Celebrating 80 years of education in 2006

Diary

Aug 1&2 Yr 7 AlM 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
Aug 10. Jazz Play-in
Aug 11. State Aerobics Final
Aug 12. Huaibei HS visit
(to 22 Aug) TBC
Aug 14-18 Qld Music Tour
Aug 15. VCE subject talks
Aug 17. No classes for Yr 10. Individual course counseling
Aug 18. No classes for Yr 9
Individual course counseling
Aug 22. yr 10,11, 12 subject selections due
A Northside Story opens

After months of rehearsal the cast and crew of *A Northside Story* bring you a tribute to their suburb and their school. **Opening Wednesday August 2.** See inside for details.

Honjo HS students arrive ...

19 students and two teachers arrived on Sunday July 30 for their annual 7 day stay in Australia and 5 day intensive English language course. This is their third annual visit to us, and it forms an important part of their school's summer holiday English language program. Thanks to the many families who so willingly agreed to home stay Japanese students, and apologies to the families willing to take a boy who were not able to do so this time.

...and Ms Venesha Wray leaves for Japan

Music teacher Ms Venesha Wray will be leaving us to take up a teaching position in Japan for a year. She will be greatly missed by both her instrumental students and the members of the Intermediate Band. Ms Wray has provided enthusiastic leadership to the band and taken them to camps, competitions and festivals. We look forward to seeing her back in 2008.
Principal’s Report NHS …so much to celebrate!

Today The Age had an article titled, “Public v Private: the dilemma at the heart of the education drift”. As I read the article, I couldn't help but reflect and celebrate Northcote High School and the staff, students, parents and community that have helped it to be the vibrant learning institution it is, over the past 80 years and today. This week, we celebrate our 80th anniversary as a leading educational centre in the north of Melbourne. Over the last few weeks, I have had the privilege to speak to past students and hear their fond recollection of the teachers who touched their lives and the difference NHS has made to their lives. After one phone call, I walked out into the main hall and saw that same energy, saw our teachers connecting with our students, and knew they too were touching these young lives. There is much to celebrate at NHS…such a strong tradition and history of student learning and teaching excellence.

On Friday, the cast and crew from A Northside Story were working on their dress rehearsals. There is no doubt that Wednesday at the opening, it will be a true culmination of months of dedication and learning as our students and staff have worked so hard to create a unique and personal experience for all of us connected to Northcote. There is much to celebrate at NHS…creative and innovative teaching and learning.

Last week, Katherine Henderson, Deputy Secretary of Education with the Office of Strategy and Review, visited NHS, met with students and teachers and was personally taken by the warm, caring learning environment. We walked around and she saw the core of NHS - students and teachers positively engaged in the learning process. She also saw our excellent facilities. There is much to celebrate at NHS…excellent teachers and teaching supported by excellent facilities.

Last week, hundreds of students filed into the hall to complete the testing for the Australasian Schools Maths Competition. As teachers prepared, the students waiting to enter were excited and ready to face the world of such demanding testing. The recently received results for our students in the International Competitions and Assessments Schools English Competition (formally the Australasian Schools English Competition) were very strong and well above the state average. In Science, our students were high performers and we were recently notified that one of our students, Matthew Elvey Price, is a medal winner as Top Score in the State for Year 12! There is much to celebrate at NHS…excellent student performance and achievement.

This week, Honjo High School will be visiting from Japan. Next week, a group of teachers from Thailand will be here to be involved in some professional development with our teachers. The following week, our sister school from HuaiBei No.1 High School will visit NHS as we plan for our International Studies class return tour to China at the end of Term 3. There is much to celebrate at NHS…rich international learning experiences for our students, our teachers, our families, and our community. Last week, our Year 7 girls’ soccer team ran into my office to describe the challenging zone competition, their victories and earning a berth in the State competition. With six teams so far earning the right to compete at State level, it has been an exceptional year of NHS sporting achievement. In addition, our teams have also come in and described how they performed in victory and defeat and how they had competed fairly and with a spirit of good sportsmanship. There is much to celebrate at NHS…our students learning the thrill of victory, but also the understanding of defeat and that the true challenge and satisfaction is to have faced the challenge together as a team and to have given it your all.
Recently, our Northcote Highlights sponsored a Parent Forum on Adolescence that provided important parenting information. Last week, we held our VCE Information Night for our Year 10 students entering VCE. There was student and parent energy and nervous excitement as students began the process of taking the next step to VCE. There was strong student and parent support and the understanding that as a school we want to work closely with parents and students through each transition. There is much to celebrate at NHS…parents, students, school and community working together to support student personal and academic growth and success. At the last School Council meeting, the Student Representative Council reported on the active student action teams working on school projects and community fund raising. Last week, at the Captains Council meeting, school and year-level captains worked to further develop their awards for students in Years 9 and 10, “student award for students- by students”. They have developed two types of Meliora Sequamur Awards – those to recognise positive change in behaviour, work ethic and achievement and those to recognise student achievement that is combined with contribution to school and/or community. There is much to celebrate at NHS…student leaders wanting to lead and support positive change, achievement and contribution to community.

