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Art Show Spectacular

Our second Art Show has received much praise for the standard of work displayed and this year coincided with the Senior Band Concert and the Design and Technology Fashion Parade.

Congratulations go to the following students:
Outstanding Achievement Awards were awarded to:
Ella Bendrups Year 12
Sunny Bhatt Year 11
Sarah Williams Year 10
Ben Malandra Year 9
Hilary Trang Year 8
Calvin Li Year 7
Encouragement Awards were awarded to:
Michael McMaster Year 12
Talia Reseigh Year 11
Hannah Marchesi Year 11
John Crombie Year 10
Alice Hanrahan Year 9
Johnny Pisani Year 8
Nicolette Dellaportas Year 7

During the Art Show over 200 people voted, and the People’s Choice Awards were awarded to:
1. Bronwyn Evans 11I for “Dressed to Eat”
2. Ben Walton-Healey 12F for “Hall Table”

Thanks to all the Art and Technology staff who contributed to the show’s success.

Susan Anderson Arts KLA Leader

Important Reminders
Friday November 9th VCE Unit 2 ends
Monday November 12th Year 11 Exams commence (to November 16th)
Monday November 12th Year 10 Semester 2 assessment ends
Monday November 19th Year 10 Exams commence (to November 23rd)
Friday November 30th Years 7, 8 & 9 Semester 2 assessment ends
Year Level Form Groups 2008

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Re: Year Level Form Groups 2008
Northcote High School is committed to ensuring all students achieve to their full potential - academic, social and emotional. In 2007 our Teachers and Year Level Coordinators have worked closely with you and your child, supporting their learning and assisting each student to reach their learning goals.

We believe it is important that our students are exposed to a range of learning and social experiences in a safe and supportive environment. Each year their learning journey exposes them to new experiences and situations, including some changes to their Form group.

Currently Year Level Coordinators are working with classroom teachers on the Form groups for 2008. We welcome your input in this process and it can be directed to your child’s Year Level Coordinator.

It is important that all requests be made by Friday 16th November 2007.

Every effort will be made to ensure students are placed in a Form group that supports their learning needs and the goals of Northcote High School. We will endeavour to meet requests with the above goals in mind.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me - Soula Bennett via email be@nhs.vic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,
Ms Soula Bennett
Head of Middle Years

‘Yr 9 Reach Program’ www.REACH.ORG.AU

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Friday 9th of November 2007, your son or daughter take part in a Reach Workshop as part of our Year 9 Program. This workshop has been designed especially for Year 9 Students. The workshop will be conducted by a crew of highly trained young leaders who will challenge students, promote self-esteem and confidence, and encourage positive peer dynamics in a space and environment students can relate to and feel comfortable. Students will be able to improve their self belief and gain new perspectives.

Date: Friday 9th November 2007
Departing school: 9.00 am by bus
Venue: Reach Dream Factory 152-156 Wellington St, Collingwood followed by a picnic lunch in the Fitzroy Gardens.
Dismissal: 2pm from Fitzroy Gardens

Students will need the following for the workshops:
- A met ticket to return home.
- Students to bring a picnic lunch and drink as organised in their specific form groups.
- $5 to cover cost (to be paid at the front office by Friday 2nd Nov)

We invite parents to check out the website as listed above for further information about the Reach organisation.

Thank you, Year 9 Co-ordinators.
2007 End of Year Activities Program

Northcote High has traditionally run an Activities Week program in the second last week of the school year after formal classes finish, and we’re doing so again in 2007. It’s a chance for students to celebrate friendships formed with each other - and their teachers! - across the year in a relaxed, fun atmosphere. This year the Program runs for four days from Thursday the 13th to Tuesday the 18th of December.

There are various active, social, and crafty activities to cater for a variety of interests, and many are free or involve a low cost. Students can be encouraged to save for the activity they want to take part in!

Forms and further details will be distributed to students this week and current information will also be placed on the school website. Students will be required to select activities from those available and return forms promptly with payment to ensure their preferences have the best chance of being realised. As you will appreciate several activities have limited space for students so it’s ‘first-in-first-to-go’.

