Make Poverty History

On the first week of the holidays I took part in a campaign called the Make Poverty History Zero Seven Road trip. Organised by two entirely youth-run organisations; The Oaktree Foundation and Reach, it took 500 ambassadors from all over Australia, spreading the message of Make Poverty History (MPH). There are a number of reasons for the name, Zero Seven. One being that we are calling on the government to increase international aid to 0.7% of the budget by 2015.

It was one of the most amazing and rewarding weeks of my life. I’m so glad to have been part of it. I met the most incredible people and it was so crazy, being surrounded by people I didn’t know, who were all there for the same reason. I made many friends and learnt so much from everyone as they were all such welcoming genuine and humble people.

Each state had a team of ambassadors, some crew from Reach and Oaktree, group leaders and a media team. In the Victorian team, we travelled to Ballarat, Bendigo, Albury and then up to Sydney, where we met all the other state ambassadors. We spent the week campaigning by talking to the public, business owners, local MPs, posterising in places that showed support, doing a photo petition called Face up to Poverty, doorknocking and holding concerts and conferences.

The concerts were so much fun, as I love music, and we got to go to Live Earth, but the trip wasn’t just about that. The idea of holding concerts is to spread awareness and mainstream the idea of MPH. But I found the campaigning side of the trip really great. We reached so many people and got out there are do something helpful and relevant. I encourage everyone and anyone to get involved in community organisations and help out where you can, as its so important for young people to stand up for what they believe in and make a difference. There are so many different things we can do, and actions speak so much louder than words.

Kate O’Leary. Yr 11
Yr 9 Environment Expo

On June 27, 9E, 9F, 9G and 9H participated in an Environmental Expo held in the school library. The Expo was opened by Ms Davidson to an audience of over 100 students, parents and community members. Our key note speakers were Mary Crooks (The Victorian Women’s Trust) Caroline Andrews (University of Melbourne), Charlotte Sowerby (Plan International) and Eric Bottomley (CERES) who all spoke passionately about Water Resources, Climate Change, Poverty and Sustainability. During the second part of the Expo, students displayed their individual reports and creative pieces to reflect their understandings of Climate Change, Water Resources and Poverty on a variety of scales.

The event was a tremendous success with parents, teachers and community members viewing the Expo and talking to students about their displays. The students who participated are to be commended for their hard work in their geography classes and during their own time to successfully research and present their displays in response to our essential question ‘What does it take to change the world’.

The future of the world looks bright with such enthusiastic, passionate and active global citizens.

Ms Kelly

Making sense of the A.I.M

Each year, Yr 7 and Yr 9 students in Victoria are tested in maths, reading, spelling and writing, as part of the Victorian Government’s Achievement Improvement Monitor (AIM). This week, most of our Yr 7 students will do the AIM. Last week, school summary results for our Yr 9 AIM were released by the Government. While our results are very strong, it’s important to keep the AIM in perspective. It is only one measure of many informing us about student progress, level of achievement and engagement. If you’d like to see the bigger picture – have a look at our 2006 Annual Report to the community. It’s available from the office or on our website under “School Council.”

So what are our Yr 9 AIM statistics?

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The figures (on a 1-6 scale) equate to the VELs standards levels.

Our Debating teams

The D.A.V. debating competition for 2007 has now ended for another year. The last hard fought debates were held on Wednesday July 19th on a wide range of topics. The A Grade and B Grade teams had secret topics whilst the C Grade teams debated that logging should not be banned in water catchment areas. Our greatest success on the night came in D Grade where three teams were successful arguing on the topic that there should be mandatory sentencing for people who light bushfires. Ms Wilson and I would like to congratulate all of the students who have been involved in debating this year for their hard work and to those parents who came along to be part of the action. Team members and families can look up the all of the results for the year as well as team positions on the ladders on the D.A.V. website. Finally, one of our teams was successful winning its way into the regional finals having won all five of its debates this year. Congratulations go to Fiona Kalathas (9D), Maddy Goss (8E), Shoshana Sniderman-Wise (8E) and Magdalenna Krstevska (8E). Fiona explains how it all happened:

\textit{This year was the first year that anyone from my debating team had actually competed in debating through school, so it was a very new and exciting thing. The first couple of debates were quite easy and we won all of them but this last debate would have to have been the hardest. It was a very competitive debate, as who ever won got to go into the Regional finals. We debated Our Lady Mercy’s College and in the end the outcome was very pleasing, we won by one point! My favourite topic for the year would have to have been “That we should ban the sale of fur.” We argued against the topic.}

Fiona Kalathas D Grade team no 4
9A in a Courtroom Drama...

