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COMING UP
• Oct 4: First Day of Term 4
  VCAA Oral & Perf Exams start
• Oct 5-8: 8H Camp to Boho
• Oct 12-15: 8J Camp to Boho
• Oct 13: Senior Music Concert. 7.00 pm Hall
• Oct 14 School Assemblies
• Oct 15: Cabaret at NHS!
• Oct 19-22: 8F Camp to Boho
• Oct 19: AM: Yr 12 Breakfast
  PM: Yr 12 Graduation ceremony
• Public Speaking Comp for Grade 6
  Periods 3&4
• Oct 22: NHS Art Show
• Oct 26-29 8E Boho Camp
• Oct 26: Yr 7 Immunisations
• Oct 25: City Centre 9A/F/H to Wed 27
  5.30 Meliora Sequamur Awards
• Oct 26: VCAA EXAMS commence to 19 Nov
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• Nov 1: No School for students.
• Nov 2 Melbourne cup Holiday. No school for students.
• Nov 3: 9B/C/G City Centre to Frid 29

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Farewell to our Year 12 students of 2010

As our 86th school year comes to an end, it is opportune to review our aims and the arrangements for the end of the Year. The factors which make Northcote the high school it is, are many and varied. Amongst our key priorities for VCE students are:

- access to a wide range of VCE programs,
- a commitment by our staff to continual improvement in teaching and learning, and
- a commitment to supporting each student to develop appropriate pathways.

We want our young men and women to leave the school confident and equipped to deal with future challenges.

Northcote has an extraordinarily high retention rate, high rates of student and parent satisfaction, and consistently strong enrolments and results. We are committed to strengthening these features of our school.

The end of school study marks a busy time, a time of significant decision making for our Year 12s, who will be considering the pathway they will take and the priorities they must develop for themselves.

We would like all Year 12 students to take complete ownership of their destiny by ensuring they:

- Attend all classes and tutorials
- Arrive on time to all exams
- Continue to model the maturity they have shown this year and avoid behaviours that distract other students in the school.

Please note the following upcoming events:

Graduation

The 86th graduation ceremony will be held at Wilson Hall, University of Melbourne, on Tuesday 19th October. Students and parents need to arrive at 6.30 for the 7 pm start. Inquiries to Mr Manousopoulos or Ms Kanellopoulos. Tickets are available from the General Office.

All Year 12 students are expected to attend.

Formal

The Formal for Year 12 students and their guests will be held on Wednesday 24 November at Moonlight Receptions. It will be taking place from 7:00 pm until midnight. Inquiries to Ms Kanellopoulos or Mr Manousopulos.

Exams

Exams commence on Thursday 28 October with English and ESL at 9.00 am. The final exams at Northcote HS are on Wednesday 17 November. In some cases of small studies, exams will be held at locations other than Northcote HS. A timetable of all exams can be found on the VCAA website.

Please note that VCAA rules apply in exams, and are strictly enforced by people not connected with NHS. All students owe it to themselves to ensure they are familiar with exam rules and take full responsibility for following them.

The school’s expectation is that having come this far, no students would undermine all their efforts by leaving exams early.

All Parents & Students please note:

Special arrangements—Northcote Station

Following a request from Victoria Police, Northcote Railway station and its environment will be out of bounds to all Northcote High School students during, before and after school hours, during Term 4.

Any parent who has a child who needs to use Northcote Station should contact the school.

Arrangements for Merri station remain unchanged as this is used by many of our students who travel north.

2011 Student Leadership Positions (Readvertised)

Applications are open for the following positions:

- 2 x VCE Music Captain
- 3 x Junior (year 9) Sport Captain
- 2 x Year 7 Captain

Application forms are available from the relevant Coordinators or Ms Lenthall Student Leadership Coordinator.

All applications must be submitted to the Yellow Box at the general office no later than 3.30pm Thursday October 14th 2010.
The Sporting Journey to State Finals

STATE CHAMPIONS

In the last 3 days of Term 3 we had some great sporting results. Our Year 8 Girls won the State Soccer final. This team scored 9 goals to 0 at the State finals defeating Ballarat HS, Beechworth SC and Dandong HS and in the final defeating Kurnai SC 1-0. Our Year 7 Boys finished a gallant 2nd at the State Soccer finals losing to Maribynong SC (Special Sports school) in the final. Our Year 7 Girls finished a close 6th in an even State Badminton tournament at Albert Park.

