Aviva wins award

On Friday the 14th September at a special awards ceremony at the Chinese Consulate, Aviva Kidd of Year 11 was announced as the winner of first prize in the Secondary Schools Essay division of the ‘China Through Australian Eyes’ competition. The competition, aimed at second language students of Chinese who have previously visited China, asked both secondary and university students to submit essays or photographs about their impressions of China.

Aviva has been awarded a month’s study scholarship at a Chinese university starting this December. At the ceremony, Aviva made a speech in both Chinese and English, talking about her love of Mandarin and how her experiences during the 2006 school trip to China have given her a greater appreciation of just how important the language is.

We wish Aviva the best of luck in her studies this December!

Ms E. Wang

Debating News

With one of our teams into the finals for the first time, Northcote High School hosted the Octofinals for the D.A.V. on Tuesday 4th of September. There were hundreds of people at the school to watch teams from all over the state compete. N.H.S. was successful and went on to the quarter finals where we were knocked out on a technicality!!! Congratulations go to Maddy Goss, Magdalen Krstevska, Shoshana Sniderman Wise and Fiona Kalathas for reaching the quarter finals and to all of the staff and students who have helped make this such a great year for debating. We hope to see you all on board next year

Mr Ramsay and Ms Wilson
On the 13th of September, eight Year Nine students from Ms. Fattore's Italian class participated in an excursion to the Vaccari Aged Care Centre in North Fitzroy. When we arrived at the centre we were greeted by the secretary who showed us up to the second floor where the residents were having their morning tea. The residents were told that we were there to interview them about their life stories and why they came to migrate to Australia. We were offered cordial and sponge cake and enjoyed morning tea with the residents.

Chloe Hatzis, Sarah Candusso, Sam Shumack and Francesco Iannello recited their Italian poems to the elderly group. The residents enjoyed the poems greatly and all had big smiles on the faces. We were then allocated our residents to interview. Some were very talkative with interesting lives to reminisce about. Many of the residents we interviewed came to Australia after World War 2 by ship for a better future and for a better life. Most of them were in their early teens when they migrated here. Could you imagine being sent on a ship with thousands of strangers, speaking no English, to a country you know nothing about?

We thought it was a great experience, to listen to these rich stories of their lives in Australia.

By Eamonn Scott, Alex McDiarmid, Sam Shumack, Francesco Iannello,

**Constitutional Convention**

On September 10th, Josie Smart and I and a number of students from Year 9 attended the State Constitutional Convention at state parliament discussing whether Victoria should have nuclear power. It was both enlightening and interesting and we had an opportunity to take part in a vote on the issue. We met Sir Gustav Nossal, Professor Emeritus (Pathology) from the University of Melbourne, who was one of the speakers as well as Martin Sevior, Associate Professor in Experimental Particle Physics at the University of Melbourne, who tried hard to convince us of the need for nuclear power. His main argument was that by 2050 Victoria’s need for baseload power will increase greatly yet at the same time carbon gas emissions need to be cut. The only way for this to be achieved, according to Martin Sevior, is to use nuclear power. The mood of the house, however, was decidedly anti-nuclear and the result of the vote was 66 against and 27 for. We had a great time and are applying to go to the National Convention which will be held in Canberra in March, 2008.

Shelley Burns-Williamson, Sir Gustav Nossal, Josie Smart
Short school notices

Art Week Comes to Northcote High School
2007 Art Week will start Wednesday 17th October with a Fashion Parade of garments made by NHS Design Technology students from Year 8 - 12 including Year 9 recycled T-shirts. On Thursday 18th October parents attending the Music Concert will preview the Art Exhibition held in the Hall and parents and staff are invited to the opening at 4.00 pm Friday afternoon. This year's VCE media films will also be showing at the exhibition. There will be a special exhibition viewing for NHS past students from 2.00 - 4.00 pm on Saturday.

Northcote High School Back To Afternoon
Saturday 20th October 2.00—4.00 pm NHS Global Citizenship Centre. Please RSVP to Lillian Gelevski on 94882300

Music Fundraiser
The Parents Music Committee is organising a wine fundraiser to assist the senior music tour to California in April 2008. Take advantage of this great opportunity to stock up on excellent wines at fantastic prices. Reds and whites to suit all tastes and budgets. Stock up for Christmas! Order forms are available from the Music Department or the Northcote High School website. Wines will be available for tasting at the Diversity in the Kitchen event organised by the Highlights on 20th October. Order forms can be handed in at the Office until Friday 9th November. Your wine will be available for collection from 23rd-25th November. Thank you for your support.

