School Diary

• June 12. VCAA Exams
  Yr 10 Exams Commence (to 18 June)
  Yr 9, 10 Netball, Football
• June 13. VCAA Exams
  6.00 pm China Tour 2008 Information Session
• June 14. GAT Exam for Unit 3/4 student.
  No Yr 10 or Yr 11 classes.
  School ends at 12.40 pm for Yr 7-9
• June 15. End of Semester Yr 7,8,9
• June 20. Report Writing Day
  No School for students
  7.30 Music concert, Melba Hall
• June 21. Zone Cross Country, Heidelberg
• June 22. Yr 8 Soccer, Footy
• June 25-29. Yr 10 Work Experience
• June 25. Yr 7 Soccer, Football
• June 29. Last day of Term 2
• July 16. First day of Term 3
• July 23. Yr 7-10 Reports distributed
• Aug 3. Indoor Hockey Comp.

The Metlink Challenge winners!

What a great day! The weather was great and so was the atmosphere. It was a perfect day for the Metlink Challenge final. The day started with a safety brief and then Oscar, Sibon, Gabs and I went off to plan out strategy. We chose to keep the same sort of strategy as last time—going out to the farthest point then coming back in to the close ones. We were the first team to arrive back and just as well because the team who came second made the same amount of points as use so we needed the bonus for arriving first to win!

Tylah Burton, 8G

The Metlink Challenge final was completely different to the heat and the check points were further away. For the first half of our journey we had a photographer from Metlink following us, the second half a camera crew. We achieved 560 points with our furthest point being Williamstown checkpoints and our closest in the CBD. It was a great experience and I’m glad I did it.

Sibon Curruli-Maillard 8G

We arrived back to the National Gallery of Victoria at 2.20. As groups came in we were gripping onto our seats awaiting anxiously for the announcements of the winners. Finally, when Yr 7/8 category got announced we got up with pride and dignity, made our way to the front, shook a few hands (including ex NHS student and President of Environment Victoria Mr Russell Fisher) and got our prizes. These included a plant each (since it was World Environment Day), $100 Rebel sports vouchers each and a plaque. Afterwards we got interviewed and our photos taken. It was one of the best and most exciting experiences thanks to NHS and Metlink.

Gabriel Afif 8G

You may think the Public Transport Challenge was a day off, but think again. It was a mammoth day of challenge. The hardest bit was planning and we could have no help from adults. Then the race began. We were racing around Melbourne like wild people. Towards the end, I sprained my ankle running for the tram. I was put in a wheelchair with constant attention! But over all, it was a fantastic, incredible, out of this world, bizarre challenge, with a great ending for us of coming first!

Oscar Dowling 8G
August visit by our Chinese sister school

Huabei Number One High School visit. August 10th—16th 2007

HOMESTAYS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our dear friends at our Chinese sister school have advised us of their planned visit in August.

16 students (9 boys and 7 girls) from Huabei Number One High School will visit us for one week in about mid-August, for a 6 day experience. During the school day and on Sunday, the school arranges buddies to host them for activities and excursion events. However, we are keen to have more local families and students volunteer to help host a student at their home for the six nights.

This is a marvelous experience for Northcote students, so if you’ve thought about it but never done it, now’s the time to put up your hand! Contact Mr. Murphy if you are interested!

BRIEFLY, THE INTINERY IS:

Friday August 10
The party arrives is met at school, where they are introduced to homestays and school “buddies” students. Huabei students go home with their homestay host (and their luggage)

Saturday August 11
The visiting teachers are taken as the school’s guests to the last night of the school play. Huabei students spend this day with their homestay hosts.

Sunday August 12
Northcote takes all Huabei students to Sovereign Hill for the day. The students need to be delivered to NHS at about 9.00 am and collected by homestay hosts at about 4.15 pm

Monday August 13—Wednesday August 15.
Huabei students and teachers have organized days at NHS. The homestay host student brings them to school and says goodbye to them (with packed lunch) at 9.00 am at Room 20, where the Huabei students and staff start a day’s activities. They are colleted each day at 3.15 and taken home by the homestay host student.