So, as I read through The Age article and it described the need to talk to the public about public education, to promote the excellent teaching in public schools, to share with parents that their children will be happy and can learn well in their state school, I couldn’t help but celebrate all that has been education at Northcote High School for 80 years and all that is education at Northcote High School in 2006.

Gail Davidson, Principal

Visit by Deputy Secretary of Education

Katherine Henderson, Deputy Secretary of the Office of Strategy and Review of the Department of Education, visited Northcote last week to meet with a representative sample of International students. So representative in fact, that they represented 10 countries and five continents! This was Katherine Henderson’s first visit to a school with an International student program. Her office have thanked the school for its warm greeting and highly professional program.

Mr. Heyworth’s Soccer Page – Senior Zone

Northern Zone Finals - Match Report
Venue – Sycamore Reserve, Mill Park– 14/6/06
Results:-
Game 1 - Northcote High School 1 v – Melbourne High School 0
Goalscorer:- N. Kalambakis 1
Game 2 - Northcote High School 0 v  Eltham Secondary College 0

Game 3 - Northcote High School 1 v Lalor North High School 2
Goalscorer:- N. Kalambakis 1
Match Reports:
The draw for the Northern Zone Finals saw Northcote play Melbourne High, Eltham Secondary College and Lalor North respectively. Brimming with confidence and undefeated in the Central District, Northcote felt that they could compete at this level.
**Game 1**

In favourable weather conditions, Northcote and Melbourne High contested strongly for possession of the ball. There was little difference in the sides and the first half ended in a goalless draw with few chances created. It took some quick thinking by Nick Kalambakis (11C) to establish the lead in the second half with a skilful left footer from just inside the penalty area. Northcote defended strongly through Apollon Christodoulou (12F) and Saif Kattan (12A) in midfield and were pleased when the final whistle blew.

**Game 2**

The second game was really a game of missed opportunities. With 80 per cent of the on field possession, Northcote played well to create chances in both halves but these were squandered. Eltham, to their credit, kept our side goalless but the draw was disappointing and meant that Northcote had to win in the final against Lalor to reach the State finals.

**Game 3**

This game was a real challenge given that the winner would win the Northern Zone Finals. However, in the first five minutes Northcote were two goals down to a side that quickly established dominance. Both teams fought hard for the ball and Northcote, through Nick Kalambakis, pulled back the deficit but in the end Lalor proved the deserving victors. Apollon Christodoulou and Billy Himonas (11F) were solid in defence and deserve praise for their efforts. Mr Heyworth would like to thank all the players for their support and loyalty throughout the tournaments. For the team to win five out of the six contested games was a tremendous effort and maybe next time we can reach the State Finals. Nick Kalambakis scored nine goals in these tournaments and deserves a special mention for his outstanding contribution.

*Senior Boys Soccer Coach Mr. J. Heyworth.*

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**Our Star Girls’ Soccer Teams**

Last Wednesday our two zone representative girls soccer teams for years 7 & 8 took off to play their hardest for the school. After great time and effort training and playing their efforts were rewarded with much success.

Our year 8 girls finished runners up for the day after some tough competition. CONGRATULATIONS are in order for our year 7 girls who come away Zone champions for the event. It’s off to state for them! Stay tuned for a full report next issue.

*Ms Megan Young*

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**2006 English Competition Results**

There were again, many outstanding results from Northcote High School students who participated in the 2006 'International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - English' (formerly 'Australasian Schools English Competition'). In Australia and 12 other countries, hundreds of thousands of students participate in this competition. The average score for our students was well above the state average. Thank-you to all participants for their involvement and to our wonderful English staff.

