Celebrating 85 years of education in 2011

The wonderful *Bugsy Malone*

Another triumph! Six wonderful performances showcased our amazing talented students! Congratulations to Director Ms Jackie Brogan, ably assisted by Mr Lewis, Ms Rassool, and Ms Neilson, former student Laura Pearce (costumes) and current student Olivia Stray (choreography), together with Mr McLaverty, Mr Drinan, Mr Erlandsen and Ms Nitsas! Roger Rassool and team provided the lighting again this year. **Congratulations to all our student performers, musicians and back-stage crew on an outstanding show!** Special acknowledgement must go to Alexei Ymer-Welsby, DeeJay Poitzmann, Charles Cornwallis, Della Michie, Carmen Petty, Michael Bellchamber, Lauren Khalil-Salib, Molly Hunt, Christian Barkho, Thomas Bell and Jordan King.

There is already talk of asking our cast to reprise a couple of numbers for our visiting sister school on Tuesday August 16th!

Brave Faces 2011

For those of you that are unaware of what Brave Faces is, it is a talent quest that has been happening at Northcote High, on the last day of semester one, since 1993.

Brave Faces has been proven to be a very popular activity among staff and students. The event gives students an opportunity to showcase their special talents in front of the school and be judged by a panel of judges. (Mr. Sheedy, Ms Gabriel and Ms. Barbara)

This year we saw a great and colorful spectrum of talent ranging from, vocalists, musicians, dancers, actors and comedians. All of the acts deserve congratulations, respect and applause for sharing their talents with the school.

Congratulations also to all of the acts that auditioned for Brave Faces but didn’t make it through to the final performance.

Prizes were awarded to:

1st. Vocalists—Della Michie and Xanthe Gunner (being congratulated—below)
2nd. Guitarists/vocalists - Harvey Brown + Allan Waldon
3rd. Vocalist - Patrick Wong
Bookings open soon for Years 10-12 Parent Teacher Meetings, Wed August 17.

Online bookings open on Monday August 8, at 9.00 am.
(They close on Monday Aug 15 at 4.00 pm)

A. The Year 10-12 Parent Teacher Meetings are Wednesday August 17, 1.30-7.30 pm for Years 10-12

B. The whole school operates periods 1-4, with dismissal at 12.40 pm

C. Bookings will be made online, using Compass School Manager.

How Yrs 10-12 parents can make a booking on Compass

1. On the welcome page, after you have logged into Compass, you will find Parent Teacher Conference. Click on it to follow the link.

2. Under available events you will see “Yr 10-12 PTM 17 Aug”. Click on this

3. Up will come two panes. At the top is “My Bookings”, with available spots in green. At the bottom are the names of your son/daughter’s teachers—“Available Staff”

4. Click on the time you would like to see a teacher, in the top pane. Pull down to find your teachers name. Click the Update button. A green sign at the top will show you its done! It’s a good idea to print or copy down your bookings!

5. If you don’t have a computer at home, you will be able to contact Lillian Gelevski in the office for assistance. Or you can email compass at compass@nhs.vic.edu.au
Debating and Public Speaking

Round 5 in the D.A.V. competition was held last night and brings a close to regional debating for the year. Well done to all teams and especially our A Grade and D Grade teams that are both through to the next phase of the competition.

At A Grade (Year 12) the team that is through to the finals includes; Ruby Bell, Luke Dakis Corcoran, Charles Cornwallis and Hamish Ramsay

At D Grade (Year 9) we have Molly Hunt, Oscar Luca, Elinor Mills, Meg Schleuter and Alex Vollenbergh.

Well done to both teams on your success. It has been a fabulous year again for debating with 10 teams representing Northcote High School in the region. The teams have all been well prepared and great ambassadors for the school. We would also like to thank parents for their support and keen interest in the progress of the students. Sometimes it must hard to find the energy to brave the cold and the traffic but the remarkable thing is how energised we are when it is time to go home.

It certainly beats a night at home in front of the TV (most nights that is!). I would like to invite all of the students to come and help out for one stage of the finals which will be held at NHS next month. Details coming soon!!!

