Our Wonderful swimmers!

Most of the NHS swimming team assembled for the 2010 Metro Swimming carnival

Our NHS Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 2nd March was a great day with over 500 students competing in an array of Swimming, Diving, Novelty and a new Biathlon event. Merri House was the winning team with new students from 7A and 7B and half of 7I celebrating their success. On Tuesday 9th March we ventured down to Fitzroy pool to compete in the Inter school Metropolitan Sectional Swimming Carnival. With 25 schools represented our 40 students displayed peak form winning over 20 events and being placed in 30 other events. We are still waiting on Pennant and aggregate results but my reading on the day was that we had outscored all of the competing schools! With the likes of our leading swimming families representing Northcote – the Gilders, Potocniks, Langleys (at right) and our Zone record holder Eve Walton-Healey and State Freestyle winner from 2009 Tori Rusciano all swimming we had some great results. Our Year 7 swimmers displayed great enthusiasm filling relay teams and events at higher age groups. These are our future and our older swimmers gave them plenty of advice and encouragement. Most of our swimmers now progress to the Zone Carnival at MSAC on Thursday 25th March.
2010–A year of School Review

In 2010 we will be setting our school’s strategic direction for the next four years. This is the fourth time we have been through this process.

Our primary goal is to provide an excellent education for every student. To do this we will evaluate our progress to date and plan a strategy that is critical to our school’s continued success – improving learning, engagement and wellbeing and successful transitions and pathways for our students.

The Focus

The planning of the strategic direction for the school will be guided by the following questions:

• What outcomes did we aim to achieve?
• What outcomes did we achieve?
• Why did we achieve / not achieve improvements in student outcomes?
• How effectively did we manage our resources to support the achievement of student outcomes?
• What can we do in the future to continue to improve?

People Involved

School leaders, staff, students and parents will work together over the course of 2010 to set the strategic directions for the school.

The Process

The process of school self-evaluation provides an opportunity for our school community to reflect on our achievements, our strengths, and areas where improvement is needed. After we have completed our self-evaluation, an external reviewer will work with us to offer independent and expert advice on our progress. With their experience and knowledge of Australian and international best practice they will be able to help identify the most effective strategies for us to continue to improve into the future.

The self-evaluation and the review provide a powerful information base from which we can develop our new strategic directions for the four-year school strategic plan. We will:

 _ review the school’s core purpose and values
 _ take a ‘futures perspective’ of the needs of children and young people and the context of our school
 _ agree on the outcomes we are striving to achieve for our students
 _ choose the few most important strategies that are critical to our success.

“Schools are partnerships, in effect, between teachers, legislators, parents, students and community members...a shared vision effort in school should begin by calling people to come together to think and act, with the power they already have, about the things that are important to them”

(Senge, Schools that Learn, 2000).

RIDE, WALK, PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL DAY

Wednesday 17 March

• Wear something GREEN and make a Gold coin donation $$$$$
• Pancake breakfast
• Prizes to win
• Lunchtime fun - Music on the deck and (Injury prone) Staff v Student Netball

NEW ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM FOR PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

By now, all parents should have received a letter outlining the new online booking system for the upcoming parent / teacher nights running Thursday 18th and Monday 22nd March from 1.30 – 7.30pm. Should you have any difficulties using the online booking system, please contact the school on 9488 2300.

INTERPRETER NEEDED? Please have your child see Mr Murphy immediately.
Debating and Public Speaking

Round one for the DAV competition in 2010 is now over and NHS had an impressive night with eight of the ten teams winning their debates. This is a fantastic state-wide competition that pitches teams for various schools against each other. Students learn important skills such as research, writing and presenting their arguments whilst challenging those of the other team. They also learn the value of team work. This year the students who have elected to be part of the program are as following;

A GRADE 1: Mary Ioannidis, Lachlan Macfarlane, Varun Khatter and Marissa Butera
A GRADE 2: Lucy Benjamin, Alec Deasey, Azra Susic and Caitlin Mountford
B GRADE 1: Luke Dakis-Corcoran, Hamish Ramsay, Charles Cornwallis and Ruby Bell
C GRADE 1: Martin Ditmann, Megan McGowan, Joshua Draffin, Himani Khatter and Nikolas Dart
C GRADE 2: Alexei Ymer-Welsby, Carmen Wiseman, Mike Matters, Nikki Marakis and Lucy Foskey
C GRADE 3: Harrison Jackson, Sam Rooke and Brittany Wacholt
D GRADE 1: Anthea Tsigaridis, Katherine Tsigaridis, Stefanie Carriera, Kelsie Miller and Elinor Mills
D GRADE 2: Chloe Simmons, Molly Seeary, Anastassia Krstevska and Molly Hunt
D GRADE 3: Darcy Cornwallis, Caelum Marshall, Phi-Long Nguyen and Martha Ramsay
D GRADE 4: Georgia McCole, Emily Ross and Monica Ly