**YEAR 7**

**High Distinction:** Celina Asibal

**Distinction:** Madeleine Goss; Shannon Hickey; Natasha Moustakas; Georgia Marchesi; Karina Roberts; David Thomas Gifford; Chrissie Sarakinis; Shoshana Sniderman Wise; Rowan Watson

**Credit:** Timothy Huynh; Luke Koulaizellis; Daniel Sullivan; Jenna Walker; Magdalenna Krstevaska; Dieuten Lam-Phan; Yong Lin; Aidan Sloggett; Victor Zhang; Mitchell Browne; Peter Cui; Stephan Flumm; Mark Langley; Christos Lioukas; Emily Maiorino; Dianne Reponia; Alison Stewart; Brent Thompson; Errol Tyson;

**Participation:** Nikolina Cvetovski; Megan Edwards; Amy Johnson; Alice Marchesi; Beth McLoughlin; Cameron Pavey; Nelio Da Silva; Alistair Moulding;
Christina Tziros; Mylep Collins; Trevor Du; Joshua Martin; Paul Niklas; Mundell Thomas; Johanna Vlahos-Gori;

**YEAR 8**

**Distinction:**  Alexandra Brown; Cameron Fairweather; Adrian Codognotto; Alec Deasey; Jame Monahan; Monika Sekulov; Alexander Zhuang; Harry Borland; Martin Fung; Marissa Butera; Zoe Garkinis; Francesco Iannello; Khiang Trinh;

**Credit:**  Sarah Candusso; Veli Donmez; Ellen Haveckin; Zoe Helme-King; Peter Lin; Alan Tealby; Liam Kelly; Varun Khatter; Lisa Lam; Bianca Le; Adam Malcontenti-Wilson; Jovee Reponia; Mary Ioannidis; Deborah Nicholls; Daniela Russo; Jessica Yule; Reuben Legge; Thomas Benjamin; Laura Boehm; Kieran Gooley; Natasha Kolivas; Lincoln Lai; James McGee; David Newell; Yee Ting Shiu; Michael Vanderzee.

**Participation:**  Alberta Gunner; Chloe Hatzis; Jessey Jorre; Fiona Kalathas; Lily Potocnik; Tessa Vanderzee; Michael Boukalis; Julia Da Silva; Ellen Davies; Anna Xanthis; Senjutee Chatterjee; Hinad El-Tahhan; Matthew Italia; Giulia Kassen; Peter Melilli; Dragan Mirceski; Danijela Ristic;

**YEAR 9**

**Distinction:**  Thomas Foy; Harriet Green; Grace Mountford; Tricia Asibal; Sophie Freeman; Mitchell McWhinney;

**Credit:**  James Lea-Baran; Taz Krockenberger-Black; Madeline O'Driscoll; Maddie Fyffe; Christina Atkinson; Dylan Bonanno; Patricia Lee; Hannah Scott;

**Participation:**  Timothy Baxter; Steph Melilli; Ronald Nguyen; Peter Thai; Alyson Ingle; Alicia Marko Rawlings; Kate Anderson; Rosie Hilder; Dimitra Polykarpou; Erika Borinaga; Stephanie Cartonas; Cheyen Evans; Joanna Jellie; Amanda Kaddis; Dirk Christian; Stacey Batterham; Alessi Burnham; Elizabeth Demetriou; Lianna Di Benedetto; Vasiliki Konstantinidis; Alex Morton-Brown; Milanka Novak; Juan Carlos Olson; Jimmy Petridis; Tom Price; Ilija Surdoski; Harry Vokolos;

Moya Coffa, English Coordinator.

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**Yr 10, 2007 Information Evening reminder**

An important Information Evening for current Yr 9 students (who are going into Yr 10 in 2007) and their parents, will be held next Monday August 7, in the School Hall
Subject displays will be available from 6 pm in the library
Information evening commences at 7 pm in the Hall
Interpreters are available for Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese & Greek

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**Welcome Jim Reynolds.**

Jim Reynolds, St. John Darebin Unit, has joined the school to support First Aid, the environment squad and the St. John program. Jim is DOC of the Darebin St. John Cadet Unit, where a very strong presence also sees NHS students Sam Bracey (sergeant), Bronwyn Evans (corporal) and Alberta Gunner (new recruit) who are all pictured at right.
Sam and Bronwyn have just been appointed to their posts after three years of membership of the Darebin Unit. Congratulations to all.
Assessment and Reporting policy

Northcote High School has a Work Required Assessment policy. This means that:
Each student must submit all set work to receive a ‘satisfactory’ for each subject’s end of semester report.
Each subject has determined a number of work requirements that cover the areas of study done in that subject.
Even if only one piece of work for one work requirement is not submitted or completed, it may result in a ‘Not Satisfactory’ for the related work requirement and for the subject for the semester.
In addition particular pieces of work will be graded for level of achievement

All students should have received a work program and list of due date from their teachers.

As a parent / guardian you can use the due dates to monitor the work your child should be doing.

