Yr 7 team win State Cross-Country

It has been a great start to the term with our students competing at the State Cross Country. Zone Intermediate Boys Football(2nd), Year 7-10 Boys and Year 7 Girls Badminton and also Junior Girls and Boys Netball (finishing 2nd and 3rd).

At State Cross Country, running in races of over 100 students from all over Victoria, our Year 8 Boys gained 3rd place medals in the teams event. Our Year 7 Boys all ran great races too, winning the State team’s event. They were Max Stella (9th), Will Symons (20th), Harry Fayle (27th), James Butler (33rd) and Aidan Ryan (71st). Other great results on the day included Kate Bongiovanni-Hodges – Year 7 (11th), Ben McDonald – Year 8 (16th), Laura Venables Year 9 (24th) and our 6 time state runner Bronwyn Humphreys of Year 12 finishing a close 7th. Bronwyn has been a great role model for all runners, athletes and sport lovers at Northcote. She has promoted Fun Runs, raised money for many charities and now been selected to represent Victoria in the Cross Country Championships in Brisbane in August.

This week we have Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls playing Zone Football on Monday and our Year 9/10 Girls playing in Zone Soccer finals. The following week also sees our Year 8 Girls playing Zone Soccer. Week 5 will see our Year 7 and 8 Boys Soccer and Football teams playing Zone Finals and our Senior Girls playing State Football. Much to look forward to.

Da Shan
Sports Update

Lunchtime activities at Northcote High School
After running a huge Futsal competition in Term 2 we are now preparing for a mixed Basketball competition in Term 3. These games will run on a Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime. On Friday lunchtimes we have a group of Year 10 Girls running activities. Ms. Chadha is also running Girls activities in our new Gym Multi Purpose room during Term 3. We are presently organizing Badminton at lunchtime between our International students and our local students and teachers. This is aimed at engaging all of our students and building bonds. In Term 4 we will focus on our Year 7 group with some many inter-form competitions at lunchtime.

PIT Gymnastics
Term 3 is where we cover Gymnastics in our Physical Education program. At Year 7 we cover mainly movement, shapes, group work and balances. At Year 8 we focus more on equipment use and group performances. To complement this program we are systematically taking each Year 8 class to PIT Gymnastics where they have sprung floors, trampolines, a huge array of traditional gymnastic and adventure equipment and massive rope and sponge pits. 8A were the first group to go and had a great time with everyone participating. They are pressuring me to take them again.

RMIT Visits
With all of our Year 10 students now completed their Work Experience placements, they are now progressing into selecting their VCE courses for 2011. In their compulsory Year 10 subject Physical Education and Pathways (PEP) they are all visiting RMIT in the city. Last Friday 120 Year 10 students were lectured in an RMIT lecture theatre on course choices. They then went on a team fact finding mission all over the City campus of RMIT. It was a great day which made the students think hard about their futures both at NHS in VCE and beyond school.

Ms Young,. Mr Hore and Mr Price

Congratulations to Year 10 Work Experience

Over 200 Year 10 students completed a very successful week of Work Experience in late June. Students arranged employment experiences in a wide variety of employer organisations and locations, including some in country Victoria and interstate.

Overwhelmingly, employers’ comments and reports about work experience students were extremely positive with students spoken of very highly in terms of their interest, enthusiasm, initiative, punctuality, hard work and excellent achievements.

Year 10 student Sheree Bergman participated in work experience in the School of Botany at the University of Melbourne and whilst doing so took photographs of her and her ‘laboratory partner’ (from another school) investigating functional plant genomics, undertaking practical labs, electron microscopy and field work. Sheree also created magnified images of a fly using the transmission electron microscope (TEM).

Sheree’s comment on her work experience was: “It was absolutely amazing. Every day was better and better; very exciting. I learnt heaps during my experience. You never know what to expect until you actually try it.”

Student Nickolas Vokolos also took photographs of his work experience at the Greek restaurant Hellenic Republic in Brunswick. Nicholas worked as a kitchen hand where he prepared a variety of foodstuffs including cleaning mussels, peeling vegetables, chopping onions etc. Nickolas reports that he also cooked food on the open fire grill.

Nickolas stated: “Work experience was so much fun and one of the best experiences I’ve had during school. If I was to give advice to Year 9 students who will do work experience next year it is not to waste this valuable opportunity and go somewhere special where you know you will have a real insight into a certain career”
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 Parent teacher meetings:

VCE Parent, Student, Teacher Meetings on Thursday August 12 (2.40-7.00 pm)

The school works until 2pm this day, with 6 shortened lessons

And

Yr 7-10 Parent, Student, Teacher Meetings on Tuesday September 7.(1.30-5.50 pm)

The school works until 12.40 this day, periods 1-4 only.

