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NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
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Our biggest Music Camp yet!

Ninety-one excited music students and 11 super-excited music staff travelled to Ferngully Lodge in Healesville for Intermediate Music Camp April 14-16th. The camp achieved its purpose to prepare the Intermediate Band and Intermediate Strings for the Semester One music concert on April 24. The camp involved three days of hardcore rehearsals and tutorials and no sleep. Only joking - the staff went to sleep. All students worked extremely hard to prepare their parts to a high standard during the camp. The special guest conductor Graham Lloyd also provided a new perspective for the students.

Ferngully Lodge fought back the bushfires in 2009 and it was remarkable to see the lush regrowth amidst the charcoal. We got to see the gorgeous surrounds of Healesville on our bushwalk to Maroon-dah Dam. The camp also provided a means for these large ensembles involving students from Year 7-10 to get to know each other in a relaxed environment (and teachers to learn so many names – there are 70+ in Inter Band).

Congratulations to all students for your hard work. Big thanks to the tireless music staff for giving up their evenings. Ms Neesh Wray

In other music news—an outstanding Term Two Music concert was held at Central Hall, ACU, on April 24, (below) with over 330 students performing. A marvellous evening in a beautiful building. Congratulations to all performers, ably led by our music staff

Merri wins the Athletics

We held our Annual school Carnival at Collingwood last week. Merri had a narrow win over Batman in the house competition. It was a great warm sunny day with most of our star athletes in action. It was the first year we had a staff versus students relay and also a new event promoted by Mr. Rowan Griffiths called the Staff Handicap. Ms. Sarah Chadha won this race easily displaying her excellent sprinting ability. Many students in Year 7 showed talent in Athletics and we look forward to taking them to the next interschool carnival (see dates in the Sports update on page 3).
2010 Snow Camp

Bookings for the 2010 years 9 to 12 Falls Creek Ski Camp are now open. An information pack is available from Mr Griffiths, Ms Grinzi or Mr Xuereb.

This four day four night trip will leave NHS at 3:15 pm Monday the 2nd of August arriving at Howmans Gap, YMCA camp at about 10:30 pm Monday night. Howmans Gap is well into the snow line and only a short 15 minute drive to the first ski lift. The group will return to Melbourne at approximately 10:30 pm on the Friday 6th August.

Students attending this camp need to be fit and work toward improving their fitness and flexibility especially as the camp draws closer. Compulsory fitness sessions will be held (meeting in B6) at 3:20 for approximately 35 minutes on the following days- June 7th, June 21st, July 12th, July 19 and 26th. Parents and student are also required to attend a compulsory information evening for about 40 minutes on Wednesday 16th of June in A1 at 6pm.

All students will take a 90 minute snow boarding or skiing lesson every day from a Falls Creek instructor and then ski on runs designated by staff as being appropriate after lunch. Howmans Gap YMCA is a dedicated winter facility and will have approximately 200 students from around the state in attendance.

The cost of this years trip is $950 based on 24 students attending and includes four 90 minute lessons, 4 days of lift passes, ski or board rental, helmet rental, accommodation all meals (except dinner Monday night and Friday night), All transport and daily mountain entrance fees. If students have their own equipment then an $80 reduction applies, a further $20 reduction applies if they have their own approved skiing helmet. The wearing of helmets is mandatory and for safety reasons students will not be permitted to listen to ipods or other devices while skiing.

Limited spaces means that priority will be given to students who pay a $300 deposit first, return completed application forms and gain approval from their YLC.
Sports Update by Da Shan

It has been a great start to Term 2 with 8 of our Term 1 teams playing off in Zone finals.

Our Boys won through to State Finals in Year 8 Baseball and Year 10 Tennis (beating traditional rivals Melbourne High). Our Year 9/10 Girls missed out by 2% on going through to the State finals in Softball.

In Swimming we had 18 students swim at the State carnival at MSAC. Tori Rusciano of Year 8 after finishing 2nd in Freestyle and 3rd in Butterfly then led our 14 Year old Girls to 2nd in the Relay. Helina Hosking(8), Danielle Jumeau(8) and Maggie Gilder(7) were our other Relay swimmers who only missed out by 0.5 seconds on winning.

Lily Potocnik of Year 12 and Lauren Gilder of Year 11 swam in multiple races and have both been great role models for our younger swimmers.

All of our Term 2 teams are beginning training for their district days and also for school Cross country. A huge number of our students are taking part in a lunchtime Futsal competition on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. This is being run by both Mr. Hore and Mr. Bissett. Our 250 - Year 7 students will begin their Term 2 sports this Monday afternoon in Netball, Badminton, Soccer and Football. If you see a sea of students on Merri park this Monday you will know what they are doing. Our Senior students and staff are preparing for a series of lunchtime basketball games against our overseas students - this is always a lot of fun.

