Diary

July 18. Parent Forum on Adolescence, 7-9 pm

July 25. VCE 2007 Info Evening, 7pm

July 26. 2007 Space Camp Info evening, 6.30 pm

July 27—29. Landcare Boho Camp

July 27. Math Competition

July 28. District indoor Hockey School Production rehearsal

July 30. Honjo High school arrive (to August 7)

Aug 1&2 Yr 7 AIM test

Aug 2. School production rehearsal and 7.30 pm Opening Night

Aug 3. 7.30pm School Production

Aug 4. 5.00 pm Honjo Farewell party. School Hall 7.30 pm School Production

Aug 5. 7.30pm. School Production

Aug 7. Yr 9-10 Information evening

Aug 8. Yr 7 Hep. B shots

Aug 9. 3-8 pm. Yr 11-12 Parent Teacher Meetings. Classes End 12.40 pm
New Year 7 Captains Appointed

A significant number of Year 7 students applied in writing to be considered for the important roles of Year Level Captains. It was pleasing to see so many young students new to our school that are so dedicated and eager to undertake these leadership roles. The selection process was made very difficult due to the large number of excellent applicants.

We wish to thank every student for their applications. We know that these students will continue to be leaders in other ways. We would like to encourage all applicants to apply for similar leadership positions offered at the school in the future.

Congratulations to both Shoshana Sniderman-Wise and Anthony Secoulidis, both of 7E. Both students have attended their first Captains Council with Ms. Davidson and are eager to contribute in every way possible to the school and in representing the Year 7 student body.

Ms. M. Castles
Student Leadership Coordinator

Junior Landcare – A Biodiversity Project

Congratulations to Zoe Garkinis 8E - Year 8 Class Captain and to Daniela Russo, also of 8E and a SRC representative for her class, for writing a successful application for a $500 grant awarded to the school towards creating a garden that is sensitive to the biodiversity of the area. This is a terrific environmental project undertaken by our students. Zoe and Daniela will lead a Student Action Team of about 8 students who are also interested in helping the environment. Many thanks to Mr. Erlandsen for his support in applying for the grant and for facilitating the group.

The grant is from Australia Post through Landcare Australia and the Mitre 10 Junior Landscape Grants Program. The grant was awarded through the Biodiversity category of the program. We thank these organisations for their support.

We will provide further information about the project in our newsletter in coming weeks.

School Production Update

In a suburb with a view
there was a school that was true
to an idea on the brew
and unveiled a play that was due.

The countdown is on.... just a few weeks until our opening night!
The cast of 80 performers have been working tirelessly since early in term 2.
The committed team has given many hours over to A Northside Story with countless after school rehearsals, lunchtime meetings and Saturday workshops. This doesn’t even include all the work they have done at home, such as remembering lines and practicing dance steps. However all the hard work is paying off – they are busy putting the finishing touches on their performances and their work is looking amazing!

Meanwhile, the backstage crew has been busy constructing sets, finding props, making costumes and painting. The video footage is being edited by our filmmaker and the school band is rehearsing for their important role in the
A Northside Story should not be missed!

Tickets ON SALE Now!
Tickets are now on sale from the general office. Tickets can be purchased in person or over the phone (9448 2301).

**Prices:**

- **Students/Concession/Ex-students:** $15
- **Adults:** $22

Thursday 3rd of August is the 80th year celebration for NHS. To celebrate, we would like to invite you to our pre-show drinks at the Northcote Town Hall. The night begins at 5pm and many ex-teachers and “Old Boys” will be in attendance. Everyone is welcome, however tickets must be purchased prior. Please note that there is a $4 surcharge on all tickets for this performance (this price includes wine and cheese before the show).

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**VCE, 2007, Information Evening, July 25**

Parents are reminded that the VCE Information Evening will be held on Tuesday July 25th, in the school hall at 7 pm for all current Year 10 students and their parents.

Letters were sent home with students in week 2 of Term 3

The general structure of the Victorian Certificate of Education, the course selection process, career advice and pathway options will be outlined at the evening and students will receive their Course Selection Information packs.

It is a very important date on the school calendar for our Year 10 students and we look forward to seeing all our students and their parents at the evening.

Jocelyn Hill, Head of Senior School, Rosemary Butera and Angela Odorisio, Year 10 Coordinators.

