NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
Text Only Newsletter
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Celebrating 80 years of education in 2006

Diary
Feb 13. Whole School Assemblies
    7E to Boho (to Feb 16)
Feb 19. Per 5&6 Swimming all Yr 7s
Feb 20. 7A to Boho (to Feb 23)
    Yr 11/12 District Cricket
Feb 21. Yr 11/12 District Cricket finals
Feb 22. Yr 7 Literacy Testing
Feb 26. Whole School Swimming carnival
    Grd 6 Transition morning at NHS
Feb 27. 7B to Boho (to Mar 2)
Feb 28. School Photos
Mar 1. Zone Lawn Bowls
Mar 4. Barmah Camp (to Mar 7)

Mar 5. Yr 7 Parents and Teachers BBQ
Mar 6. 7C to Boho (to Mar 9)
Mar 7. Zone Senior Cricket finals
Mar 8. Music Concert—Fed Square
    (No Classes for students)
Mar 12. Labour Day Holiday
    (No Classes for students)

Year 7 off to a great start!

Our 210 new Year 7 students have had a great start to the year. The Year 7 class of 2007 come from 43 different Government, Catholic and Independent primary schools!

Don’t forget our 2006 Year 7 BBQ—March 5th, starting at 6.00 pm. Bread, BBQ sausages, falafel, sauces and salads are provided by the school. Parents should bring their own soft-drinks, wine beer, dips or alternative foods. Parents and teachers often start off sitting with their child’s form groups, but end up moving about and mingling with other groups of parents. It’s a great night and one not to be missed!
$150,000 Grant for NHS

Northcote High school has been notified that our $150,000 Australian Government Investing in Schools grant has been successful and fully funded. Funds will be used for the construction of an outdoor amphitheatre (within the bluestone wall by the gym), shade structure, outdoor seating and walkways.

This project will be a great improvement and helps us create more shaded outside learning and social areas for students.

At right—Mr Price with Lizzie (Yr 12) and Zara (Yr 7) inspect the plans on site.

Northcote heads off overseas!

18 Day Language Study Tour to Italy, 2007
The 2007 language tour of Italy is now arranged, with parents making final payments over the next few months. If you have a sudden burst of interest, please feel free to contact Ms Fattore on 488 2300. It may still be possible to join the 11 lucky students.

The study tour to Italy will take place from the Thursday 20th of September and returns on Sunday 7th of October. Most of this time is during the Term 3 vacation period.

The all up cost includes return economy airfares, 9 hours of language lessons in Florence, accommodation at hotels with multi-share & private facilities throughout Italy (3 nights Rome, 4 nights Florence, 2 nights Venice, 2 Nights Milan), several days home stay with our sister school, breakfast daily, 4 dinners in each of Rome, Florence, Milan, Venice, all Coach
transfers, all Train tickets, Airline taxes, various entrance fees and guided tours (Colosseum, Vatican etc), all Italian Government Taxes, personal travel Insurance and two full time supervising Northcote High School teachers! A contingency fund of $250 is also built into the cost to help offset remaining dinners & currency fluctuations.

**Space Camp USA, 2007**

Working in conjunction with our friends at Montmorency Secondary College, NHS Science staff have constructed a tour to the east coast of the USA, to the Advanced Space Institute in Huntsville, Alabama. The trip provides access to flight simulators, weightlessness simulations and scuba missions and contact with serving and retired NASA Astronauts

Unfortunately, this trip is fully booked for 2007.

**France 2008**

Our staff are working hard to shape a language trip to France at the end of Term One, 2008.

At the moment it is envisaged this would include some home stay and tours in Normandie as well as Paris and environs.

Further information will be made available this term.

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**Bringing Science to the Community**

Northcote High School is proud to present the first of a series of *Twilight Science Sessions* (one per term) where Practicing Scientists are invited to present a talk in their specialist area. These evenings have been organised to make Science accessible to all, to bring cutting-edge Science to the everyday person and to meet members of the scientific community!