On Thursday 7th June, the year 9 Commerce class attended the Melbourne Justice Museum and participated in a courtroom drama.

Students re-enacted a real criminal case of culpable driving at the old Magistrates Court building. Some reflections of the main characters:

**Judge: Mara Mathieson**

**My day as a judge.**

For about an hour, on the 7th June, I got to wear a wig and tell people what to do. I was playing a judge in a re-enactment of a case from three years ago. Class 9A got to learn how a proper court case works – though it wasn’t a trial. I was very nervous going into the case but I really enjoyed it and would have really regretted not doing it, if I hadn’t.

**Tipstaff: Ruby Han**

Our class acted out a court case at the Justice Museum. I acted out the role of a tipstaff. It was fun because I sat in a booth in front of the judge and called witnesses to the stand. It would be a cool job to have.

**Prosecuting Counsel: Dinesh DeAbrew**

Our class travelled to the old Magistrates Court in the inner city. I played the large role of the ‘prosecuting counsel’. It was a great experience talking and explaining the criminal case because I plan to study law in further education. I felt fairly comfortable playing the role because I participate in debating and this drama situation was similar in terms of the way you express yourself and what you’re saying. I liked the gown and wig, plus the old Magistrates Court has a strong sense of history about it. Overall it was a fun and interesting experience.

**Defence Counsel: Jordan Cole**

I was the defence lawyer for the case of Queen v. Kim Tran. It gave me a real insight into the role of the defence lawyer in a criminal case and I got a cool lawyer outfit (wig and gown). It was a great speaking part but the fact I’m in debating helped. Overall it was a fun and interesting excursion and I recommend it.

9B & 9C Experience the City Centre

During the last week of term 2 9B and 9C visited the city of Melbourne researching a hypothesis they had developed in English. The week consisted of students surveying members of the public, interviewing experts in the area of their research and experiencing a variety of city activities. These activities included a workout out at a Fitness First gym, a visit to the Lexus Centre, producing a radio show at SYN FM and a visit to Urban Seed. The aim of the week was to engage students in real life learning, develop problem solving and critical thinking. Students were given an increased level of responsibility to move around the city ‘unsupervised’ and meet at designated locations. Students are now working on a presentation evening where they show case the program to parents and staff.

Student quotes:

“It was great fun! My confidence has increased to talk people I don’t know.” James, 9B

“The greatest experience of my life! It’s a great opportunity to be responsible for you actions and manage your time yourself.” Greg, 9B

“The City Centre has taught me not only about myself but about my community and Melbourne as a whole. It was an excellent experience.” Mary, 9C
Italian impressions of NHS

Exchange student Carlotta Matteja gives us her impressions

In only 30 hours I’m on the other side of the world and I realize that I’m alone and away from my family, friends and house. It’s really different describing how you feel, what are your aspirations and your fears. In these few days I’ve met a lot of people, at school and outside: they have been kind and friendly towards me this has helped me a lot.

Melbourne is a multicultural place and I’ve seen this also at school. In Italy it’s hard to find a place like Melbourne with many different cultures.

Before I left I had heard a little about the city but it’s impossible to understand everything until you have lived here. I feel very well here although the way of life and the diversity in boys and girls is completely different from Italy. This is the main thing that has made me surprised during the first days, but it hasn’t been a problem for me because this issue has encouraged me to meet new friends.

In the end I can say the Melbourne is an amazing city that offers a lot and I have found great hospitality here… I wish I can continue my experience here in the best way.