**Mr. Heyworth’s Soccer Page - Senior Boys Soccer**

Central District Soccer - 2006
Venue – Donath Reserve – 24/5/06
Results:-

**Game 1 - Northcote High School** 2 v – Thornbury Darebin 1
Goalscorers:- N. Kalambakis 1, D. Moshis 1

**Game 2 - Northcote High School** 5 v Reservoir High School 2
Goalscorers:- N. Kalambakis 4, Q. Redzepi 1

**Final, Game 3 - Northcote High School** 3 v Mill Park 1
Goalscorers:- N. Kalambakis 2
T. Papageorgiou 1
**Match Reports:**
The opening round of the District tournament saw Northcote High School play arch rivals Thornbury Darebin in a tough contest. Throughout the game, Northcote dominated in midfield; Appollon Christodoulou supported by Kosta Gountaras controlled the mid-field play in the first half. Northcote went ahead through Nick Kalambakis who slotted a goal from the edge of the penalty box at the ten minute mark prior to half time. Thornbury equalised early in the second half from a goal that was questionably allowed, and the game hung in the balance until Dimitre Moshis placed a left footer inside the post in the dying minutes of the game. This was a thankful win to the next round given that Northcote had dominated possession.
The game against Reservoir was an easier affair; the opposition could not match the more aggressive brand of soccer that Northcote played. Northcote took the lead in the first half with a lob over the goalkeepers head by Qamil Redzepi, and the ever reliable Nick Kalambakis slotted a free kick from the edge of the penalty box. Reservoir scored minutes later from a goalmouth scramble, only to see Nick flick a ball over the keeper to cement a first half lead for Northcote. Kalambakis, supported by his teammates, scored two more in the second half while Reservoir pulled one back. The seniors were gaining in confidence at this stage and thoroughly deserved their spot in the Final.

**The final** proved to be a thrilling, well matched game with Northcote taking the lead in the first half through a cheeky goal by Tom Papageorgiou who tapped in from close range. Saif Katten was gaining in confidence in midfield supported by Billy Homonas who was dominant and hard at the ball. However, Mill Park equalised just before half time to level the score. When the game resumed, Nick Kalambakis slotted a left footer passed the Mill Park keeper in the opening minute and topped off a magic day with a well taken penalty in the dying minutes The team now proceed to the **Northern Zone Finals** where the competition will be even stronger.

The pre season training certainly helped with regard to match fitness and the team players deserve credit for their efforts on the match day. A special thankyou to Mr. Price for his help with pre match organisation and his support on the day.

_Senior Boys Soccer Coach_  
Mr. J. Heyworth.

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**AMEB MUSIC EXAMS - ENTRIES DUE SOON.**

_Instrumental exams, 5th Session:_ entries due Friday 4th August  
Exam Period: 16th Oct - 11th November

_CPM guitar exams:_ entries due Monday 24th August  
Exam Period: 13 - 25th November

Students wishing to enter for an AMEB Music exam should see their Instrumental Music teacher ASAP. Application forms are available from the Music Department, General Office and on the school website. Please lodge all Applications and fees with the general office by the due date.

Note: Late applications cannot be processed. If you have any queries, please contact Ms Newton on 9488 2336 or by email mn@nhs.vic.edu.au
Our State Champions in the making!

Laura Pearse won silver in the Victorian Under-15 Fencing Championship. Here she is with foil, vest and helmet.

Annie Xiao (shown at left with Tamara Flumm) has represented Victoria for two years in Table Tennis. She was part of a team of 4 who were runners up in the Australian Youth Championships. She will represent Australia in the Oceana Championships later this month.

Zoë Drury recently performed in the 2006 Sydney Ceroc and International Modern Jive Dance Championship. Zoë and her partner Shaun placed second in the Showcase event. The couple who came first are professional full time dancers (Alex Bryan from Dancing with the Stars). Zoë also made it to the top six in the finals of the Advance Freestyle category.

Year 9 Legal Studies - Our Day in Court!

Year 9 commerce classes, 9G and 9H along with teachers Ms Zorbas, Ms Jeffery and Ms McNicol were recently able to directly experience and witness our legal system in action. All of us were able to see just what happens in a real life court room.

The morning saw both classes attending a session at the Melbourne Magistrates Court. Students were given free access to a variety of legal cases, ranging from the relatively minor, such as shoplifting from the Reject Shop, to cases positively eye widening in the extreme. One hundred and sixty eight charges for one person! We were even treated to a few bizarre cases, such as internet stalking inspired by the literary genius of Sidney Sheldon!