Thursday August 16.
Last day. The homestay host family need to deliver the Huabei student and luggage back to NHS before 9.00 am. Sad farewells!

If you would like to register as a homestay host family, please contact Mr Murphy at school!

Tall Poppy Cross-age workshop

“Oh on Friday 4th May, a group of 49 students from Year’s 9-12 took part in a workshop run by the Tall Poppy Campaign.

Dr. Shane T. Huntington gave a talk about why he chose science and how it shapes the world and how it makes a difference.

We were separated into groups of three, where we discussed the constant advancement of science and how the new technology could change our world completely by 2020!

It was interesting to think about the implications on society that came along with the new technology and how it will make our world different.

We also discussed whether the new technology was accessible to all people not just the wealthy.

We are looking forward to the next presentation by a Tall Poppy.”

Lily, Chloe H, Gialia, Alec, Alan, Peter, Khiang and Francesco, 9D Science

"I liked the fact that the workshop was interactive and made us think about the future". Laura Year 9.

"The Tall Poppy's educational journey was inspirational!" Bianca Year 9.

"We’ve reached the time in our school life where we have to choose which path we want to take and hearing from someone who’s gone on to do something special has given us an insight into what could be our future and what it’s like to be a Scientist. You can go along to Career information sessions, but it’s not the same as hearing it from a real person.” Marissa Year 9.

"I liked being in a group with students from other year levels as it gave us an opportunity to listen to different ideas, some of them very advanced from the older students!" Varun Year 9.

"Dr Huntington inspired us to be creative about our future!" Emma Year 12

"I enjoyed working with students from other year levels and sharing our ideas and thoughts". Desi Year 12.
Term 3 Sports Bag

Every week at Northcote is filled with sport with mainly team training taking place in Badminton Football, Soccer, Netball and Aerobics. At lunchtime every day competitions especially in Basketball have been held in the gymnasium. The teachers’ team after 2 early wins has run into some stiff opposition from some of the Year 10 teams. The gymnasium has also been ablaze after school with 2007 Production rehearsals. Under the guidance of Mr Alex Madden masses of students have been learning their lines and dance steps. Something to truly look forward to.

It has been great to see Ms. Sophie Tayton back at school taking the schools aerobics team. A very large team of girls from Years 7 – 12 have been training for several months. This week on Tuesday sees the start of our District winter sport tournaments with our year 9 and 10 students taking on the neighbouring schools before settling down to exams. On Friday our Year 7, 8 and 9 girls take on rivals Mill Park in the District Football final.

Over the last two weeks of term our Year 8 students and then Year 7 take on our District rivals in badminton, netball, soccer and football. The postponed Zone Athletics has been rescheduled to the second Thursday of Term 3 (July 26th) at Meadowglen. Other sporty news has seen many of Northcote’s staff working out in the schools weight room before and after school. Used by students during the day this room has many machines, a cross trainer, a treadmill and 3 spin cycles. Students and staff are appreciating the benefits of exercise and a healthy lifestyle – this is being complemented by many of the new healthy eating alternatives at the school canteen. Anyone for pumpkin soup?

Lunchtime Sport Update

Term two kicked off with the finals of the year 7 Diamond Cricket competition. Congratulations goes to 7B taking out the 2007 championship.

In a very competitive final of the Yr8/9 Mixed basketball competition “The Power Rangers” over came “The Suns”. Dion Patten stared in the final scoring five 3 pointers for the winning team.

Currently running are the VCE and Yr10 Mixed basketball competitions. A surprise entry in the Yr10 competition are “The Correctors”, a team made up of staff members across all faculties, captained by Mr Madden. Unfortunately “The Correctors” are yet to get a win on the board. If you want to see them strut their stuff spectators are welcome Wednesday lunchtime in the gym. Big thanks goes to Meagan Conboy who has consistently assisted in scoring and referring duties throughout the competitions.