Northcote High School Presents

RHYME & REASON

Wednesday 8th to Sunday 12th August

All performances 7.30pm
Northcote Town Hall
189 High St. Northcote
Conc/Students $16 Full $24
Booking Number 9488 2300

Performed by The Students of Northcote High School
Devised & Directed by Alex Madden
Written by Adam J.A. Cass, Alex Madden & The Students of Northcote High School
Musical Direction by Anne Rassool
Production Management by Jody Neilson
Vocal Coaching by Vernice Petty
Lighting Design and Operation by Roger Rassool, Michael Macdermid & Ron Coons
Set design by Alex Madden
Choreography by Joel de Carteret & David Backlar

…and in other news today a story has emerged from the Northside banks of the Merri Creek that is making global headlines. While the event in question is unconfirmed, sources tell us it can be identified as something “not quite right…” More as it comes to hand...

Over 150 kickin’ students present a theatrical endeavour to discover and celebrate the opposite of terror. Featuring music by The Cat Empire, Paul Kelly, Gary Jules, Joel de Carteret and Lauryn Hill

Before anyone can relax, something must be done. We are The Northside Collective and we’ve stepped up.
Yr 10 Northern Zone Football finals

Year 10 footballers made the Northern Zone final defeating Mill Park Secondary College, Reservoir District and Whittlesea High School.

Pitcher Park in Alphington was hardly a picturesque scene for the Northern Zone Football final where the illustrious, disciplined and skilled Melbourne High School was pitched against the spirit and determination of the underdog the “Northcote Boys”.

Melbourne burst into action in the first half and kicked some early goals. However, Nakita Patugalan and George Dellaportas started to get the boys going and when Anthony Chiodo snapped truly the Northcote motor was running.

In the second half, Northcote played run on football and outscored their opposition. Backline crash and daring from Jack Dalton and Julian Turner created many opportunities for the forwards. Louis Siciliano kept the most dangerous Melbourne High forward quiet.

The engine room of Jack Simcoe, Tyler Karakaltsas, and Dimitri Kynigopoulos were outstanding in their run on play. The placement of Cheyne Evans in the centre also provided a lot of drive in the second half.

James McGee kicked a great goal from an impossible angle and the high marking Jake Farrell kicked a 50 metre bomb. Tyler Karakaltsas kicked a captains goal and co-captain Dimitri Kynigopoulos made many dashing runs into the forward line.

The game was hard and tough and played in the best traditions of sportsmanship.

Best Players: Outstanding Team Effort
Goals: A. Chiodo 2, C. Evans 2, J. Farrell, T. Karakaltsas, J. McGee,
Play of the Day: Jack Simcoe
Mark of the Day: Jack Dalton
Goal of the Day: James McGee

Scores: Northcote 7.4.46 lost to Melbourne High 11.

Stem cell research: Ethically sound?

On Wednesday 25th July 41 students from years 9-12 attended a Tall poppy campaign and NHMRC student workshop at GTAC. This workshop was based on the topic of Stem cell research and medical ethics.

The students were presented with information on Stem cell research by Professor Peter Rathjen who is an international leader in stem cell biology and is the Dean of Science at the University of Melbourne. He introduced in a well pitched presentation what stem cells are and how they are used for research into medical advancements.

He was accompanied by Dr Rony Duncan from the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute. Dr Rony Duncan researches the ethical implications of science, with a particular focus on the use of empirical methods for informing bioethical debates. Rony has a regular slot on Melbourne’s RRR radio station on a Sunday morning where she is a medical ethics commentator. She enlightened the students as to what ethically issues surround the areas of stem cell research.

The students reflections on the day were very positive,

Patricia Lee 10E said ‘We were presented with very insightful and intriguing information about both science and ethics surrounding stem cell research. A great aspect of the day was, it allowed us as students to formulate our own ideas, opinions and understanding on stem cells, and allowed us to share them with others. It was also interesting to listen to the views of others.’

Bazil of Year 12 simply described the day as ‘Eye-opening’.

Desi Pyrros of Year 12 said ‘The experience reignited my interest and desire to further my studies in the field of science’.

Laura Boehm of 9E said ‘I feel enlightened. There is a world of potential’.

Jacob Erlandsen of year 12 said ‘An excellent opportunity to bridge the gap between scientist and the community. We were fortunate to be able to receive such and insight into the work of Scientists which is and will be relevant to us all and the future’.

Bianca Le of 9E said ‘Coming to such a prestigious workshop where only a handful of people can go, opens up new doors for us and everyone that attended.

