need to look in the daily bulletin for details of the following camps

**Term 3:**

**SNOW CAMP** Year 9 – 11 (3 days, cost $ 540 for skiing or $572 for Snowboarding, date: 30/8 – 1/9) Only 12 places left, forms still available.

**HORSE RIDING** Year 9 & 10 (20+ students, 3 days, date: 24/7 – 26/7, cost $352, Note the cost will reduce to $ 280 if we reach 25 students) Forms now available.

**Year 9 LANDCARE AT BOHO** (20 students, 3 days, cost $ 50 approximately, dates: 27/7 – 29/7) This camp has been made available by the school successfully applying for a Mitre 10 Landcare Grant. Students will be working with the Strathbogie Ranges Landcare group in replanting the campsite grounds with indigenous trees. Expression of interest forms have been distributed to all Year 9 students.

**Term 4:**

**GOLD COAST** Year 9 & 10 Camp (44 students, cost $595, 7 days) Date: starting Saturday 7th October. Forms now available.

*Mr. R. Griffiths*
*Camps Coordinator*
Outstanding term of inter-school sport

The next 2 weeks to finish off the Term continue to be busy in the Sporting arena at Northcote High School. Despite our recent success in winning District Senior Girls Badminton, Senior and Intermediate Girls and Senior Boys Soccer, Senior Girls Football and Intermediate Girls Netball, we now move on to our Year 7 and 8 students playing off in District tournaments. The past few weeks have seen our younger teams training before and after school, at lunchtime and during timetabled sport education sessions.

Our Soccer teams have been led by our two traditional coaches in John Heyworth and George Georgiadis. The Year 7 and 8 Soccer Girls have responded positively to first year teacher Ms. Pip Kelly who has been giving our girls some extensive after school training sessions.

In the area of Australian Rules Football, Mr James our new Physical Education teacher has taken a leading training and coaching role. Ms. Young our new female Physical Education teacher has played a major role in the coaching and training of our multiple girls and boys netball teams.

When you take into account all the teachers and students competing in sporting teams there is a constant flow of meetings, training, bookings, coaching, emails and positive energy.

Badminton continues to grow

With so many coaches helping out, as sports coordinator most of my energy has been channelled into our multiple Badminton teams. Two months ago training began before schools 2 mornings a week. Two months later we have moved to training before and after school 5 days per week. Training has grown into extensive cross age tutoring with Year 12 students often playing and coaching Year 7 and 8 students. This sounds great but last Thursday night after school we had 3 ex-Badminton students return for a hit and 3 Primary school brothers and sisters join our training sessions. How far can the Badminton family extend. We have several teachers who have a hit with the students. All I need now is a few parents/carers to drop in to keep me amused.

Over all of our Term 2 teams we will accommodate the following numbers of students - 70 in Badminton, 180 in Football, 120 in Soccer and 70 in Netball – this total of 440 students equates to around 34% of our total school student population. With many other students specialising in Swimming, Athletics, Cross Country and specific Term 1 and 3 Sports, I estimate 50 % of our student population will represent the school this year. It’s a great privilege for all the teacher coaches to work with them in something they volunteer and love to be involved in.

Craig Price (Sports Coordinator)
District and Zone Sports update

Northcote High School has dominated District sport this year, with the following wins:

- NHS Girls' Cricket - Year 7, 8, Intermediate and Senior
- NHS Girls' Football - Senior
- NHS Girls' Netball - Intermediate
- NHS Girls' Tennis - Years 7, 8 and Senior
- NHS Girls' Soccer - Intermediate and Senior
- NHS Girls' Badminton - Senior
- NHS Boys' Volleyball - Year 8
- NHS Boys' Cricket - Year 7, 8, Intermediate and Senior
- NHS Boys' Tennis - Year 8 (Also ZONE winners)
- NHS Boys' Soccer - Senior
- NHS School Swimming Team Yrs 7-12 (Also ZONE winners)
- NHS Athletics Team Yrs 7-12

(At District we compete with eight other local secondary schools, at Zone with 37 other schools. Many Zone events are still to be held)

Awards and Appointments

A number of awards and presentations were made at assemblies on May 3.

