Our golden girls at state finals

Congratulations to the new Victorian State Champion Girls Under 15 medley relay team. The girls are Eve Walton-Healey, Year 9, Lauren Gilder Year 9, Lily Potocnik - Year 10 and Alessi Burnham - Year 10.

Eight of our Year 12 boys, ably led by Vedran Sabic - Year 12, won the State Handball Championships at Oakleigh.

We must thank Ms Leanne Guinea - a professional Coach - and National Canoeing champion, for her support of our students at these events.

NHS in California

After a brief stopover in NZ and a long flight we arrived in L.A. Our first stop was at Santa Monica pier and then on to Venice Beach.

Venice Beach is the home of Bay Watch, Muscle Beach and whole host of performers and street artists. It was like being on a TV show!

The next day we spent at Universal Studios where we experienced the Jurassic Park ride, The Mummy experience as well as seeing the Movie set back-lot and movie making techniques. Lunch was Hamburgers at “Bubba Gumps” (from the Movie Forrest Gump)

The Concert Band & Stage Band performed at Disneyland on the next two days. It was exciting to be part of the entertainment line up at such a famous place.

Following our performances we spent time exploring the park and rides. One of the more popular rides was “Space Mountain”. This roller coaster ride was in the dark with star patterns projected onto the walls. It felt like you were in “Space Warp”. We stayed in the park until 9.30pm which gave us time to visit the many sections of the park.

Mr Peter Lewis, Music Director
**Principal’s “Australia 2020” Report**

“We do not have to change. We have to make sure everyone is in the conversation. The change comes out of the conversation.”

David Whyte, Welsh poet and Organisational Consultant

This past month, the door of ideas was further opened and the conversations followed.

**Australia 2020**

When Kevin Rudd invited all Australians to share their vision for Australia in 2020, conversations could be heard across the land… in neighbourhoods, classrooms, businesses, online, over the radio/TV and over the dinner table. At NHS, students worked together to develop one of thousands of submissions.

It was my great honour and pleasure to be nominated and selected as one of the 1000 Australians to participate in the Australia 2020 Summit in Canberra on 19/20 April. It was a significant moment for our country, for me personally and as I proudly represented the thoughts and ideas of NHS and our community.

If I was to describe what I felt among those in Canberra at the 2020 Summit, it would be the positive energy, the feeling of hope contained in their words and the commitment to action in their voices, the listening, the sharing, the learning and the creativity.

There was a valuing of and belief in the sharing of ideas and perspectives, working together as Australians and knowing that these ideas may be further developed in Canberra, but will also be carried home to our communities, our businesses, our schools, our lives.

**The Process and Productivity (and NHS)**

At the Summit, we met in 10 streams as groups of 100. Some of the streams were Strengthening of Communities, Creativity, National Health, the Australian Economy and my stream – Productivity (education, skills, training, science and innovation). Over the two days, we met as sub-streams of 25, streams of 100 and as a whole group of 1000. After the first day, stream co-chairs and support staff worked late into the night to look for the patterns of thought and ideas of NHS and our community.

Four key messages/commitments

For me, I heard four key messages/commitments that seemed to run through all of the streams and all the group discussions. I shared these with our students at our Whole School Assemblies last Tuesday.

**The importance of our Indigenous people and the clear commitment to ensuring that we work together to translate “Sorry” into actions that improve the lives of all Indigenous people and as such, the lives of us as a people.**

**The importance of Climate Change and the commitment to working together to address the current and future daily realities of Climate Change with an understanding of the real impact it has and will have on our generation, our children’s generation and their children’s generation.**

**The importance of Equity and Social Justice and the commitment to taking action and building a better future for ALL Australians with an understanding that WE need to provide specific support for those in need.**

**The importance of connecting in new ways and at all levels and the understanding of the increasing connectedness of the world and our need to create systems and learning that are linked and integrated. We cannot work in isolation and must intentionally work together in real interconnected ways. There needs to be a more integrated national approach to complex problems and we must develop new ways for government, businesses, schools and communities to partner and collaborate.**

An invitation to all of us

To me, Australia 2020 is an ongoing process and a true invitation to all of us to be involved in creating our future. The Summit was one of the many steps we will take. There is no one step, one idea, one summit, one solution, one governmental initiative, one business action that is “the answer”. It is the collective commitment to working together, sharing ideas, learning from and with each other, developing collaborative partnerships and solutions, adjusting and adapting our thinking and actions to reflect our ever changing world.

