Huaiabei bids us farewell

Mid-August saw the annual visit by our Chinese sister school - Huaiabei Number One High School. Since the sister school agreement was signed in 1999, over 200 students and teachers have been exchanged for short term educational, cultural and language visits. Eight NHS teachers are about to visit Huaiabei in September, and our next student tour to China departs in late March 2008.

Thanks must go to our own Ms Lixia Wang, Mr Sandy McLeod, and all round Gold prospector, Bus driver and Entertainer Mr Peter Lewis, ably supported by Mr Craig Price.

The sister school relationship with Huaiabei succeeds largely because of the great kindness and outstanding parenting skills of our NHS host families. Special thanks this year to the Milton, Vanin, Jama, Davidson-Quee, Moncur, Powers, Shallard, Dowling, Faye, Deasey, Legge and Fairweather families.

~The Big Band Boogie!~

Wednesday august 22 saw Northcote HS celebrate The Big Band Boogie event. What an entertaining evening... with 4 guest schools (Williamstown HS, Prince’s Hill SC, Thornbury SC and De La Salle College) all joining us for the night. Performing from Northcote HS were the Senior Stage Band, the Junior Band and the Production Band. Ably led and conducted by Director of Music Mr Peter Lewis, Mr Sean Murray, Mr Simon Chiodo and Mr Martin Webster, the three bands performed a variety of pieces, including; Hello Hello, vocals by Jon Anderson, Summertime with vocals by Eleonora Bertsa (at right), and Respect with vocals by Sibon Curulli-Maillard.
The Great Politics Quiz!

All Power to Conor!
The third changing the world a lunchtime event saw Conor Flynn from 9C blitz his opposition in the Politics Superquiz. On the day, Mr Gilby and Noni Sproule were no match for Conor's knowledge of US and Australian politics and lightening speed on the buzzer.

Highlights of the quiz were Conor’s capacity to recall the electoral college votes of the 1984 US presidential election and his imitations of Bill Clinton, Richard Nixon and Gough Whitlam. Many in the audience have requested the opportunity to challenge Conor in the 2008 superquiz. None, however, were confident that they would win. Conor, all agreed, was 'just too good'.

Mr Delany
Humanities Coordinator

2007 Science Teachers Conference

ICT in a Green World was the title of the Science Teacher’s of Victoria (STAV) Annual Conference on Friday August 24th. Hosted again by Northcote High School (this is our 8th hosting), the conference attracted 200 teachers and scientists from around the state. Professor Neville Nicholls from Monash University gave this year’s keynote address (it was standing room only in our library—photo at right) entitled Climate Change; What we know, what we don’t know and what we can do.

Teachers from many schools provided workshops, including many of our own staff members.
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.


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

Reminder; NHS policy on assessment & reporting

Northcote High School has a Work Required Assessment policy. This means that:

- Each student must submit all set work to receive a “satisfactory” for each subject’s end of semester report.
- Each subject has determined a number of work requirements that cover the areas of study done in that subject.
- Even if only one piece of work for one work requirement is not submitted or completed, it may result in a ‘Not Satisfactory’ for the related work requirement and for the subject for the semester.

In addition particular pieces of work will be graded for level of achievement.

All students should have received a work program and list of due date from their teachers.

As a parent / guardian you can use the due dates to monitor the work your child should be doing.

Important dates for semester two 2007

Year 7, 8 & 9
End of semester / formal assessment period date - Friday November 30th.

All student work for the semester must be submitted by this date.

Year 10
End of semester / formal assessment period date – Monday November 12th.

All student work for the semester must be submitted by this date.

Exam revision and preparation - Tuesday November 13th to Friday 19th

Year 10 examination period from Monday 19th November to Friday 23rd

Mr Kevin Hoole

Neurofactor Competition

A crowd of excited contestants, judges and audience members assembled at lunchtime on Monday 20th August in the library. They were there to take part in, or witness the quiz show Neurofactor. To celebrate both Book Week and National Science Week three rounds of questions challenged students from years seven to eleven on their literary and scientific knowledge. A big thankyou to the science staff for the large part they played in making the event such a success.

Library staff
**1967 referendum celebration**

Year 10 and 11 History and Indigenous students took part in an excursion to Federation Square on Friday August 10th to attend the Landmark 1967 Referendum celebrations. The referendum effectively gave full citizenship to Indigenous Australians, and the function celebrated the achievements of the Indigenous community in the last 40 years. Students took part in traditional dances, role plays, live music, a delicious lunch and a mock ballot.

Among the students attending was Cienan Muir, who spoke insightfully a day earlier at the ‘Changing the World at Lunchtime’ lecture series and introduced a guest speaker on poverty in Indigenous communities. Thanks to Ms Buckle and Mr Gilby.

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**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.
- **Supervision:** Northcote High School Staff, plus Rivers Security.
- **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 dessert (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.

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   - Staples of both fruit and vegetables are always included.

B. ItemizedBox
   - This box is selected by you.
   - A $40.00 minimum applies.

**When do I receive my order?**

All deliveries are made on THURSDAYS.

Contact for further details:

Telephone: 0419 337 230. Email: craigpev@bigpond.com
Parents Victoria Online Conference 2007

Parents Victoria Online Conference 2007 10-16 September

PARENTS of primary and secondary students in government schools, in all locations, are warmly invited to take part in the first online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 9am Monday 10 September to midnight Sunday 16 September. There is no cost for participating in the conference and no special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part. Join in day or night, for all days or just some, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Visit the conference website and register online at: www.cybertext.net.au/pv/

* The discussion pages aren’t open yet but they will be when the conference opens at 9am on Monday 10 September. Please note down the exact website address, or save it as a ‘favourite’ so you can go there quickly next time.