The first of the *Twilight Science sessions* is to be presented by **Carl Schiesser: Professor of Chemistry and Deputy Head of the School of Chemistry at the University of Melbourne**.

Professor Schiesser leads the Free-Radical Chemistry Research group housed in the new state-of-the-art Bio21 Institute. Prof. Schiesser will be presenting his talk in early March.

Further information on this and other *Twilight Science Sessions* will be available in the next newsletter.

Ms. S. Bennett
Head of Middle Years

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**A refreshing 5 Km jog to school !**

Lasse Linzer is one of several students from Germany, studying VCE at Northcote High School. In the photo at right Lasse (centre) looks refreshed and relaxed with new VCE friends Johnnie and Mandy

A keen sports competitor back in Germany, Lasse often starts the day with a quick 5 kilometre run to school

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**New report format (Yrs 7-10) Brochures**

Parents and guardians of students in Years 7-10 are asked to read the Department of Education’s brochures sent home with today’s newsletter. These explain important changes to the way we report to parents.

From 2007 there will be new student report cards in Victorian schools. The student report cards will all include A,B,C, D and E ratings. The new report cards will show how your child is
performing against consistent state wide standards. They’ll also set out a future education plan, and suggest ways you can help them at home.

**A letter of thanks to anonymous NHS student**

On the afternoon of Thursday 8th February one of your VCE students assisted my mother in High Street after she fell. He very kindly helped her into one of the shops where she could use a phone to ring me. Although he wanted to stay with my mum, she insisted he head on home. My mother did not get his name as she was quite shaken, but would like to thank him. I'm not sure if you could put something in your newsletter thanking this student for her and to let her know that she's ok.

*(Name and address withheld.)*

**Our policy regarding assessment & reporting**

Northcote High School has a Work Required Assessment policy. This means that: each student must submit all set work to receive a “satisfactory” for each subject’s end of semester report. Each subject has determined a number of work requirements that cover the areas of study done in that subject. Even if only one piece of work for one work requirement is not submitted or completed, it may result in a ‘Not Satisfactory’ for the related work requirement and for the subject for the semester.

In addition particular pieces of work will be assessed for level of achievement. All students should have received a work program and list of due date from their teachers. As a parent / guardian you can use the due dates to monitor the work your child should be doing.

**Important dates for semester One 2007**

**Year 7, 8 & 9**

End of semester / formal assessment period date - Friday June 15th. All student work for the semester must be submitted by this date.

**Year 10**

End of semester / formal assessment period date – Friday June 8th. All student work for the semester must be submitted by this date. Year 10 examination period from Tuesday June 12th till Monday June 18th.
Swimming Carnival Arrangements

The NHS Annual Swimming Carnival is on Monday 26th Feb 2007.

Attendance is compulsory for all Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. The event "Program" is also included in this Newsletter on the opposite page.

1. The carnival is held at Northcote Pool in Victoria Rd.
2. It costs $7 if you meet at the pool at 9.20 or $7 if you go from school at 9.00 am by hired or school buses. The cost is evened out to make it affordable for everyone coming. Year 7 students have a separate $15 charge to cover an additional swim day on 19/2
3. Spare permission forms are available from the gymnasium and the general office which must be returned to the general office with the money in a school envelope by Thursday 22nd Feb - at the latest.
4. All Parents/ Carers are most welcome to attend.
5. Roll call is at 9.30 outside the pool on large boards.
6. In all events you just turn up and enter on the day. Events include
   - Novelty in a shallow pool from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon. These include Kickboard race, Wading race, 20m freestyle for beginning swimmers and House Table tennis ball collection.
   - Bombing held at the deep end of the main pool at 12.30 pm
   - Diving held at the deep of the main pool at 12.30 pm.
   - Traditional swimming events in the main pool from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm.
   - House and year level Freestyle Relay races held from 1.40-2.20 pm
   - Student versus Teachers Relay Race held at 1.00 pm
7. You must dress in loose, baggy clothing preferably in house colours and
8. Apply Sunscreen, regularly through the day. No bare chests - all day. SUNBURN can be a problem.
9. Wearing a hat and sunglasses is highly recommended. Bring a drink bottle and food. The canteen will be open.
10. We are negotiating having a BBQ.
11. You can win ribbons in all events
12. At the end of the day house points will be added up and the results announced.
13. At 2.20 pm we will have a major clean up then all students have to leave the Northcote Pool Site. Buses back to school leave at 2.40. Back at school 3.00-3.15
14. Students walking home or being picked up can leave at 2.40 p. m.