Forms and payment are due by Friday 9th of November. There can be no refunds once this date passes, as final numbers will determine costing for transport and discounted entry fees to most activities. Teachers at NHS will be supervising the activities both in school and out of school and appropriate safety and excursion procedures will be followed.

If your child will not be attending Activities Week, you should inform their year level co-ordinator on 9488 2300. If you have any queries about the activities offered, please contact either Donal Uahwatanasakul or Damien Hoban on 9488 2300 2007 End of Year Activities Co-ordinators

Greek Students Connect With Primary Students

A group of year 8 enthusiastic students studying Greek, visited Alphington Grammar Primary school this week, part of our program linking with other community schools.

Our students undertook the task of writing, illustrating and editing their stories in Greek. They proudly presented their stories to a group of grade 2 students. Both groups enjoyed the experience and meeting each other. A fantastic effort by all our students!

Well done!

Ms. Stamboulakis

Change In Financial Assistance For Uniform

State Schools Relief have helped many of our families over the years with financial support for buying school uniform. Unfortunately, because of the huge demand on their services, they have informed us they are now only able to assist families who have arrived in the country as refugees.

The Student Support Office receives lots of requests for assistance for buying school uniform, particularly for the beginning of the school year and at the change of seasons. We regret that we will not be able to make further applications to State Schools Relief for many of our families.

We suggest that families check for second-hand uniform in our own Dobson’s Uniform shop. Some of it is in very good condition. Year 12 students, 2007, could think about selling their uniform back to Dobson’s if it is still in good condition.

The Student Support Office will be happy to receive donations of uniform in good condition to be able to assist students in an emergency, especially jumpers, jackets and trousers.

Deborah Pyke  Student Support Coordinator
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YOUNG TALL POPPY SCIENCE AWARDS

The Victorian Young Tall Poppy Science Awards recognise the achievements of young Victorian researchers from a wide mix of scientific and biomedical research areas.

Award recipients have an opportunity to demonstrate their value as role models by promoting and encouraging an interest in science within the education sector.

This year’s awards were presented on Thursday 27th September at the Bio21 Institute and Professor Ian Frazer was amongst the many distinguished guests, including the Nobel laureate Professor Peter Doherty.

Northcote High School was the only school to be invited to participate in this exciting presentation and was represented by the following Year 12 students; Laura Boehm, Zac Duthie, James Fulmizi, Emily Batterham, Basil Sidiropoulos and Jacob Erlandsen. We were able to meet and greet the various Tall Poppy recipients as well as the other distinguished guests, and were taken on a tour of the lab of previous recipient Dr Andrew Hill (Neurodegenerative disorders known as prion diseases, such as “Mad Cows” disease).

The Tall Poppy recipients were: Dr Ben Croker; Infection and the Heart (The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research), Associate Professor David Dunstan; Physical Activity and Public Health (International Diabetes Institute), Dr Kim Halpin; Virology (CSIRO), Dr Benjamin Kile; Haematology (The Walter & Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research), Dr Julie McMullen; Cardiovascular (Baker Heart Research Institute), Dr Sarah Meachem; Reproduction (Prince Henry’s Institute of Medical Research), Dr Paul Stoddart; Applied Optics, Nanotechnology (Swinburne University of Technology), Dr Stephen Turner; Immunology (The University of Melbourne), Dr Leslie Yee; Biomicrofluidics, Nanotechnology, Colloid & Interfacial Science (Monash University) & Dr Murat Yucel; Cognitive Neuroscience & Neuropsychiatry (ORYGEN Research Centre University of Melbourne).

We look forward to welcoming the new Tall Poppy recipients to Northcote High School in 2008 and continuing our valuable partnership with the Tall Poppy Campaign.

For more information about the program visit www.tallpoppies.net.au

Ms. Soula Bennett

Engineering Expo at Melbourne University

On Wednesday 24th October 45 year 10 advance science students attended an Electrical engineering Expo at Melbourne University. Students were given an insight into the kind of work electrical engineers would carry out and the variety of projects final year students worked on.

Students were allowed to interact with the students exhibitions and learn about the uses of these electrical advancements in the future. Exhibits included, Medical Bionics, which was linked with the Bionic Ear and spinal cord repair, A virtual Zoo which allowed you to hear animal noises through radio signals, Non-invasive brain computer interface where students participated in a game of ‘pong’ and played using face movements only.