Girls Day on Thursdays with Ms Young is proving to be very popular. All girls are welcome to participate in a variety of sports activities offered.

Term 3 will see the introduction of Mixed Netball competitions across the year levels. Students should keep an eye out for information on the Lunchtime Sport notice board.

Ms Lester & Mr Price

Adam Nemo—parent, painter & portrait artist

Proud NHS parent Adam Nemo was born in 1964 in Kurdistan. He completed his Diploma of fine arts in Sulaymani and participated in several exhibitions with other Kurdish artists, as well as exhibiting on his own. In 1994 he left Kurdistan, migrating with his family to Australia in 1996. Ahmed works mainly with oil paint on canvas and through many of his works is the expression of his suffering as a Kurd and also is life in Australia.

Adam also works producing pencil portraits - a copy of an example is opposite. The original and the photograph used are on display in the office.

For all sketches the school will receive a small commission, that will go into the student scholarship fund.

The prices for unframed sketches are

- 8 x 10 single portraits—$55
- 8 x 10 2 persons—$90
- 8 x 10 3 persons—$115
- 11 x 14 single portraits—$65
- 11 x 14 2 persons—$110
- 11 x 14 3 persons—$130
- 16 x 20 single portraits—$85
- 16 x 20 2 persons—$130
- 16 x 20 3 persons—$175
- 16 x 20 4 persons—$210
- 50 x 70 cm single portraits $110

Prices do not include framing
Order forms are available from the General Office.
Arrangements for Exams & end of Term

Some important arrangements for the remaining three weeks of Term Two

Year 11.
- Tues June 12th, Wed June 13th - Classes as normal
- Thurs. June 14th— No classes (GAT for Unit 3/4 students)
- Friday June 15th—Classes as normal
- Monday June 18th. Start of Unit 2
- Wed June 20th—Report Writing Day. No classes
- Friday June 29th. End of Term 2. Report distribution. School dismissed at 2.00 pm
- Mon. July 16th. Start Term 3

Year 12.
- Tues June 12th, Wed June 13th - No classes unless arranged by teachers. VCAA exams for some subjects.
- Thurs. June 14th— No classes (GAT )
- Friday June 15th—Classes as normal. Start of Unit 4
- Wed June 20th—Report Writing Day. No classes
- Friday June 29th. End of Term2. Report distribution. School dismissed at 2.00 pm
- Mon. July 16th. Start Term 3

Years 7-10.
- Tues. June 12th. No classes for Yr 10
- Thurs. June 14th.—GAT Exam No classes/exams for Yr 10 (except those doing a VCE Unit3/4 subject– GAT Exam )
  Note: Yrs 7,8 & 9 will be dismissed early at 12.40 pm
- Fri. June 15th—End of Semester Yrs 7,8,9
- Wed. June 20th—Report Writing Day. No classes
- Fri. June 29th. End of Term 2. School dismissed at 2.00 pm
- Mon. July 16th. Start Term 3
- Mon. July 23rd. Yr 7-10 Reports distributed

Further Enquiries
VCE Team—9488 2312
Yr 10 Coordinators—9488 2327
Yr 9 Coordinators—94882310
Yr 8 Coordinators—9488 2320
Yr 7 Coordinators—9488 2343

Ian Frazer talk—July 4
The Tall Poppy Campaign Together with Northcote High School
Invite you to
“20 Years of Research into Papilloma Viruses”
With
Professor Ian Frazer
Australian of the Year 2006
Merck Sharp & Dohme Florey Medal Winner 2007
Clinical Immunologist - Queensland University

***Seats are Limited***
When: Wednesday 4th July 2007
Time: 12.30pm – 1.30pm
Where: Northcote High School
St. Georges Road Northcote 3070
RSVP: Friday 22nd June 2007
Ms. Soula Bennett: be@nhs.vic.edu.au or (03) 9488 2315
Yr 10 Geography excursion to CBD

On Wednesday 27th May, Year 10 Geography students caught a tram into the city to examine the urban geography of the CBD. We enjoyed going to the State Library, counting pedestrians and learning about the different groups of people who use the city. It was great to hear about the work that Urban Seed organisation is doing to manage social exclusion in the city. It was also interesting to hear about how the city streets of the CBD were measured. Did you know 'chains' were used to measure the streets in the city, each one being 22 yards long (the same as a cricket pitch)!. Thanks to Ms Mancell and Ms Kelly.

