## Outstanding Yr. 9 Ace Hi Camp

The inaugural Year 9 camp was held at Ace-Hi at Cape Shank late last term. The three day camp saw students and staff participating in a range of activities such as the giant swing, flying fox, rock climbing, sumo wrestling, archery, raft building and the initiative course.

All had an enjoyable time as they worked together to face new challenges and experiences. Some comments from students upon their return include:

- "It was great. We went with lots of classes not just our own'.
- 'Activities rocked'.
- 'I really enjoyed trying out lots of activities that I probably wouldn’t have thought of doing'.
- 'The food was yum'.

## Tall poppies visit NHS!

On Monday 26th March, the first of a series of planned visits for 2007 commenced when two of Victoria’s elite Young Scientists came to Northcote and presented talks to VCE Chemistry and Biology students and Year 9 Science students.

Dr Rachel Caruso from the University of Melbourne, a Materials Chemist spoke about her educational journey as well as her area of expertise which involves the development of structured materials for the application in the areas of environmental remediation and novel energy conversion or storage devices.

Dr Hylton Menz from LaTrobe University provided an interactive presentation illustrating his area of expertise which focuses on mobility impairment in older people and various foot problems!
Camps Update

YEAR 9 & 10 TASMANIAN TOUR
6 days Sunday 14th October to Friday 19th October.
(TBC) NOTE NEW DATE

Highlights include: Spirit of Tasmania, Marakoopa Cave, Bonorong Wildlife Park, Cadbury’s Chocolate Factory, Mt Field National Park, Port Arthur, including the Ghost Tour at night and harbour cruise around The Isle of the Dead, and Cataract Gorge in Launceston.
Cost $595 based on 44 students, this may change.

For further information on this camp collect the expression of interest form from Mr. Griffiths in C Block. To book a place, return the form with a deposit to the General Office. More details are available on the forms.

YEAR 9 TO 12 SNOW CAMP
3 days 2 nights Sunday 26th August to Tuesday 28th August. Venue: Alzburg Resort Mansfield with skiing and snowboarding at Mt Buller.

Cost $540 for skiing, $570 for snowboarding
This cost is based on 55 students and may change.

For further information on this camp collect the permission form from Mr. Griffiths in C Block. To book a place, return the form with a deposit to the General Office. More details are available on the forms.

YEAR 11 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAMP BOHO

This year will see the first Camp for our Year 11 International Students from Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th May. These students will experience activities that would not normally be able to experience in their home country. This includes bush walking (seeing native flora & fauna), visiting a farm, canoeing & horse riding.

YEAR 7 BOHO

As you are reading this that last of the 2007 Year 7 classes (7I) will be at Boho. Approximately 160 Year 7 students, 17 Year 10 Peer Helpers and 23 staff have been to Boho this year. They have conquered the mighty Mt Separation, battled the water in canoes at Polly McQuinns and visited Benalla for a swim. Many students saw some of our native fauna including koalas, echidnas, possums & kangaroos. The camps early in the year also caught a glimpse of the Comet McNaught, the brightest comet to be seen from Earth in 42 years. I would like to thank all the staff and Peer Helpers who made these camps possible.

Mr. R. Griffiths
2008 Language tour of France

To many of us, France is Paris, but we are unaware of how important France’s regions are to the French. Many French people do not identify themselves as French, rather by the region that they come from. Our trip to France next year includes Paris, with many of its icons of course, and the region of Normandy.

The first week will be in Paris, with 3 mornings of language lessons, to help the students settle into the French environment, and provide them with the language framework to enrich their experience. The full program covers contemporary as well as historical culture, including visits to the Eiffel Tower, the Louvre, the Pompidou Centre, Sacré Coeur, Notre Dame, Galeries Lafayette, Bastille and Versaille.

In Yvetot, Normandy, the students will be welcomed into French families and by a secondary school, so at nighttime they will be immersed in the French language and culture, and they will have a day attending school. There will be day trips to Rouen, Honfleur and Etretat expected as well as an overnight excursion to Mont St Michel, Bayeux, Normandy beaches and Caen. This will be an invaluable opportunity to LIVE French as a language and a culture.