Congratulations must also go to our Year 12 debaters Marissa Butera, Varun Khatter and Phoebe Shiu for coming runners up in the annual Lions Club Debating competition. The Lions Club do a great job each year fund raising for schools in the various sectors and as a result of coming runners up, Northcote High School, will be presented with a cheque for $750. Well done team for a great effort!!!

Martin Ramsay and Carlene Wilson

Just some of our debaters!

Italian excursion to Melbourne Uni

As part of their collaborative project creating a Wiki on a region of Italy, Year 10, 11 and 12 students of Italian travelled to the University Of Melbourne to meet with first-year Italian students in the advanced stream. After a brief introduction to the project, students were placed in teams and they set about outlining their research and writing tasks together. It is anticipated that each group will work regularly on their Wiki pages over the duration of the project.

This exciting collaboration will offer the chance for the Melbourne University students to mentor younger people. For our students, this project provides a glimpse of university life and the opportunity to extend their understanding and knowledge of Italian language and culture.

As an unexpected bonus, the group was also privileged to be offered an opportunity to gain access to the Baillieu Library’s Rare Collections Room where they met Pam Pryde, the curator of Special collections at the Baillieu library. Students saw some very rare and precious book collections dating back to early last century.

Some precious exhibits in the room included an ancient hand-painted and gold-lined copy of Dante’s Divine Comedy dating back to the early 1400s.

The project will run from March 1 to April 1.

Adele Fattore
Sports Update by Da Shan

Term 1 continues with an ever increasing interest by our students in Sport. Our Year 7 students continue their lunchtime Inter form Cricket and will compete in District Volleyball and Tennis on Tuesday 16th March.

2009 NHS PE teacher Brad Martin bought along 25 students to our school Swimming carnival. These young men and women are completing a Sport Education - TAFE like course called SEDA – these students acted as officials at our Carnival.

Other sporting news saw our Senior Boys Cricketers led by Maratos, McGee, Newell and Neagle beating Mill Park SC in our District final. Against Melbourne High we bowled them out for 148. This score should have been lower after dropping 5 catches. After bowling so well our batting was disappointing with our team bowled out in the 80's. Despite losing we could have got closer and it was still a very strong performance against high quality opposition and traditional rivals.

Our Year 11/12 Girls finished second in the District Volleyball and our Year 11/12 Boys coached by Ms. Sarah Chadha won the District Tennis. We have a great line of sport in the next 5 school weeks with our Year 8 students competing at District level on Fri 19th March and our Year 9/10 students out on Tuesday 23rd March. Other Zone finals in Tennis, Volleyball, Cricket, Baseball and Softball will also feature.

Students and parents can check out Zone finals sporting details at http://www.vsssa.org.au/ then going to zones – northern.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our NHS Athletics Carnival will be held on the second Monday of Term 2 – Monday 19th April. Details and a permission form can be found on Page 5 of this Newsletter.

Students can return this permission form to the General Office. The cost is $12.50 – paid into the General Office which covers hired buses and all other associated costs. Many students have already paid for both Carnivals. If you are unsure - check at the General Office. Queries can be directed to Sport Directors - Craig Price (craig.price@nhs.vic.edu.au) or Megan Young (megan.young@nhs.vic.edu.au) ph 9488 2323
NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

2010 SCHOOL ATHLETIC CARNIVAL PERMISSION FORM

SECTION A (Keep this section for your own reference)

The NHS School Athletics Carnival is on Monday 19th April (Week 2 Term 2) at George Knott (Collingwood) Athletic Field, Heidelberg Rd, CLIFTON HILL (Melways Map 30 G12).

