Diary

Feb 27. Parent Info session 4-430 on new VELs reporting
Feb 28. School Photos
Mar 1. Zone Lawn Bowls
Mar 4. Barmah Camp (to Mar 7)
Mar 5. Yr 7 Parents, Students & Teachers BBQ. 6.00 pm +
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)
Mar 13. 7F to Boho (to Mar 16)
   District Swimming
Mar 14. Shortened Day. School finishes 12.30 pm
   District Yr 11/12 Tennis, Baseball
Mar 16. District Yr 9/10 Tennis, Baseball
Mar 19. Yr 9 ACE Hi Camp (to Mar 23)
Mar 20. District Yr 8 Tennis,
   Baseball
Despite the record dry conditions, there is still enough water in Polly McQuinns for Year 7 students on camp at Boho to experience canoeing!
See inside for more photos of the Boho experience.

Don't forget our 2007 Year 7 Parents, Students and Teachers BBQ—

March 5th, starting at 6.00 pm, outside the Technology building.

Yr 7 swimming extravaganza!

On February 19th, almost all the Year 7 students attended Northcote pool to get them ready for the School Carnival held on February 26th.

Students were tested for swimming ability, tried out some novelty events, had free swim time and generally got used to the pool environment. (Our last edition carried a full program for Feb 26th) The behaviour and mass participation was a pleasure to be involved with.

Mr Price
The Year 7 Boho experience

The Year 7 Boho Camps Program is now underway for 2007 with forms 7A, 7D & 7E already returned. These students completed a night hike to Mt Wombat where they caught a faint glimpse of the comet. The 7D group also braved an adventure to the Strathbogie Cemetery at night!! Also all the groups so far have hiked up Mt. Separation, visited Benalla for a swim, canoed at Polly McQuinns and participated in archery.

The school has also been trialling Year 10 Peer Helpers on these camps which has been very successful (including Sophie Freeman, Yr 10, below right).

The Year 7 Boho will continue for the reminder of this term and early Term 2.

Mr Rohan Griffiths, Coordinator

Yr 9 Camp Update

Year 9 Ace-Hi Camp—Don’t miss out!
Can you meet challenges and work in teams? Do you enjoy night walks, beach volleyball, Sumo challenges, archery and hanging from the giant swing? Do you want to spend three days on the Mornington Peninsular with your friends, staying in cabins and eating great food with your favourite Year 9 teachers.

Then make sure you have returned your permission & medical forms along with $180 to the General Office by this Friday the 2nd March. See you there!

See you there!
Upcoming NHS Camps

Students need to look in the daily bulletin & Newsletter for details of the following. Note: there is no guarantee that all these camps will run.

**Term 1:**
- Year 9 Ace-Hi Camps
  - 9A – 9D  
    - 19th – 21st March
  - 9E – 9H  
    - 21st – 23rd March
- Cost $180 Due by Friday 2nd March
- Extra notes from Ms. Salliard

**Term 2:**
- International Students Year 11 & 12 Camp at Boho 7th – 11th May
- Year 9 Landcare Camp Boho – 20 students, 3 days TBC

**Term 3:**
- Year 9 – 11 Snow Camp 60 students, 3 days, cost $600 for skiing or $640 for Snowboarding, TBC
- Year 9 & 10 Tasmania Camp or Canberra - 44 students, 6 days TBC

**Term 4:**
- Year 8 Boho Camps – students attend in form groups for four days almost every week of term 4.
- Activities include an overnight hike, swimming, bowling, horse riding and a visit to a trout farm.
- Permission forms will be issued to all Year 8 students at the start of term 3 with all payments made by the end of Term 3. Payments can be made at the office now.
- Year 9 – 12 Wilson's Promontory (20 students, 10th – 14th December, Cost $160, TBC)

Mr. R. Griffiths Camps Coordinator

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**Senior Girls Cricket win District Final**

As members of the school community would know, Northcote High School tends to dominate District and Zone sports. Here is a report of our first District win for 2007!

On Tuesday the 20th Feb Northcote High School’s Senior Girls Cricket Team competed in the district finals against Mill Park Secondary College at Donath Reserve in Reservoir. Conditions were testing; hot weather, hard ground and only eight players. Northcote lost the toss and were sent into bat. Nerves quickly settled as our openers, Dialla and Jess, raced along to 29 before Jess was bowled for 9. Nikki joined Dialla at the crease and made a rapid 6 before being caught in the outfield. Christina and Meagan then helped Dialla along to a terrific score of 41 retired – including 8 fours! Danielle then finished the innings with a fast 11 runs. Northcote’s total 3/104 off 15 overs.

