School Diary

- Aug 15. Yr 11-12 Parent teacher Meetings 3-8 pm
  All Classes dismissed at 8.40
- Aug 18. Huawei Number 1 HS visit
  (to Aug 23)
- Aug 22. Big Band Boogie Night
- Aug 23. Staff PD Half—Day,
  All classes dismissed at 12.40
- Aug 24. Staff PD Day and Science Conference. 
  No Classes for students
- Aug 26 Snow Camp (to Aug 28)
- Aug 28. Whole School Assemblies
- Aug 29. 7.00 pm Library Sustainable homes workshop.
  Create a water efficient home
- Aug 30. Yr 9 Landcare camp at Boho (to Sept 1)
- Sept 6-12. Various Music groups to South St. Comp and Tour
- Sept 10. Yr 8 Performance P 5&6
- Sept 13. Yr 8 Basketball, Table Tennis, Hockey
- Sept 17. Yr 7 Basketball, Table Tennis, Hockey

Another outstanding show!

For five stunning performances last week, over 150 NHS students worked together with staff and parents to bring Rhyme and Reason to packed audiences. Devised and directed by our own Mr Alex Madden, written by him in collaboration with Adam J.A. Cass and students of the school, this was yet another triumph of vitality and creativity! Our photos show the Tango group (top right) and the intrepid reporting team for Channel 6 Northside (below right).

Special thanks go to Ms Rassool (Musical Direction) Ms Neilson (Production Management), Ms Vernice Petty (Vocal coach) Roger Rassool, Michael Macdermid & Ron Coons (Lighting Design), Joel de Carteret & David Backlar (Choreography). Thanks too, to our many supporting parents and friends.

Our Sports Aerobics stars

On Friday 3rd August twenty-one Northcote High School students competed in the Victorian Aeroskools competition. The group consisted of five teams ranging from year 7 to year 12 students. Each team performed a choreographed routine for which they had been training all year. This required a high level of strength, coordination, flexibility and endurance.

All teams performed extremely well amongst the tough competition from private and public schools and the girls should be proud of their efforts. All teams finished in the top half of their pool, typically made up of twenty teams, our best results a fifth and sixth place ribbon.

It has been a great pleasure to work with the students this year and I am especially proud of how the girls performed and conducted themselves on the day.

The team included: Zoe McWhinney, Georgia Murphy, Julia Purcival-Cassin, Anita Nicholls, Sofia Mahoney, Ai-Thi Ngo, Bianca Le, Jovee Reponia, Sarah Candusso, Alex Brown, Chloe O’Brien, Ellen Haveckin, Chloe Hatzis, Fiona Kalathas, Renee Giannaula, Sarah Paleologou, Hilary Stephen- son, Yue Huang, Alex Crameri, Sarah Knight, Cassie Zurek

Ms. Tayton Aerobics Coordinator
Principal’s Report

This year’s production, *Rhyme & Reason*, was a true celebration of the creative talents, hard work and dedication of our students and staff with the strong support of our extended community. What a celebration it was! There is no doubt it started with the vision of Director Alex Madden and came to life with the hearts, minds and voices of our student performers. Congratulations and thanks to all!

As we know, NHS is a dynamic place. So, just as the curtain closes on *Rhyme & Reason*, we move into a range of other activities for students, staff, parents and our wider community:

**VCE Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings and Information Sessions (Wed, 15 August)**

We are at a critical time of the year for our VCE students. In addition to the important 3 way meetings with students, parents and teachers, there will be two important information sessions for parents on VTAC (7:00 pm) and transition for Year 11 to Year 12 (6:30 pm).

**NHS STAV-ICT Conference and Curriculum Day (Friday, 24 August)**

Friday, 24 August, will be the seventh year that NHS has hosted the State-wide Science Teachers’ Association of Victoria ICT Conference. This is a highly respected conference and our teachers are actively involved in leading and participating in the science education discussion regarding using ICT as a tool for stimulating science learning. This year we will also be jointly hosting an end of conference event with the Deans of Science from Victoria’s universities (Melbourne, Monash, La Trobe, Swinburne, Victoria, RMIT Ballarat), In2science Peer Mentoring Program and the Tall Poppy Campaign. It is wonderful to have so many State science leaders here together at NHS.