The Athletics Carnival is compulsory for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students and for Year 10 students who do not have a timetabled VCE subject on this day. Year 10 students doing a VCE subject and VCE students wanting to participate are encouraged to attend. They must complete an Extra Curricular Form (available from the General Office) - this form is to be signed by the teachers of the subject they have on this day and their Year Level Coordinator.

A FEE OF $25 HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE YEAR LEVEL CHARGES TO COVER THE SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS CARNIVALS.

This covers pool and track hire, lifeguards, bus hire, prizes, ribbons, equipment, and other associated costs. If you have paid the levy ($25) no further payment is required. Please ensure you return the signed permission slip to the General Office. If you have not paid - each Carnival is $12.50. Please pay at the General Office prior to the carnival and return the signed permission slip.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2010 - COST $12.50

COLLINGWOOD ATHLETICS TRACK - Heidelberg Road Clifton Hill

Parents/Carers are invited to attend the Athletics Carnival. Queries? call or email Craig Price (craig.price@nhs.vic.edu.au) or Megan Young (megan.young@nhs.vic.edu.au) ph 9488 2323

SECTION B (Everyone return this section to the General Office - with $12.50 - if not already paid )

________________________ (Parent / Guardian / Carers Name) give permission __________________________ (Students Name) of Form _________ to attend the Athletics Carnival. I agree that my son / daughter / ward shall be subject to the control of the staff member/s accompanying the excursion. I authorise the staff member/s in charge of the excursion, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to consent to my child receiving such medical attention or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary. My telephone contact number during the excursion is: __________________________ An emergency contact is __________________________ Phone Number __________________________ Signature of (Parent / Carer)

Date: __________________________

TRANSPORT OPTIONS – Please choose either Option 1 or Option 2 by ticking

OPTION 1 I will meet at the track at 9.30 am and leave from the track at 2.30pm

OPTION 2 I will meet at school at 9.00am and travel to and back from the track on a hired coach. Return to school by 2.45-3.00pm
High Resolves Global Leadership Program

After very positive feedback from our students in 2009, Northcote High School is excited to be again participating in the High Resolves Global Leadership Program. We are one of 4 Victorian Secondary Schools who have been invited to take part in the initiative which provides our students with challenging experiences in its quest to develop their leadership skills and encourage them to become purposeful global citizens.

The program has established close partnerships with universities and receives strong corporate support.

The initiative is open to a group of Year 9 & 10 students who then work with all our Year 8 cohort in Terms 3 & 4.

We are also excited as there is a strong possibility that the Year 9 & 10 Leadership Summit in August will be linked to a part of the United Nations Conference which is being held at that time.

Further information is attached below and can also be found on the High Resolves website at www.highresolves.org

what is the high resolves initiative?

global citizenship program

The Global Citizenship Program consists of two full-day modules, Collective Identity and Justice, that are typically run for the entire Year 8 class in Terms 2 and 3. The main ideas of these modules are as follows:

- Collective Identity - the independent investigation of the truth that we are a single global civilization.
- Justice - an exploration of fairness, especially in the distribution of wealth and power.

Together, these modules raise the intellectual awareness of global issues and kindle in them a desire to become more active in contributing to constructive social change. Many participants then apply to take part in the two-year Global Leadership Program that follows.

what is the effect on students?

our world, our choice

If we are to have any hope of responding to the increasingly complex challenges of our world, we must foster the creative, critical and reflective thinking needed to make informed decisions that have a profound effect on our world. Our choice makes a difference. It’s our responsibility to consider carefully the decisions we make and the consequences of those decisions. Our actions and the ways in which we act and interact both locally and globally can have a profound impact on our world.

Further information is attached below and can also be found on the High Resolves website at www.highresolves.org

Declaration of the 2010 School Council Elections

I have pleasure in announcing the successful candidates for the 2010 School Council.

Congratulations to the following parents:
Nigel D’Souza, Susan Healey, Helen Lockart, Dorothy Patrick
Kate Morris, Principal
Northcote Cricketers defeated all opponents in this year’s battle of the District Super 12’s cricket round robin. Donath Reserve, in deepest darkest Reservoir, home of the hardest sedimentary surface known to man and some occasional dust storms, played no tricks.