Ms Gabriel
TERM 4 SPORTING NEWS

For school teams the zone finals in Basketball, Table tennis, Squash and Hockey have been much harder but all of our teams have been very competitive. Seven of our teams finished second in four team round robin days. This has given all of our students the chance to play at a higher level of competition. Many students will now take up the challenge by joining community teams and try and go one better in 2008. Our Year 9/10 Girls Basketball lost their final by 3 points and 2 of our Table tennis teams missed out on progressing to State by a matter of a few points.

All of our Squash teams finished second in their Zone matches. So close.

Both of our Year 7 and 8 teams in hockey were developmental in 2007 playing Indoor Hockey. In the students first field Hockey match, they beat Reservoir in the District final and then won 2 of their 3 Zone matches. As their coach this was a great introduction for these students – I now hope many will take up the sport on weekends.

Over the next few weeks we have other developmental District Sports which are Futsal (Indoor Soccer) and Indoor Cricket. With Futsal taking off we will for the first time ever in 2007 have a Northern Zone final day for Year 7 and 8 students. This will take place in December and is an exciting new development for all our soccer lovers.

Mr Price Sport Director

Photo: Combined Year 7 and 8 Girls Hockey team – a close 2nd Zone placing in their first year.

Dion Patten Graduates from Newstart

Dion Patten of Year 8 was an outstanding graduate from Operation Newstart at the end of Term 3. The Co-Ordinators of the Programme were very impressed with Dion’s leadership skills and personal development during that term.

Dion made a speech in front of a large audience, including his family, stating that the programme had helped him to reflect more clearly on both his life and school goals.

We congratulate Dion on the positive way he represented Northcote High School in the time he was at Operation Newstart.

Deborah Pyke  Student Support Services Co-Ordinator
Short school notices

MUSIC FUNDRAISER
The Parents Music Committee is organising a wine fundraiser to assist the senior music tour to California in April 2008. Don’t miss 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. Hurry to get your order forms to the Office by Friday 9th November!! Your wine will be available for collection from 23rd-25th November. Thank you for your support.

BUMPER CAR BOOT SALE, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 25TH 2007, 10AM TO 3 PM
Northcote High School is hosting a Bumper Car Boot Sale and everyone is invited to join in. You keep all your own profits - stall hire will assist our Senior Band on their upcoming tour of the West Coast of the USA.
If you would like to book a stall at our Car Boot Sale, please call Doris Pearse on 0439825509 or send information along with payment to Northcote High School, St Georges Road Northcote including your name, address and contact phone number. Stalls are available to the general community for just $30.

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.
In addition student are asked not to walk on the tramlines when heading either North or South away from the school. Tram drivers have expressed concern about students walking on the tram tracks away from the school. The school seeks the cooperation of all students and parents in discussing and being aware of road safety, awareness of trams and safe crossing of busy roads.

Community Mail Bag

Spring Into Compost
Until December 14 2007, residents can buy discounted compost bins ($25), worm farms ($50) and Tumbleweed rotating composters ($130). These prices included free delivery in Darebin. During the promotion, Council also runs free composting and worm farming and sustainable gardening workshops to help residents get their new system underway. Last year, a waste audit of household rubbish bins found that nearly half of all the items contained in the rubbish bin is food scraps and green waste. Most of these materials are perfect for composting and worm farming, which will dramatically reduce the amount of waste sent to land fill and make a fantastic product for your garden. To order your compost bin or worm farm simply download an order form from www.darebin.vic.gov.au/composting or phone Customer Service on 8470 8888.

Healthy & Sustainable Gardens
Together with other local Councils, Darebin is offering residents recycled and discounted Mulch ($30/cubic metre) and Compost ($40/cubic metre). Mulch is a great way to retain water in your garden and will be ideal for the upcoming summer months. You can contact the following suppliers to personally pick up your compost or mulch or arrange delivery. This offer is available until December 14 2007 also.

Evets Building and Garden Supplies 55 Victoria Road, Northcote; Tel 9482 5858
Green Planet Pty Ltd 480 Cooper Street, Epping; Tel 9408 4555
Coburg Sand and Soil 154 – 156 Gaffney Street, Coburg; Tel 9354 2299