COMING UP
• Nov 29: Int Band Tour departs
• Nov 30: Community Engagement Forum, 7.15 pm
• Nov 30: 8G Boho Camp
• Nov 30 VCE Orientation
• Dec 1: VCE Orientation
• Dec 1: 2nd hand book sale
• Dec 2: 2nd hand book sale
• Dec 3: Yr 11 report and Summer task collection
• Dec 6: Yr 10 Report collection
• Dec 6: Yr 9 Course Confirmation
• Dec 6: Wilson’s Prom Camp
• Dec 7: Grade 6-Year 7 Transition Day
• Dec 10: Yr 9 Transition Day
• Dec 13-15 Activities Days
• Dec 16 Yr 7-9 Report collection
• Dec 17: Final Day of school—no classes

2011
• Feb 4: Yr 7,11,12 students start school
• Feb 7: Yr 8,9,10 students start school
• Feb 14: On Demand testing Yrs 7 & 8
• Feb 15: On Demand testing Yrs 7 & 8
• Feb 21: Swimming carnival

Outstanding Junior Music Concert

November 22 saw our final Music concert for 2010, crammed into our school hall! A wonderful evening of performance by over 200 music and singing students. Well done to all involved and congratulations to Peter Lewis and the Music team. The concert also farewelled teachers Simon Chiodo and Jennifer Parfanovic who leave the program for other schools—Simon after 13 years at NHS!

As always, thanks to our parents for supporting the program, and our wonderful creative students!!

Exam seasons ends for 2011

Lucy Benjamin of Yr 12 (in uniform—background) completed the last VCE exam, French, on 17 November. Waiting to greet her at the front of the school were Yr 12 friends who had already finished—Alex Deasey, Lyell Durkin and Donna Staples.
Hanban donation to Northcote HS

On the morning on the 8th of October, representatives of Hanban (China’s Education Department) Oceania office came to Northcote High School with the purpose of donating educational Chinese learning materials to students from Year 7 to Year 12. The Year 10 students keenly attended the ceremony, our principal-Kate Morris, the head of the library-Pam Mancell, and the LOTE coordinator-Mink Schapper were all invited to participate in the ceremony. The donation ceremony took place in the main library of Northcote High School.

After a spectacular display of Tai Chi, Gu Zheng—an ancient China music instrument, students got a chance to admire a myriad of Chinese cultural objects, such as the bamboo slip with numerous Chinese idioms inscribed on it, delicate little glass bottle with vivid pictures drawn from the inside, and also the ceramic human figures of gorgeous concubines in the old days.

The Hanban organization has donated approximately three hundred sets of text books, educational cassettes and DVDs, exercise books, Chinese cultural paintings, audio primer and so on, worth $17,000 in total. All of the students learning Chinese had received great gift of the chance to learn more about the Chinese culture, and were all very grateful for this rare opportunity offered by Hanban. At the end, everyone present had all signed on the scroll in order to extend their thanks the scroll will be taken back to the head office in Beijing.

Many thanks to Ms Emily Wang who applied for and organized the grant

From: Jessica Weng 10 J

Chef Success! The RACV City Club Award

Each year the RACV City Club opens its doors to over 40 students from around Victoria, giving them the opportunity to experience life as a chef in their commercial kitchens under the guidance of Mark Normoyle (Executive Chef), Grant Flack (Executive Sous Chef) and their team.

This year Rory Greenwood-McNeair was nominated by Northcote High School and received a place in the coveted Work Experience Program. Rory currently works part time at ‘Centro’ in South Melbourne.

He completed his week of training in June of this year and had the opportunity to work in the patisserie and bistro kitchens of the RACV City Club in Bourke Street.

A Presentation Evening for participants, their families and school representatives was held at the City Club on Monday 22 November to showcase the achievements of the students and announce the recipient of the highly sought after apprenticeship prize. Rory clearly made an impression during his placement and is being rewarded with the opportunity to return to the RACV City Club in February 2011 to work full time in the kitchens as part of a six month pre apprenticeship training program.

Both Mark and Grant spoke of how impressed they were with Rory’s work ethic and passion for food. “With so many great students coming through this year, it was a really difficult decision in choosing who should be honoured with the apprenticeship,” said Stephanie Chen, Kitchen Administrator. “I would like to congratulate Rory in this and we look forward to seeing him here developing into a fine chef. It’s very satisfying when you see them succeed.”
Brilliant NHS results in ICAS comp

Brilliant NHS results in the UNSW ICAS Writing competition.