The Sporting Journey to State Finals – 11 Teams so far have reached this level in 2010

Many of our teams in recent years have been lucky enough to win all of their matches at Metropolitan District (8 schools) and Zone matches (40 schools). To win through to State level – being the best of 40 local secondary schools is an amazing effort and usually relies on students or teams having unusual talent or working really hard. Usually both ingredients are necessary. In 2010 we have had students reaching this elite state level in higher numbers than ever before. It is pleasing to note our junior teams are raising the bar and showing ever increasing interest and talent in an array of sporting interests. At State level, 8 teams or individual (4 metropolitan and 4 country teams) play off. With results from Terms 1 and 2 decided at Zone level we have competed at State level and recorded the following results:

• 19 students at State Cross Country 1st Team Year 7 boys, 3rd Team Year 8 boys.
• 19 students at State Swimming – 5 placings
• Senior girls football 2nd in State Grand final.
• Year 8 Boys Football 6th at State
• In term 4 we have 14 students competing at State Athletics on Tuesday 19th October
• Our Year 8 boys have had a great year still having State Baseball and Cricket to play also in Term 4.

At present we just finished District matches in Hockey, Table Tennis and Basketball. If we compete at the levels we have in Terms 1 and 2 we may add to our 11 State teams who have already reached this elite level.

Dates for Term 4 Zone Hockey, Basketball and Table tennis are

• Year 9/10 (Monday 25th Oct)
• Year 8 (Wed 27th Oct)
• Year 7 (Thurs 28th Oct).

• The date for Year 7 and 8 District Squash is on Thursday 14th October.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION WEEK

In week 2 of Term 4 we are celebrating Health and Physical Education week. After registering for this event we have been informed we were drawn out in a ballot to have an elite athlete from the AIS visit us in this week. We are also beginning a 6 week Year 7 House sporting competition during Monday afternoon Sport Education. Other events will include Commonwealth Games lunchtime tournaments and an emphasis in Health and Physical Education classes on the benefits of healthy eating and lifestyles
Reading the NAPLAN Results

All Year 7 and Year 9 parents should now have received their son or daughters individualised NAPLAN report and an accompanying letter.

As parents would know, the educational value of the NAPLAN tests have been publicly discussed on many occasions. However, like VCE results they serve some value to schools in providing an overall snapshot of how the student body is progressing.

The snapshot tells us that Northcote’s Yr 7 and Yr 9 groups over the last three years achieve (in all NAPLAN test areas of Numeracy, Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation) At NHS our students achieve;

- **Well above** the Australian national average
- **Well above** the Victorian State average
- **At consistently the same level** as comparison (demographically similar) schools.

But of course—we don’t want to be just performing at the expected level! Our task is to be performing consistently **better than** the expected level of similar schools!

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A letter from Lyon...

An update from Lyon, France! I arrived in the country three weeks ago after a relaxing holiday in Greece. The homestay family quickly introduced me to their French-speaking, cheese-eating ways. They are very enthusiastic about their cheese here. The different methods of making, storing and the differences in region have been explained to me several times now, but I still don’t completely understand them!

School started two weeks ago, and there are some definite differences to Australia there. School goes for about **eight hours** instead of six, and there are very few electives, although you can take up to three foreign languages. And they all write in extremely cursive handwriting. The school itself is amazing. People come from all over France just for that school. There’s even a student from Madagascar in my class! It’s right in the centre of old Lyon, so after class I can go for a walk through medieval streets. I’m looking forward to seeing more of the country in the coming months and in the meantime I shall explore the city. Bisoux!

*Lucy Fosky, Yr 10, In-Country Fromage Correspondent*
Meeting a Sugar Glider

This delightful tame sugar glider visited NHS in the last week of term, when representatives from Wild Action Visiting Zoo popped into the General Office.

Liam, James, Mina and Katie are the audience

New dimensions to our Sister School Program

Clifton Hill Primary School will now be joining Northcote High School in extending our connections with Huaibei in China. Over the September holidays, Ms Hill led a delegation of 14 teachers from the two schools to Huaibei. Clifton Hill PS will sister with Huaibei Number 1 Model Primary School, and we intend to run our future annual trips at the same time, thus keeping costs to a minimum and strengthening our own connections with Huaibei and Clifton Hill.

Our September 2011 China Trip will be advertised in the next newsletter.

At right, Assistant Principal Ms Hill and Assistant Principal Mr Chen exchange gifts, watched by our Ms Pan, Mr Geoff Warren of CHPS and Ms Odorisio.

FREE PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Northcote High School students to attend an information evening in Melbourne on Thursday 14th October at the Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens, 380 William St, Melbourne.

The session starts at 7:30pm and will be the final information session held in Melbourne this year.

The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available. We would be most grateful if you would place this notice in your school newsletter, on a notice board or website, or mention it in an assembly.

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In January 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will welcome a new group of Japanese exchange students to Australia. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 2-10 months.

As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.
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