Ms Mink Schapper,
French teacher and LOTE Coordinator

NHS wins award in Origin Energy Comp

In 2006 the 8A maths class investigated the energy usage of the hot water urns in the staffrooms around the school. They discovered they were on 24 hours a day every day of the year. By using a smart meter to determine the energy use, cost and greenhouse gas emissions they were able to recommend that the school should invest in electronic timers for the urns. They were able to demonstrate the savings in cost, energy and greenhouse gas emissions by switching the urns on during the days they were used using the timers. The student found that the school would save over $1600 a year and there would be about a 15 tonnes greenhouse gas reduction.

Origin Energy have acknowledged the work of the students in 8A in 2006 and have awarded the school $250 for the exceptional contribution made by these students.

The 2007 English Competition

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools - English Competition, conducted by the University of N.S.W., will be held this year at Northcote High School, in the third week of June. It is open to all year 7 to 12 secondary students throughout Australasia. All students entering the competition receive a certificate of participation, credit, distinction or high distinction as well as statistical results. Students wishing to enter should give their full name and a $4 donation to their English teacher by Friday, 4th of May.

Moya Coffa. English Coordinator.
The Term 3 Sports Bag

STUDENTS AND TEAMS WIN THROUGH TO STATE FINALS

On Thursday 19th April we had the Northern Zone swimming at MSAC (Albert Park) It was a twilight meeting 4.00pm - 8.00pm which 28 swimmers from Northcote competing. Our original squad of 42 was cut back with many students having other commitments and most of our senior students being unable to attend.

As we won this event last year for the first time ever we had high hopes. This year out of the 40 schools competing we finished 3rd to St. Helena and Melbourne Girls. Our big achievement this year wasn’t so much overall point collection as in 2006 but more some amazing winning form and placing’s.

The stars for Northcote were
Lewin Eddy Year 11 - 3 wins in the open 200 free, U17 back 100m by 5 secs and the Open 400m by 10 secs
Harriet Green Year 10 - 3 wins U16 Back, Medley relay and Free relay
Tara Amsterdam Bagdas - 2 wins - Medley relay coming from behind and freestyle relay
Eve Walton Healey Year 8 - 1 win and 2 seconds - 1st Backstroke (new Zone record) 2nd breaststroke by .06sec and 2nd freestyle by .8 sec
Gerard Gilder Year 7 - 1st freestyle and 2nd freestyle relay
Lily Potonik Year 9 - 1st Backstroke and Medley relay, 2nd freestyle
Alessi Burnham - 1st Medley relay
Sarah Andrew-Rieper - 1st Medley relay
Lauren Gilder Year 8 – Second in butterfly and 200 freestyle
Jessie Andrew-Rieper 2nd freestyle by.16 sec
Nicholas Rickard - 3 thirds.
Kate Datson 3rd in diving - 1st in freestyle relay
Year 7 Boys relay team - 2nd. 5 other students placed. We have 9 students swimming in the State Carnival (only 1st goes through) in 15 events. This is held on Wednesday 2nd April. Well done all competitors.

Other teams winning through to State finals included our Year 7 and 8 Boy Tennis teams and our Year 7 Boys Baseball teams. A great effort to be one of the best 8 Victorian school teams left in these competitions. They have to wait until week 8 and 9 in Term 4 to play again.

ATHLETICS

On going to print we are preparing for our School Athletic Carnival – weather permitting on Monday 30th April. Students who win here will represent the school on Wednesday 9th May at Meadowglen.

OTHER SPORTS NEWS

Other teams that played this week included our Senior Boys in a State European Handball tournament, our Year 7 Boys in Volleyball and our Year 7and 8 Girls in Softball. This week we have Senior teams playing Football, Basketball, Badminton and Golf on Friday 4th May

YEAR 7&8 GIRLS SOFTBALL ZONE FINALS

On Thursday last week our district finalists went to play the zone finals for softball at More Park in Sunshine. A big day of Softball saw them complete against Lalor, Melbourne Girls and St Helena. Congratulations on a great effort by all the girls involved (see picture). Results featured below....

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Overall that places the Northcote Girls 3rd for the day after an unlucky play in the last ball of the third match resulting in Melbourne Girls winning their game and pushing us back from second.