Another excellent event supported by the Tall poppy campaign, allowing students at NHS to access real scientists and positively encourage a wider understanding of the opportunities in Science.

Ms M Gabriel & Ms S Bennett
CIA provides funding for NHS Italy Trip

Northcote High School students participating in our forthcoming Italy trip will greatly benefit from a generous donation made by the Confederation of Italians Abroad (CIA) and in particular Felice Montrone (Secretary General for Australia). The donation is to enable Northcote students to travel by coach throughout the Puglia region of Italy.

As well through Mr. Montrone's assistance, our students will now have the opportunity to travel to the historic town of Lecce to visit Professor Bernard Hickey who has founded the Centre for Australian Studies at the University of Lecce.

Northcote High would like to sincerely thank Mr. Montrone and the Confederation for the generous donation which will greatly enhance our visit to the Puglia region and our sister school in Bari.

Ms Fattore

NHS Camps program Update

YEAR 8 BOHO TERM 4

All Year 8 students should have received their parent information form for the Term 4 Boho Camps. Students who do not have a form or who have lost it can get another from Mr. Griffiths. Forms and full payments are due to the office by Friday 14th September.

The camp dates are:

- **8H**: Tuesday 9th Oct – Friday 12th Oct
- **8G**: Tuesday 16th Oct – Friday 19th Oct
- **8F**: Tuesday 23rd Oct – Friday 26th Oct
- **8E**: Tuesday 30th Oct – Friday 2nd Nov
- **8C**: Tuesday 13th Nov – Friday 16th Nov
- **8A**: Tuesday 20th Nov – Friday 23rd Nov
- **8I**: Tuesday 4th Dec – Friday 7th Dec
- **8B**: Tuesday 11th Dec – Friday 14th Dec

YEAR 9 & 10 TASMANIAN TOUR

6 days- Sunday 14th October to Friday 19th October.

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 $620 based on 44 students.

Still place left.

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

YEAR 9 LANDCARE

2 days, 2 nights
Thursday 30th August to Saturday 1st September

Students will join the Strathbogie Ranges Landcare Group in revegetation work near the Boho campsite. Maximum 20 students.

Forms now available

YEAR 9- 12 SURF & HIKING CAMP AT WILSONS PROMONTORY

5 days, 4 nights
Monday 10th – Friday 14th December

This is a combination of two different camps. One group will (maximum 20 students) will spend the first and last night at Tidal River and the other two hiking to Little Waterloo Bay and Sealers Cove. The Surf group will spend all 4 night at Tidal River. They will have surf lessons for three days and a day hike on one other. More details will be available through the school bulletin.

ALL FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM MR. GRIFFITHS IN THE GBC CENTRE OFFICE

Mr. R. Griffiths Camps Coordinator
Short school notices

YEAR 10 2008 INFORMATION EVENING for current Yr 9 students and parents. July 31st, 7.30 pm
Parents and students are invited to the upcoming YEAR 10 Information Evening to be held on Tuesday July 31st TONIGHT, in the school library at 7.30 pm. An invitation was sent home with students in week 1 of Term 3. Please complete the reply slip in the invitation and return it to the school.

Information regarding the course selection process, career advice and pathway options will be outlined at the evening and students will receive their Year 10 2008 Handbook.

We look forward to seeing all our Year 9 students and their parents this evening
Jocelyn Hill, Head of Senior School, Soula Bennett, Head of Middle Years, Jane Archer and Martin Ramsay, Year 9 Coordinators.

MR PRICE'S SPORTS MINI-BAG
Term 3 has started well with our Year 9 and 10 boys playing Melbourne High in the Northern Zone Football final. Although we lost 11 goals to 6 goals we played a very competitive game and outscored them in the last quarter.

After months of learning the game and training it was pleasing to see our Year 7 Girls finish third in the Zone Finals. Our Year 7 boys finished 2nd and our Year 8 boys in their second year of play won the competition. The Year 8 Boys now play off in the State finals on the 19th of September.

