The Great China Tour!

Northcote’s second great Music trip to China has undoubtedly been a highlight of the year, if not the decade! Congratulations to the Music team, under the capable direction of the unflappable Peter Lewis, and to our 42 musicians, who set sister school city Huaibei on fire with their creative skills and talents!

At top—one of the three Huaibei concerts, right above—Julia Percival Cassin strikes a pose with a Chinese performer for the People’s Daily, and right—below, Jenna Walker brings the house down singing a modern Chinese love song with a Huaibei student.

Above: Arrival in Huaibei

Homestay Hosts Required!
We have 11 girls and 7 boys from Huaibei visiting us in mid August—and at the moment only 10 confirmed homestay hosts! If you would like to host a student from our sister school between August 11-16, contact Mr Murphy on 9488 2342.

School Diary

• July 12: First day Term 3
• July 13: Yr 7/10 Immunization VSSA Cross Country
• July 19: Yr 11, 2011 Info Night
• July 26: Yr 10, 2011 Info Night
• July 27: 7.30 am Yr 7 Breakfast for parents and students
• Aug 2: (to Aug 6) Snow Camp 7pm Hall Italy Tour Info Night
• Aug 3: English comp
• Aug 5: Maths Comp Strings & Cheese Music Night
• VTAC Info Night 7.15
• Aug 9: State PD for Teachers No Classes for Students
• Aug 11: Huaibei No 1 HS arrives for 1 week visit
• Aug 12: Yr 11 & 12 Parent Teacher Meetings 2.45-7.45
Classes end at 12.40 pm
Yr 11-12 Info Session 5.30-6.15
• Aug 13: District Indoor Hockey
• Aug 16: Yr 10-11 Course Counselling. No classes for Yr 10
• Aug 17: Yr 9/10 District Sports
• Aug 18: State Debating finals (after school)
• Aug 19: Landcare camp departs Big Band Boogie
• Aug 20: Yr 9-10 Course Coun-
Da Shan’s Sport’s Update

Our Year 7 students showed how much training and hard work pays off at the District Sporting finals in the last week of Term 2.

Our Year 7 Boys swept all before them winning in Badminton, Soccer and Football. Our Year 7 Girls after many 8.00am training sessions also won in Badminton and Netball. It has been shown in years gone by that developing our teams in Year 7 leads to continued team success as they move up through the school.

In Weeks 1-6 in Term 3 we now have 15 teams representing our District out of the 28 competitions playing off in Zone finals in Badminton, Soccer, Football and Netball. This is a great opportunity for all of these students to compete at this higher level. I would also like to thank the older students that have been assisting teams as managers, coaches and officials. Any teams that win in the Zone finals will then progress onto the State finals in mid to the end of Term 3.

We also have 19 students running at the state Cross Country on Tuesday 13th July.

Northern Zone and State Girls Football dates are as follows:

Year 9/10 Boys Football: Tuesday 13th July
Year 9/10 Boys 7/8 Girls Football: Thursday 22nd July
Year 7 Girls, 7/8 Boys Netball: Thursday 22nd July
Year 7-9 Girls Football: Monday 26th July
Year 9/10 Girls Soccer: Friday 30th July
Year 7 and 8 Girls Soccer: Wednesday 4th August
Year 7 and 8 Boys Football: Tuesday 10th August
Year 11/12 Girls State Football Finals: Thursday 12th August

Da Shan’s China Tour Update

As a non-musician it was an amazing trip and made me appreciate the task of moving all the students and instruments from Australia and all over China – setting up for concerts with music sheets, stands, amplifiers, chords, drum kits etc was a major all in event. Led by Mr. Lewis and assisted by Ms. Wray the amount of organization and changes we had to adapt to made every day both interesting and at times challenging.

