Big Tassie String Tour

On Tuesday 18th May, the members of the Senior Strings ensemble lugged their suitcases onto the school bus in an excited hurry for our first ever tour overseas – to Tasmania! All 16 students and 3 teachers, Ms Wray, Mr Chiodo and Mr De Marte, hopped onto the Spirit of Tasmania for our 10 hour sail to Devonport. We disembarked at an early 6:30 to head off to Launceston, then Hobart. Our first stop was for lunch at Cataract Gorge, a beautiful ravine that showed off a small part of Tasmania’s wildlife environment, and was a photographer’s dream. We then visited two factories in a row. First was the Cascade Brewery (unfortunately no sampling allowed!), then the infamous Cadbury Factory, where we tried and tested many free chocolates. There were two Primary School performances, where aspiring music students were eagerly listening to us play, and also at Port Arthur (an 180 year old prison), which preceded a cruise to the Isle of the Dead.

We stayed at a luxurious caravan park called Treasure Island, which I’m sure was everyone’s favourite part of the trip, where we had a trivia night full of laughs (Lucy’s team lost, and the We’re Better Than Raka’s Team won), and delicious Italian cuisine for dinner. The last day was spent at the freezing cold Salamanca market where we experienced the flavours and culture of Tasmania first hand- there were arts and crafts, food, entertainment and music, and even gypsies busking! The tour was a great musical and life experience for us all, and a great final school camp for Ellen, Lucy and myself.

Bianca Le
Principal’s Report

Bands to Play at World Expo in Shanghai

NHS is counting the days to the departure of the NHS 2010 China Music Tour. Peter Lewis and his staff have been finalising the itinerary and concert dates for the tour. The students have been participating in a rigorous practice program in preparation for the farewell concert on Friday 18 June 2010 in our refurbished hall. We would be delighted to see you there, hearing how well they play! The various bands will also be playing for students and staff at a number of different farewell concerts over the next few weeks.

On Tuesday June 22, 42 students from the Senior Concert Band & Stage Band will be heading off to China for a 16 day performance tour. The bands will perform at a number of locations in China including World Expo in Shanghai, the Terracotta Warrior Museum in Xi’an and at the Concert Hall in Huaihai. The students will also visit the numerous cultural highlights of China and experience home stay with a student from our sister school in Huaihai.

NHS goes Global…..

I would also like to bring to your attention two other opportunities for our students to participate in international experiences, both incorporate a strong focus on working closely with the local communities that our students could be visiting. In this newsletter we highlight the Key Change Music – South Africa Program and in our last newsletter we featured the fabulous opportunities available through the World Challenge – Borneo experience. Both of these experiences include a selection process where students will be required to participate in an application process including a written application and an interview. Stay posted for further information regarding these trips.

Student Voice

As a school we continue to create opportunities for students to experience success in many and varied forums within the classroom and beyond. As part of our Strategic Review we have been meeting with our stakeholders, staff, parents and students to gain their perspective on our current successes and highlighting areas of future focus. We have been working closely with our students to create a stronger focus on student voice and leadership. As part of our review we have been conducting focus groups to gain perspectives from our students regarding their experiences at NHS and to engage with them to gain an insight into their experiences, successes and challenges. As a school we are committed to providing frequent and far reaching opportunities for our students to find their voice and to engage in rich dialogue that will support our young generation to find and to plan our future directions. The questions to guide your feedback/comment are similar to the discussion points on the night of the forums. I encourage you to comment, as it is important that we have strong parent representation at this critical time when we are determining our new Strategic Plan and direction as a school.

What happens with your feedback?

We will be collating your feedback and communicating with our community as we plan and develop our strategic plan for the next 4 years during Term 4. Thank you to all NHS Community members who attended the Forum. Your feedback is much appreciated!

Click here: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VMBYTD5

Year 7 play area

We are working with our students and staff to ensure there are a range of designated areas for students to play. The southern section of the park has been set aside for Year 7’s to play ball games and only year 7’s will be permitted to play ball games in this area. The area reserved for Year 7 students is south of the small gate level with the northern wall of portable D 12. Our Yard Duty Staff will be working with or students to ensure our students are aware of the role of this designated area and that Yr 7s are utilizing this space.