While our science teachers are leading and participating in the science conference, we will also be holding a NHS Curriculum Day focusing on effective teaching strategies for VCE achievement and support strategies for students with learning disabilities/dyslexia in addition to continuing to develop curriculum for new VCE study designs and the new Victorian Essential Learning Standards.

**Week 7 – Cluster Sharing and GCC Opening**

Starting on 27 August, week 7, our Innovation & Excellence Cluster schools will be hosting teacher sharing sessions each day after school. Teachers of all year levels will be sharing their programs and strategies at Northcote PS, Alphington PS, Westgarth PS, Thornbury PS, Baltara, VSL and NHS. On Thursday of that week, 30 August, there will be a number of teacher presentations by our Leading Schools Fund Project Team at 3:45-4:45 with the Grand Opening of our Year 9 learning centre, the Global Citizenship Centre, at 5pm. Parents and community members are welcome to join our staff, students, School Council, cluster teachers, architects, Region and Department representatives for this official opening of the GCC.

**Global Cooling Week**

In addition, week 7 will be an environmental action week – “Global Cooling Week”. Our student leaders from the Cap-
Elephants and the Labyrinth

On Wednesday 25th July, 25 year 7 students visited the Melbourne Zoo in order to take part in the Labyrinth Project. Two guides presented the students with their mission. At first it was hard to make sense of it all but as the day progressed they pieced together all the clues and it became clear what the aim of the project was: to provide students with a better understanding of the environmental issues concerning the rainforests of South East Asia.

We also listened to a talk about the projects the Zoo was sponsoring in South East Asia as well as having a discussion about what we students could do in Melbourne to help preserve the rainforests.

Each group then designed and completed a poster promoting safety of the rainforests and its inhabitants. These posters would be displayed by the Zoo. As we watched the keepers wash the elephants 5 students were asked to step into the barn and feed and pat the elephants.

The first impression of its appearance was gentle and calm. The keeper gave the elephants instructions in Thai. We each feed the elephants an apple. It was amazing to watch its long trunk grab the apple out of our hands. We then stretched out our hands and patted the elephant on its trunk. We thought the skin would be smooth and leathery but instead it was tough, bristly and rough. It was exciting and we felt very lucky and privileged to have had such a rare experience.

Everyone learnt a lot from the Labyrinth Project and we had a great day.

Georgia Murphy 7E and Sofia Mahoney 7E

The Trap nominated for an ATOM award

The VCE Media class of 2006 received another accolade this month, when their hard work on the shlock horror movie “The Trap” was nominated for Best Secondary Short—Fiction in the prestigious ATOM awards.

“The Trap” relates the story of five teenagers who are rescued from a tragic plane crash in remote bush. Their rescuer, Norman a local farmer, cares for the survivors as they are cut-off from civilisation by floodwaters. A pair of hikers joins the group. When one of the hikers mysteriously disappears, the others become suspicious of Norman. Those remaining suddenly become the target of a vicious killer

Shot in 16:9 widescreen, “The Trap” was screened at Australian Centre for Moving Image (ACMI) on October 17th, 2006. Congratulations to Media teacher Peter Staubli and the cast and crew.

ITALY TRIP UPDATE- TAKE OFF SOON! INFO. NIGHT SEPTEMBER 6th, 7.30 pm

Final payments have been made and the group is now counting down the days before we take off!

Our final Information Night will be held on Thursday the 6th of September at 7.30pm. Representatives of
Mr. Price’s Term 4 Sports Bag

NOTHING COMES EASILY
The past two weeks has seen many of our teams playing off in Northern Zone Metropolitan Sporting finals. The standard of these finals is much higher than what our students are used to and a win against three other District winning teams is that much more difficult. Many times our teams lose at this level at their first campaign but often work over the next 2 or 3 years to win. This takes commitment and the setting of long term goals to keep improving. Teams who have just tasted this higher level include our Year 7 and 9/10 Boys Football (2nds), Year 7 Girls and Boys and 9/10 Girls Soccer (2nds and 3rds), Year 7 Boys and Year 7and 8 girls Badminton (2nd). We now start our 2008 campaign to improve and build on the experiences of 2007.