Below is a series of upcoming sporting dates for the rest of Term 2.

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Student Views of France, 2010

This year’s trip to France was amazing! There were so many wonderful sights that got packed into two weeks. Going on this trip improved my French a lot. It was also an eye opener to the different cultures of the world, even if we only saw one. We saw views of Paris from the Eiffel tower, the Arc de Triomph, the Tour Montparnasse and Sacre-Couer. They all provided their own fantastic perspectives on the city, but the Tour Montparnasse let us see all of them without having to be on one. We spent four nights with families in a small town called Yvetot, and they all opened their houses to us with smiles. It was a very happy experience, as we got to learn a little about the town and its people.

The school was a friendly place, and it was quiet in the class rooms for once. All the students seemed to want to learn, and they all got down to their work once it was time. Mont St-Michel is a very big castle sitting atop a large hill which used to be only accessible at low tide, because their was a small bridge that would go under water at high tide. That problem has been fixed by raising the bridge, while making space for cars at the same time.

The Bayeux tapestry was an interesting view on history at the time it was made. Ms Schapper and Mr Manousopoulus did a very good job of keeping us all under control, but there were times when things seemed really funny, and we would start laughing, some uncontrollably for long stages of time. If you have the chance to go on this trip next time, I highly suggest that you take it. I think that everyone who went on this trip will remember it for a very long time.

Gabriel Span

College Bobee was very welcoming and the students there were friendly. Staying with my homestay family was an interesting experience for me. The family was so nice and made me feel right at home. Mr. Manousopoulus and Miss Schapper were very helpful with our french and planned many excellent days for us.

The best part of the trip for me was seeing the beauty of the nightlife in Paris, and seeing all it had to offer. I recommend future students to join this trip and I’m so glad I got the chance to make memories and enjoy the experience of a lifetime.

Leah Shoesmith 9C

The black sky paints an aged french canvas
old wonders towered delicately complimenting a
contemporary town
fogged cobbled lanes lay huskily in a maze of noir romance
crisp air stung invigoratingly through my piled clothes
night air strung tendrils of wonder as i strode in awe with a
starry gaze.

by Aidan Sloggett 11C

Rigid mist hung lightly in my paw as a frigid morn begun its
dawn
seething lights strode uninvited beckoning a relentless beat
sun bathed an insomnic city shouting aloud without reason
stand its unparraleled spectacle
old treasured the past so still and sombre
a restless city with an arresting gaze from which a beauty of
simplicity stood its meagre lanes.

by Aidan Sloggett 11C

I am sincerely grateful for the school organising a trip that has inspired me to continue french and show me the appeal of french life. Everything on this trip that was shown and experienced was enjoyable for everyone who went. I got the chance to make good friends, visit different parts of France, see popular monuments, share laughs and stay with a french family. I'm also lucky I got to enjoy this all with a best friend. The food was fantastic with it's buttery croissants, crepes and gorgeous hot chocolates.

The 2010 France trip was an unforgettable experience!
TUBA FUNDRAISER

The Northcote High School music department is investing in a new tuba. This is one of the biggest purchases in the department’s history and we need your support. So we are selling shares in the tuba to help raise money.

The total cost of the tuba is $7,000, with each share selling for $250, $100, or $50.

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT THIS FUNDRAISER?

Option 1 - Buy a $250 part of the tuba
Option 2 - Buy a $100 part of the tuba
Option 3 – Buy a $50 part of the tuba
Option 4 - Gold coin/small donations are always welcome

OWN YOUR OWN PIECE OF MUSIC HISTORY TODAY

Name ___________________________ Address ___________________________
Phone __________________________ Email ___________________________
Donation __________________________

If you are choosing option 1, 2 or 3 please write exactly what name/s you would like engraved on the plaque.

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Method of payment
Cash ☐ Cheque ☐
Melb Uni. – ‘Focus on Melbourne’ 2011

Take an in-depth look at your study options:

Secondary school students and parents are warmly invited to attend ‘Focus on Melbourne’, a series of evening seminars that provide information on particular areas of study offered at the University of Melbourne in 2011.

Each seminar is presented by academic staff and recruitment coordinators from a specific area of the University, and will give detailed information about the options available to you in this discipline. Current and past students will speak about their experiences, and there will also be information about career outcomes and pathways to graduate study.

To register your attendance at one or more of these seminars, please visit:
www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne

2010 Focus on Melbourne seminars:

7:00pm - 8:30pm, Parkville campus (unless otherwise specified)

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Regional Cricket Zone Finals

At the former home of Preston Scouts, the world renowned trotting track adjacent Northland in delightful East Preston Northcote High Year 8 Cricket Team won through to the State Zone Final.