NHS University and School Links …. University of Melbourne

Participation in meetings with our university partners and key educators are important in ensuring that the broader community is familiar with the programs and people at NHS. Last week I was invited to attend the University of Melbourne audit by the Australian Universities Quality Agency (AUQA). AUQA met with a large number of UM students and staff, including a request to meet with Principals from key school including Melbourne, Balwyn, University, Glen Waverley, Northcote, Mt Waverley and MacRobertson Girls High School.

I will also be participating in a new University of Melbourne Principals’ reference group. The reference group will include 15 metropolitan principals from all school sectors (Government, Independent and Catholic) plus senior academic and professional staff at the University and will meet four times annually. We have also been visited by a number of schools keen to learn about and take a closer look at our programs and how we do it. Our visitors have been most impressed with our focus on review and continuous improvements and our professional learning program and structures that encourage our staff to work collaboratively.

Tram Super Stop and coming soon…..

Last week Fiona Richardson, and the Department of Transport visited NHS
Principals report continued...

for the media launch of the St Georges Road Super Stops. Fiona wanted me to express to our School and School Council her thanks for their support over a longitudinal period for the upgrading of the NHS tram stops. Work is expected to begin in August/Sept.

Tell Us Campaign
Next week our students will be working with The Foundation for Young Australians which is a national organisation that aims to improve the wellbeing and life chances of young people, empowering them to be successful learners, confident, active and valued citizens. Tell Us is a national campaign that, for the first time, directly asks secondary school students what success at school really means. The current debate around success at school has the Federal and State Government, the education sector, academics and media all talking about how to best measure school and student performance. But where are the voices of young people? Tell Us aims to add thousands of student voices to the debate, and help redefine achievement and success is valued at school.

Next week our students will be invited to jump online and complete a short survey. Results will be analysed and presented to State and Federal Governments and school communities across Australia. The Deputy Prime Minister has endorsed the campaign and is eager to see the results. Tell Us will run until 30 June 2010 and can be accessed at www.tellus.org.au. Tell Us campaign is coming to NHS next week as a lunchtime event with entertainment and opportunities for our students to have their say.

Exams and Reports and End of Semester
The end of semester is a busy time for NHS and I would like to draw your attention to the busy schedule of our students and staff with exams and end of semester assessments. Report writing will commence very soon with end of Semester reports being sent home, included will be key date/events letter. The key date mail outs support more effective and timely communication with our parents and students and information relating to key dates and events in term 3 ad 4.

Semester 2 starts on Tuesday 15 June. Finally, I encourage you to participate in our online feedback as part of our strategic review see our website for the link.

Kate Morris

Yr 11, 2011
Information Evening
For current Year 10 Students & Parents.
Monday July 19th

Parents are reminded that the VCE Information Evening will be held on Monday July 19th, in the School Hall at 7.30 pm for all current Year 10 students and their parents. A display of VCE subject material with VCE staff on hand to answer any queries will be held in the Library from 6.30 pm to 7.15pm.

Letters will be sent home with students in week 1 of Term 3. Please complete the reply slip and return it to Year 10 Coordinators Office.

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

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

Adele Fattore & Martin Ramsay—Year 10 Coordinators
Ms Helen Anderton—Head of Senior Years

Yr 10, 2011
Information Evening
For current Year 9 students and Parents
Monday July 26th

Parents are reminded that the Year 10 Information Evening will be held on Monday July 26th, in the School Library at 7.30 pm for all current Year 9 students and their parents.

Faculty Coordinators and subject teachers will be available to answer any questions regarding the Year 10 Curriculum. This will be held in the GCC from 6.30 pm – 7.15pm.

Letters will be sent home with students in week 1 of Term 3. Please complete the reply slip and return it to the school.

The general structure of the Year 10 Program, the course selection process, career advice and pathway options will be outlined during the evening and students will receive their Course Selection Information packs.