Rachel Schopf (catcher), Helena Nicholls (pitcher), Karina Roberts, Selma Viden, Sarah Paleologous, Tylah Burton, Sibon Curulli-Maillard, Jean-Katrina Delos Reyes, Sally Liu, Anita Nicholls, Sarah Ma Lang (pitcher) & Lilly Do (catcher).
NORTHCOTE HIGHLIGHTS - JUNE 5

presents a workshop for parents

UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENCE

The workshop will discuss practical tips and strategies designed to support positive relationships and general parenting skills.

Presenter: Michelle Bihary Director - Delta Centre
            Debbie Lewis - Counsellor and Teacher

When:       Tuesday 05 June 2007
Time:       7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Location:   NHS Library

We are seeking your input to the workshop agenda, particularly identifying the key challenges you are facing........

What issues are coming up for you and your children / family?

Please email or phone us with your ideas:

Mary Crooks   NHS Highlights  ☎9489 5296  crooksie247@hotmail.com or
Kate Morris   NHS              ☎9488 2300  morris.kate.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

- Communicating effectively with young people
- Resolving conflict
- Connectedness - parents, family, peers and school
- The VCE Years
- Bullying
- Boys Issues
- Coping with alcohol, tobacco and drugs
- Mental health issues

Northcote Highlights Workshop - Understanding Adolescence

NAME: ___________________       CHILD'S NAME: ________________

NUMBER ATTENDING: _________

I would like to be on the NHS Highlights contact and email list  ☐

Email: ___________________       Contact Number: ________________

Please return to the NHS General Office
Two teams from Northcote High School will battle it out this Friday May 4, in the annual Metlink Amazing Race. The Amazing Race asks teams from schools to visit the greatest number of checkpoints in the inner Melbourne area, between 9.30 am and 3.00 pm, using public transport only! Northcote is one of only a handful of schools who have competed in every year’s Metlink Challenge. This year we were again allowed only two teams of four, and again had too many volunteers. Ms Bennett drew the two teams by ballot. They are Northcote Blue; Sophie Freeman, Kate Datson, Lucy MacKinnon, Nellie Montague. Northcote Gold; Gabriel Afif, Oscar Dowling, Tylah Burton, Sibon Curiulli-Maillard.

Battling it out in the Amazing Race!

My Experience at Space Camp

On arrival at Melbourne Airport, I did not know what to expect from the trip. During meetings leading up to the tour, we were informed about the places we would be staying at and our daily schedules. We were also advised to buy inexpensive souvenirs from the Vic Market to give to our soon-to-be new friends. I had been on airplane trips before, but the trip ahead was going to be full of surprises. There were people throwing up because of airplane turbulence, and there were Americans to talk about places they have lived in Australia, as well as the arguments with them about Sydney being a better place to live than Melbourne! On the way to America they announced that there would be no films being shown on the plane and we were going to be compensated with points towards other trips! Sneaking into business class and getting a warning from the hostess was one of my most priceless memories. The 13-hour plane trip to America and the long waits at the airports were the perfect times to socialize with students from Northcote High who we hadn’t met before and with the students from Montmorency SC who were accompanying us.

On arriving at SPACE CAMP we were split into two teams. I was placed into the von Braun team with 6 other Australians and 5 Costa Ricans. We were competing against the Von Tiessenhausen team. Within the group, there were ‘Pilots’ or ‘Mission Specialists’ and we had to pick these positions before going to America. I was the only Australian Mission Specialist in my group. My job was either to fix satellites in space or talk to the other Mission Specialists via the Command room.

As well as doing our missions, we had briefings, which were learning sessions about astronauts, space, rockets and our missions in general. The SPACE CAMP itself was a big museum, with a big learning course held within. In order to simulate weightlessness we were able to do scuba. I was unable to due to ear problems, but during our 6-hour mission we had to complete to end our learning at SPACE CAMP, I was the person in charge of the mission specialist fixing the space station in the scuba pool. I would like to thank Ms. Neilson and Ms. Bennett for accompanying us on our trip.