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.

Interpreters may be booked by students seeing Mr Murphy once online bookings have been made.

Welcome Back Ms Clarke!!

Ex-Assistant Principal Ms Sally Clarke came back to help Year 12 student, Georgia Hammond with sausage making for her SAT folio in Unit 3/4 Food Technology.

Since retiring Ms Clarke has sharpened up her culinary skills, so she willingly came into our class, with her very valuable Sausage-maker in hand, to show us the skill of producing fresh, preservative-free, home-made sausages. The results were very tasty indeed. Ms. Clarke admitted she had always loved sausages.

We thank for you giving us her time, and operating the Sausage-mangle (see picture at right, Ms Clarke with Georgia Hammond).

Raising Achievement in Public Schools

Northcote High School is part of an exciting project, which The University of Melbourne is conducting with secondary schools in the Northern Region.

The project has been funded by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) to investigate strategies used by schools to improve student learning.

As part of this project we are inviting all Years 7, 9 and 12 students to complete a short anonymous survey at school (About 15 minutes).

The survey will ask students for feedback on their maths and English classes and provide the opportunity to students to comment about teaching approaches, programs and learning opportunities.

This will enable schools to incorporate student feedback into improvements to curriculum and teaching, and measure the impact of school improvement strategies.

It is also a great opportunity for our school to use student feedback to improve school programs and teaching approaches.

All information collected is strictly confidential and no data identifying students will be collected.

This project has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at the University of Melbourne. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the project manager, Sue Helme, Ph: 83448241 or Email: sueh@unimelb.edu.au

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
Northcote High Super Chef Comp!

As we come down to earth after the high of Master Chef on TV, and following the success of Northcote High School Super Chef last year, we invite our Year 10 students to show case their talent at Northcote High.

Super Chef Oscar Dowling won the competition in 2009. Who will follow in his footsteps this year?

Entries can be collected from Ms Corkery or Ms Delahunty.

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.

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(Tour Coordinator)

The Great Victorian Bike Ride 2010

DO YOU...

• Love riding your bike?
• Enjoy a challenge?
• Want to see some of Victoria’s beautiful countryside?
• Want to be on the NHS team of cyclists to conquer the 2010 Great Victorian Bike Ride?

THIS COULD BE FOR YOU! The 2010 Great Victorian Bike Ride: Lakes, Rivers and Ranges

27th November – 5th December (9 days)

590 kilometres of riding over eight days (one rest day, an average of 70km/day) Yarrawonga to Marysville.

Challenge yourself, make lifelong friends, view amazing landscapes and have fun!

See Mr Sheedy in the GCC for more information. Places are limited and subject to availability.

Note: This trip will only run if we have enough participants and payments are received in time.
Year 8 District Football Round Robin

Northcote Boys Year 8 Football Team kept their Zone final hopes alive and set up a potentially unpredictable clash with St Helena – champions of the North Eastern District – next term after overcoming all schools at Moore Park on Friday 18th June.

Jackson Shegog was the hero when he kicked 3 first term goals against a much bigger Reservoir side. Captain Martin Deasey stopped Reservoir in its tracks with his explosive strength and agility and run off half back. Not to be out done Johnnie Semaan was very courageous and his speed found him kicking deep into Northcote’s forward zone and setting up chances for Garret McDonagh and Zac Hancock. Jimmy Thompson’s tackling and shepherding pressure inside 50 was also outstanding.

Northcote 5 - 5 - 35 defeated a gallant Reservoir 2 - 4 - 16.

Northcote then played Thornbury and Northcote’s team work and sharing the ball was reminiscent of Hawthorn premiership year. Aidan Lambert, Lewis Pavlich - a former star at Thornbury recently recruited by Northcote- and Aidan Dani were brilliant in the mid field. In the ruck, Abraham Cameron targeted his team mates with pin point accuracy and displayed superb balance and athleticism in the hit outs. Xavier Madden, Harry Dorrat Thorpe and Sam McKenzie were also magnificent in defence. Chris Penissi’s goal was worthy of "Almost Footy Legends" highlight – soccering the ball while it was in mid-air “Olay Olay Olay”. Sam Reeves, also a fabulous new recruit, from the Land of the Long White Cloud, and with rugby credentials, was an ample replacement in the ruck for Abraham while he rested for the next clash against the arch enemy Mill Park.

Northcote 8 - 10 - 58 defeated a gallant Thornbury 2 - 0 - 12.

The Northcote “mean machine” continued on in the next game and blitzed the old enemy – Mill Park. Ben McDonald was clearly best afield providing run and dash all day on the wing. Zac Hancock, Garret McDonagh and James Thompson kicked 10 goals between them. It was a very satisfying victory. Matthew George did well when given an opportunity and had a lot of poise when making the play. Finn Cole-Adams nearly executed a Daicos/ Fervola like goal and did well all day.