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Sarah Green and Elizabeth Lenthal Yr 9 Coordinators
Ms Helen Anderton—Head of Senior Years

Debating (round three) and Public Speaking

Round three of the Debaters Association of Victoria competition was held on the 20/5 and NHS had 7 wins out of 9. This is a credit to the hard work that all of the teams are putting in. It is also a credit to parents who make the effort to get students to the debates on time even though it is dark and cold and the traffic can be challenging. Special mention this round must be made of the great effort made by Phi Long Nguyen, in Year 9, who debated at both C Grade and then again at D Grade, winning both debates. It is fantastic to see students who are prepared to step in at the last minute as this helps us avoid forfeits. Rounds four and five will be held in the first two weeks of term three. Any of our teams that remain undefeated at this stage will go through to the finals. We look forward to again playing host to one round of the finals and with a bit of luck one of our teams might go all the way this year!

Congratulations again to Luke Dakis-Corcoran (Year 11) and Diyanna Mintas (Year 11) who represented NHS in the Plain English Speaking competition and came first and second, respectively. Luke will now compete at the next round to be held in East Melbourne in July. The event will continue until the state final which is followed by a national final. All of the finalists at the 2009 national final held at St Martin’s Youth Theatre in South Yarra

Finally a reminder that we are looking for two female students to represent Northcote High School in a new public speaking competition called Vida’s Voices. This is an initiative of the Victorian Women’s Trust and will involve girls from a number of schools. Interested students please come and see Ms Wilson or myself.

Martin Ramsay and Carlene Wilson
International trips 2011 Update

August 2010—Huaibei No. 1 High School Visit
As they have done for the last 11 years, our sister school from China, Huaibei Number One High School, will visit us for one week of cultural exchange and celebration.

The party arrives on Tuesday August 17th, and departs on Monday August 23rd.
Families interested in hosting one of the 11 girls or 7 boys can contact Mr Murphy at school.

September 2011 Trip to China
NHS will again offer a student tour of China in September 2011. This will be in collaboration with Clifton Hill Primary School who will take some Grade 6 students. NHS has worked to create a sister school relationship for Huaibei’s leading Primary School, and this will be their first trip there. We will be looking for about 15 students to join us in leading this important trip to Shanghai, Huaibei, Xi’an and Beijing.
A parent information night will be announced next term.
As always, the trip is open to students who do not study Chinese language.

September 2011 Italy Study Tour
The LOTE Department is once again offering students of Italian the opportunity to visit Italy next year.

The tour will run for 18 days in September/October and will be open to all students of Italian. Some of this travel period will be during the term holidays.

The study tour will visit Rome, Pompeii, Florence, Pisa and Venice.

The trip will also incorporate a visit to our sister-school—the Romanazzi Technical Institute in Bari where students will have home-stay accommodation and attend classes with their Italian hosts.

This wonderful trip also features four days of Italian language study at the ABC institute in Florence, as well as visits to the Colosseum, Vatican, a guided tour through the ruins of Pompeii. We will also visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa as well as Venice and its surrounding islands.

The cost of the trip is approximately $5,900 and this includes all airfares, accommodation, most meals as well as tour guides and coach travel throughout Italy.

For more information and a copy of the itinerary please contact Ms Fattore. A parent information night will be announced next term. The trip will be in collaboration with Reservoir DSC.

School Camps Update

YEAR 8 BOHO SOUTH TERM 3 & 4
Forms and either a deposit or full payments are due to the office by Friday 25th June. This is to allow classes to be allocated to dates, parents are asked to indicate any dates their child cannot attend. Dates for all classes will determined after 25th June and parents will be notified in the School Newsletter.

The camp dates are:

Term 3
Camp 1(8J) Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th September
Camp 2 Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th September

Term 4
Camp 3 Tuesday 5th – Friday 8th October
Camp 4 Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th October
Camp 5 Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd October
Camp 6 Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th October
Camp 7 Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th November
Camp 8 Tuesday 16th – Friday 19th November
Camp 9 Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th November

Camp 10 Tuesday 30th November – Friday 3rd December

Year 9 – 12 Landcare Camp Boho South – 30 students, 3 days, 19th – 21st August. Cost $100.

