NORHTCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
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Diary

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 20—27. Huaibe Number One High School Visit
Aug 22. yr 10, 11, 12 subject
   selections due
Aug 25. Curriculum day
   (No school for students)
Aug 28. Yr 9/10 District Basketball, Hockey, Squash
Aug 30—Sept 1. Snow camp
Sept 1. Hot August Night, Soiree
Sept 7. China Tour departs (returning Sept 23)
Sept 13. New Caledonia Tour departs (returning Sept 19)
   St John camp departs (returning Sept 17)
   (No school for students.
   Appointments 10 am—8 pm
Sept 15. Last day of Term 3. School ends at 2.00 pm
Oct 2. Term 4 Commences

An outstanding School Production

Playing to a sold out house for four nights, A Northside Story was a stunning, creative success! Extremely positive school community feedback has been flowing in. One member of the school community wrote: I saw the show twice on Thursday and Saturday and was truly impressed at the depth and the importance of the messages in the play itself, the talent of the direction and the young people, and the fantastic attention to detail in all aspects of the show... The tears came to my eyes when the last debutante/soldier died and the little one was left trembling in the trench. Wow! I am so proud to be a Northcote parent!
Japanese student tour success

19 students and two teachers from Honjo High School Japan have just spent 7 days at Northcote High School, 5 days in an intensive English language course. Homestays form the central part of the program, and our sincere thanks go to the students and families who looked after our Japanese visitors. Thanks also to the school based “buddies”.

SRC students reach the Summit!!

Nine students from Northcote High School attended the 4th Annual DAREBIN YOUTH SUMMIT last Friday – 4th August 2006. The summit is an annual local forum held at Darebin Council for youth to be able to express their views on issues relating to their community and in their schools. The key focus of the SUMMIT this year was on “Racism, cultural diversity and acceptance”. The theme covers topics such as:
- Australia’s multicultural identity
- Racism and Prejudice
- Role of the Media in creation and maintenance of negative racial stereotypes
- Religion

In the lead up to the SUMMIT our group of SRC students met on four separate occasions to participate in surveys, analyse newspaper articles, participate in role plays and prepare discussions all centred around the SUMMIT’s key issue. This was preparation for the SUMMIT activities. The leads up sessions were run by Northland Youth Centre Project Officer, Van Trinh. Van was assisted by Cait Regan, a Youth Programs’ Officer for Darebin Council as well as an ex-Northcote student, Susan Dahman, who is pursuing Youth Work studies at NMIT.

On the day of the SUMMIT, students were welcomed at the Preston Town Hall by Van and other Youth Workers and were addressed by various leaders who had help to plan the day as well as speakers who promoted the concept of youth being involved in their community.

12 schools from the local area participated in the event. Students were divided into discussion groups and then the forums took place. All of our students found the SUMMIT discussions stimulating and interesting. It was also a great opportunity for our students to hear the perspectives on the various discussion topics as well as participate in discussions and voice their own opinions. It was an opportunity to further experience the cultural diversity of the Darebin Community.

Generous morning tea and a delicious afternoon tea was served. During and after lunch the SUMMIT continued with a variety of entertainment from local youth.

Our students’ involvement and participation was impressive. Thanks to Mr. Price for providing the transport to and from the venue and to Van, Cait and Susan for working with our students. Thanks also to the Darebin Council for providing the memorable opportunity for its youth to participate in such a fine experience.

Congratulations to all SRC students who participated: Mahad Fiqi, Sean Gilmartin, Lianna Di Benedetto, Rory Lewis, Harriet Green, Noni Sproule, Jordan Airey and Paul Aggelou. Charlie Curtis and Tane Piper also participated in some of the lead up sessions but were unable to attend the SUMMIT.

It is expected that our students will continue to participate in these types of forums and share their experiences with others. We hope to be able to encourage our students to extend their knowledge and experience to become a part of the Dialogue for Cultural Diversity that is currently taking place at our school as part of a larger project in conjunction with Latrobe University.

It was a pleasure to be a part of the Youth Summit this year.