**YEAR 8 & 9 Awards and Appointments**

**John Cain Memorial Scholarship**: George Loram, 9A

**John & Maud Askew Scholarship**: Timothy Baxter, 9E

**SRC Representatives**:

- **Year 9 Level Captains**:
  - Nellie Montague
  - Nicholas Rickard

- **Year 8 Level Captains**:
  - Zoe Garkinis
  - Varanan Ganeshapillai

**Winners of 2005 Raelene Boyle Sporting Excellence Trophies**:

- **Year 9**
  - Jack Simcoe, 9D
  - Lucy Meaney, 9G

- **Year 8**
  - James McGee, 8E
  - Nicole Higginson, 8H

**School Sporting Colours**

- **Year 9**
  - Boys tennis—Alex Bennett, 9C
Boys football—Jack Simcoe, 9D
Boys cross-country—Nathan Jumeau, 9B

Year 8
Boys baseball—Tim Dobson, 8F
Boys table tennis—Marco Xiao, 8H
Girls squash—Chloe O’Brien, 8D
Girls badminton—Debbie Kha, 8H

Students who were involved in the Northern Zone swimming competition and who won the overall aggregate for the first time:

Year 9
Tara Amsterdam-Bagdas 9C
Jack Dalton, 9G
Stacey Batterham, 9F
Harriet Green, 9E
Alessi Burnham, 9E
Nicholas Rickard, 9E
Charlie Curtis, 9G

Year 8
Sebastian Becerra Isaza, 8H
Stephen Kwok, 8G
Tom Benjamin, 8F
Jayden Mastin, 8G
Alberta Gunner, 8D
Mara Mathieson, 8A
Lily Poticnik, 8D

Recipients of certificates from Australian Music Examinations Board:

Year 9
Honours:
Hoi Yee Lee

Credits:
Hannah Downs
Nellie Montague
Alexander Morton-Brown
Nicholas Rickard
Passes
Charlie Curtis
Stephanie Melilli

Year 8
Honours:
Bianca Le
Phoebe Shiu
Donna Staples

Credits
Giulia Kassen
Peter Melilli
Ben Hargreaves

YEARS 10 & 11 Awards and Appointments

Year 11
Student Executive Representatives:
Georgia Burns-Williamson & Cassie Zurek
Jacob Erlandson & Chandra Gamble

Year 10 Level Captains:
Kate Jama
Josh Mackinnon

Winners of 2005 Raelene Boyle Sporting Excellence Trophies:

Year 11
Ben Walton-Healey, 11A
Georgia Madden, 11B

Year 10
Chris Polidoras, 10F
Jessica Djimoti, 10I

School Sporting Colours
Year 11
Girls netball- Georgia Madden, 11B
Boys hockey-Alex Rooke, 11C
Boys cricket-Sam Courtin-Clarke, 11C
Girls soccer-Rita Mankowska, 11A

Year 10
Boys volleyball-Haritos Haitidis, 10B
Boys swimming-Rory Lewis, 10A
Girls softball-Coby Bialas, 10C

Students who were involved in the Northern Zone swimming competition and who won the overall aggregate for the first time:

Year 11
Emily Batterham, 11H
Dean Camenzulli, 11F
Hannah Mathieson, 11C
Ben Walton-Healey, 11A
Cassie Zurek, 11E

Year 10
Jessie Andrew-Rieper, 10H
George Doufaldidas, 10H
Lewin Eddy, 10A
Cameron Shallard, 10I

Presentation to student who represented Northcote High School in the State Swimming Championships at the Aquatic Centre -

Lewin Eddy, 10A achieved 5th in the under 16 backstroke

Recipients of certificates from the Australian Music Examination Board:

Year 11
Credit
Eleonora Bertsa
Pass
Despina Pyrros

Year 10
High Distinction
Jonathan Anderson
Honours
Nicholas Chow (Practice in Music & Contemporary Popular Music)
Tom Noonan

Credits
Hannah Doull
Hannah Marchesi
Erin Miller
Celia Milton
Stephanie Moncur
Kathleen O’Leary

Passes
Callum Flint
Sacha Novacovic

YEAR 12 AND YEAR 7

Winner of the “Courage and Commitment” award from the Grant Holland Foundation:

Tahmina Wardak

Winners of Year 7 Bursaries:

$200 Fred David Award:
Karina Roberts, 7F

Other $200.00 Scholarships-

Philippe Asianis, 7B
Stephan Flumm, 7F
Damon Hourigan, 7B
Yazmine Santoro, 7H
Paige Hoppner, 7G

$100.00 Scholarships

Brooke Thompson, 7A
Sienna Brown, 7H
Eve Walton-Healey, 7D
Victor Zhan, 7F
Beth McLoughlin, 7E
Rachel, Taggart, 7G
William Hughes, 7C
Emily Maiorino, 7F
Lewis Baker, 7B
Marie Litova, 7G
Helina Nicholis, 7I
Rachel Conboy, 7I
Chrisie, Sarakinis, 7E
Sarah Paleologou, 7D
Calvin Petty, 7G

**Winners of 2005 Raelene Boyle Sporting Excellence Trophies:**

**Year 12**
Chris Wills, 12F
Alex Price, 12A

**School Sporting Colours**
Year 12
Girls athletics Alex Price, 12A
Boys golf Carson Tully, 12F

Students who were involved in the Northern Zone swimming competition and who won the overall aggregate for the first time:

Year 7
Matthew Carfora, 7I
Patrick Cullen, 7D
Lauren Gilder, 7F
Mark Langley, 7F
Cameron Pavey, 7F
Katherine Thomas, 7A
Selma Viden, 7D
Eve Walton-Healey, 7D

Presentation to student who represented Northcote High School in the State Swimming Championships at the Aquatic Centre –

Eve Walton-Healey, 7D achieve a Gold Medal in the under 13 backstroke

**Recipients of certificates from the Australian Music Examinations Board:**

Credit- Claire Miller, 12G

**Semester 1 Reports Day, June 16th**

**Senior School Semester 1 Student Reports and Study Planning**

In our ongoing efforts to work closely with parents and students to support student achievement, we have redesigned the last day of term to support the development of study plans over the holidays.

On the last day of term 2, Friday June 16th, Semester 1 reports will be distributed to VCE students. Year 10 reports can be picked up on Friday or they will be mailed to parents.
Year 10, 11 and 12 Level Coordinators will be available on Friday to meet with students and parents during the day, 8.30 am. to 2pm., to discuss reports and develop support plans and study programs.

Ms Anderton, our Careers Coordinator, will also be available to assist students during the day. Appointments may be made with her for the Friday or for the commencement of Term 3. The direct telephone number for the Careers Office is 94882315.

Telephone contact numbers for Year Level Coordinators are listed below.

Ms Butera & Ms Odorisio - Year 10 Coordinators - 94882327
Mr Mameghan & Ms Kanellopoulos - Year 11 Coordinators - 94882396
Ms Corkery & Ms Maharaj - Year 12 Coordinators – 94882312
Ms Hill – Head of Senior School – 94882312

Jocelyn Hill
Senior School Coordinator

Adolescence Seminar for parents, July 18

Parenting is a demanding job, often with little outside support.

Northcote Highlights, with support from the school, has arranged a special session for parents especially with children in Years 7-9: “UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENCE”

When: Tuesday 18 July
Time: 7.00 – 9.00 p.m. Tea/coffee on arrival
Where: The Library

The session will be run by 2 experienced practitioners: Michelle Bihary and Nicole Levy from The Delta Centre, Malvern. There will be scope for questions and discussion.

There is no need to book. Just turn up on the night! ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

Debating—Look Who’s Talking!

Since the start of the year Northcote has had four D grade teams in the Debaters Association of Victoria high school competition. There are two teams at year nine (teams 1 and 4) and two at year eight (teams 2 and 3). Each month these teams travel to Ivanhoe Girls Grammar to debate. The Northcote teams have debated against schools such as Ivanhoe Girls Grammar, Ivanhoe Grammar Ridgeway, Kew High and East Doncaster Secondary. Debate has raged on interesting topics like “That burning the Australian flag should be illegal”, “That we should introduce a
compulsory military service” and “That the government should fund elite sporting organisations”. The current topic is “That we should have quotas for Australian made television programs” Teams 1, 3 and 4 have won two debates and team 2 has won all three and may make the finals. A special thanks to Mr Ramsey and Ms Wilson for helping us prepare for each debate and to our families for all their support.