Houses are used for all students attending. Year 7-12 students can view their house in the gym office. Year 7 houses for new students can be viewed below.

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Swimming Carnival Schedule

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

PROGRAM
MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2007 - NORTHCOTE AQUATIC CENTRE IN VICTORIA RD.

Note: BEACH VOLLEYBALL Unfortunately Volleyball will not be held this year due to reconstruction of the area.

MAIN POOL EVENTS All events start with Years 11 and 12 then 10, 9, 8 then 7.

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NOVELTY SMALL POOL EVENTS
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Clean up in the pool spectator area at 2.20p.m. Dismissal-everyone to leave the pool by 2.30p.m.

Year 9 update
New Facilities
This week will see work beginning on the new learning centre for Year 9 students. The centre which will be known as the ‘Global Citizenship Centre (GCC) is to be developed from the portables near the gym which were reconfigured at the end of last year. The GCC will allow 7 classes of Year 9’s to be in the space simultaneously. Students will have access to clearly defined classroom spaces that will allow freedom of movement, flexibility of use and promote a variety of class grouping and organisation with breakout and individual research areas. ICT will be readily available in the GCC though a combination of portable devices (laptops, mp3 recorders, video and digital cameras) and permanent facilities (desktop computers, data projectors etc.) It is anticipated that the centre will be ready for Year 9 classes at the beginning of semester 2.

New Experiences—The Year 9 Camp
As part of the new program for Year 9 students in 2007, a whole level camp has been organised for next month. The Year 9 camp will run over three days at the ‘Ace-Hi Camp’ at Cape Schanck on the Mornington Peninsular with students in 9A,B,C & D attending from the 19th to 21st of March and students in 9E, F, G & H from the 21st to 23rd of March. The goal of the camp is to develop student capacity to meet challenges, work in teams and problem solve through a common experience.
Students are reminded that they should have already returned their deposit of $30 to the General Office. Permission slips and notices finalising the camp program are to be distributed to students by the end of the week.

Middle School Update

Making good use of the Planner
Northcote High School is committed to ensuring all students achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally. Staff, students and families need to work together to ensure the best possible outcomes.

One of the Year Level Coordinators’ roles is to assist and support all students with achieving their goals as well as ensuring that each student understands, follows and respects the school values.

This year we have upgraded and extended our student planners and hope that you will work with us to keep the student planner as the main route of communication between school and home. All students have had Year Level Assemblies and have been spoken to about the school rules, guidelines for uniform and behaviour, as well as extra curricula activities and leadership programs specific to their Year Level in 2007.

The 2007 planners issued this week emphasise our School values and rules. The planners also contain helpful study aids and information for all students. We would like to draw your particular attention to pages (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), (viii), (ix), (x), (xi) & (xii) and ask that all students read and review pages 107 to 114.

Each student should have their school planner with them every lesson.

Please regularly check your son/daughter’s planner, noting homework entries and comments by teachers. We encourage parents/guardians to communicate with subject teachers and coordinators by adding comments in the planner. It is a goal of the school that students become independent and responsible learners both at school and within the wider Northcote community.