**Game 1 – Northcote defeated Banksia 112 runs to 27 runs.**

The 20/20 style matched suited Northcote’s captain, Garrett McDonagh, who smashed the ball to all parts of the ground. Martin Deasey completed the shot of the match dispatching a very fast swinging ball off his toes along the ground all the way to the boundary. Ben Caplikas and Huwyn Andrews bowled well and Riley Terrens and Tom Salzano were very good behind the stumps. The Banksia boys, gave it all they had and were very vocal in the field – sledging is alive and well. The Banksia boys resorted to appealing for just about anything but the Northcote “hard nuts” fought off any Banksia fight back.

**Game 2 - Northcote defeated Thornbury 62 runs to 32 runs.**

This was a match where Northcote needed the stump to stump bowling of Tom Robinson – who was unavailable. Wides were the order of the day and this put Northcote under immense pressure. Nevertheless good batting by Scobie McKay Sam Hodder and Harry Potocnik gave Northcote a respectable score. Patrick Richardson was firing down “Jeff Thomson” sling shot deliveries and Luke Marco-Rawlins and Sam Hodder had very tidy overs. The turning point of the game came when Patrick Richardson effected an amazing run out.

**Game 3 - Northcote defeated Mill Park 48 runs to -16 runs.**

Northcote resumed batting and Garrett McDonagh was in a Dave Warner mood. Garrett smashed 16 off the first over and set about crushing any hopes Mill Park had of clinching the District championship. Running between wickets and team work was excellent. The Northcote bowling attack was back in tune with a superb display of line and length bowling. The fielding was also of the highest standard.

Well done by all players

*Harry Potocnik and Garret McGonagh*

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**ADAIVC Parenting support group**

*A Group for Parents of Children with Anxiety Disorders*

Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre 2 – 14 Derby St, Kew

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Dates:**
- March: 3rd, 17th and 31st
- April: 14th and 28th
- May: 12th and 26th
- June: 9th and 23rd

**Cost:** $3 for ADAIVC members $5 for non-members

**What is a Support Group Meeting?**

A support group allows people to express their thoughts feelings and provides a forum for discussion in a safe and confidential environment. Groups are guided by facilitators who assist in directing discussions and can offer insight and understanding in regard to issues raised. Support groups offer friendship and encouragement.

For further information contact ADAIVC on 9853-8089 www.adavic.org.au
MERRY MERRI Fete 2010
Saturday March 20
10am-4pm

Merri Creek Primary, Miller Street, North Fitzroy

MELBOURNE RUGBY UNION FOOTBALL CLUB
Home of the Mighty Junior Unicorns
CENTENNARY YEAR 1910 - 2010 UNDERS 13 PREMIERS 2009

Do you like running, passing, kicking, and scoring tries? Then rugby is for you.

Melbourne Rugby Union Club is one of the most successful rugby clubs in Victoria with a rich history stretching back to 1910. We offer the Australian Junior Player Pathway Program that develops leadership, teamwork, courage and sportsmanship. Rugby Union is about developing both health, fun and friendship. We provide children as young as five, great opportunities to develop confident sporting performances. Join our centenary year celebrations and become part of the history of Victoria's greatest rugby club.

COME & PLAY SATURDAY RUGBY!

MRUFC, Charles Lox Pavilion, 580 Ooming Road, Armadale 3143, Melbourne, Victoria
www.melbournerugby.com.au Nick Farnan 0438 266 205
Community Notices

U16 Girls Soccer Players Wanted Now!
Brunswick Zebras is looking for a few more players for their U16 girls’ soccer team for the 2010 season. All the other girls teams at the Zebras are now full.

Beginners and experienced players welcome.

Brunswick Zebras is a strong junior club with lots of friendly girls’ teams.
Training for the season has just started. It is held at a Brunswick venue usually on Weds evenings and sometimes Friday as well depending on the coach.

Games are on Sundays once the season starts on 18th April and continue till 29th August. All players provided with the team uniform and soccer ball. Registration covers insurance, uniforms, balls, coaching including occasional specialist coaches for goalies and other skills, participation medallion or trophy.

For further information go to the club website www.brunswickzebras.com.au or contact club secretary Carole Fabian on 0409 563 922.

Filipino Martial Arts Introductory Course
6 wks Wednesdays starting 14 April: Junior class 6-7pm cost $6, Senior class 7.30 – 9pm $115
Enquiries Dennis Hedriana 0414 289 338
Crystal Singing Bowl Meditation classes Chikitsa House Thornbury
Tuesdays 10-11am and 7.30 -8.30pm, Sundays 10 -11am, Enquiries Jenny Draddy 0424 642 640
www.chikitsahouse.com.au

The Brunswick Zebras are looking for a few more players for their U15/U16 girls’ soccer team for the 2010 season.
Beginners and experienced players welcome.
Training is held at a Brunswick venue usually on Wednesday evenings and sometimes Fridays.