Ms Ruby Bell’s Debating Report

On July 21st, Northcote High School’s ten teams contested their last debates in Ivanhoe region for 2011. Three teams were undefeated going into the final round, with a win guaranteeing a position in state finals.

The A Grade team – consisting of myself, Luke Corcoran, Charles Cornwallis and Hamish Ramsay – were affirmative for the topic That we should legalise voluntary euthanasia. We have never faced such a controversial topic, and despite the opposition’s arrogance, we won by two points. This win has led to a third consecutive year in State finals and a third year in a row undefeated in Ivanhoe region.

The D grade team – consisting of Molly Hunt, Oscar Luca, Elinor Mills, Meg Schleuter and Alex Vollenbergh – were given the topic That space exploration is not worth the cost. They were negative, and faced off against Ivanhoe Grammar School Plenty. They had a win of 2 points – and their first year in State finals.

A big congratulation to all of our debaters, well done on a fantastic season. We must also extend our thanks to Debating Coordinators Martin Ramsay and Carlene Wilson for their help and support this year, and also to members of staff who regularly attended our debates – Helen Anderton, Bill Devine and Paul Gilby.

Ruby Bell

Ms Hutchens in Switzerland!

I have just spent three weeks at the Large Hadron Collider!

I was given the opportunity to be part of the CERN High School Teachers’ course with 48 other Physics teachers from 27 different countries. We attended fascinating lectures on Particle Physics, Cosmology and the LHC. We visited two of the detectors – massive, technological marvels installed 100 metres underground. We ate breakfast in a cafeteria in Switzerland and later walked for 10 minutes on the same CERN site to have lunch in France! We too became obsessed with the Higgs boson – the allusive particle that the LHC is trying to find.

It was a luxury to have this time to think, reflect and learn along with other enthusiastic colleagues and the experience was wonderful.

Business Management city excursion

The Unit 1 Business Management students enjoyed an excursion into Melbourne city centre to observe franchises and marketing. The excursion allowed the students to see the theory they have been learning in class in action. The students also looked at how different businesses market themselves, giving them a head start on the topic for unit 2. This was the first time we have run this excursion and it was very well received and proved to be very valuable to the students.

“This excursion enabled us to apply our knowledge learned in class to real working businesses in Melbourne. We were able to compare businesses from a different point of view and understand how they operate.” Cerryn Trung Year 10

“The business city excursion was a great experience and gave me a better understanding of franchises. It was a nice change from classroom textbook work. It was a really enjoyable day!” Marsha Badres Year 11

Ms Beattie (Business Management Teacher)

Final Information Evening Study Tour of Italy

Monday 5th September 6.30pm Arts Centre, NHS

Preparations for this year’s Italy Trip have now been completed and on Monday the 6th of September there is a meeting of all trip participants and their families. Representatives of Trekset Travel will also be on hand to distribute travel documents and to discuss final details of our trip.

Enquiries Ms Fattore

Visa sign off meeting Study Tour of China

Thursday 11th September 7.pm Clifton Hill PS, Gold Street

Preparations for this year’s China Trip are now reaching completion and Thursday August 11 is the day to submit passports, photos and fill in the visa form, in the same way, together!

GET tours will be in attendance to collect the documents to take them to the Chinese consulate for approval. We will meet again in the week before we leave—Tuesday 13 September is the tentative date to collect passports, tickets, travel documents and to discuss packing!