Mill Park were on their heals when Jess bowled their opening batt on the second ball of the innings. Gracie then took a terrific catch in the outfield off Nicki’s bowling sending the new batter back without score. With only 8 players to chase leather things began to get tense with Mill Park’s second drop batter racing along to 32 retired. Northcote girls held firm and with terrific bowling from Nicki 4/6 off 3 overs, Jess 2/14 off 4 and Dialla 1/7 off 4. The fielding was outstanding with Gracie, Nicki and Jess all holding their catches and wonderful wicket keeping from Danielle and Dialla.
Mill Park only managed a score of 7/70 off 15. Northcote wins by 74 runs. Player of the match goes to Dialla for a stellar all-round performance. Thanks To James McGee and David Newell of Year 9 for umpiring and scoring on the day
Good luck to the girls at the zone finals, imagine what they will do with 11 players!
Ms C. Lester

From our new School Nurse

Hello All!
I’m Krissy Bergin- replacing Sarah (Who is on maternity leave) in the student wellbeing team at Northcote High. For the new or unfamiliar-the work of the secondary school nurse revolves around reducing risk taking behaviours amongst young people and promoting better health within the school community. I will be working towards this goal by assisting teachers to deliver health education sessions, promoting health initiatives within the school and supporting the student’s to make informed decisions about their own health & wellbeing. I park myself in the student wellbeing office on Thursdays & Friday’s & students are welcome to drop in for a chat about any health related issues. Stay tuned for healthy Ideas, initiatives & information!!
*Please Note!* Yr 10 Immunisation Forms are due in by FRIDAY 2nd March. Please return to General Office.

New Science initiatives at Northcote

The Science faculty is developing a number of new science initiatives. These include
- **Northcote High School bringing Science to the Community**
  Wednesday 14th March– Free Radical Chemistry Biotechnology, Guest-Professor Carl Shiesser 7pm, school library
  *(see lift out and booking form in this edition)*
  This event is for all students, parents and friends.
  Bookings are essential as spots are filling up fast!

- **Sea Week at Northcote High School**
  4th-10th March
  A Daily Competition and mid week Quiz will be run by the Science faculty. Yr 9 students will be monitoring a real life aquarium.

VSSSA Schoolgirls Soccer 2007

Ms Young is the team manager for the school girls soccer this year and so this is a great opportunity for the female soccer players of Northcote High School to become involved. Please note the following information and see Ms Young with your enquiries ASAP
The National Secondary Schools Soccer Championships will be held in Darwin from August 11th to 18th in 2007. This is a competition which complements the National Talent Identification Championships, although it is run by different bodies, which are held in Sydney each year. For many girls it is yet another opportunity to be identified or for those that have been identified it serves as valuable experience at the elite level. From these championships an Australian schoolgirl’s team is selected.
To be eligible for selection of the schoolgirls team in 2007 you must be born in 1988 or later and be a secondary school student at a VSSSA affiliated school. There will be a number of trial dates organised to which players are invited to attend all or at least one session. The
nomination form (you can get this from the web site below or from Ms Young) also needs to be sent to VSSSA as soon as possible with a cheque for $10.00. The coach for the 2007 championships will be Leesa Langley.

Try the following Link and follow the online registration. http://www.clubsonline.com.au/eventsregform/index.cfm?Fuseaction=Display_event&EventID=416&orgid=1621

**Trial 1:** Wednesday 18th April at Darebin International Sports Centre (DISC), 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury
(Mel 31 A7) Time: 5 – 6.30pm
**Trial 2:** Monday 30th April at Darebin International Sports Centre (DISC), 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury
(Mel 31 A7) Time: 5 – 6.30 pm
**Trial 3:** Wednesday 16th May at Darebin International Sports Centre (DISC), 281 Darebin Road, Thornbury
(Mel 31 A7) Time: 5 – 6.30 pm
The squad will be finalised by June 1st and a series of practice matches will be played between then and August 12th. We are looking at approximately 4 matches.

**Contact details:**
Coach: Leesa Langley  leesalangley@hotmail.com  Manager: Megan Young my@nhs.vic.edu.au

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**Celebration of Chinese New Year**

The hall was alive at lunchtime on Friday February 23rd, as we again celebrated the Chinese New Year. Painting, magic, calligraphy and students in costume were all there to help us celebrate.

On the Chinese calendar, 2007 is Lunar Year 4704-4705. On the Western calendar, the start of the New Year falls on February 18, 2007 — The Year of the Pig. The Lunar New Year dates from 2600 BC, when the Emperor Huang Ti introduced the first cycle of the Chinese zodiac.

May the golden pig bring you prosperity!