Over the past four years Northcote High School has been involved in Landcare projects at and around the school campsite in Boho South. The school has been a successful recipient of Junior Landcare grants of up to $1100. These activities have been in conjunction with the Strathbogie Tablelands Landcare Group. This year we will be working directly with the Strathbogie Tablelands Landcare Group in one of their projects.

See Mr Griffiths or Ms Wyatt in the GCC for details.

Year 9 – 12 Snow Camp
Only a few places left see Mr. Xuereb quickly if interested.

Year 9 – 11 Tassie Camp
Time is running out to get your form a return it to the office. See Ms. Cappelli if interested.

Mr. R. Griffiths
Camps Coordinator
Congratulations to all students who entered the National Geographic Geography Competition this year. A number of student geographers at our school gained impressive results with 19 gaining high distinctions, 27 distinctions and 42 credits. This year there were over 85,000 students entered from 822 schools across the country. Amongst our top scorers we had 5 students score in the top 1% of Australia: Luka Blaikie and Alex Vollebergh in Year 8, Orson Passi and Jack McCutchan in Year 9 and David Meaney in Year 10. The top scorers in each year level are listed below. Well done Northcote students!

### Year 7

**Credit**
- Louis Croughan
- Iona Maroske
- Austin Petty
- Matthew Thomas

**Distinction**
- Leon Chinlane

### Year 8

**Credit**
- Adrian Cappelletti
- Remy Coleman
- Della Michie
- Lucien Nahon
- Athanasia Tsigaridis
- Lecy Ling
- Helina Hosking
- Erin Langley
- Chen Xi Yu
- Giulia Ricco
- Megan Schlueber
- Atlanta Simutanya
- Harry Potocnik
- Jose Asibal
- Finn Cole-Adams
- Liam Sloggett
- Danielle Jumeau
- Jason Koceski

**Distinction**
- Inneka Moorhouse
- Mary Zhang
- Rachel Mackie
- Catherine Jennens
- Alex Healey
- Kako Black
- Kevin Kuang

### Year 9

**Credit**
- Adam Poetter
- Oriem Pledger
- Jade Vias
- Natasha Sidiropoulos
- Sanja Nikolskov
- Earl Borincke
- Isabella Johnson
- Ruby Foley
- Ivan Dang
- Himani Khatte
- Katherine Scott
- Oeneone Elliott-Hobbs
- Luke Edwards
- Joshua Fink
- Rachel Lau
- Lance Rima
- Miranda Niklas
- Andre Jordan

**Distinction**
- Jesse Jones
- Stephanie Dimofski
- Fiacre Ryan
- Luka Blaikie
- Alex Vollebergh
- Darcy Steele
- Charlotte Peloa
- Elinor Mills
- Eleanor Eyles
- Rachel Zhang
- Mun Wah Tam

### Year 10

**Credit**
- Harrison Simcoe
- Cindy Kong

**Distinction**
- Luke Westcott
- Christo Hatzis

**High Distinction**
- Orson Passi
- Jack McCutchan
- Fynn Pocock
- Ruby Klimk
- Maudie Farnan
- Devon Arganaraz
- David Meaney

### Year 11

**High Distinction**
- Luke Dakis-Corcoran
Careers at RMIT

Health and Medical Sciences (formerly Hands on Health)
Audience: Years 10 and 11
Explore the diverse world of health and medical sciences through a series of hands-on workshops in: Nursing, Chinese medicine, biomedical science (anatomy), laboratory medicine, medical radiations and pharmaceutical science.
Date: Tuesday 29 June
Time: 10 am – 4 pm
Location: Bundoora campus (west). A free bus service will be provided from the City campus to Bundoora west
Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)
Registrations close: Tuesday 15 June. Be quick as places are filling fast!