The conference will feature seven ‘live’ daily online discussions, each of them hosted, for several hours each day, by a member of Parents Victoria. Each 24-hour period will focus on a topic that is currently of concern to parents.

Monday: Should school uniforms be compulsory?

Tuesday: Is discipline in your school effective?

Wednesday: Parent participation - is the day of the parent club over?

Thursday: Literacy and numeracy standards - are our schools up to scratch?

Friday: How do you rate the new reports?

Saturday: Is the local public school still the best option for your child?

Sunday: Are we paying too much for free education?

I look forward to meeting all of you online soon, to discuss these important issues. The more of you join in, the more successful this e-vent will be.

Best wishes,
Debra Brydon  Online Conference Manager

Email: brydon@cybertext.net.au
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](http://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.

ACE PROGRAM TESTING

Applications are invited for ACE Program places for Year 8 and 9 students in 2008. Students currently in Years 7 and 8 may apply for entry into the ACE Program.

ACE Program testing - testing will take place in Term 4. ACE Application Forms are available from the General Office - applications close on Friday 12th October.

Further information and enquiries can be made to Mrs Rosemary Butera or Ms Kate Morris.

APOLOGY– We missed LUCY!

Apologies to Lucy Foskey 7E who obtained a credit in the Australasian Writing Competition and was accidentally left off the list in our last edition.

URGENT REQUEST

Does anyone have any old, clean sheets and blankets they no longer need? The Orang-u-tans of Melbourne Zoo use these items as part of their play, comfort and to hide. If you would like to donate these items, you can drop them off at the general office at school.

*Mrs Butera*

STOP PRESS

Our own Aviva Kidd of Year 11 has won the highest mark in Victoria in the *Australasian Schools Writing Competition*. A medal at a special presentation follows shortly… Well done Aviva!!!

Community Mail Bag

LOST DOG

Jack Russel cross, freckles, male, old dog with sore eyes. Hi name is Andy. Escaped while owners were on holiday. His friend was found in Holmes Rd, East Brunswick. Have you seen him? Please phone 9484 1215. We miss him!

Organise It Now! For peace of mind

*French Polishing* (Over 25 Years experience) New /restoration furniture  
*Internal/external Handyman service* Painting, tap washers, window cleaning, general gardening, sprinkler systems, rubbish removal, lawn mowing, Gutter cleaning.  
*Specialising in Inside/outside *De-cluttering  
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NHS Global Cooling Week
August 27 - 31

Monday
Global Cooling LAUNCH
An Inconvenient Truth Screening
Lunchtime: Library

Tuesday
NHS Community Water Grant LAUNCH
(Assembly)
An Inconvenient Truth Screening
Lunchtime: Library

Wednesday
Ride - Walk
Public Transport 2 School
OUT of UNIFORM DAY
Wear: Green or Hippy Gear
Cost: Gold Coin
Pancake Breakfast
An Inconvenient Truth Screening
Lunchtime: Library

Thursday
OP SWAP
Bring your preloved gear to swap
3 for free—$1 for more
Lunch time: Hall
Note: Deliver OP SWAP gear to Room 12A DAILY before school.

Friday
Green Sounds
NHS Staff & Students rock our world
Lunchtime: C Block Veranda

And much more...
Northcote Highlights presents
Sustainable Homes Workshops

Sustainable Homes Workshop Rationale:

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. We’d love to help you create a more sustainable home……

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 on the registration form below (max 70 participants).

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All workshops will be held from 7 pm – 9 pm with registration with snacks served from 6.45 pm.

More information to follow on 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 workshops. 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 “Sustainability News” please indicate how you would like to receive it below:

[ ] Post  [ ] Email

FREE OFFER:
Workshop participants have the opportunity to apply for free Energy Saving Kits provided by the City of Darebin.

Registration Details
To register for the workshops please return this form to the NHS General office.
Alternatively you can call 9488 2300 or email: morris.kate.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Here are 4 energy efficient lightbulbs that have a story to tell.

This is not just another fundraiser, if it was, we would just send you donuts or chocolates to sell.
This fundraiser is about families working together to save the planet.

**Fact 1**
During the life of these energy efficient light bulbs, you will save over $300 on your electricity bills.*
If, as a school community, 200 families installed these bulbs, then over $62,000 would be saved.

**Fact 2**
These are the best energy efficient light bulbs we have found and come with an 18-month guarantee. Throughout their life, each pack of 4 bulbs will reduce carbon emissions by 3.28 tonnes,** which is the same weight as two Ford Falcons. Or, if used by 200 families, the energy efficient light bulbs will reduce carbon emissions by 656 tonnes.

**Fact 3**
If 200 families install these packs of energy efficient lightbulbs it will be equivalent to taking 164 cars off the road for a whole year!

Green Canary Eco-Logical Fundraisers* provide schools and organisations all over Australia an easy and healthy way to raise money and make a difference, by offering a range of eco-friendly products for fundraisers that focus on sustainable outcomes.

*Based on 1KWh of electricity costing 14c  
**Based on a lifespan of 8000 hours

CFL Fundraiser Payment Form – please fill in this slip and return it to the school with payment

Your Name ___________________________ Child’s Name ___________________________

Class ______________________________

I would like to purchase [ ] packs at $35 each and have enclosed cash or a cheque
(made payable to the school) for $ __________

Signed ____________________________ Date ________________________

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