We have been exchanging visits with our sister school Huaiabei No 1 High school for the last 12 years so our arrival and the number of friends we already knew made the visit for many like attending our second home. All students were paired off with a homestay and got to experience real Chinese life in a real Chinese home. Most students loved this unique experience. Tears and emotions were running high on our departure from Huaiabei.

Most students were in groups of 5 on the trip with one teacher overseeing their whereabouts at all times. Getting lost in China amongst 1.4 billion people is something we worked hard to avoid. Mr. Price was left behind at one stop which led to a Price check! at all future departures. Our Principal Ms. Morris was constantly in demand to make speeches and sing in Chinese, play solo pieces and sing solos and duets. Dancing became more popular as the tour progressed with all teachers, students and homestays strutting their stuff.

Our 4 musical conductors including Mr. Lewis, Mr. Murray, Mr. Webster and Ms. Rassool were stars at leading our bands and received rousing applause. Ms. Nit-sis worked with our singers and helped with camera work. Surveying the students their favourite attractions included; The Great Wall, Bike riding on the City wall in Xian and The World Expo. Their favourite experiences included performing of course, spending time in Huaiabei with their homestays, the amazing range of food (Hot pots, Peking duck, Dumplings) and shopping—which they excelled at.

Our tour guides were all great and enriched our learning about the history and culture of China. The many supervised walking tours and bus, trains and flights allowed us all to see an amazing range of typical Chinese life. We now look forward to 4 teachers and 18 students from Huaiabei visiting Northcote in August. Many of our students who attended the Chinese music trip plus others will now get to host our Chinese neighbours.

Mr Chen (Vic Prin) and Mr Xu (Prin) greet old friend Da Shan at Huaiabei

With 42 students and 8 teachers travelling around China for 17 days this was an amazing experience. The students had multiple musical performances at Shanghai at the World Expo, in Xian at the Terracotta Warriors, 3 sold out Friendship performances in Huaiabei at their new concert hall and a jazz club in Beijing. The World Expo was also amazing with queues for many pavilions up to 2 hours. We avoided the queues at the Australian pavilion by being let in as VIP guests. Being able to play in 2 sessions in the main Asian square at the Expo was an honour and a proud moment for our school. Many students got the chance to make speeches and sing in Chinese, play solo pieces and sing solos and duets. Dancing became more popular as the tour progressed with all teachers, students and homestays strutting their stuff.

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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.

It is a very important date on the school calendar for our Year 9 students and we look forward to seeing all our students and their parents at the evening.

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

Note: Parent Teacher Meetings this term

Parent will recall our online booking system to make appointments to see parents at Parent teacher Meetings.

We will be using this same system this Term for our
VCE Parent Teacher Meetings on Thursday August 12 (Afternoon& evening)
And
Yr 7-10 Parent Teacher Meetings on Tuesday September 7.(Afternoon& evening)

Each student will receive a unique code which will allow parents to log in and start the booking process.

Should you have any questions regarding the process, or not be able to book online, feel free to come in to the school and we will assist you in the process.

Students will be dismissed early on both days. Interpreters may be booked by students seeing Mr Murphy once bookings have been made.

Further details will be sent home soon.

Nina heads off to the World Junior Championships

Our Nina Markovic of 11 H has been selected for the Australian Junior Under 20 Women’s Squad in European Handball. They will play in Korea in the World Junior Championships from 12th to 31st July, 2010 Nina plays the position called pivot.

There will be 24 of the world’s top teams participating in the championships. Nina has been playing European Handball for 3 years, and has played in Victorian Under 18s (Gold medal winners) and Under 21s (Bronze medal winners) and the Senior Victorian team (Silver medal winners). She has also played in a beach handball national championship.

In Seoul, Australia plays off against Thailand, Spain, Japan, Brazil and Hungary. The Australian Junior Team is still looking for sponsors so feel free to contact Nina at nm.ninam@gmail.com

We wish her luck and hope that she represents Australia successfully.
**Breakfast for Yr 7 parents**

Attention Yr 7 parents! You and your child are invited to Breakfast at Northcote High School on **Tuesday 27th July 2010, 7:30am** – in the C. Block foods rooms

This is a great opportunity to visit our school and have a chat to our Principal Kate Morris, leadership team, coordinators and some of our teachers.