Electrical and Computer Engineering
Audience: Years 11 and 12
Engineering technologies have had a significant impact on modern society. Learn more in workshops focusing on a broad range of areas from computer systems, networking and communications, through to electrical, biomedical and electronic engineering.
Dates: Wednesday 30 June and Thursday 1 July (identical days)
Time: 9.30 am – 4 pm
Location: City campus
Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)
Registrations close: Wednesday 16 June.

Environmental Science and Engineering
Audience: Year 10 and 11
Discover more about environmental science and engineering through field work and interactive workshops in; environmental engineering, environmental science, environmental modelling, geospatial science and surveying.
Date: Tuesday 6 July
Time: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Location: City campus
Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)
Registrations close: Tuesday 22 June.

Aerospace, Mechanical and Mechatronics Engineering
Audience: Years 11 and 12
Build your understanding of engineering through a series of hands-on workshops, in aerospace, automotive, mechanical and mechatronics engineering.
Date: Thursday 8 July
Time: 9.30 am - 4.30 pm
Location: Bundoora campus (east)
Cost: Free (Lunch will be provided)
Registrations close: Thursday 24 June.
Registrations are now open and places are limited.

For more information or to register, visit www.rmit.edu.au/seh/experience
Contact: Clare Russell Tel 03 9925 3699 Email clare.russell@rmit.edu.au

Careers at Uni of Melb—“Access all Areas”

The ‘ACCESS ALL AREAS’ event will be held at the Parkville campus on 09 July 2010 from 9:00am to 2:00pm (followed by 30 minute residential college tours for registered participants). A map and program details will be emailed to registered participants. Admission is free but places are limited. Please register as early as possible to secure a place.

Registration for the 09 July event is online: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/accessallareas

For further information about ‘ACCESS ALL AREAS’, please contact:
1800 801 662 (within Australia)
(03) 8344 6543
(03) 9349 1291
via http://unimelb.custhelp.com

‘ACCESS ALL AREAS’ is especially designed for Year 10 –12 students and their families, offering a personalised insight into the University of Melbourne and provides an opportunity to gather information and talk to University staff about all aspects of studying and life at Melbourne.
Find out about: Courses and careers including the Melbourne Model study options and graduate pathways, Unique opportunities to enrich your degree such as studying a concurrent diploma, going on exchange or participating in community involvement activities.
Culturally Inclusive Curriculum

In April this year Northcote High School was approached to assist in the development of culturally inclusive curriculum and teacher training resources. Teachers and students worked with Koori Engagement Support Officer Erin Birch from the Department of Education to trial some of the material. We hope to provide curriculum options for teachers and students across Victoria, and particularly the Northern Region, that will allow Koori students to better engage with their schools and that will allow schools to better acknowledge Koori perspectives in the curriculum. Below is the report of one student who participated in the project.

“Recently my class participated in a lesson about the current state of aboriginal housing in remote communities. Part of this was a Video from Insight on SBS. This was an interesting thing for me to watch. I find it amazing that one can go about their life and be completely ignorant of some things until they’re told about it – this ignorant person, unfortunately, was me. I was disgusted at the poor quality of housing I saw, especially considering this was housing for families. The problem is that people can’t be concerned about something if they don’t know about it. My whole class thought what they saw was bad but the majority of them didn’t know about it, and so five minutes before the lesson we couldn’t have cared. This made me think how many other tragedies I didn’t know about. There are probably millions. We watched the video and then we were asked questions about how it made us feel, what we thought about the issues being discussed on the program and how we thought it could be solved. I think of myself as similar minded to the average person so I used myself as an example, I think the biggest problem is lack of awareness. My peers agreed with me on this. And so in conclusion I think we all need to be more aware of how our fellow human beings are living and make an effort to lend a hand.”

Elliott Bolt, Year 7, and Mr Sean Butler.

Italian class visit to the National Gallery

Year 10 students of Italian recently visited the National Gallery of Victoria to view its Italian Art collection.

This excursion marked the end of students’ study of Italian art this term. The particular focus was on the work of Tiepolo and in particular his masterpiece The Banquet of Cleopatra which is on display at the gallery.