Enquiries Mr Butler or Mr Murphy

Year 10 Leadership

In Term 2, the Year 10 leadership team travelled through the wilds of the northern suburbs by public transport to attend the Northern Region model U.N. conference on Refugees: Rights and Responsibilities. The event was held at the Hume Global Learning Centre and was a great success. Students from a number of schools researched and prepared a position statement on refugees for member nations of the United Nations. Northcote High School had the honour of representing Cuba, Nauru and the U.K.. This was eloquently done by:

CUBA: MASON SCHAUBE (10G), FYNN POCOCK (10I), MICHAEL BELCHAMBER (10 I)

NAURU: LUCY RUCHEL (10F), HUGH MORRIS-DALTON (10I), DSHAMILJA POITZMANN (10B),

U.K.: BEAU PATRICK (10D), ELLIOTT ROSLER (10B), HIMANI KHATTER (10I), MARTIN DITMANN (11)

I would like to thank the students for their hard work and dedication and look forward to seeing them in action at the regional constitutional convention being held in Targa on August 4th and 5th this term. The topic for this convention will be Youth Leadership with a focus on; Bullying and social isolation, Alcohol related violence and Rebuilding after emergencies. Guest speakers for this event include; The Hon Ryan Smith (Minister for Environment and Climate Change), Russell North (MP, member for Morell), Constable Darren Anderson (Victoria Police).
What’s happening in Year 7—July Update!

Welcome to Term Three. It was great to hear so many wonderful holiday stories from the Year 7 students. Harry Potter at the movies seemed to be a favourite among students.

The last couple weeks of Term Two went by in a flash. Students were busy with school sport days, music concerts, the Bugsy Malone production, arranging their form group excursion and attending the Cyber Bullying performance and so much more.

The Cyber Bullying performance highlighted to students the impact that cyber bullying can have on an individual’s health and well-being. In addition, students discovered the importance of ensuring that they have security measures in place when using the internet and who to contact if Cyber Bullying occurs. As a school we are committed to continuing to educate and students about their rights and responsibilities when using any social network tool.

The Year 7 whole form group excursion was a great day filled with fun and excitement. Here are some comments from the students about their day:

*Our class went on the whole form group excursion to Fun City in Sunshine. I think the highlight was probably the Laser tag. It was a really great day for getting to know my peers more.*

Francesca Kenneally 7D

*I liked the class excursion because I had never been ice skating and it was a once in a lifetime experience.*

Jackson Goerner 7J

*On our fun excursion we went to IMAX and Lygon Street. At IMAX we watched a film called Dinosaurs Alive, which was very informative and a great experience. After IMAX we went to Lygon St where we had lunch together as a whole class. The whole day was a great experience and we had a fun time.*

Neve Hill 7I

*On June the 16th 7A went to Galactic Circus for a fun day out. This included laser tag, bowling and arcade gaming. I believe that everyone in 7A thoroughly enjoyed the excursion. A special thanks to Mr Reale and Mr Zilm for making this day possible.*

Kester 7A

*On June the 16th each year 7 form group went on a class excursion. 7E went to Kino Cinema and Galactic Circus at the Crown complex. At Kino we saw ‘From time to time’. I enjoyed the experience and having the opportunity to spend time with my peers outside of school.*

Curtis Wright 7E

This term has already swung into action. Students will be focusing on ‘Puberty and Me’ in pastoral care lessons and in the up-coming weeks helping to plant trees for Green Week. In addition students will be attending the Rain Reaction performance to celebrate Science Week.

This term Year 7 Homework club will be held in C11 (next to the Program Leaders office) on a Thursday afternoon. This will give students the opportunity to receive extra help with remaining organised with their homework and also give students the chance to work with others on group tasks. This is in addition to Maths Help that is held on Tuesday afternoons in B12. See the details below:

**Year 7 Homework Club**

**Day:** Thursday  
**Time:** 315pm to 415pm  
**Location:** C11

We look forward to another successful term.

Ms Emanuel and Mr Do (Year 7 Program Leaders)
Sport News Term 3 – Cross Country State

On the second day back this Term we had 15 students heading off to Bundoora to compete in the State Cross Country. With over 1000 students competing from all over Victoria it was a colourful and exciting day.

Our 4 Year 9 boys were entered as the best NMR team to compete against 8 other teams from around Victoria. The boys all ran well against 120 other boys. Their positions were Ben McDonald 7th, Harvey Brown 24th, Fiacre Ryan 25th and Lewis Pavlich 54th. When the team results were posted our team was placed first in the State.