Mahe Castles Student Leadership Coordinator
The third Annual NHS Jazz Play In

Northcote HS, Princes Hill SC, and Thornbury Darebin HS and De La Salle College all provided jazz groups for our annual Jazz play-in last week. 250 parents and friends crowded into our hall to see the proceedings. Northcote’s Junior and Senior Stage Bands performed a number of pieces, while the program kicked off with a performance of “Wandering Eye”, with Ellen Petty, Jessica and Emily Aitkin, Kristy Scott, Francis Good, Eleonora Bertsa and Jack Byrnes reprising their stunning vocals from the school production.

Under Music Director Peter Lewis, our senior band has now departed for a week long music tour of Queensland. (Full report in the next edition)

Amnesty School Conference

In Term 2, Kathryn Meredith, Stephanie Moncur and Francesca Wiseman participated in the Amnesty International Schools Conference 2006. The day was spent listening to guest speakers talking about Anti-Terrorist Laws and torture. Groups were then formed for students to discuss their feelings on the issues raised. Stephanie Moncur composed this poem.

The sun rises in the East,
Sets in the West.
We arise each morning,
With hope of safety and harmony.
For we unite as one,
In hope that we regain peace,
So join us now,
And help us reclaim Human Rights!

The girls came back with a positive attitude towards working with human rights. Ms Deborah Pyke

Leonardo da Vinci - Amazing Machines

On Thursday 10th of August, students in Years 9 and 10 were given to opportunity to visit “Leonardo da Vinci Machines – An Exhibition of Genius” at the Docklands. This internationally renowned exhibition from Italy featured sixty four models of Da Vinci’s famous machines. Our students as part of their mathematics program were able to operate and test the fully functioning models based on his famous codices. This truly inspiring exhibition showed his genius in developing machinery based on pulleys, cogs, wedges, as well as his investigations into warfare and aerodynamics and flight. A video shown at the exhibition gave students an insight into his creative proess of mathematical design and daily life in the 16th Century.

Sisters are doing it for themselves!

Dianne, Jovee, Nikki and Michelle Reponia (pictured left to right) are four sisters from the one family. Michelle and Nikki are in year 12 and 11 respectively and then a gap down to Jovee in year 8, with Dianne starting year 7 this year. The sisters promise there are no more making their way up through the ranks. One wonders how many times Northcote High has had all four sisters from the same family enrolled at
the school. This photo was taken outside the front of the school to commemorate the event.
Mr. Paul Mameghan

Mr. Heyworth’s Soccer Page –Junior Zone

Off to the state finals!!
Northern Zone Finals – Yr 7 Boys Soccer – Match Report
Venue – Thomastown East Reserve – 14/6/06
Results:-
Game 1 - Northcote High School  0 v – Brunswick Secondary College 0
Game 2 - Northcote High School  3 v Macleod High School 1
Goalscorer’s:- Mohamed Ali 1, Chris Aggelou , Stephen Flumm 1
Game 3 - Northcote High School  1 v Lalor Secondary College 0
Goalscorer:- N. Kalambakis 1
Match Reports:
The draw for the Northern Zone Finals saw Northcote play Brunswick Secondary College, Macleod High School and Lalor Secondary College respectively. Brimming with confidence and undefeated in the Central District, Northcote felt that they could compete at this level. The after school training sessions provided an opportunity to hone in on match fitness and to trial positional plays for the Zone Finals.

Game 1
In favourable weather conditions, Northcote and Brunswick 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. The second half was more of the same and both teams squandered chances but when the final whistle blew it finished in a goalless draw. This was not the start that Northcote wanted and the boys were a little disappointed.

Game 2
The second game started with a cracking pace and in the third minute Mohamed Ali scored a left foot volley from outside the penalty box that sailed into the back of the net. With 90 per cent of the on field possession, Northcote played well to create chances and in the dying minutes of the first half Chris Aggelou slotted a right footer into the corner from close range. Macleod, to their credit, regrouped in the second half and reduced the difference through an early goal but Stephen Flumm scored a right tap in to give Northcote the victory they deserved.

Game 3
This game was a real challenge given that the winner would win the Northern Zone Finals. The first half was an evenly contested game; both sides played defensively and it was proving difficult to create scoring opportunities. The first half was goalless and it seemed likely that the game would end in a penalty shoot out. In defence, John Nikolaloudis was playing well as an overlapping fullback, as was Jayden Reid and Gabriel Afif as stopper and sweeper respectively. It took Benny Ou to finally break this deadlock when he ran through the defence and scored an opportunistic goal from close range in the dying minutes of the match.