Important dates for semester two 2006

Year 7, 8 & 9
End of semester / formal assessment period date - Friday December 1st.
All student work for the semester must be submitted by this date.

Year 10
Wednesday November 15th
Thursday and Friday November 16th & 17th - In-class Exam preparation
All student work for the semester must be submitted by this date.

Year 11
Last formal class – Friday November 3rd.

Year 12
Last formal class – Friday October 20th

Years 7 to 10 NHS LATE WORK POLICY

Rationale/Purpose
To assist students to understand and work to the concept of punctuality and deadlines with submission of their school work.
To provide consistency of expectation in the treatment of all students
To provide guidelines for consistent teacher handling of late work

Extensions without penalty
If there are extenuating circumstances (eg illness) making it difficult for work to be completed by the due date, students may ask their teacher for an extension. Parent notes will be considered in evaluating an application for an extension. The extended time given is left to the teacher’s discretion.

Extended Absence
If a student is absent for an extended period of time with parental permission and completely misses an Assessment Task, they shall receive NA (Not Assessed) and a full explanation will be given in the report.

Implementation
If work is not submitted by the due date, then the following will occur:

Student will have the opportunity to redeem but will lose marks for work submitted unless an extension is agreed to.

A student will lose a minimum of 10% of his / her total awarded grade per week or part thereof that the work is submitted late, down to a pass mark of 50%. Student work must be of a satisfactory standard to receive a pass mark.

The student is not entitled to detailed corrections or teacher comments.

Any late work must be submitted by the end of semester date to be accepted
RoboGuy launch

RoboGuy is a series of short movies starring Northcote Students Andrew Watson, Matthew Elvey Price, Jacob Best and others outside of Northcote. The RoboGuy series is about a human who was turned – unknowingly to both himself and everyone else – into a robot by a Mad Scientist. Season One of RoboGuy follows John Roboson’s realisation that he is a robot and his quest to track down the Mad Scientist.

The DVD of RoboGuy: Season One is to be screened and launched on Wednesday August 2nd from 7-9pm. Entry is $10, or $15 for families. At the end of the screening pizza will be provided and DVDs will be given out. Visit the RoboGuy website at [http://neapolitan500.com/roboguy](http://neapolitan500.com/roboguy). To pre-book for the screening, email [roboguyeatspie@gmail.com](mailto:roboguyeatspie@gmail.com)

All proceeds go towards the "Fair Go" fund, a charity for people on their last leg.

VCE PARENT-TEACHER MEETINGS, AUGUST 9

On Wednesday August 9, 3-8 pm will be given over to the important final Yr 11 & 12 (VCE) Parent Teacher Meetings of the year. Classes will not run on the day after Period 4, with the whole school being dismissed at the start of lunchtime (12.40)

3.00 pm-5.30 pm. Meetings by Appointment
5.30-6.20pm dinner break for staff
6.20 pm—8.00 pm. Meetings by Appointment
Interpreters can be booked in advance. Students should see Mr Murphy to arrange this. Interpreters attending on the evening are Mandarin (2), Cantonese, Greek, Vietnamese, Somali.
Yr 11 and 12 Students will all receive appointment sheets this week.
Please note: School resumes at 9.00 am on Thursday August 10

SHORT SCHOOL NOTICES

HOMESTAYS FOR HUAIBEI NUMBER ONE HIGH SCHOOL, August 12-18
Special thanks to the Smart, Zlatic, Erlandsen, Watson, Marchiesi, Adolph, Ratcliffe, Vlahos-Gori, McDonagh, Maiorino and Sniderman-Wise families for agreeing to help with hometays for students from our sister school, Huaibei Number One High School, China. There is still one female student to place—if you are interested contact Mr Murphy.
A draft program will posted out shortly, we have delayed sending this while we wait for confirmation of travel permission and visa approvals.
This is an important exchange for the Northcote and we greatly appreciate the support of the school community.

COMMUNITY MAIL BAG

WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM AUSTRALIA - INFORMATION EVENING AUGUST 2
WEP Australia is a not-for-profit secondary student exchange organization registered with the education department.

INFORMATION EVENING
2 August, Brighton Town Hall, 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Student and parents are invited to attend the WEP information evening on 2 August to learn about short term, November and December 2006 student exchange programs and longer term student exchange programs that commence January to March 2007. Applications are still being accepted for these departures dates. However applications for November and December programs will be closing very soon!

Further information is available by phone (1300 884 733 or 9598 4733), by email (info@wep.org.au), by fax (9598 4233) or on the web (www.wep.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. Occasionally 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