Other great results on the day included Georgia McCole of Year 8 finishing 11th and our Year 7 and 8 Boys team finishing fourth in the State. In week 2 our Senior Boys Basketball team coached by Mr. Hore had great wins in all of their Divisional and Regional games. In the Northern Metropolitan Regional final they blitzed Eltham High School by 20 points. They now play in the North East Conference in Shepparton on Monday 22nd August.

We have many boys and girls teams playing Regional finals in Netball, Soccer, Football and Badminton over the next 3 weeks. Results to follow. Our Year 7 students will start their new Monday afternoon sports in week 4. Sports include Basketball, Hockey, Tabletennis, Lacrosse and Soccer. Parents and students are alerted that the Coles Sports for Schools program will be running again. Vouchers (1 for every $10 spent) can be collected between August 11 and October 18 2011. A box will be set up at school for collection of vouchers. By registering early Coles has allocated us 500 vouchers already. It should be noted that the leather match basketball our Senior boys used above to win their Regional final was donated through our Coles program in 2010.

By Da Shan

BORNEO- JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME!

We are now looking for interest from any other member of Year 10 or Year 11 to join our team. Our group is going to Borneo in November for one month. Our itinerary briefly includes:

- A community service project helping children/young people in Borneo.
- A climb of the highest mountain Mt Kinabalu.
- An expedition through the jungle where we will sleep in hammocks, and
- Rest and recreation time to be decided by the group.

It would be great if you can join us. Please visit www.worldchallenge.com.au for information and images. Expression of interest forms and program details can be collected from Mr Hoban (damien.hoban@nhs.vic.edu.au).

Thank you,
The “Borneo Babes”
2011 Green Week Activities!

MONDAY 9th: SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT
Ride, walk or take public transport to school and you’ll be rewarded with delicious breakfast upon arrival...
Location: C Block
When: Morning (before classes)

PLUS: RUBBISH FREE LUNCH
Bring a waste free lunch to school* and you could WIN!

TUESDAY 9th: ACTIVISM
Hear from real life environmental activists with a Q and A session with Mr. Murray at lunchtime in the GCC, and speakers from SEA SHEPHERD throughout the day.

GREEN WEEK 2011
8th-12th August

Wednesday 10th: OP SWAP
Bring your pre-loved clothes and swap them with other NHSers**. Your wardrobe will be all new and shiny before you know it!...and at no cost to you OR the environment!
Location: GCC
When: Lunchtime
PLUS: Cake Stall at the GCC

THURSDAY 11th: SUSTAINABLE SOFT DRINK
‘The Good Brew’ Guy will be selling sustainable soft drink ($1 a drink) at lunchtime. He’ll ride up on his bike and you’ll experience soft drink like never before...waste (and guilt) free!
Location: Out and about around C Block

FREEZING FRIDAY:
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY: Warm up with coats, gloves, scarves, beanies, blankets, as all heaters will be turned OFF!!
Gold coin donation required (to contribute to green initiatives at NHS)
PLUS:
Hot Chocolate and the Hannah Montana Tribute Tribute Band at C Block at Lunchtime

*Rubbish Free Lunch: Lunch containing nothing but reusable packaging and organic waste only (e.g. apple cores)
**Have clothes to donate, but can’t be there on the day of the op swap? Washed clothes can be left at the office.

TUESDAY 10th: RUBBISH FREE LUNCH
Bring a waste free lunch to school* and you could WIN!

GREEN WEEK 2011
8th-12th August

Wednesday 10th: OP SWAP
Bring your pre-loved clothes and swap them with other NHSers**. Your wardrobe will be all new and shiny before you know it!...and at no cost to you OR the environment!
Location: GCC
When: Lunchtime
PLUS: Cake Stall at the GCC

THURSDAY 11th: SUSTAINABLE SOFT DRINK
‘The Good Brew’ Guy will be selling sustainable soft drink ($1 a drink) at lunchtime. He’ll ride up on his bike and you’ll experience soft drink like never before...waste (and guilt) free!
Location: Out and about around C Block