Marissa Butera 8E

Year 9/10 Australian Rules Football

DATE: 26th May 2006

Game 1 Summary
Northcote High School lost the first and decisive match against Reservoir District Secondary College at the home of “broken dreams”, Donath Reserve. The game was a hard fought tussle that could have gone either way. On a very small ground, play was congested and ‘gutsy’ marks by Michael Mustafa and Sean Gilmarton were the highlight. When, Anthony Hogan goaled, Northcote High School were 6 points behind going into the first change.

Against strong opposition and some very classy talent Northcote fought hard for its goals in the second half. Particularly frustrating for Coach Mr James was that his players were unable to implement their free flowing game with ability to run the lines. When Mitchell Pappas missed a difficult chance from the impossible angle of Donath Reserve Northcote was still in touch. However, Reservoir’s Hood brothers combined to goal and seal the match. It was then I saw the Reservoir mascot don the “Gold Jacket.”

Result: Northcote High School 4 -3- 27 lost to Reservoir District High School 7 -6- 48

Game 2 Summary
It was in the second game that Northcote demonstrated its running power. Jack Simcoe, in purple patch of clever football, kicked two outstanding goals. Northcote dominated all over the ground, led by five goals from Mitchell Pappas and a spectacular mark over Kirk Geogopoulos.

Lakeside’s misery was compounded when Kane Lambert, Lakeside’s, captain courageous, was heavily tackled by Anthony Hogan. Despite Kane’s tenacious efforts Northcote went on a goal scoring spree. It was then I was wearing the illustrious “Gold Jacket”.

Mr James and Mr Thomas would like to congratulate all the players on a fine effort and particularly the helpers on the day, especially Leigh Manning, Zac Watkins and Daniel Wakim.

Result: Northcote High School 18 -6- 114 defeated Lakeside High School 0 -0- 0

World’s Greatest Shave Day

On the 19th May, Northcote High School participated in one of Australia’s biggest fundraising events, The Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave. Although this event has occurred annually for the past seven years, it was the first time it was conducted at Northcote. The idea was first raised by a group of students in Year 7 and 9. They attended regular meetings and helped set up the hall on the day. It was a very successful event with over $250 being donated to the Leukaemia Foundation and all of the students who participated enjoying themselves thoroughly. Special thanks go to the students who assisted Ms.Pyke, Ms.Lenthall, and Ms Phillips in organising the event, Kerry who performed the shaving, and the Year 10 Peer Helpers who assisted in the spraying of hair colour on other students and staff.
Homestays, Homestays!

From Huabei Number One High School.
Mid August 2006

Our dear friends at our Chinese sister school have advised us of their planned visit in August.

20 students from Huabei Number One High School will visit us for one week in about mid–August, a week or so after our Japanese visitors have left (See previous editions of the newsletter) First choice for Northcote host families will be given to students who will be travelling to China in September. Its expected however, that there will be additional volunteers needed to homestay our Chinese visitors. Our Chinese visitors are usually very proficient in English. (Note: As Huabei is our sister school, a payment to host families in China and Australia is not made)

From Honjo High School, Japan (first week in August 2006)

Activity plans are progressing for our visitors from Honjo High School. There are still THREE places available to host a student—a most rewarding experience for all. If you are registered as interested, thank you! A payment of $210 per student is made.

If you would like to register, please contact Mr Murphy at school

Study Tour To Italy 2007

The LOTE Faculty is once again offering students the opportunity to put their Italian skills to good use and visit Italy in 2007! It is expected that the study tour to Italy will take place from the 20th of September to the 4th of October. Most of this time is during the Term 3 vacation period.

Students will visit Rome, Florence (for intensive Italian language lessons) Pisa, Venice, Milan, as well as a homestay component in Udine where the group will visit an Italian school. Some of the features of the tour will be a visit to the Colosseum, the Vatican, La Scala opera house in Milan and a look at Leonardo Da Vinci’s masterpiece “The Last Supper”. The tour will include two half-day tours of Rome, a half day tour in Florence and Milan.