Several of Melbourne’s ‘celebrities’ were also on show, ranging from crime family matriarchs, to fallen sportspeople. This allowed us all to watch the media pack in action outside.

Students all commented on the value of this experience, as it allowed them to see the theory being taught in the classroom being applied in real life.

The afternoon was no less eventful with students being involved in a role play exercise based on a real life court case, courtesy of the new Law museum located at the Old Magistrates Court.

Students were given specific roles, which they acted out with great aplomb! Joshua Sayers treated us all to a performance worthy of an Academy Award as the Defence lawyer, with Judge Lucy Meany presiding over her court with an iron fist. Kate Anderson prosecuted the case in flamboyant style and looked a treat in that cotton wool wig! Fillip Brozek made an excellent Clerk of Courts. Witnesses such as Cheyne Evans and Elizabeth Demetriou were also prominent performers! Those of us in the gallery were treated to a gripping renactment of a real life court case entitled “I’ve Killed My Best Mate.” This experience allowed all students to see the real life changing consequences of one error and its impact on such a large number of people.

This excursion was in short a truly valuable educational experience for all involved, both teachers and students! A huge thank you must therefore go to Ms. Zorbas who spent many hours organising this experience for us all. Her organisational skills were
nothing short of outstanding, ensuring a truly valuable and memorable day was had by all.

**Adolescence Seminar for Parents, tonight - 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!**

**Overseas Visitors update**

**Honjo High School (July 30– August 7)**
Sincere thanks to all who have supported the program—the O’Leary, Turner, Montague, Petty, Batterham, Mountford, Dolby, Lantieri, Helm-King, Sproule, Bennett, O’Brien, Ramsay, Pearse, Burns-Williamson and Tranter families.

**Huaibei High School (Mid August, TBC)**
Our sister school in China is again visiting us for a week, with a large delegation of 15 students (13 girls and only 2 boys) and five teachers. **Yes—we are still wanting to arrange homestays!** If you are interested, please contact Mr Murphy at school.

**Peer Helpers update**

As it is the beginning of the second semester all of us involved with the ‘Peer Helpers’ program thought that now would be a good time to reaffirm our goals for the coming months. They include

Strengthing our ties with the year seven students
Training a group of year nine students to continue with the Peer Helpers program next year
Continuing and expanding the Peer Helper Email
As always we are moving forward with the help of the dedicated staff at both Northcote High and Darebin Council.
The Peer Helper’s email is peerhelper@nhs.vic.edu.au and any students experiencing problems

Yr 7 Boys Soccer to Zone final
The Northcote HS Year 7 Boys Soccer team has advanced to the VSSSA Northern Zone Finals after winning the Central District competition on Friday 9th June.
The day began well for Northcote defeating Thornbury 2-0 in the first of the group games. Striker Stephan Flumm was outstanding scoring both goals.
Game 2 against Reservoir was close early, with both defences controlling the tempo of the game. Then, another fantastic effort from Stephan Flumm had Northcote on the board. This was closely followed by another goal from Benny Ou – Northcote up 2-0 and flying. When Matteo Panarello scored the goal of the day midway through the second half it was all over, a 3-0 victory setting up a final with the highly fancied Mill Park team.
After amassing 8 goals in their two group games, Mill Park was expected to come out guns blazing. This didn’t happen thanks to an excellent Northcote defence – restricting the flow of play in the first half. Both teams played a tight brand of soccer in the second half, with the scores deadlock at nil all at full time. With no extra time, it was straight to penalties – the cruellest way to decide any game.
Coach Jamel Mekawy selected his penalty takers carefully and many words of encouragement were given to keeper Robert Buzzanca, who had not put a foot wrong during the day. In scenes similar to that of the Socceroos World Cup qualifying victory against Uruguay – Buzzanca made four brilliant saves to set up Johnny Nikolaloudis match winning strike to send the team into wild celebrations, Northcote winning 2-0 on penalties.
This great team effort has secured the boys a spot in the Northern Zone finals to be held early in term 3. Well done!!!
Mr Michael James

Italian Poetry Competition Results

Congratulations to the following Year 9 students who received Honorable Mention Certificates in the Dante Alighieri Italian Poetry Competition held at Melbourne University last month.