FREEZING FRIDAY:
CASUAL CLOTHES DAY: Warm up with coats, gloves, scarves, beanies, blankets, as all heaters will be turned OFF!!
Gold coin donation required (to contribute to green initiatives at NHS)
PLUS:
Hot Chocolate and the Hannah Montana Tribute Tribute Band at C Block at Lunchtime

*Rubbish Free Lunch: Lunch containing nothing but reusable packaging and organic waste only (e.g. apple cores)
**Have clothes to donate, but can’t be there on the day of the op swap? Washed clothes can be left at the office.
Romeo and Juliet on stage at NHS

The English Faculty is actively working to bring our curriculum alive through attending performances with students or bringing performers into the school.

On Wednesday 28th July, Complete Works Theatre Company performed scenes from Shakespeare’s *Romeo and Juliet*. The actors explained to students some of the choices they had to make in acting out the scenes, and how they had interpreted different aspects of the play. A highlight of the performance was the fighting scene, in which four Year 10 students, Alexander Dellios, Elliott Rosler, Alex Tomisich, Jessie Trovato - took part.

Students reported after the performance, that seeing the play on stage helped them to understand the relationships between characters and to realize that *Romeo and Juliet* actually is a play!

*Ms O’Heare Acting Head of English and Literacy.*

Intercultural Field Trial to New Zealand

I recently participated in the Intercultural Understanding Field Trial Professional Learning Tour to Aotearoa/New Zealand. The tour visited six education sites in Auckland, Te Awamutu, Hamilton, and Tauranga. The sites were selected to showcase aspects of Maori and Pasifika (eg: Tongan, Cook Island, Samoan) education. We also attended the Maori speech competitions for secondary and primary students in Rotorua.

The photo shows the principal and students of Nga Taiatea Secondary School, one of the most interesting sites we visited. The school bases its vision on Maori values and thinking. There is a strong belief that pride in one’s own identity through values, culture and language is the basis for academic achievement. Most learning is conducted in Maori following New Zealand’s Maori medium curriculum, and the use of informal Maori is encouraged throughout the school (formal, ceremonial Maori is stronger, but everyday Maori is threatened). Students are able to study subjects such as Maori martial arts, music and performance alongside their academic subjects. The school’s academic results are excellent, and the final year students we met were confident and articulate in English. Lessons learned from the tour will be applied at Northcote High School as we begin to develop our approach to developing intercultural communication skills in our students.

*Ms Prue Morris*
YR 10 – 12 PROGRESS REPORTS ON COMPASS

As part of our move to ‘Compass – Parent Portal’ student semester progress reports (formally known as Interim Reports) will now be accessed by families via Compass.

Parents should use their secure log in details (provided via letter last term) to access Progress Reports from 9.00am Wednesday 10th August.

The new system provides information to families on the progress of their children in the following areas:
* Arrives punctuality and prepared for work
* Follows instructions, respecting others to learn
* Participates constructively and remains on task
* Completes homework and submits tasks when due
* Academic achievement
* Attendance

If parents have queries about their child's progress they should make an appointment to see teachers at the Parent Student Teacher Meetings on the 17th August (done via Compass) or contact the relevant Year Level Program Leader.

See the ‘Compass – Frequently Asked Questions’ section on Page 12 of this newsletter for contact details and more information.

ED. MAINT. ALLOWANCE - SEMESTER 2, 2011

If you applied for Education Maintenance Allowance at Northcote High School 1st Semester and have received a payment disregard this notice, your application for the 2nd Semester will automatically be processed.

If you applied at a previous School during 1st Semester you will need to complete another application form at Northcote High School.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must be a parent or guardian of a student at Northcote High School. The student must be under sixteen years of age. You must be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
You must be eligible for one of the above as at the first day of Term 3 (18th July 2011).

PLEASE NOTE:
Application forms are available from the School office.

- You must have your Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card with you when you apply, as a photocopy is required in order to lodge your claim.

Applications must be lodged at the School by FRIDAY 6th AUGUST 2011. The Department of Education & Early Childhood Development has instructed that late applications will not be accepted.