Mr Heyworth would like to thank all the players for their support and loyalty throughout the tournaments. For the team not to have lost in the six contested games was a tremendous effort and they can impress in the State Finals.

Junior Boys Soccer Coach
Mr. J. Heyworth.

Sporting Roundup Term 3

The last few weeks have been a busy preparation phase in our Interschool sport. Our only major competition has been some Indoor Hockey tournaments run at Reservoir District S.C. These days were introduced to get students interested in playing field Hockey and have been successful as such. Our Year 8 girls led by Marissa Butera and our Year 7 Boys went through the competition undefeated and have now formed Field Hockey teams training 2 mornings before school. Other important training has been for our State teams in Year 7 Boys and Girls and Year 11/12 Girls Soccer, Year 7-9 Girls
Football and Year 7 Boys Badminton.
The biggest preparation sector is our year 7-10 District teams in Basketball (6 teams), Squash (5 teams) and Tabletennis( 6 Teams). This training, development and preparation phase is critical in how we conduct ourselves and compete over the next 6 weeks. It is great to have so many teachers and students involved in coaching junior teams at this stage of the year. As a coach of several teams it is great to have students helping and coaching such as Jonathan Anderson (Football), Mark Higginson (Basketball) Jack Moorhouse, Sarah Adolph, Katie Hurst and Marissa Butera (Hockey). Vedran Sabic (European handball) has also been a catalyst as we enter our second year of competition in this exciting new school sport. Many other students have been running training and supporting staff coaches and need to be congratulated. Dates for all games will be updated on the school calendar which features in the newsletter.

*Craig Price (newly reappointed Sport Director)*

**Camps Update**

**YEAR 8 BOHO 2006**
All Year 8 students should have received their parent information form for the Term 4 Boho Camps. Students who do not have a form or who have lost it can get another from Mr. Griffiths in Staffroom C. Forms and full payments are due to the office by Friday 8th September. The camp dates are:

- **8H** Tuesday 10th Oct – Friday 13th Oct
- **8B** Tuesday 17th Oct – Friday 20th Oct
- **8C** Tuesday 24th Oct – Friday 27th Oct
- **8D** Monday 30th Oct – Thursday 2nd Nov
- **8E** Tuesday 14th Nov – Friday 17th Nov
- **8F** Tuesday 21st Nov – Friday 24th Nov
- **8G** Tuesday 28th Nov – Friday 1st Dec
- **8A** Tuesday 5th Dec – Friday 8th Dec

**SNOW CAMP 30th August – 1st September**
Fifty students will be travelling to Mt. Buller for three days of Snowboarding or Skiing at the end of this month.

**GOLD COAST Year 9 & 10 Camp**
Forty four students will be spending 7 days in sunny Queensland from Saturday 7th October. This camp is full.

**LANDCARE AT BOHO**
Last Thursday, the 10th August, eighteen Year 9 & 11 students ventured to the school campsite at Boho South to take part in the revegetation of the grounds as part of the national Landcare Project. This activity was made possible with the assistance of a Mitre 10 Landcare Grant. The students spent a productive day in the Strathbogie Ranges sunshine planting approximately 100 trees and grasses to replace introduced plants that have been removed over the last few years and to help create habitat for native fauna. All trees were watered, mulched and tree guarded for protection and to help ensure their survival over the coming months. A special thank-you to Ms Kelly and the following students: Zak Watkins, Johanna Godfrey, David Tong, Amie Nguyen, Yen Thu Nguyen, Matt Boehm, Natasha Buhagiar, Emily Weaving, Sam Groen-O’Connor, Luisa Lalor, Hanan Fayed, Shadya...
Visiting Thai English teacher Delegation

Every year Northcote hosts visiting English teachers from countries throughout South East Asia. Eight English teachers from various schools in Thailand have just completed a week long intensive English language and teaching practicum at Northcote. A most successful experience, the thanks and feedback was generous and most flattering to the school. Visiting teachers commented on the welcome they always received in classrooms from students and teachers and valuable professional interaction they enjoyed. Thanks to all who assisted in the visit, especially our very own Ms Yuvadee Patchon and our four Thai students.