English students from Northcote High achieved outstanding results when they participated in the ICAS Writing competition on the 22nd of June this year. The competition is held both nationally throughout Australia and globally in over twenty other countries. Thirty two NHS students across Years 7 to 9 sat the competition this year. Of these, three were rewarded with Certificates of High Distinction, ten with Certificates of Distinction and fourteen with Certificates of Credit.

Molly Hunt of Year 8E, achieved the rare award of a Gold Medal for her performance in the competition. This places Molly in the top half a percent of Year 8 students across Australia who sat the competition. Molly received her medal at a special ceremony held in Melbourne on Monday 22 November, in front of a large audience of very proud principals, teachers and families.

Well done, Molly!

Ms O’Heare

Two more Kwong Lee Dow Scholars for 2011

We are thrilled to announce that Yan Hong Chen and Martin Ditmann of Year 10 (at right) have been awarded Kwong Lee Dow Scholarships as part of the Young Scholars Program for the University of Melbourne. The University receives over 1700 applications from students across Victoria thus Yan and Martin’s success in achieving this scholarship is a reflection of their very high level of achievement. They join Charles Cornwallis and Izaak Martin-Stevenson who became KLD scholars last year. Most schools are lucky to have one or two in the program—we are delighted to have 4!

The Young Scholars Program is an academic enrichment program for high-achieving students and during the remainder of their secondary education, Yan and Martin will participate in a tailored program of events and activities to support and enhance his learning. They will have wonderful opportunities to interact with members of the University community.

Important reminder—Clearing Lockers

It is vital that all students clear their lockers of belongings before the end of the year. Students are asked to clear their lockers by Monday the 6th of December. Items left in lockers after this time will be given to charity.

We advise that students do empty their lockers gradually over the next two weeks to avoid heavy bags.

Parents please support us in this matter by encouraging your child to clean their locker out.
Literacy Assessments for Students in Year 7

In Week 10 of Term 4, (that is, 6/12-10/12,) all Year 7 and Year 8 students will be completing literacy assessments.

The Year 7 assessment is a follow-up to the ACER PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) in Reading Comprehension that all students completed in the first week of Term 1, 2010. The Year 8s will be completing a VCAA (Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority) On-Demand assessment that will be administered on-line. The assessments will be completed during class time.

The results will be used to inform planning for teaching and learning at NHS in 2011, and to further support and extend our students.

For more information, please contact Rosalie Maidment or Paul Mameghan on 9488 2300

Don’t forget – its important your son or daughter stays at school to complete the year’s studies.

2011 school leaders in action!

Student leaders for 2011 have already begun planning the year ahead. Their first planning meeting was held over lunch last week, while on Friday 12 November many attended a student leadership conference.
Launch of the NHS History

As our 85th birthday nears, so does the launch of the history of Northcote High School

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Invitation to a Book Launch

The Green, the Purple and the Gold –
A History of Northcote High School

Northcote High School Council and Principal Ms Kate Morris are delighted to invite you

To the launch of
The Green, the Purple and the Gold –
A History of Northcote High School
Written by Gary Israel, Itiel Bereson, Robert Bridges and Hector Gallagher
to celebrate the School’s eightieth birthday in 2006.

To be officially launched by
The Honorable John Cain
Former Premier of Victoria and
past student of the School.

Date: Tuesday 14th December 2010
Venue: Northcote High School - William Olver Hall
Time: 6:00pm for 6:30pm

RSVP: Thursday 7th December 2010
To: Lillian Gelevski 9488-2332 or lillian.gelevski@nhs.vic.edu.au

Drinks & Refreshment will be provided
NHS History will be available for purchase $45.00
### Final notice: School Immunisations 2010

Do you have a child in Year 7 or 10 this year? If so you should have received immunisation consent cards and returned them to the school.

Year 7 students are recommended to have:
- Hepatitis B (if they have not already completed a course)
- Chickenpox Vaccine (if they have not already had the disease)
- Gardasil (HPV Cervical Cancer) vaccine for girls only.

Year 10 students are recommended to have:
- Boostrix Vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough) (Both boys and girls).

Please note that the HPV Cervical Cancer vaccine is only funded by the Government if your Year 7 child commences the course this year (2010).

Please contact Darebin Immunisation Service on 8470 8562 if your child did not bring home immunisation cards and you would like to have them immunised.