Teena Pavlatos Student Support Services Coordinator

Music Department Events

The Parent Music Committee is fundraising at these events for a tuba for the music department, and to support next years music tours.

- **Big Band Boogie** - Wednesday 10th August - sausage sizzle, snacks, and wine available.
- **Strings, Wine and Cheese** - Tuesday 16th August - wine, cheese and snacks available.

Both events are held in the school hall, and all are welcome.
Camps Update Term 3, 2011

YEAR 10 - 11 GOLD COAST TOUR 2011
Reminder that the final payment was due Friday 29th July 2011. Students MUST check their NHS email for information and meeting times.

YEAR 9 - 12 LANDCARE CAMP 2011
30 students, 3 days, 18th – 20th August. Cost $115.
Permission forms are now available from Ms Wyatt in the GCC staffroom. Last chance as there are only a few spots left. Ms Wyatt Landcare Camp Consultant

YEAR 8 BOHO SOUTH TERM 4
All Year 8 students will receive their parent information form for the Term 4 Boho South Camps this week.
The camp dates are:
- 8F Tuesday 18th – Friday 21st October
- 8C Tuesday 25th – Friday 28th October
- 8GTuesday 8th – Friday 11th November
- 8I Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th November
- 8A Tuesday 22nd – Friday 25th November
- 8H Tuesday 29th November – Friday 2nd December
Back up date: Tuesday 6th– Friday 9th December
Permission forms are to be returned to the office with at least the deposit by Friday 16th September (Final payment is to be made 2 weeks prior to the camp departure date). Many families have already paid for this camp and this will be indicated on the permission form sent home.
Rohan.griffiths@nhs.vic.edu.au Mr. R. Griffiths Camps Coordinator

Ms Chile Chang in Beijing

Live and learn
Live and learn, a Chinese proverb meaning keep learning while you are growing.
During the last week of term 2 and the holidays, I went on a professional development exchange which was held by the Office of Chinese Language Council International, known as “HANBAN” in short.

One of the top Universities in Beijing for language teaching, the Beijing Language University set up the platform for Mandarin teachers around the world to gather and discuss about the situations faced for Mandarin learners. It was a great opportunity to share experiences and communicate with other teachers. It was interesting to see that not only teachers of a Chinese background enter this profession; there were also teachers from Anglo-Saxon background, who made up to one quarter of the teachers that attended. This reflected how greatly regarded that Mandarin learning and teaching is becoming around the world.

The professional discussions assisted teachers stay up to date with new trends and learn fresh strategies, techniques and methods for classroom challenges. I was also able to brought back a box of the cultural realia. A variety of equipments including; Chinese paper cutting scissors, Beijing opera mask, Manchu headpieces, Chinese kites, and Chinese calligraphy utensils.

Going to Beijing in all is a worthwhile experience as it provides an opportunity to engage in both inside and outside of the school in order to improve teaching knowledge and skills which in return will add strength to what we offer to our Mandarin program.

Ms Chile Chiang
NHS BUILT ENVIRONMENT FORUM

PARTICIPATE PARTICIPATE PARTICIPATE

Wednesday 3rd August - 6pm

The key focus of this forum will be thinking and discussing:

- What do we want the school to feel like?
- Who / what is NHS?
- How do we see ourselves now?
- How do we see ourselves in say ten years time?
- What physical impression of the school do we want to create?
- How the NHS physical environment can help support the learning and social needs of NHS Community?
  - Including the variety and type of indoor and outdoor social and learning spaces
  - Our public face between St Georges Rd, various entry points to the school and our Merri Park and Merri Creek.
  - Creating a sense of vibrancy across the site – internal and external

SKILLS and HELP REQUIRED.....

Are you a Structural Engineers....
Landscaper.....
Concreter....
Brick Layer.....

Please contact Kate Morris (94882332)
Compass - Frequently Asked Questions

How do I access Compass – Parent Portal?