We would be delighted to see you!

For catering purposes could you please return the slip given to your child by Tuesday 20th July (to the coordinators or at general office). A phone call to the General Office is welcome too!!!

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**2011 Study Tour of Italy - Info Night**

On **Monday the 2nd of August** there will be an Information Night for the September 2011 Study Tour of Italy.

Representatives of Trek Set Travel will attend to discuss all aspects of the trip and provide further details about the proposed itinerary.

The meeting will be held in the Arts Centre at 7pm. All families interested in participating in this wonderful study tour are encouraged to attend.

*Adele Fattore
(Tour Coordinator)*

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**Hi Resolves 2010**

High Resolves is an organisation that works with students in high schools all across Australia and aboard. It aims to give students the skills to become global leaders, with different levels of training such as mentoring of yr 8 students and student leadership programs.

This year the year 10s involved in High Resolves are conducting a self-run educational program to help Better Place (the infrastructure behind electric cars). The aim is to get 10,000 hits on their website. It’s an educational program which we hope will reach a wide audience. The yr 10 students are divided into 4 groups; Flyer & Postcards, Media, Video and Community.

The community group is organizing a stall in Melbourne Central which will have information such as posters and flyers and lap tops for free and instant sign up on Better Place’s website. Five community members will be there to explain in detail what Better Place is and does. We are planning for this event to be a rotational program starting on the 7th of August and ending of the 28th of August. Much organizing is going into this event, with frequent meetings and each group member has an assigned role in the group. We’d like to thank Ms Hill for helping to coordinate High Resolves and being such a great support base for the students.

*The Yr 10 Community Group for High Resolves*
Attention 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 havent 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 ould 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 0438196522, or Jennifer Bowen at jennifer.bowen@bigpond.com
There is an exciting event happening at Northcote High School in Term 4. Cabaret!

So.. What is a Cabaret? "Cabaret is a style of variety entertainment, typically including music, dance, comedy, and short theatrical pieces." A sensational evening of student-led entertainment, food and drink is being planned to celebrate the talents of NHS students. The event will be held in our newly refurbished school hall and tickets will be available for purchase from the middle of Term 3. More information will follow shortly.

Want to be involved? Although we have a number of performances planned, there is some performance space available for aspiring dancers, actors, comedians and backstage technicians. If you would like to be involved, please see Ms Neilson (Science staffroom) ASAP.

LOCAL HARVEST MARKET
coming to NHS!

A weekly local harvest market, held on Merri Park near Northcote High School, is starting soon!

The market will be run by Local Harvest Markets, a not-for-profit member of the Victorian Farmers’ Markets Association, and provides NHS with exciting and profitable fund-raising opportunities.

NHS has negotiated the rights to take gold coin entrance donations at the gate and to run a weekly barbecue. All funds raised go directly to the school.

If you are interested in helping raise funds for NHS while chatting with friends and neighbours, and you’ve a couple of hours spare on a Sunday morning every couple of months, we’d love to hear from you! We need volunteers to:

- coordinate Market Day
- set up and man the gates
- organise and cook the barbecue

Can’t help with the Harvest Market, but would like to contribute in some other way?

There are lots of other ways you can contribute to the NHS community. You could...

- organise or help at the Car Boot Sale
- join Friends of NHS Gardens (1 Saturday morning per term)
- be a Guest Speaker at Assembly or in a class
- help in the Canteen
- provide library support
- provide administration support
- coach a sports team

We would love to hear from you. Please complete the tear off section below and return to the General Office at the start of Term 3.

I would like to contribute to the NHS community by:

- [ ] being involved in the local harvest market
- [ ] participating in another way

Name

Contact details

Student Name

Form