Carlo Kassen 11I
2007 Open Day, Wednesday May 2

Wednesday May 2 is shaping up to be our biggest ever Open Day yet. A record 240 parents, students and friends have already visited the school on operation days this year. We expect 4-500 people again on Open day to visit the school between 2 and 7 and/or attend the information sessions at 4.30 pm and 7.00 pm

School hours on Wednesday May 2 will be until 12.40 pm, with 6 shortened periods for the day.

Students are dismissed at 12.40, except those who are involved in Open day performances and displays.

Please note: School commences on Thursday May 3 at 9.45 am, to run Period 2 onwards

DIVERSITY in the KITCHEN
ALGERIA meets FRANCE

Come and explore the flavours of Northern Africa. Skip the Saturday afternoon siesta and join us to experience the fusion of Algerian and French cuisines.

Diversity in the Kitchen 2007 offers the opportunity to celebrate the culinary skills and knowledge of our Northcote High School Community. Our first ‘master class’ for 2007 features Mrs. Zakira Oudijama (a Year 7 Parent).

We will explore the world of Algerian/French cuisine and culture and the historic influences of Berber, Arab, Turkish and French tastes; demystifying the dynamic fusion of aromas and flavours of this country.

A selection of tantalising and tempting food and wine will be shared during and after the class.

WHEN: Saturday 05 May 2007
TIME: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
LOCATION: NHS Food Technology Centre
COST: $15.00 per head (Payable at the General Office)

For more information please contact Mary Crooks (9489 5296) or Kate Morris at the school (9488 2300)

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DIVERSTIY in the KITCHEN – ALGERIA meets FRANCE

NAME: ___________________________ CHILD’S NAME: _________________
NAME: ___________________________ CHILD’S NAME: _________________
NUMBER ATTENDING: ________

Payment Amount Enclosed: __________________
☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

Name on Card: ___________________ Expiry Date: ___________________
Card Number: ___________________ Signature: ____________________

Would you like to be on the NHS Highlights contact and email list ☐

email: ___________________ Contact Number: _________________

What is Northcote Highlights?

Northcote Highlights Parents Group came together in 2002. We aim to provide opportunities for parents to come together, as part of the school community and enjoy the benefits of increased interaction and familiarity. Northcote Highlights is also an important forum for ideas and discussion that can link the school to its’ broader community.
Community Mail Bag

HOMESTAYS REQUIRED—MAKE INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS FOR A LIFETIME!
NHS is always on the look out for NHS families willing to host one of our International students. Room and board paid is appx $210 per week. A great way to make lasting friendships with someone from overseas. Contact our International Students office on 9488 2334 for more information.

Looking for part time work?
Westgarth Pharmacy is looking for a sales assistant to work from 4-7 Monday to Friday. If you are interested please drop a resume in to Elise at 62 High St Northcote (near Westgarth St) ph 9481 3807.

Homestays for short term French students
Thanks to the many families who volunteered to take a French student earlier in the year. We have made contact with a French agent who may possibly have other students wanting a short term placement at Northcote High School. Please contact Mr. Murphy if you would be interested in this. 9488 2300.

Your 2007 School Council

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Dobson’s Uniform Shop

To all our customers of the uniform shop I would just like to bid you all farewell as I have left to take up full time work in administration at NMIT. I have thoroughly enjoyed my 7 years at Northcote as ‘the uniform lady’, and even as I move on to ‘bigger things’ I will always value the friendly students, parents and staff of NHS. I only hope my next job is as rewarding. So, I leave you in Mara’s capable hands, and if any of you come to enrol at NMIT’s Heidelberg campus I’ll be there in the front office to be of assistance!! From Heather Maluma

DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
PHONE: 94882317
TUES.: 12.30- 4.00 PM
FRI.: 8.30- 11.30 AM

ORDERS
Customers, please note that we only hold orders aside for 1 WEEK after you have been notified of their arrival, unless alternative arrangements have been made with us. If we have been unsuccessful in phoning you then please check the notice board outside the school shop for your name.

REMEMBER: we do not accept cheques but can do credit card transactions by phone. We also have accounts should you wish to set one up with us.

SECONDHAND UNIFORMS: we require winter pullovers, skirts and rugby jumpers.

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