The last game was against the newly created Ruthven College, the next best placed team in the competition. Northcote kicked 11 goals in 10 minutes. This was courtesy of Micah Worthington who was the day’s most valuable player. Micah dominated the last match. Northcote maintained a running game that completely obliterated the opposition. To illustrate the superior fitness of Northcote, full back Harry Potocnik started his day with a cool 100 laps of the pool, played all 136 minutes of football, conceding no goals in the last two games, and went to lacrosse training at 3.30 after school. It goes without saying the boys were “cock a hoop” and very proud to wear the Northcote jumper.

Northcote 19 - 9 - 123 defeated a gallant Ruthven 0 - 1 - 01.

Goals: Hancock 8, Shegog 7, M. Worthington 5, J. Thompson 4, McDonagh 4, A. Dani 2, C. Penissi 1 and M. Deasey 1 and special mention Tom Salzano 2 – 11(a record with four posters)

Special Thanks to Josh Paleologou, David Chadwick and Lachlan Grace helping with team management duties.

Mr G. Thomas

School & Community Notices

Moreland City Council Youth Services presents the Brunswick Hip Hop Dance group An after school dance program for young people aged 12 – 18 years. Where? Broken Mirror Productions - 2C Staley St, Brunswick (near the corner of Blyth St and Sydney Road). When? Tuesday (girls only) and Thursday (girls and boys) from 4.00pm to 5.30 pm. Both programs will run for 10 weeks starting on the first week of Term 3. For further information call – Moreland City Council Youth Services at 9389 8632 or 9389 8643

Dealing with Adolescent Behaviour How to set boundaries and rules and still get along. A free workshop for parents of young people run by the City of Whittlesea Tuesday 10th August 7.00pm to 9.00pm at the Edge Shop MM1 Westfield Plenty Valley, 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park. For more information or to book please contact Tennille at Youth Services on 9404 8800, places are limited.

A Conversation with Professor Patrick McGorry, (2010 Australian of the Year) Thursday 29 July, 7.30-9.40 pm. A candid conversation about his passion for improving the mental health of young Australians. Professor McGorry will be joined by a panel of mental health advocates to discuss the issue facing young Australians and how the community can influence change. Plenary Hall 1, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf. Sponsored by Headspace, Bupa, Orygen Youth Health.
To book your free seat, visit www.iymhconference.com.au
Welcome to our new students

Term Three always sees many new students start at the school.

This term we warmly welcomed students from China, Vietnam, Switzerland and France. Other students from Germany and France are here on short term study visits.

Northcote High School took its first international students in 1950 under the auspices of the Colombo Plan.

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Debating and Public Speaking

DEBATING (ROUND FOUR)

Round four of the Debaters Association of Victoria competition was held on the 15/7 and NHS had 9 wins out of 10. This is a credit to the hard work of students busily researching their topics. Special mention should be made to Georgia McCole, Emily Ross and Monica Ly (all in Year 7) who had their first win for the year. Emily Ross was nominated as Best Speaker. Thanks also to Lucy Benjamin who stepped in to assist our one of our A Grade teams. Special mention must also be made to another D Grade team who debated at the last minute after being wrongly informed that their opposition had forfeited. Well done to Molly Hunt, Anastassia Krstevska and Molly Seary. It is great to see Year 7 and Year 8 students doing so well against Year 9 students from other schools. Thanks again to parents who get students to the debates on time. Round five is on Thursday 22/7. Any teams that are undefeated will be in the draw for the knock-out finals. Teams are advised to check the D.A.V. website for details on ladders and draws for the Ivanhoe region.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

In public speaking news, Nicoletta Marakis and Megan McGowan from Year 10 will 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.

Next Wednesday 28th of July, Luke Dakis Corcoran will represent Northcote High School in the next round of the Plain English Speaking competition.

We are also currently organising the regional constitutional convention to be held at Northcote High School on August 28th and the Year 6 public speaking to be held in term four. Participation in the regional convention entitles students to participate in the state constitutional convention to be held at state parliament in September and to apply to attend the national convention (all expenses paid) to be held in Canberra next March.

Martin Ramsay and Carlene Wilson

Peter Mac Callum Essay Competition

A fantastic opportunity exists for students in years 10 and 11 to participate in an Essay Writing Competition, hosted by the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. Students will not only receive a monetary prize, but will also be very privileged to attend the 2nd Annual Peter Mac Public Lecture where the prizes and awards will be presented.

If you are interested, the title of this years essays is

“The Human Genome: cracking the Cancer code.”