To access the Parent Portal, log on to our website www.nhs.vic.edu.au and follow:

‘Quick Links’ > ‘Online Access’ > ‘Link to Compass’ then enter your username and secure password (received in the mail last term)

This will take you to your home page where you will be prompted to confirm your details and change your password. You can now access a range of information and functions including:

- Checking and updating your contact details
- Your child’s attendance data (including late arrivals)
- Approving absences
- Your child’s weekly timetable
- Semester and Progress Reports

Booking Parent Student Teacher Meetings
- Each of your children’s ‘Student Profile’ will be listed separately.

‘Student Profile’ > Dashboard / Schedule / Attendance / Reports

What do I do if I am having trouble accessing Compass?

If you have any questions or require support please email compass@nhs.vic.edu.au or Lillian Gelevski 9488 2332

What if I do not have internet access at home?

Our Northcote High School Information Centre (Library) has a kiosk and help desk to support families accessing Compass – call Lillian Gelevski 9488 2332 for kiosk opening hours. You can also access the internet at your local library.

What do I do if I have a query regarding my child’s report?

If you have a query regarding your child’s report please email reports@nhs.vic.edu.au or call Paul Mameghan 9488 2384

What do I do if I have a query regarding my child’s attendance?

If you have a query regarding attendance please email attendance@nhs.vic.edu.au and leave your contact details, we will contact you to discuss the concerns.

How do I approve my child’s absence?

‘Student Profile’ > ‘Attendance’ > ‘Approvals’ > ‘Add Approval’

How long will my information be available to access?

Families will be able to access their child’s information whilst the particular student is enrolled at the school. Access after this time is available through the General Office.

Is this information stored securely?

Information provided to Compass is done so in a secure manner and is managed and stored in alignment with the Privacy Act (Vic) 2000 and service contracts. Full terms of use are available at http://www.jdf.com.au/policy

Your feedback is valued and will inform the development of this facility and we look forward to continuing the improvements we are making in our ‘Home – School’ communication. Please direct all feedback to compass@nhs.vic.edu.au
NHS Sustainable News

Resource Smart Program
As part of the program to become a 5 Star ResourceSmart school we are developing a Sustainability policy and Green procurement policy. Drafts of these can be found on the NHS website under Sustainability in the School Community drop down. Please take the time to have a look and email any comments or suggested improvements to Rohan Griffiths.

In preparation for the adoption of these policies the school is currently investigating the replacement of toilet paper and paper towel with recycled paper products. Also we are examining our current methods of recyclable collection with a view to improving this.

*Rohan Griffiths & Jen McIntyre
NHS Sustainability Team

GREEN WEEK 2011
*Monday 8th – Friday 15th August
Green Week is an initiative of the NHS student Green Team. The week is designed to highlight environmental issues and raise student awareness. Each day will have a different activity.

Monday: Captains Council Day – Sustainable Transport. The whole school will participate in a travel smart survey. Year 7 students will be attending a play called Rain Reaction organised by the Science Faculty. Band at lunch.

*Tuesday: Speakers Day – Year 9 Sea Sheppard & Year 7 & 8 TBC

Wednesday: Op Swap, Bake sale & Band

Thursday: Year 7 Tree Planting & The Good Brew

Friday: Freezing Friday with hot chocolate at lunch. Free with your own cup or a gold coin if a biodegradable cup is required. This day is also a free dress day. All students will provide a gold coin donation which will help with the running of the week and any remainder will be used to support sustainable programs at the school. This will be determined by the Green Team & Captains Council.

Green Team

NHS Adult Singers & Musicians
Over the past few months a group of parents from Northcote High School have been meeting regularly in the music rooms to make music. We always welcome new members and so if you are interested in being part of an adult music group of the Northcote High community come along with your instrument and give it a try. For more details you can email Brenda on brenda@shorewalker.com.

We are also going to start a singing group next term with Stephen Sharpe as the director. Stephen is a parent of students at the school and among many other things a music teacher and a director of a community choir Sofie’s Voice. To register your interest and give some input about the type of things you would like to sing, again contact brenda@shorewalker.com.