Our Athletic team competing against 35 Northern Zone schools continued our success with our junior boys and girls finishing 3rd and 4th in their respective divisions. Overall we finished a creditable 6th of 35 schools. Six of our students won their events and now compete at Olympic Park on Oct 23rd. Our new year 7 star, Zoe McWhinney won the Long and Triple Jump and finished third in the relay. Nathan Jumeau of Year 10 blitzed his opposition in the 200m. Chris Aggelou of Year 8 showed an incredible hop to win the Triple jump. Sean Bolger of Year 7 won the Discus with a 28metre throw and Ryan Donaghey of Year 7 who has won through to State level this year in Tennis and Cross Country now adds Athletics to his bow by winning the Under 13 Shot Put. Ryan also led his Year 7 badminton team who fell only a few points short of also making the State finals.

The next 2 weeks sees our Year 7/8 and 9 combined girls and year 7 boys football team play off in Zone finals. Five of our six Year 7,8 and 9/10 boys and girls Soccer teams also play off at the Darebin International Pitches in Zone finals. Good luck to all these students

CERVICAL CANCER VACCINE
The Darebin Council wishes to remind all parents that if they have a daughter in years 7, 10, 11 or 12 in 2007, she is eligible for the FREE cervical cancer vaccine. If your daughter has missed a dose at school or you wish to start the course, please contact Darebin Immunisation Service on 8470 8562 to find out where to go to receive the vaccine.

CHICKENPOX OUTBREAK
There have been a number of reported cases of Chickenpox at Northcote High recently. Chickenpox is spread by airborne droplets from the upper respiratory tract (coughing, sneezing) or from fluid in the skin lesions. An infected person is contagious for 1-2 (possibly 5 days) before the onset of the rash and remains infectious until the blisters form scabs (usually around day 5) Early symptoms to be aware of include fever, a vague feeling of sickness, or decreased appetite. A rash will appear within a couple of days.

Although most cases of chickenpox heal without complications, sometimes medical attention is required. See a doctor if any of the following conditions develop:

- Persistent high fever
- A rash involving the eye
- Continued dehydration, vomiting, or decreased fluid intake
- Secondary skin infections.
- If your child has not been immunized for chickenpox, please contact Darebin Council on 8470-8888 for immunisation session times. Thanks, Krissy- (Northcote High Health Promotion Nurse)

2008 TRIP TO FRANCE – Update Meeting for students Thursday Aug 2, Lunchtime
Could all (16) students coming on the French Trip attend a meeting with Mr Manousopoulos and Ms Schapper next Thursday 2 August lunchtime 1 pm Room 17.

FREE KITTENS
Steph Moncur of Yr 11 has two kittens free to a good home. Contact her on 0417 140 107

SAFETY ON ST. GEORGE’S ROAD
Parents are asked to discuss safety on St. George’s Rd with their children. With almost 1,300 students spilling out of the school at the end of the day, road safety is vital. Students should always use the lights to cross St. George’s Rd, whether a Crossing Supervisor is there or not.
INVITATION
NORTHCOTE HIGHLIGHTS
SUSTAINABLE HOMES WORKSHOPS
As a school community we are working together to increase and expand our efforts to support our environment and sustainable living. We are partnering with the City of Darebin to host four community Sustainable Homes Workshops this year.

In the workshops below expert presenters provide practical information to help you create an energy and water efficient home and a sustainable garden. As part of this program there are 4 themed workshops, including an inspiration event and tour.

Please let us know which of these events you would like to attend by ticking the relevant boxes in the registration form below (max 70 participants) and return it to Northcote High School general office.

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All workshops will be held from 7 pm – 9 pm with registration and finger food (snacks) served from 6.45 pm with the exception of the Sustainable Homes Tour.

The aim of these workshops is to help you create a more Sustainable Home. To ensure we do this and deliver a program that is relevant to you we may contact you for a phone and/or mail survey at the end of the program. We would also like to keep you informed of up-coming workshops, sustainability products and resources - please complete the following details:

Name: ________________________________
Home Phone Number: __________________ Mobile: __________________
Postal Address: __________________________
Suburb: ___________________________ Postcode: ____________
Email Address: ______________________________

If you would like to receive the Darebin Council environmental newsletter, please tick the box below:

☐ Darebin City Council: ‘Sustainability News’

Please tick how you would like to receive the newsletter and return the form to Northcote High School

☐ Email ☐ Post ☐ Already receive newsletter(s)

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