Ms. Soula Bennett, Middle Years Coordinator
Ms. Lynne Delahunty, Mr. Bill Neal, Yr 7 Coordinators
Ms. Lorraine Haack, Mr. Matthew Woodwood, Yr 8 Coordinators
Ms. Jane Archer, Mr. Martin Ramsay, Yr 9 Coordinators
NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL Council

Notice of election and call for nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of the School Council of Northcote High School.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on Friday, 23rd February, 2007.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on Friday, 13th March, 2007.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows -

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Gail Davidson
Principal

Notes:

1. “Electorate of the school” means the DE&T employee electorate of the school and the Parent electorate of the school.
2. “Parent electorate of the school” means all persons (except the principal) who are Parents of students of the school, other than those who are DE&T employees and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DE&T employee electorate of the school.
3. “DE&T employee electorate of the school” means the principal of the school and –
   (a) DE&T employees engaged in work at and for the school (other than those who are Parents of students of the school and who neither opt nor are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DE&T employee electorate of the school); and
   (b) other DE&T employees who are Parents of students of the school and who opt or are deemed to opt in accordance with clause 22 to be members of the DE&T employee electorate of the school.
4. “DE&T employee” -
   (a) means a person employed for eight hours or more per week in either an on-going capacity or for a fixed term of at least 90 days -
      (i) under the Teaching Service Act 1981; or
      (ii) by the DE&T under the Public Sector Management and Employment Act 1998; or
      (iii) by a school council of a State school; or
      (iv) under section 5 or 5A of the Education Act 1958; or
      (v) under more than one of the paragraphs (i) to (iv) above, and
   (b) does not mean a person employed, under a contract for service or the employees or the contracted personnel of such a person.
5. Votes may be posted to the principal or placed in the ballot box at the school on any day up to the closure of the ballot. Further details on how votes may be lodged will be provided when ballot papers are sent to the electorate of the school.
**Dobson’s uniform Shop**

**OPENING HOURS**  PH. 9488 2317  
**FRIDAY**  8.30 - 11.30 AM  
**TUESDAY**  12.30 - 4PM  
We are located in the main building, up the stairs, first door on the right.  
We remind parents that we do NOT accept cheques except for payment of accounts. If you would like to set up an account please ask for an application form at the uniform shop. You can arrange for us to do credit card transactions over the phone if necessary. We also have EFTPOS facilities.  
We incorporate SECONDHAND UNIFORMS. We accept only CLEAN items in good condition. The seller receives 70% of the selling price. 24% is donated to NHS Student Services and 6% retained by Dobsons for processing fee. Items should be dropped off at the uniform shop. If we are closed you may leave them at the front office BUT make sure you fill in the 2 Forms provided and attach to the bag.  
Sellers of 2nd Hand uniforms who nominate to be paid directly into their bank accounts need to bring in their BSB and account numbers.

**Community Mail Bag**

**VCE Private Tuition English, ESL, Literature, History**  
I am an experienced VCE teacher of English, ESL, Literature and History offering private tuition in 2007. I am registered with The Victorian Institute of Teaching. I am currently teaching VCE English and VCE ESL and am familiar with a wide range of current VCE print and film texts. Tutoring to lower Year Levels is also offered.  
For further information or to arrange a tutoring session, please call Jan on 0414 584 599 or 9489 2490.  
Referees are available if required.

**Student Exchange Australia Free information Evening, March 1, 7.30 pm**  
Student Exchange Australia is a not for profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education. They have arranged a free information evening for families to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.  
**Place:** Grande Mercure Hotel on Swanston, 195 Swanston Street Melbourne.  
**Date:** March 2, 7.30-9.00 pm  
**Phone** 1300 135 331

**For Sale: Science World 10. $35.00**  
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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - SEMESTER 1, 2007.**  
Applications must be lodged at the School by WEDNESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2007. The Department of Education, Employment & Training has instructed that late applications will not be accepted.  
**Letters and application form will be mailed to all families this week. Forms are also available from the General Office.**  
Ms Deborah Pyke, Student Support Services Coordinator