Adam Papastathopoulos and Hannah Scott Year 10.

Dalai Lama Excursion

40 NHS students of Years 10, 11 and 12 attended an excursion to see the Dalai Lama on Friday June 8th. It was held at Rod Laver Arena and they were part of an audience of 10,000 in the special “youth event”. His holiness the Dalai Lama

6 different youth from different religious backgrounds asked questions about the future of the world and his comments were very interesting and based around compassion, peace and love. Thanks to Ms. Kelly and Mr. Delany, our organising teachers.

Years 7-10 Uniform Reminder

A reminder for all parents and students.

Students are to wear the designated uniform as specified in the Student Planner.

Students ARE NOT to wear tracksuit pants in place of trousers/skirt/dress

Uniform to be worn throughout the year

- Navy NHS trousers
- Tartan skirt or school dress
- School jumper

- NHS polo top
- black shoes, white socks
- Spray jacket

Physical Education/Sport Uniform (ONLY)

- NHS polo shirt and shorts
- Runners
- NHS tracksuit pants

Thank you for your cooperation

Ms. Bennett & Ms Hill

Don’t forget!

School for Yrs 7-9 finishes at 12.40 on Thursday June 14.
Community mail box

3 Bedroom House needed
A family in our school community are in need to rent a 3 bedroom house in the Northcote/Thornbury area. Able to pay in the $300-$315 rent.
If anybody can help, please contact Zakia and Hafid on 9482 6710

Beginners and Intermediate Yoga
Mondays 9.15-10.15
Thornbury Women’s House, 9480 0466

DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP
Ph. 94882317
OPENING HOURS: Tues. 12.30 - 4pm, Fri. 8.30 - 11.30am
ORDERS
Customers, please note that we will only hold orders aside for 1 WEEK after you have been notified of their arrival, unless alternative arrangements have been made with us.
If other customers are requiring that item it will be sold to them. 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 IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO SEND CASH WITH YOUR CHILD. WE ALSO HAVE ACCOUNTS SHOULD YOU WISH TO SET ONE UP WITH US.
SECONDHAND UNIFORMS
May be dropped off at the general office if we are closed, but PLEASE fill out the 2 forms they will provide and attach to the bag. If you want to be paid directly you MUST supply your bank account number and BSB. Please, no more trousers at this stage, we have plenty. We do require winter pullovers, rugby jumpers and skirts however.

City of Darebin holiday program
The City of Darebin runs an excursion based Teenage Holiday Program (THP) for young people aged 12-15 years old. This comprises of three workers, two mini buses for excursions and up to 18 young people attending the program. Activities range from Ice skating and Lazer skirmish to horse riding and Go-karting.
Eligibility requirements are:
- The young person needs to live or go to school in the City of Darebin.
- Aged 12-15 years old.
Young People can only attend ONE week of the THP, not BOTH - due to high demand.
The THP is aimed at young people and families who are socially and financially disadvantaged so priority is given to those who have a health care card. These people may book in on the 13th June between 4-6pm. All others may book after this date.
The Youth Programs Officer needs be informed about any young people with a disability and additional needs, as well as any behavioural issues so we can work together to find activities to suit the abilities of the individual.
Costs are: $45 (with a HCC for one week), and $60 (with No HCC).
NHS has some fliers for your reference.
If you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact Cait Regan (Youth Programs Officer) on 8470 8923 or 0419 750 427 - Tuesday (after 11:30), Wednesday or Thursdays.