The photo here shows the triumphant team. Members include Garret McDonagh, Harry Potocnik, Finn Cole Adams, Riley Terrens, Martin Deasey, Tom Robinson, Ben Caplikas, Michael Luxford, Luke Marko-Rawlings, Scobie McKay, Michael Tsiasir, Huwyn Andrews, Thomas Salzano, Patrick Richardson and Sam Hodder.

This is a magnificent achievement and all boys should be very proud of their efforts. Great bowling from Garret McDonagh, Sam Hodder, Harry Potocnik, Tom Robinson, Patrick Richardson, and Martin Deasey the boys dismissed a lack lustre Brunswick Eleven cheaply. The boys quickly hit the meagre 60 runs to win the first game.

The second game against Montmerency was a more torrid affair and was played in excellent spirit. Northcote played as a team and were very respectful towards the opposition and was victorious. This quality of discipline and the coaching from their respective club cricket coaches makes the Northcote Team a good chance to win the State Zone final to be played in November against the Bendigo country eleven.

Garret McDonagh, Harry Potocnik and Geoff Thomas
Upcoming incursions for English and Humanities

**The English faculty** has arranged the following incursions for English students - all throughout the **morning** of the same day - Tuesday 18th May:

An intensive workshop with professional actors on the play *Hedda Gabler* for all Year 12 Literature students. Cost $25 per head.

A dynamic performance on poetry - *The Word Superb* – for all Year 7 students. Cost $10 per head.

Payment should be made through the general office.

**The Humanities Faculty** has also arranged the following for the **afternoon** of Tuesday 18th May.

An intensive workshop with professional actors on the play *Antigone* for all Year 12 Classics students. Cost $25 per head

*Ms T. O’Heare and Dr. L. Fraser*

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**Business Management speaker from ANZ**

Dario Medugorac from ANZ bank came into school this term to speak to the year 11’s about setting up their own small business. Our budding entrepreneurs enjoyed the talk with some class members even winning prizes. Dario gave excellent tips on how to set up your own small business and the students were very grateful for his expertise.

*Ms Beattie*
2011 Year 7 ACE Program Entry

Our ACE program enters its 15th year of operation in 2011. Testing for Year 7 entry will be held on Saturday May 8th. You need to register your Grade 6 child to sit the test by Tuesday April 27th. There is information about the program available from our website or the General Office. The registration charge is $50, which covers the cost of assessment of the testing by external providers.

Classical Lunchtime Concert

Friday April 30 : 12.45, A1

Jennen Ngiau-Keng - Violin
Amir Farrid - Piano

Beethoven Violin Concerto 1st Movement
Czardas - V.Monti

Northcote High School is privileged to have two world class musicians perform for us.

There will be limited seating for this concert and free tickets will be issued to those interested. We encourage all senior string players and VCE music students to attend.

See Mr Lewis to be issued with a ticket

Jennen Ngiau-Keng

Jennen Ngiau-Keng studied at the Australian National Academy of Music from 2002 to 2005 and completed a Master of Music Studies Degree at the University of Tasmania in 2008.

Jennen has won over 100 awards and prizes in competitions, including winner of the Gisborne International Music Competition (New Zealand) in 2004, the Kendall National Violin Competition in 2006 and the Geelong Advertiser Music Competition in 2009.

He has toured Australia, Europe and Asia as a soloist, and has appeared as soloist with many orchestras including the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra, Christchurch Symphony Orchestra and Russian Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has toured the U.S and Australia extensively with the Australian Chamber Orchestra and has acted as Guest Concertmaster of the West Australian Symphony Orchestra.

Amir Farid

Winner of the 2006 Australian National Piano Award, pianist Amir Farid has been described as “a highly creative musician – a pianist of great intelligence and integrity. He brings strong musical substance to all that he does, imbuing it with his own particular experience and understanding”, and who “in a well-populated field...distinguishes himself for all the right reasons.

He has performed concerti with the Sydney Symphony, Melbourne Symphony, Melbourne Chamber Orchestra, Orchestra Victoria, Melbourne Youth and ANAM Orchestras, including Rachmaninoff’s 2nd Piano Concerto at the Sidney Myer Music Bowl with the Melbourne Symphony in front of a capacity 13,000 strong crowd.

Other solo competition successes include winning the 2005 Hephzibah Menuhin and 3MBS Performer of the Year awards, and category finalist in the 2008 Royal Overseas League Music Competition in London, where he was awarded an Australian Music Scholarship. In 2008 he was one of 2 musicians selected to represent Australia in the European Broadcasting Union’s New Talent Competition.