Huaibei HS to visit

Our sister school, Huaibei Number One HS is visiting us from next Sunday, August 20th—27th. Many families have kindly agreed to host Huaibei students—thanks to the Smart, Ratcliffe, Zlatic, Hilder, Walton-Healey, Sniderman-Wise, Maiorino, Vlahos-Gori, Marchiesi, Watson, Adolph and Erlandsen families. The program includes help from school based “buddies” during class and lunchtime, and several excursions where the school hosts the Huaibei student. Thanks to the other families and many students who offered to help where they could.

Girls’ Soccer Page

Year 7 girls soccer - off to State finals

Team work, dedication, friendship and fun were exhibited by both the year 7 and 8 girls soccer teams on 26/7/06 at the Zone finals. NHS took two full squads, six team assistants and Ms Young and Ms Kelly. An action packed day was guaranteed with the year 7s and 8s playing on the same pitch after each other continuously during the competition. The dedicated and enthusiastic year 7 girls soccer team were well prepared for the zone finals. Training every week since district, the girls were excited to play some skill full soccer. Unfortunately our squad of 19 had to be reduced to 16 for the finals, thank you to Joey Vlahos-Gori, Nina Markovic for supporting their team-mates from the sidelines. The opening match saw NHS off to a good start, with the girls easing into the competition with a 1-0 victory over a strong Melbourne Girls College team. Lauren Gilder returned to the tam with tireless running along the left wing. With a new keeper Lauren Gitson in goals, and a strong midfield controlled by Rachel Schopf Antonealla Martucci and Leia Cartnaos St Helena were unable to get the ball into their attack. Pheobe Godfrey and Megan Edwards ran continuously in the
forward line, supporting and assisting Caitlin Friend who slotted home a magic 4 goals! Having already secured their place in the State Finals the girls did not relax and finished the final game with an impressive 4-0 victory. With such dedication and enthusiasm the year 7 girls team are well placed to no doubt excel at the State Finals on September 12.

Ms Kelly
Year 8 Girls Soccer – Zone Runner’s Up
Our year 8 girls have trained really hard over two terms to develop their skills to a high level. They headed off to compete for the school at the zones earlier this term. Congratulations to all the girls involved in the team. You all represented the school in a really positive manner displaying great skills and knowledge of the sport. The girls played three matches for the day, consisting of two 15min halves. Physically, quite a demanding and intense day for the players and coaches!

Game 1: Defeated by University HS 4-1
Goal scorer: Tennille Thomas

Game 2: Drew to Macleod SC 0-0

Game 3: Defeated Lalor Nth SC 3-1
Goal scorer: Natasha Kolivas

Ms Young

Game 1
Our first game against University High was a nerve racking game. We arrived at the oval 10 minutes late and had no time to settle or warm up. From the opening whistle we went straight for attack. We tried countless times but were held back by their strong defence. Finally they took the ball out of their defence and made a break for goal. They slipped past our strong midfield and into the attack. They took shots with deadly accuracy but were stopped by our fantastic goalie Katja Novakovic. Unfortunately after one shot, the wet ball slipped out of her hands, right to a University High girl. The next couple of goals came quickly but we weren’t ready to give up. A burst of energy came to all the girls and Tennile Thomas took the ball into attack and launched a powerful shot straight into goal. The team suddenly empowered by the goal continued fantastic play unfortunately time didn’t stop and the game ended before we could get another goal.

Game 2
After warming up in our last came the taste of victory was in our mouths. We fought hard against Macleod. We had the most possession of the ball but their defenders weren’t ready to give up. Both teams fought hard and our powerful shots were blocked by their small but skilled goalie. We managed to stop their few breakaways but in the end the score for both teams was 0-0 even though this was a game of skilful soccer. The defence and goalie were fantastic and the midfield and strikers fought hard.

Game 3
The final game. We had worked hard to get to where we were but we knew we had no chance to get through. We went out and played our best soccer we could. We played hard but the other team and overall winners of the competition had out classed us. The pushed hard up into our defence and even the skill of defender Laura Boehm and goalie Katja Novakovic were no match for their strikers. Finally a last burst of energy from Natasha Kolivas sealed our fate with the final goal of the game. We left the field defeated but we knew we had tried our best. Well done girls, not only a great effort to get to Zone level but to finish runners up is
just great! All in all, it was yet another positive event that Northcote High School was
prudely part of. Thankyou to the parents who attended the day and our professional
team assistants Steph Cartnaos, Effie Navrozidis, Elizabeth Dimitrou and Angie
Trianos for supporting and cheering for our rising female soccer superstars! A
special thankyou also to our two fantastic coaches Ms Young and Ms Kelly, we
wouldn’t have achieved anything without you both.