Throughout the term the Year 10 class has been collaborating with University of Melbourne 1st year Italian students who have assisted them in their research of Italian artists.

At the conclusion of the excursion students enjoyed an Italian banquet of their own at La Camera restaurant in Southbank. Adele Fattore

ICAS English Competition.

The University of New South Wales is once more holding its ICAS (International Competition and Assessments for Schools) English Competition. NHS is offering our students the chance to participate. If any student in any year level would like to participate they must register (hand in signed form) and pay $7.00 by the due date Thursday 24 June. The English competition will be held on Tuesday 3 August. Exact time and location to be advised.

Ms T. O’Heare

Adult Musicians

If you are interested in being part of an (adult) music ensemble of the Northcote High community then we would love to hear from you. All standards welcome: perhaps you are a proficient player or perhaps you haven’t learnt an instrument since you were at school yourself and would like to start playing again. No special talent necessary: just an instrument and some enthusiasm about playing in a group.

Or if you would like to be involved in starting some other kind of music group among like minded adults in the Northcote High community, contact us and we can see if we can get some networks happening. Some examples might be a choir, rock band, country music band or jazz group- endless possibilities! For details contact Brenda Walker at brenda@shorewalker.com or on 0438 196 522, or Jennifer Bowen at jennifer.bowen@bigpond.com
Da Shan’s Sports Update

The last 2 weeks has been another busy fortnight in sport at NHS. Twelve teachers who have been coaching and went out with all our teams deserve special mention. Without their dedication and availability our sport program would not function. Over 200 students have represented NHS over 5 days in the past 2 weeks. We took part in Zone Athletics, Cross Country, Senior Girls Football and also Year 9/10 District Football, Netball, Soccer and Badminton.

Zone Girls Football
At the Zone Girls Football our Senior girls led by Caitlin Friend, Ursula Hughson, Georgia Hammond and JiJi Fayad won easily in the final against Peter Lalor SC. They now play at the State finals in week 5 ,term 3.

Zone Athletics
At the Zone Athletics we had a record twelve students winning through in events to the State Carnival in Term 4. Competing against 30 schools we won 53 medals – 13 firsts, 14 seconds and 26 thirds. Stars of the show included Zoe McWhinney of Year 10 with three firsts in High, Long and Triple jump. James McGee of Year 12 and Sarina Rayner of Year 8 showed amazing all-round Athletic talent both winning 5 medals. Bronwyn Humphreys of Year 12, (Year 7), Georgia McCole (Year7) and Ben McDonald (Year8) dominated the long distance running both at the Athletics and Cross country.

Zone Cross Country
After running our own Year 7 Cross Country afternoon led by Ms. Lester and her VCE Physical Education class we sent out our best 12 Year 7 students and 18 other runners from higher Year levels to the Zone Cross country in Heidelberg. Competing against 30 schools we won 3 overall pennants in Year 7 and 8 Boys and Year 7 girls. This was our best result ever and being led by our junior students makes our future look bright. Kate Bongiovanni-Hodges won the 12-13 girls event closely followed in, in second place by Georgia McCole. Bronwyn Humphreys of Year 12 who has been a promoter of running and a mentor to our younger students finished a great 2nd in the Open event. Other fantastic results in large fields included Year 7’s – Max Stella 3rd, Will Symonds 4th, Harry Faye 5th and Carla Lane 5th. Ben McDonald and Tilly Kiefel-Johnson of Year 8 and Laura Veneables of Year 9 finished 4th in their respective events. Waiting for official results we will have our largest team ever at the State Cross Country in Bundoora on Tuesday 13th July

District Level Matches
In our Year 9/10 District matches on Friday 4th June we finished second to District winners in Boys Soccer (Mr. Bissett) and Girls Netball( Ms. Mibus). In Badminton our 2 boy’s teams finished 1st and 3rd. After months of before school practice in Badminton our boys were so proud of their results. In Boys football our players had 4 great wins finishing undefeated. Coach Mr. Hore listed best players as Mike Matters, Sam Dalton, Thomas Baravi, Jack Cowell, Luke Baker, Harrison Simcoe and Otto Ishak.