Immunisation programs will be available from the school office or may be downloaded from the Darebin Website at [www.darebin.vic.gov.au](http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au)
CAREERS UPDATE

YEAR 12 STUDENTS – CHANGE OF PREFERENCE (COP)
Changes of preference can be made on the VTAC website from 9.00am, 29 November to 12.00 noon, 20 December 2010. Universities and TAFE institutes will offer COP assistance and events for Year 12 students from 13 December 2010:

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www.acu.edu.au/youracu | Expo and Information sessions Fri 17 Dec, 5.00 – 7.00pm. Campus tours. |
| Deakin University     | 1300 334 733  
| Kangan TAFE           | 13 82 33  
www.kangan.edu.au | Campus tours. |
| La Trobe University   | 1300 135 045 – students  
1300 940 413 – parents  
www.latrobe.edu.au | Live chat Mon – Fri from 9.00am – 5.00pm. Doncaster Shopping Town on Wed 13 – 17 Dec from 10.00am – 5.00pm. COP Expo 15 Dec in West Lecture Theatre at 2.00pm |
| NMIT                  | 9269 1251  
www.nmit.vic.edu.au | COP options by hotline phone from 13 Dec. Direct application for many courses can be made - for information and forms visit www.nmit.vic.edu.au |
| RMIT University       | 1800 117 648  
www.rmit.edu.au | Change of Preference Expo |
| Swinburne University  | 1300 275 794  
www.swin.edu.au | Online ATAR calculator. Expo information sessions.  
COP Expo on 15 Dec 2010.  
Campus tours 30 Nov and 07 Dec 2010. |
| University of Melbourne| 1800 801 662  

ICT COURSES AT NEW QUEEN STREET MELBOURNE CAMPUS, VICTORIA UNIVERSITY
Victoria University is offering a full range of ICT diploma courses at its new Queen Street campus in February 2011. Graduates from the one year Diploma in Information Technology will receive 8 full credits (equivalent to one year of full-time study) into three degrees courses at the University:
- Bachelor in Business – Information Systems
- Bachelor in Business – Computer Systems Management
- Bachelor in IT - Network and Systems Computing
Contact the School of ICT on 9919 6200 or email it.tafe@vu.edu.au or visit http://it.tafe.vu.edu.au

EDUCATION DEGREES AT NORTHERN MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TAFE (NMIT)
NMIT has introduced the Bachelor of Education (Early Years) which is a four-year degree leading to employment as a teacher in the full early years education spectrum. The degree includes 184 days of teaching practicum. Students wishing to exit after three years obtain the Bachelor of Early Years Studies which qualifies them for employment as a kindergarten teacher. For more information contact 9269 1012 or email EarlyYears@nmit.vic.edu.au
Shaping the Future @NHS
A Second Community Engagement Forum

All NHS parents and carers, staff and interested students are invited to come along to meet as a school community, receive information and share ideas to help shape the future of Northcote High School.

When: Tuesday November 30 2010
Time: 7:15 -9:15 (prompt start)
Location: NHS Global Citizenship Centre

NHS is developing a new four-year strategic plan which will shape the future direction of the school.

As part of this process, the school has undertaken a detailed school review.

A forum was held in May for parents and carers to obtain a community perspective about the direction of the school. This forum was followed by an online survey.

A second community forum is being conducted by the Parent Engagement Working Group of NHS.

This forum will:
- Discuss the findings from the May Forum and the online survey
- Present the findings of the School Review
  - Seek input from the school community into the future direction of the school.

For more information about the Forum please contact:
- Nigel D'Souza [krishnan_dsouza@bigpond.com] or 9489 2543
- Paula Jorgensen [paulatethehub@optusnet.com.au] or 0418 978 916

RSVP: info@nhs.vic.edu.au
Light refreshments will be available from 6.45 pm
The 2010 Year 12 formal was held at Moonlight Receptions in Nicholson Street Fitzroy North last week—a wonderful evening but one that began in total darkness with a power failure!! Over 200 students, staff and friends attended. The lights came on eventually—in time to dance the night away.

How many sleeps till End of Year Activities?

Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been booking their activities. There are still places available for activities on all days and new activities have been added. Please make sure you make your selections, print your confirmation forms and return with signatures this week (and with payments if your activity has a cost). All bookings not confirmed with payment will be made void and then available for other students. Thank you for the terrific response to the program launch and if you have any further questions please visit Scholaris My Classes > End of Year Activities.

_Damien Hoban End of Year Activities Coordinator._

2nd Hand Book Swap/Sale

In order to better meet the needs of the school community, this year the school will be trialling a 2nd Hand Book Swap / Sale. This is a wonderful opportunity to save on the cost of new books and to help the environment by recycling perfectly reusable items. In a book swap students and their families will purchase directly from one another with the school providing the school hall as a venue. Details are as follows:

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The school will issue a guide price for books in very good condition which will be listed at 50% of the price of a new book. Seller and buyer can negotiate a price for books that are above or below very good condition.