Marissa Butera 8E

SHORT SCHOOL NOTICES

YEAR 9 TAXFILE NUMBER APPLICATIONS
Over the course of the next week all Year 9 will be given the opportunity to submit an application for a
tax file number with the ATO. Whilst it is not compulsory that students take advantage of this offer, it is
highly recommended that they do so! A tax file number is essential for all employees, and because
many year 9 students have already begun to
consider part time work, this is in fact a great opportunity! Submitting an application through the school
is a far less complicated process than a direct application to the ATO. A speaker from the Australian
Taxation Office will address all Year 9 students and forms will be offered to all Year 9 students. If
anybody has any questions please contact Ms Jeffery.

CONGRATULATIONS DIXON PATTEN
Ex-student Dixon Patten has recently been appointed as Exhibitions Cadet with the Koori Heritage
Trust. The Cadetship will enable him to attend Deakin University to undertake Museum Studies. He has
already been involved in several Projects, including the Melbourne Art Fair and the Sydney Art Show. We congratulate Dixon
on his achievementS and wish him a rewarding time at the Trust. Dixon's two sisters, Winjirra and
Rochelle and brother Dion are members of our NHS indigenous students Action Team, working with
Thornbury Primary School and planning other cultural sharing activities.

Ms. Deborah Pyke  Student Support Services Co-Ordinator

SECOND HAND BOOKS
A list has been compiled of unsold second hand books. Students with unsold books will be notified very
soon and asked to pick them up at a specified time. Parents will be taking over the selling of second
hand books for 2007. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Vernice Petty on 9470
6030. We will need to starting planning for 2007 very soon.

PARENT OPINION SURVEYS IN THE NEXT WEEK
The use of opinion surveys to monitor school performance is a very important step towards making our
school the best it can possibly be. In recent years, we have conducted the Department of Education's
annual (and anonymous) opinion surveys for staff, children and parents. We use the information gained
to drive school improvements. Next week, 220 randomly selected families will receive a parent opinion
survey and we ask that these families return the completed surveys to school by Tuesday 22nd August.
The surveys are NOT opened at school (but the tag at the back of the envelope with your name on it is
removed to keep track of returns) The surveys are passed on to the Education Department for
processing.

UPDATE ON YR 7 ENROLMENTS
It’s nice to be so popular! This year Northcote HS received 290 applications for enrolment in Year 7 for
2007. At this stage 100 girls and 122 boys have been enrolled to start the new year. Enrolments come
from over 40 schools, with the largest coming from Westgarth PS, Northcote PS, Merri Creek PS,
Preston PS, Wales St PS, Brunswick East PS, Reservoir West PS, Preston West PS, Spensley St PS,
Preston South PS, Fairfield PS, Thornbury PS and Clifton Hill PS. Local community confidence in the
school clearly remains very strong.

Yr 9 & 10 COURSE COUNSELLING DAYS
Thursday August 17 is a course counselling day for all of our current Yr 10s. No timetabled classes run
for Yr 10 on this day, and each student will attend an intensive counselling session with staff. Friday
August 18 is a similar day for our current Yr 9s, this time with no timetabled classes for Yr 9s
Community Mail Bag

Preston South Primary School invites all past and present families, friends, staff and students to celebrate its 140th anniversary (1866–2006). This day is being held on Saturday, 26 August 2006, from 12.30 pm and 4.00 pm.
If you are able to join us please contact the school on (03) 9484-1544, 6 (03) 9480-1151 or email preston.south.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Coburg Senior High School open in 2007
Coburg Senior High School, a Years 10–12 school, is commencing next year with students in Year 10. It offers the VCE, VET, VCAL and School Based New Apprenticeships in an adult learning environment. Features; partnerships with tertiary institutions and industry that provide additional pathways, significant scholarships for post school studies, extensive use of learning technologies to support learning and teaching, high expectations of students.
Coburg Senior HS is located at Alva Grove, Coburg.
Further information about Coburg Senior HS is available on the website. www.cshs.vic.edu.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 recieved a phone call advising them of its arrival after several weeks. Occassionally 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