As a chamber musician, Amir is pianist of the acclaimed Benaud Trio, winning the Piano Trio prize at the 2005 Australian Chamber Music Competition, and with whom he undertook a residency at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Canada.
700 attend OPEN DAY Thanks to our Assistants

Our Open Day morning of April 21st was again a great success—with over 700 people attending the morning. Such was the level of interest that we have been asked to ensure the information sessions (we ran 4 on the day) are repeated on Tuesday April 27th at 7.00 pm!

Its important to thank all who students who assisted and we happily do so here. If our list is not correct, please ask your son or daughter to see Mr Murphy to have it corrected!

The names are not in alphabetical order!

Lauren Khalil-Salib
Mei Griffin
Nicolella Marakis
Alexei Ymer-Welsby
Zara Van Twist Smith
Lucy Foskey
Carmen Wiseman
Kako Black
Laura Venables
Zoe Garkinis
Georgia Murphy
Brittany Wacholt
Georgia McCole

Emily Ross
Sanda Naing
Katie Ryan
Olivia Stray
Mike Matters
Mason Schabe
Diyanna Mimitas
Thomas Moshis
Oscar Dowling
Anastassia Krstevska
Oscar Peterson
Anna Slater
Darcey Steel
Xanthe Gunner
Cameron Hennessy
Harry Potocnik
Gabriella Blosfelds-Morison
Tayla Price
Zoe McWhinney
Angelo Garcia
Luke Dakis-Corcoran
Jenny Nguyen
Mia Novakovic
Georgia Avramopoulos
Cassandra Moustakas
Deana Smirnios
Sarah Vanin
Wylissa Zheng
Merissa Butera
Brittany Wacholt
Lily Potocnik
Lucy Benjamin

Ben Malandra
Phoebe Shiu
Jesse Jones
Becky Wang
Hanh My Vu
Penny Stark-Wolff
Emma Young
Oscar Dowling
Zoe Garkinas
Elliot Bolt

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WINNERS OF THE HEAT GET THE CHANCE TO GO ON AND PERFORM AT THE FREEZA PUSH START REGIONAL FINALS, THEN AT PUSH OVER 2011!!!

APPLICATIONS CLOSE THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2010.
SEND ALL APPLICATIONS TO:
BUMP IN THE NIGHT PRODUCTIONS
DAREBIN YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRE
23 EDWARDES STREET, RESERVOIR, 3073
DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM http://www.thepush.com.au/
OR CONTACT KATE DUNCAN, DAREBIN YOUTH SERVICES ON 8470 8001
ALL PERFORMERS MUST LIVE, WORK OR STUDY IN THE CITY OF DAREBIN AND BE 21 YEARS OF AGE OR UNDER.
**Notices**

**GIRLS MAKE IT GO! OPEN DAY**

NHS has been invited to participate in this year’s Girls Make It Go! Open Day.

**When:** Friday 23rd July, 2010

**Where:** Ntec@Northland, Murray Road, Preston

**Aim of the project**

To educate young women, their parents, their teachers and Career Advisers about the excellent career options in occupations relating to **manufacturing, engineering and technology**. To empower young women to make their own career choices, regardless of what they might be.

**Objectives:**

- To facilitate an understanding amongst young women of the diversity of career options available to them.
- To encourage young women to explore career options that will lead to secure and full time employment (young women are currently over represented in casual employment fields).
- To provide information to parents about the opportunities for young women in manufacturing, engineering and technology.
- To offer a series of industry tours to young women to further explore these options.

This project is a partnership between local industry partners, Ntec, Manufacturing & Engineering Skills Advisory Board (MESAB), schools and LLENs.

**Funding for buses:**

MESAB will pay for transport to and from the event and will also be arranging some visits to local industry.

**COULD INTERESTED STUDENTS PLEASE REGISTER WITH MS MARTIN IN THE CAREERS OFFICE.**

**Greek Tour April 2011**

Northcote staff members have developed a plan for a tour for 15 students to Greece for 17 days, departing April 2011, and travelling to Athens, Olympia, Delphi, Kalambaka, Thessaloniki, Mykonos, and Santorini.

We are now in the final stages of collecting deposits for the tour. These are payable to the school office.

Mrs O’Hehir and Ms Wilson would be happy to answer any questions or provide you with a fuller itinerary.

**Ripples Production Team**

Each year we form a team of keen students across the year levels to help produce our end of year magazine Ripples. They get experience in organising, writing, photography and all the fun and challenge of being part of a team working on a huge project.

Our team this year already has lots of talented people but we’d like to have more. Students interested in writing, research, photography or magazine production more generally are welcome to join.

The team meet regularly on Thursday lunchtimes. Our next meeting will be Thursday April 29 in Rm17.

See Ms Wilson in Rm 16 for more details.