Some of our other teams have graduated to this higher level (many at their second or third attempt) with wins at the Zone level leading to their progression to the elite State play off level. Teams who have won through to the VSSSA State Sporting play offs (dates below) in the past few weeks have included:

Yr 7/8/9 Girls Football Thurs 30th Aug Mr. Price/ Ms. Williams
Yr 9/10 Boys Soccer Thurs 30th Aug Mr. Georgiadis
Yr 11/12 Girls Hockey Thurs 30th Aug Mr. Price
Yr 11/12 Girls Soccer Fri 31st Aug Mr. Georgiadis
Yr 8 Girls Soccer Tues 18th Sept Ms. Kelly
Yr 8 Boys Badminton Wed 19th Sept Mr. Price

YEAR 7 SPORT
Our Year 7 Football, Soccer and Badminton teams experienced great District success and all came close to winning at the Zone level. Their experiences and improvement set them up to keep improving, joining community teams and striving to go one better in 2008. Four of our Year 7 Boys (Mike Matters, Liam Havekin, Kyle Baxter and Sean Bolger) trained solidly to reach the State Cross country. In a field of over 100 they finished 20th, 40th, 60th and 80th. Mike Matters was only 1 minute behind the winner. All of these boys have had a taste of this sport and have the opportunity to set goals to do even better in 2008.

In the past few weeks we have continued our Year 7 Term 3 Sport induction. Some of our programs have included 35 Year 7 students participating in an Interschool Indoor Hockey competition, 40 Year 7 students participating in multiple lunchtime table tennis practise at school, 60 Year 7 students in Basketball and 40 in Squash learning game skills every Monday afternoon in Sport Education. This is the first step in their development and exposure to interschool match play later in Term 3.

The Year 7 students have shown amazing talent and maturity not only in Sport. Many of their performances in the recent school Aerobics competition and the school production Rhythm and Reason left me amazed at their ability and confidence

MS. YOUNG HEADS TO DARWIN
Our own Physical and Sport Education teacher Ms. Megan Young has headed to Darwin this week for the National Soccer Tournament as Victorian Girls Soccer Team manager. Ms. Young coached our Year 9 and 10 girls Soccer team and has many of our girls training with her and aspiring to make the State team in 2008.

Yr 11 Social—boat cruise, 19th October

Early in Term 2, an enthusiastic group of Year 11 students proposed a re-introduction of a Year 11 Social / Dance for 2007. Therefore, Northcote High School is organising a Year 11 Boat cruise prior to exams in Term 4.

The details are

Date: Friday 19th October, 2007 (Week 2, Term 4).
Guests: Northcote High School Year 11 students only.
Start Time: Students are to arrive at 6:00pm for a 6:30pm departure.
Finish Time: The cruise will conclude at 10:30pm.
Vessel: Rivers “MV Voyager”
Departure Point: Berth 9, Harbour Esplanade, Victoria Harbour, Melbourne Docklands (opposite Telstra Dome).

Cost:$75 per head (includes a 3 course meal, DJ and Security).

A $40 non-refundable deposit needs to be paid to the General Office by Friday 17th August, 2007 (end of Week 5). The remaining $35 is to be paid to the General Office by Friday 14th September, 2007 (end of Week 9).

Menu: Payment includes dips and bread on arrival, a 3 course dinner consisting of entrée, main and desert (menu to be determined), with soft drink and orange juice for the duration of the cruise. The cruise is alcohol and smoke free.

Entertainment: DJ and dance floor and award presentations.