Buyers should make sure that they are purchasing the current editions and version of texts as listed in the text list.

A list of texts available to be sold / bought is available from the school web site http://www.nhs.vic.edu.au/index.php?id=6

Other ways to buy or sell 2nd books are through 2nd hand book shops specialising in school texts, or dealing directly with other families.

Please note the school will hold no money on these evenings and will be unable to provide change.
Northcote’s Great escape

Ninth wicket stand sets up a remarkable win

The French have grabbed the Melbourne Cup, the Poms are favourites to grab the Ashes and Northcote Cricket XI have secured the Northern Zone final from nowhere at Albert Roy Oval in Bendigo.

In decades of watching the game it is hard to recall a victory as improbable. Seemingly cooked by a run out of opener Riley Terrens and four wickets from Kyabram captain and Victorian State speedster Liam Barrett, Northcote was 60 runs shy of what seemed a middling target when its best batsmen Ben Caplikas retired for 50 magnificent runs. Enter Sam Hodder and Huwyn Andrews, whose death or glory hitting reaped a record ninth wicket partnership.

The day had seemed destined to be Kyabrams as it was in the football State final. Then when Ben Caplikas hit 20 runs in one over things changed, and the crowd rose out of their seats and became boisterous. Garret McDonagh, Northcote captain, fresh from taking 3 wickets, one of which highlighted a brilliant wicket keeping catch by Scobie McKay, wasn’t a bad scalp for the accurate and disciplined bowling of Kyabram. Garret chased a wide delivery outside off stump and nicked it to the keeper. Finn Cole Adams then received a wide short delivery and surrendered his innings cheaply. The big hitting Martin Deasey stepped to the crease and the crowd was silent. He was bowled middle stump by a Liam Barrett 130 kmh yorker. No one could withstand the onslaught. Patrick Richardson was defiant but he copped a toe crunching blow as well. Michael Tsiaris especially selected for his batting contributed a hard fought 8 runs holding up one end while Ben Caplikas amassed his 50 runs.

But all was doomed until Sam Hodder, the opening bowler, and Huwyn Andrews put together a magnificent partnership. Sam hitting the winning runs in the last over.

Mr Price was very impressed by the fight back and made mention of this in his presentation of the Northern Country v Northern City zone final pennant.

Year 8 Cricket team will play the winner of the southern zone for the State Championship.

Innings details:


Bowling: G. McDonagh 3 wickets, H. Potocnik 2 wickets, T. Robinson, M. Worthington, P. Richardson 1 wicket each

Mr Geoff Thomas

A Successful Community Film Night

Last Sunday evening NHS took over the Westgarth Theatre for a special viewing of the second-last Harry Potter movie.

Students, parents and teachers raved about the film and look forward to HP7-part 2 in 2011. Watch out for information about other community events in the new year. Mr Butler

LIBRARY BOOKS AND REPORTS

Just a reminder to parents that students must return all library books before reports can be issued at the end of the year. Please check with your child to make sure this all runs smoothly. Thanks Ms Mancell
In 2010 the Australian Association for Research in Education (AARE) celebrates 40 years of its operation as a peak association for Educational Research. Two NHS teachers, Mr Paul Gilby and Mr Sean Butler will be presenting at the 40th AARE conference with their colleague Ms Bron Hinze in a symposium titled “Mapping Education ‘Policyscapes’ in Australia: 1990-2010”. Mr Gilby and Mr Butler are both approaching the conclusion of their extensive PhD research and will soon join NHS’s other PhD’s; Dr Fraser and Dr Ramsay.

Uni of Qld, Child Behaviour and Parenting Survey

Assessing child behaviour and parenting accurately is vital if the issues that parents are concerned about today with regards to their children are to be adequately addressed.

The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland has developed a new questionnaire to assess various child behaviour and parenting strategies and experiences. We are seeking parents of 2 to 12-year-old children to share their thoughts in an online survey, which takes approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Please visit the website at http://exp psy.uq.edu.au/parentingsurvey to find out more and take part in the survey.

ARE YOU STUDYING VCE SUBJECTS IN 2011?

Are you looking for a tutor to help you get the best results you can?

My name is Sean Gilmartin. After graduating from Northcote High School in 2008 I am currently studying Chemical Engineering at The University of Melbourne.

I have two years experience successfully tutoring VCE students in all Maths subjects, Chemistry, English, ESL and International Studies.

I am available for tutoring during the summer holidays as well as throughout the school year.

Call or text me on 0438 702 549 or email me at seangilmartin@y7mail.com