See Ms Gabriel for more details
Fit to Drive

Fit to Drive was a program run for year 11 students during the final week of semester two. We took part in this program to teach us how to be the responsible drivers and passengers we have the opportunity to become. We were taken on a journey, to learn about the things speed and unsafe driving can result in and what it does to the victims, the people around them, to the community and society in general. The program provided us with a range of practical situations and activities to enable us to better grasp the terrible results which can occur as a result of unsafe driving and what steps can be taken to avoid them.

Fit to drive was the opportunity to see things that we may have already been aware of in a more detailed light. In particular, insight from emergency services workers greatly assisted our understanding of the area. Fit to Drive was an invaluable experience which will greatly assist our year level as they embark on the experience of learning to drive safely and responsibly.

Azra Susic Yr 11 Captain

Music news

Strings, Wine & Cheese

Thursday 5th August @ 7pm, Northcote High School HALL

Enjoy the lucious sounds of the NHS Senior Strings with special guest string ensembles from Princes Hill & Collingwood College.

Wine, cheese platters, tea/coffee and other nibbles will be available for sale or BYO.

Bring your friends, families & neighbours – all welcome!

More info - contact the NHS Music department: 9488 2336 or neesh.wray@nhs.vic.edu.au

Thanks to the Parent Music Committee for their assistance.

Big Band Boogie

Thursday 19th August @ 7pm, Northcote High School HALL

Bring your dancing shoes for a swinging night of jazz, featuring: NHS Senior Stage Band, NHS Intermediate Stage Band with special guests NHS Choirs & NHS Senior Strings

Wine, cheese platters, tea/coffee and other nibbles will be available for sale or BYO.

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English Department News

English Competition 3rd August

Students who have registered for the UNSW English Competition, should note that it will be held this year on Tuesday 3rd August in the school hall commencing at 3.30 p.m.

The competition will take approximately one hour. Students must arrive at 3.25 p.m.

English Homework Help Club

Commencing Week Two of Term Three, an English Homework Help Club will be held every Wednesday in the Library from 3.30 to 4.30 for Years 9 to 12. English teachers will be in attendance. Any student seeking help or support with their English work should give it a trial!

Ms Tric O’Heare, English and Literacy Faculty Leader
Careers Update

IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YEAR 12 STUDENTS TO ATTEND AT LEAST ONE CAREER EXPO TO INVESTIGATE CAREERS AND COURSES. THE HERALD SUN CAREER EXPO IS THE LAST LARGE CAREER EXPO FOR 2010.

HERALD SUN MELBOURNE CAREER EXPO
Date: Friday 30 July – Sunday 1 August 2010
Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm (Friday) and 10.00am – 4.00pm (Saturday and Sunday)
Location: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
*Further information can be found at www.careerexpo.com.au.

ICT & CAREERS EXPO
Date: Thursday 29 July
Time: 10.00am - 3.00pm
Where: BMW Edge Theatre, Federation Square, Melbourne
Cost: Free
You can find out more by visiting www.ictweek.vitta.org.au.

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY
Year 12 Parents Information Evening
Date: Wednesday 28 July 2010
Time: 7.00pm – 8.30pm
Where: At two locations
Burwood Campus: 221 Burwood Highway, Burwood
Altona North Library: Cnr Millers and McArthurs Roads, Altona North

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
Year 10 VCE Information Evening – for university in 2013
Date: Wednesday 21 July 2010
Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Where: Latrobe University, Bundoora (Melbourne)
For details: www.latrobe.edu.au/year10 Call: 1300 135 045

MENTAL BLANK VCE SUCCESS SEMINARS
Mental Blank is offering students and parents complimentary family passes to VCE Success seminars for Years 9/10/11 students. Get set for 2010 by attending an upcoming 90 minute VCE Success Seminar. Learn the secrets top performers used to excel in VCE. Limited seats.

YEARS 10 - 12 INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY
VTAC and SEAS Information Session for students with a disability or chronic medical condition
Date: Thursday 19th August 2010
Time: 6.00pm – 8.30pm
Venue: Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston
RSVP: Wednesday 11 August 2010
The event will provide valuable information about the VTAC and SEAS application process, how Selection Officers interpret the SEAS application form, an overview of support services offered at TAFE and University, the chance to hear from tertiary students with disability and their transition stories.

YEAR 12 - VTAC INFORMATION EVENING
For current Year 12 students and parents
THURSDAY 05 AUGUST at 7.15 PM
Parents are reminded that the Year 12 VTAC Information Evening will be held on Thursday 05 August, 7.15 pm in the School Hall.

Tertiary Course selection, the general VTAC application process, using the VTAC Guide, ATAR scores, the importance of Open Days, study pathways, Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS) and scholarships will be outlined on the evening.
The Year 12 VTAC Information Evening is an important event and we look forward to seeing students and parents at the evening.