If you have any questions please contact Michael James (Year 11 Coordinator) on 9488 2396.
Great Girls’ Soccer results

On a windy and chilly August day, two strong girls’ soccer teams arrived at Darebin International Sports Centre early to contest the Northern Zone Soccer finals. With six games in a row to coach, Ms Kelly soon lost her voice, luckily she had Ms Lester and Ms Howard on deck to organise the teams, apply first aid and cheer from the sidelines. The Year 8 girls (at right) won their three matches in convincing fashion; 3-0 (Thomastown SC), 2-1 (St Helena SC) and 2-0 (University HS). Their strong defence, attacking midfield and super strikers ensured they became the Northern Zone Champions for the second year in a row.

The Year 7 girls (photo Page 4) won their opening match 2-0 (Lalor SC) and narrowly lost their second 0-1 (Viewbank SC). They were given the opportunity to progress to the State finals, all they had to do was to secure a win over Melbourne Girls College in their final match. Things were looking great when we were 1-0 up, but MGC responded with two lucky goals (aided by the windy conditions) and the team finished runners up. Benny, Angelo and Angie helped the two teams and many parents (and grandparents) came down to support NHS (thanks for the coffee!). Both teams should be congratulated for their fair team play, brilliant soccer skills and enthusiastic attitude displayed throughout the day. State finals- here we come!

Goals: Megan Edwards, Caitlin Friend, Caitlin Mountford, Zoe McWinney and Georgia Murphy

Mr P. Kelly

World Challenge 2008

Current students in Year 9-11 are invited to participate in World Challenge which is “Education through Exploration”.

Students who participate in such an expedition will embark on an amazing journey of self-discovery. The life-skills learnt will aid personal growth through leadership training, money management, global and environmental awareness through hands-on experience in a different cultural setting.

Any student interested in participating in the program can contact Ms. Bennett or Mr. Do by Friday 31st August.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
TUESDAY 4TH September: Initial Meeting during NHS 23 of the students who have signed up. A letter will be sent home describing the program.
TUESDAY 11TH September: Parent Information Evening in Room 1: Northcote High School 6.30 pm – 8 pm.
TUESDAY 18TH September: World Challenge Launch Meeting: Detailed presentation of requirements during Period 2 & NHS23. If there are any queries please contact either Ms. Bennett by email at be@nhs.vic.edu.au or Mr. Do at nd@nhs.vic.edu.au

Australasian Schools Writing Competition

Students from Northcote High School demonstrated high level skills when they participated in the Australasian Schools Writing Competition. This competition is developed by Education Assessment Australia of the University of New South Wales and is conducted annually across Australia and 12 other countries. The 21 students who participated demonstrated outstanding achievement with all scoring above the Victorian average. Well done!

Ms Butera ACE program Coordinator

High Distinction
Sophie Cassar Yr 7
Daniel Sullivan Yr 8
Aviva Kidd Yr 11

Distinction
Jessica Luo Year 7
Mike Matters Year 7

Angela Zeng Year 7
Magdalena Krstevska Year 8

Credit
Peter Cui Year 8
Anthony Secoulidis Year 8
Laura Boehm Year 9
Marissa Butera Year 9
Varun Khatter Year 9
Yee Ting Shiu Year 9

Jessica Yule Year 9
Carma Da Silva Year 11

Participation
Jack Annett Year 8
Trevor Do Year 8
Chris Lioukas Year 8
Zoe Garkinis Year 8
Short school notices

PUSH YOUR BOUNDARIES - YOUNG ENDEAVOUR SAIL TRAINING VOYAGES

Once upon a time, young people (16 years and older) could sign their articles and go to sea on one of many sail training ships run by Australian & European shipping lines. Today, only the RAN run a sail training ship in South Pacific waters, the S.V Young Endeavour, and with it a chance to undergo this life-changing experience. See Mr Murphy for an application or www.youngendeavour.gov.au. These close Sept 30th.

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.

DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS: TUES. 12.30 - 4PM, FRID. 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.

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 them to the bag. If you want to be paid directly you MUST supply your bank account number and BSB. Please, no more youth trousers at this stage, we have plenty. We do require winter pullovers, rugby jumpers, skirts and jackets however.

Yr 9C City Centre Presentation

At Northcote High School
On Tuesday the 14th of August
From 6pm - 7pm
In the Global Citizenship Centre

Our class will reflect on our experiences during our week in the city of Melbourne

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