Girls Soccer
Many of our Year 9/10 girls were excited to hear past teacher and Soccer coach Ms. Pip Kelly was returning from South America to coach our girls at the District day. Our girls learnt much from her and managed to win their 4 games scoring 12 goals to 0 over their 4 matches. Goal scorers: Erin Gogerly 3, Zoe McWhinney, 3 Mariam Dennaoui 2, Bella Blosfelds-Morrison 2, Sophia Mahoney 1, Ji Ji Fayad 1. Other comments from Ms. Kelly included special mentions to Bella and Sophia scoring crunch goals in telling games and also our goalkeeper Brittany Wacholt saving a penalty and not letting a goal in all day. Best players Zoe, Erin and Bella.

Now we return to training and preparation for our Year 8 and 7 District days on Friday 18th and Tuesday 22nd of June. Another 200 students will be given the opportunity to represent our school in Football, Soccer, Netball and Badminton.

Da Shan
Editor’s note: Da Shan will shortly be heading off on the Music tour of China. His column will return next term
From the Student Wellbeing Team

Teenage Holiday Program June and July 2010
The City of Darebin is organising excursions during the school holidays. Activities include Go-Karting, Lasers, Roller-skating, Indoor Rock-Climbing, Swimming/Diving, Canoeing Adventure and Horse riding. If you are interested bookings will be taken from Tuesday 15th June onwards. Get in quick! Places will fill fast. For any more information please contact Jacqui on 84708922.

Anxiety Disorders Association of Victoria (ADAVIC)
Parenting Support Group
A group for parents of children with anxiety disorders at the Kew Neighbourhood Learning Centre 2 – 14 Derby St. Kew Time: 7.30 pm. – 9.00 pm Dates: June 9th June 23rd July 7th July 21st August 4th August 18th September 1st September 15th and September 29th For further information contact ADAVIC on 9853 8089 or website www.adavic.org.au or email adavic@adavic.org.au

Multicultural Women’s Friendship Group
Anglicare Plenty Valley invite women who are looking to participate in a women’s social group.
10 Hurtle Street Lalor
Term 3 28th July – 15th September 2010
Term 4 6th October – 8th December 2010
Wednesday 10.00 am – 12.30 pm. For inquiries or bookings please contact Mary on 9465 0322

If you would like further information please contact Teena Pavlatos Student Well Being Coordinator 9488 2321

Key change Music

Key Change is a non-profit organisation that aims to create positive social change through music. Key Change’s first project - Collaboration 4 Change: South Africa Are you 13 - 18 years old and in High/Secondary school? Do you want to embark on a two week study tour to South Africa or do you know someone who may benefit from this experience?

Australia is an increasingly multicultural nation. We are becoming more connected to the world and more people from around the world are coming to Australia. We are experiencing a new wave of immigrants from Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Moreover, there are now increasing demands on Australia to welcome more refugees from countries such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan and Sri Lanka.

This has sparked a discussion about the best ways to integrate immigrants within Australian society without forcing them to sacrifice their diversity. Young Australians, particularly those who are recent immigrants, should be involved in this discussion.

Five Victorian school students will be selected as the key participants for the project. They will come from different racial backgrounds (Caucasian Australian, Indigenous Australian, Asian, Middle Eastern and Afri-
Why should YOU care about young people’s mental health?”

Professor Pat McGorry, Australian of the Year and a world-leader in youth mental health, will speak at a free public lecture as part of Melbourne Health Research Week 2010.

When: Tuesday 15 June 2010 at 5.30pm for a 6pm start
Where: The Royal Melbourne Hospital, Charles La Trobe Lecture Theatre, Ground Floor Function Centre, Grattan Street, Parkville
Melways ref: map 2B A7, B7 or map 43 F4
Public transport:
59 tram along Flemington Road
19 tram along Royal Parade
Places are limited and bookings are essential. Call 9342 7814 or email catherine.lander@mh.org.au