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**Yr 9 Global Geography**

Currently year 9 students are engaged in an exciting unit titled ‘Global Geography’. As part of the LSF curriculum changes, our year 9 students are examining the broad question of ‘What does it take to change the world?’ In geography we have focused on the current water crisis in Victoria and the impact on climate change on a global and local scale. We are currently analysing the film *An Inconvenient Truth* an essential film for anyone interested and concerned with the issue of climate change.

**Ms P. Kelly**

Below are some comments from our concerned Global Citizens in Year 9.

*Climate change scares me. The effects of climate change will have an irreversible outcome on our planet. What can we do to save our planet?*  
Marissa Butera

*‘An Inconvenient Truth’ has made me think deeply about the effects of global warming. My view is that the issues is much more severe that I had ever realised*  
Lisa Lam.

As a global citizen, the issues such as water shortages, global warming and poverty are really important as they affect many people. ‘An Inconvenient Truth’ has provided many convincing pieces of evidence that has definitely changed my views about global warming.

**Daniela Russo**

Australia’s water use is the third highest in the world (per capita) and currently we are in a really severe drought. We can save water by fixing taps, having shorter showers and putting
mulch on our gardens. Everyone should do their part to help protect our earth. If we don’t, future generations will be lost.
Varun Khatter

Info. sessions for parents on VELs

Northcote High School will run two sessions for parents on the Victorian Essential Learnings. This will change the way we report to families.

The sessions are

February 27th, 4-4.30 pm (today)
March 29th, 6-6.30 pm (during Parent - Teacher Meetings)

Mathematics Competitions for 2007

There are a number of mathematically based competitions that are available for students to enter. Please encourage your child to participate. The aims of the competition include encouraging and fostering a greater interest in and awareness of the power of mathematics, a desire to succeed in solving stimulating mathematics problems individually and in groups and to encourage and foster discovering the joy of problem solving in Mathematics.

MATHEMATICS CHALLENGE:
The maths challenge is as the name implies very challenging and is open to students in Year 7 to Year 10. The challenge consists of six problems for students to attempt over a three-week block in May. Students are selected by referrals from their maths teacher. If you think your child would be interested in attempting the challenge please contact Teena Pavlatos or your child’s maths teacher. Notices will be given out this week. Entry cost is $15.00 and closes Friday 2nd March, 2007.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION:
The Australian Mathematics Competition has been running at Northcote High School for a number of years. It is a pen and paper test comprising of 30 multiple choice questions to be completed in a 75 minute period. The date of the competition is Wednesday 25th July 2007 and entry cost is $4.00. More information will be given to your child closer to the date. This competition is open for all students to attempt.

INFORMATICS COMPETITION
The Australian Informatics Competition is based around problem solving in computer science for students from Year 7 to Year 12. It is a pen and paper competition in which students are asked to analyse and design methods for solving problems, skills that are fundamental to computer programming. It is not a programming competition and no programming experience is necessary. Competition Date is Thursday 10th May 2007 and the cost of entry is $4.00. Any students interested in entering the competition please see their mathematics teacher or contact Ms. Pavlatos, Maths Coordinator on 9488 2300

Community Mail Bag

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

Preston Bullants Junior Football Club (part of the Yarra Junior Football League) requires players for the 2007 season for the under 14 team. Must be aged 13 on 1 January 2007. Training 2 nights/week (WED/FRI) 4.30-6.00pm, match day Sundays. For further details, please contact Lesley Langley 94705622/langleyf@bigpond.net.au

Clean Up Australia Day 2007, Sunday, March 4th

The Sumner Estate Sustainability Street Group has decided to use Clean Up Australia Day as an opportunity to have a good clean up around Merri Park and the adjoining Merri Creek bank.
If you are available on Sunday morning, from 10 to 12, we would love to see you (in your working clothes) at the Wooden Playground. Bring a hat, sunscreen and some gloves. We will provide rubbish bags and sharps containers. All rubbish collected will be picked up by Darebin Council on Monday 5/3.
Lost Property and Lockers

A reminder to parents that it is important to clearly name all items of the uniform and also textbooks. Not just initials or first name, but at least the family name should appear on the collar tag of the uniform garment using a permanent marker or name tags. Already this year, there have been a number of new spray jackets and rugby tops come to Lost Property, but because there are no name tags or other identifying labels, they are unable to be returned to the owner. Contact Mr. Chris Erlandsen for any queries during lunchtimes in "Lower B Block" staffroom.

Also, there are still lockers available, particularly for Years 9 & 10 students. Whether you have written your name on the Expression of Interest List or not, please see Mr. Erlandsen at lunchtimes in "B 6" if you have changed your mind and would like to share a locker. Locker allocation needs to be finalized within this following week.