Public Speaking Update
In public speaking news, the Year 6 public speaking competition will be held again this year on Thursday October 25th in the hall. One boy and one girl will be chosen to represent each of the following schools; Alphington, Brunswick East, Fitzroy North, Merri Creek Newlands, Northcote and Westgarth Primary Schools. The judges will be debating students from our D Grade team that made the quarter finals this year.

Applications are now open for all Year Level Captain positions in 2008.
Information sessions for all interested students will be held during Weeks 1 & 2 where selection criteria, role descriptions and application forms will be distributed. All applications are due in by 3.30 pm on Friday October 19th. School captain elections will take place on Tuesday October 30 and all School, Deputy and Year Level Captains will be announced on Thursday November 1st. For more information please contact Ms Lenthall.

The Changing Face of Melbourne
Year 9 History students are currently undertaking fieldwork to gather images for their ‘Changing Face of Melbourne’ photo story project. The opportunity to ‘embody’ this theme was not missed by Sime Govic, 9F, photographed with current Lord Mayor John So. "John So, he's my Bro."

POSITION VACANT AT NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL CANTEEN
1 CASUAL ASSISTANT (15 HOURS PER WEEK)
PAY IS AT SSO AWARD WAGES
Written application is to be forwarded to the Assistant Principal Wayne Roberts by 27th October 2007
If you require any further information please ring 9488 2325
Since the inception of The Northcote Highlights many parents have joined us for some culinary adventures in the fabulously appointed Food Technology wing of the school. We have enjoyed delicious morsels from China, Somalia, Malta, Sri Lanka, Serbia, the Philippines, Vietnam and Eritrea to name a few. Be sure to book for our next mouthwatering event featuring food from France presented by parent Ms Sylvie Berthie with the assistance and commentary by Dur-e Dara from EQ Cafebar, Southbank (President of the Victorian Chapter of the Restaurant & Caterers Assoc.).

**Saturday October 20th**
**1.30pm – 4.00pm**
The Food Technology Centre

This is our second workshop for 2007. Book early as numbers are capped at 50.

**Tickets $15 per person - To book please return the slip below or call NHS office on 9488 2300**

**PAy AT THE DOOR ON ARRIVAL**

**LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER EVENTS ARRANGED BY HIGHLIGHTS!** Other exciting events include our Sustainable Homes Program see NHS Newsletter. These events are not fundraising events, so please feel free to join in or contact a member of the Highlights Committee if you have any other suggestions or would like to join the organising committee.

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Anne Thorogood 9481-7928
Kate Morris 9488-2300
Lynn Delahunty 9488-2343

Northcote Highlights – Diversity in the Kitchen – French Style

NAME: ________________________ CHILD’S NAME: ______________

NUMBER ATTENDING: ________

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

Email: ________________________ Contact Number: _____________

Please return to the NHS General Office
Join us for to learn more about Sustainable Gardening

Find out HOW at our Sustainable Gardening Workshop

Northcote Highlights are hosting a series of Sustainable Homes Workshops in partnership with the City of Darebin.

To register phone NHS ☎️ 9488 2300 or 9488 2328 or complete the form below or just come along!

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TIME: 7 pm – 9 pm
WHERE: Northcote High School Library

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 and we would also like to keep you informed of upcoming workshops, sustainability products and resources - please complete your details below and return to NHS General Office.

Name: ______________________________________________________
Home Phone Number: ______________________ Mobile: ____________
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Financed with the assistance of the Victorian Sustainability Fund ‘SUSTAINABILITY VICTORIA’
FORUM FOR REPARTNERED FAMILIES

THE GROWING FORM OF CONTEMPORARY FAMILY

Wednesday the 24th October 2007
7.00 – 8.30 pm
Northcote High School, St. Georges Road, Northcote
ALL WELCOME TO THIS FREE COMMUNITY FORUM

Facilitator: Daniela Zimmermann
Counselling, Education & Training Co-ordinator
Stepfamily Association of Victoria

Topics include:
• From separating/divorce to repartnering
• Who does the discipline in repartnered families?
• Repartnered families and adolescents - what makes this combination particularly challenging
• Same sex parents in repartnered families
• Coping with influences from the other biological parent and his or her extended family
• plus much more!

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LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED
Please RSVP by Wednesday 17th October for catering purposes