Costing at this stage is being finalised. If you are interested in finding out more, please complete the slip below by Friday 16th June and return it to Ms Fattore (in Room 12A).

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST- ITALY STUDY TOUR 2007

I ……………………………………………………………….. would like to receive further information about the

(PRT NAME OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN)

Study Tour to Italy in September 2007.

My child is……………………………………………………………………………. in Form

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(NAME AND YEAR LEVEL OF STUDENT)

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(SIGNATURE OF PARENT/ GUARDIAN)

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SHORT SCHOOL NOTICES
PMC—What is this?
The Parents Music Committee! Great! How can I be involved? Come along to our next meeting! Wednesday 12th of July @ 7.30pm (in the Music Department/Arts Block) Newcomers very welcome

INAPPROPRIATE IMAGES ON MOBILE PHONES
Parents and students are reminded that students may not store rude, violent or otherwise objectionable images on mobile phones that are brought to school. There have been several incidents where students have passed such images around at school recently. Parents, other students and staff have all been distressed as a result. Parents are asked to discuss this with their son or daughter. The school treats such images on a phone the same way as if they are brought to school in print.

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

Community Mail Bag

ROCK SCHOOL, Northcote.
Learn or advance your playing of ROCK music. We can also teach performance and song writing skills important in becoming a working musician! We cater for what you want. Voice, guitar, bass, drums and more. Our teachers are qualified and are also experienced gigging musicians with music industry connections. We'll help you get out of your bedroom and on to the stage!
Also ask us about our school holiday program specials! Contact Steph – 0418 603 851.

KEYS PLEASE DRIVER EDUCATION
Darebin Libraries will be running two “Keys Please” sessions in May and June. “Keys Please” is a drivers education program aimed at parents and learner drivers and are run by specially trained VIC ROAD staff.
The first session is scheduled for Date: Wednesday 17 May, Venue: Preston Library, 266 Gower Street, Preston Time: 7-8.30pm Bookings: Can be made by simply calling 1300 655 355
The second session is scheduled for Date: Wednesday 14 June, Venue: Northcote Library Separation St, Northcote Time: 7-8.30pm. Bookings: Can be made by simply calling 1300 655 355

Building Resilience and Victim’s Optimism
An Intervention Program for Victims of School Bullying
Research into bullying has shown that the highest levels of bullying occur in Years 7, 8, and 9. An average of around 20% of students in these years report being victimised on a regular basis. Research has also shown that being a victim of bullying can have serious short- and long-term effects, including low psychological wellbeing, poor social adjustment, psychological issues (including depression and anxiety), and physical illness. However, not all students show the same level of distress following bullying incidents. In fact, some students not only tolerate the bullying, but continue to thrive in the face
of such adversity. These students are showing resilience to the effects of bullying. The skills these resilient victims are demonstrating are ones that can be taught.

Emma Wade (registered psychologist/PhD candidate), in conjunction with RMIT University, will be running a free 9-week program for Year 7 students who have been the victims of bullying (to be run in Term 3, at RMIT Psychology Clinic, Bundoora). The program is based on a two-year study that identified the skills that are required to become resilient to the effects of bullying. If you are concerned that your child is being bullied, and is not coping well, please register your interest to be involved by contacting Emma Wade, C/O Division of Psychology, RMIT University, PO Box 71, Bundoora, 3083.

Or visit www.rmit.edu.au/psychology/bravo to register and read more about the program.

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Dobson’s Uniform Shop

OPENING HOURS TUES: 12:30 - 4PM FRI: 8:30 - 11:30AM

Once again we are short of some items to sell 2nd hand. If you have RUGBY JUMPERS OR SKIRTS which you have outgrown and they are in good CLEAN condition please bring them in and receive 70% of the selling price.

We apologise to students who are waiting for smaller size rugby jumpers on order. There have been delays at the manufacturing end of things!!

PAYMENT BY CASH, EFTPOS, CREDIT CARD OR ACCOUNT. NO CHEQUES.
Northcote High Uniform Shop, St Georges Rd  Northcote 9488-2317 Nor@Dobsons.com.au