Once the season starts on 18th April and continue till 29th August, games are on Sundays and go for a little over an hour.

All players are provided with the team uniform and soccer ball.
Registration covers insurance, uniforms, balls, coaching including occasional specialist coaches for goalies and other skills, participation medallion or trophy.

For further information go to the club website www.brunswickzebras.com.au or contact club secretary Carole Fabian on 0409 563 922

School Notices

Northcote High School, 2010 CANTEEN REVIEW FORUM
As part of our ongoing commitment to improving the facilities and resources available to our students, we are undertaking a review of our school canteen this year.

If you would like to be involved in this review, please forward your details to Jocelyn Hill by email on Jocelyn.hill@nhs.vic.edu.au or telephoning on 94882314

Northcote High School UNIFORM REVIEW FORUM
We will be conducting a review of our school uniform this year, involving extensive consultation with our whole school community, to determine their expectations re the NHS student uniform.

At the end of the review process, any recommendations for change would be implemented in 2012, after endorsement by School Council.

We currently have students and teachers willing to be part of the review group. If there are parents who would like to join the forum, please email or telephone your details to Jocelyn Hill on Jocelyn.hill@nhs.vic.edu.au or 94882314.

Homestays for International Students required!!
The NHS International Student program is always on the lookout for homestay hosts who have children at the school. For more information please speak to our IS Office on 9488 2334. Homestay hosts are paid up to $250 per week.
Community Notices

Would you like to play SOCCER this season?

Alphington Junior Football Club Under 13 Boys Team is looking for new players to join a core of talented, experienced & enthusiastic players for the 2010 season. Pre-season training has only just begun - so come along now and have a run with the team while there are still some places available. Some previous soccer experience is highly desirable. You will also need to be born on or after 1st January 1997 to be eligible for this age group. To find out more please contact either the Coach (Nick Michalopoulos 0404 896 639) or the Manager (Andrew Donald 0408 869 096).

New at Span Community House, 64 Clyde St, Thornbury;

to book or for more information ring 9480 1364 or email jill@spanhouse.org. Concession for Health card, & sometimes full time students.

For our full program see www.spanhouse.org.

1. Adult Literacy program to improve Reading & Writing skills.

   Slowness or difficulties with these skills can be a barrier to finding work, participating in training, or in helping children with schoolwork. For both adults whose first language is English, or other than English. Priority to adults of school-age children. Mons weekly, April 12 to June 21, 10am to 1pm; $120 / $50 concession.

2. Learn to Salsa!

   Spark up your Monday nights, get fit & have fun, led by Natalia from South America. Mons weekly from March 15, 7.30 pm, $8 / $5 concession.

3. Mediation to Resolve Conflict:

   Learn what mediation is & how to use it within the family, workplace or anywhere. Led by Judy Courtin; a program of 4 workshops. April 20 & 27, May 4 & 11, 7pm – 9pm; $60 / $20 concession

4. Evening Computer Skills Programs:

   10 weeks, April 12 to June 16, 7.30pm – 9.30, $165 / $105 concession:
   Web Design with Dreamweaver: Thurs 7.30pm Photoshop – get the most out of your digital camera: Weds, 7.30 pm. Microsoft Office 2007 & 2003; Word, Excel, etc; Mons, 7.30 pm

Tall tales and true from Northcote’s past...

...from Northcote High School’s forthcoming School History

On 9 February, 1926 Northcote High School opened in the Methodist Church Hall in High Street, Northcote.

The Headmaster, Lt. Colonel Kitson, and his staff of five teachers enrolled 71 boys and 61 girls in years eight and nine.

Eighty of those students came from Northcote and the remainder from Fitzroy, Brunswick, Collingwood, Preston and Heidelberg.

In 1927 it was decided to call the new High School – ‘Northcote District High School’.

On 13 December, 1927 the Education Department advised that only boys would be admitted to Northcote High School for 1928. Girls would have to leave and enrol at Preston or Fitzroy Girls Schools. There was no discussion about the matter.

Northcote High School in 1926. 71 boys and 61 girls enrol in the new school.