Hanan Fayad
Sophie Freeman
Stephanie Harding
Rosie Hilder
Tara Amsterdam-Bagdas
Kate Anderson
Esmond Angeles
Samuel Barrett
Molly Caddy
Monique Restuccia
Northcote A Cluster Logo Competition

As you all know, Northcote High School is one of the 7 schools of the Northcote A Cluster that came together in 2005 in order to share expertise, resources and ideas as well as to develop links across the schools and the community. Other schools in our Cluster are: The Victorian School of Languages, Baltara, Northcote Primary School, Westgarth Primary School, Thornbury Primary School and Alphington Primary School. The Cluster decided to run a competition for a logo design, at the secondary school level, as students had access to Computer Design classes and a wider range of sophisticated art classes and resources.

We’d like to thank all students who entered the competition. The competition was made very difficult due to the wide range of very impressive entries. Well done. We are proud to announce Dianne Reponia of 7E as the winner of the competition. Her entry was outstanding. Dianne will receive a $50 prize. Her logo was selected by the Management Team and will now be appear on Cluster communications across the 7 schools. Congratulations Dianne! Thanks to Mr.Rush for his help in transferring the image into a digital format for our use.

Ms M. Castles
Northcote A
Cluster Educator

SHORT SCHOOL NOTICES

ACCOMPANISTS WANTED for AMEB exams.
We are seeking students with advanced piano skills (grade 5+) to accompany AMEB exam students. Accompanists will be paid a fee per student they accompany. This is a great opportunity for students to develop their musical skills in a new way. Interested students should see Mr Lewis for an application form.

Community Mail Bag
Student Exchange Australia Free information Evening, July 20

Student Exchange Australia is a not for profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education. They have arranged a free information evening for families to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.

Place: Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William Street Melbourne.
Date: July 20
Time: 7.30-9.00 pm For more information: www.studentexchange.org.au. Phone 1300 135 331

FREE PARENTING PROGRAM
The Victorian Parenting Centre is offering a free 6 week program for all parents of adolescents aged 10-14 years. The ABCD program represents ideas and strategies shown to be helpful to families during the early teen years. It aims to help parents build stronger relationships with their adolescent and teaches strategies designed to prevent adolescent risk taking in the future. The program will be conducted in the local community and will be offered during the day and in the evening over 6 consecutive weeks. Please see www.vicparenting.com.au or call the Victorian Parenting Centre on 98660 3500 for more information about ABCD Parenting Program

WINTER ASTHMA PLANS
With winter now upon us, you may find that your asthma is flaring up more than usual. If you or a family member has asthma, the following tips may help:
Visit your doctor for a review of your asthma and ensure that your written Asthma Action Plan is up-to-date
Carry your blue reliever medication at all times
Be aware that cold air can be a trigger for some people, especially children and older people. Its effects can be anticipated and prevented by taking blue reliever medication 10-15 minutes prior to exposure

Autumn and winter fires can be a real problem for some people with asthma who are sensitive to smoke. Be aware of smoke in your own home and also chimney smoke from your neighbour’s homes. There is an increased incidence of colds and viruses which can put increased pressure on the respiratory system and cause airway inflammation and trigger symptoms.

If you have any questions about any of these points or would like to discuss asthma further, please contact one of our asthma advisors on the Asthma Helpline on 1800 645 130 or visit The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s website www.asthma.org.au

Dobson’s Uniform Shop
We are reducing our opening hours until further notice
NEW OPENING HOURS
TUESDAY 12.30 - 3:30PM, FRIDAY 8:30 - 11AM

Customers are advised to check the notice board outside the shop if they have placed an order and have not received a phone call advising them of its arrival after several weeks. Occasionaly we cannot get through by phone, so lists are posted. We remind customers that after you are informed orders will only be held aside for 1 week unless other arrangements have been made. 9488-2317 Nor@Dobsons.com.au
Your invitation to.....

Join Northcote High School in celebrating the diverse talents of Northcote High parents and friends and wishing a fond farewell to the legendary Sally Clarke who is retiring after 33 years of dedication to excellence in education.

A social event not to be missed!

The scene for this stunningly sophisticated swishy soiree is the NHS Hall on September 1st. NHS parents will be entertaining us with a mind-blowing array of talents! Everyone is welcome to join us for a glass of bubbles on arrival and then be treated to an evening of fun and entertainment. This is an Adults Only event, however if this is an issue for you, please let us know when you RSVP

BYO drinks, good will and a platter to share. This is not a fundraiser - a gold coin will be your ticket to frivolity!

Admission is free, but bookings are essential!

If you are booking on behalf of a group, ask us to reserve a table for you.
Please call the office on 9488 2300

Hot August Night....
In September

September 1st, 2006
NHS Hall - 7pm