“We must ensure everyone is in the conversation”. The change and the actions leading to a more positive future “come out of the conversation.” At NHS, we strive to ensure our students are learning to be a part of that future.

Our students are learning to share their ideas, work together, be actively involved and interconnected. Through such initiatives as our university and community partnerships, our expanded student activities, our active learning programs, our support of student ideas and communication, NHS has embarked on the kind of learning and linking needed. Given our students will be young adults in the Year 2020, it is so very important that they learn and link in these ways; for they will be the ones who build the future we hope for.

Gail Davidson

Principal
Huaibei No1 High School’s 50th Anniversary

Our Chinese sister school, Huaibei No1 High School, celebrated its 50th anniversary last week, in an amazing display. Using the 8,000 seat local city stadium, students, parents, politicians, staff and former students were treated to two hours of speeches, dance and ceremony (below right). Ms Lixia Wang and Mr Murphy represented Northcote High School (below), speaking to the crowd and presenting a plaque to commemorate the event.

A large number of former Huaibei students attended the event and visited the school, which had set up a special museum style display to show off their history. Banquets and reunions of different year levels were organised throughout the two day event.

Visitors to our assembly

Dr. Alan Finkel, guest speaker at our assemblies, with members of the NHS STELR project.

Tom Alexiadis and Lorey Whellan from Nelson-Alexander Real Estate Agents with Ms Davidson and School Captains, presenting the school with their commission from sale of a nearby property, to help students in financial need.
School Assembly Awards

Year 7 Bursaries
$200 Fred Davis Award: James Webb 7D

Other $200.00 Awards -
- Johanna Sarakinis 7D
- Thomas McArthur 7C
- Natasha Bishop 7H
- Madison Hourigan 7C
- Christopher De Maria 7B
- Tahlee Kearns 7C
- James Webb 7D
- Phi-Long Nguyen 7B
- Lena Ling 7D

$100.00 Awards –
- Orien Pledger 7G
- Marcus Seney 7C
- Muktar Kaarahe 7C
- Selma Ali 7I
- Catherine Yen 7D
- Lance Rima 7B
- Lemone Karipidis 7G

$50.00 Awards – Romana Miric 7G

Lions Club of Northcote Award, Winners for 2008
Year 12 Kate-Jama 12I
Noni Sproule 12C
Cameron Shallard 12H

Northcote High School in debating - 2008
Year 12 Hannah Gilbert 12F
Megan Conney 12I
Kate-Jama 12I
Kathleen Larkin 12C
Cameron Shallard 12H
Noni Sproule 12C

Year 11 Miranda Hetherington 11H
Joanna Jellie 11D
Miki Novak 11F

Year 10 Adoni Antoniadis 10F
Lacy Benjamin 10A
Marisa Butera 10G
Sarah Candusso 10G
Kevin Cheung 10F
Jordan Cole 10D
Ellen Davies 10F
Alec Deasey 10G
Connor Flynn 10A
Mary Ioannidis 10A
Fiona Kalathas 10A
Varun Khatger 10G
Lsa Lam 10G
Roy Logue 10G
Phoebe Shiu 10G
Alan Tealby 10G

Year 9 Walter Batt 9D
Luke Dakis-Corcoran 9B
Maddy Goas 9E
Hamish Ramsay 9B
Aidan Sloggett 9F
Azra Susac 9A
Harriet Taheny-Macfarlane 9D
Jenna Walker 9E

Year 8
- Nikolas Dart 8D
- Martin Ditman 8E
- Lucy Dakis 8E
- Nikki Marakis 8E
- Megan McGowan 8E
- Carmen Wiseman 8E
- Alexi Ymer Welby 8E

Year 7 Himani Khatter 7E

YEAR 12

SRC Executive:
- Vice Treasurer - Jess Whitlock 12F
- Vice Secretary - Nadia Basioni 12C

YEAR 11

SRC Executive:
- Vice President - Miki Novak

YEAR 10

SRC Executive:
- President - Phoebe Shiu 10G
- Secretary - Matthew Kalambokis 10D
- Treasurer - Crystal Walker 10D

YEAR 9

SRC representatives:
- Helena Nicholls 9I

2007 Raelene Boyle Sporting Excellence Trophies:
Year 12 Thomas Mullumbie 12F
Sarah Adolph 12H
Year 11 Nathan Juneau 11B
Claire McDonagh 11G
Year 10 James McGee 10H
Georgia Hammond 10E
Year 9 Jaydyn Reid 9C
Lauren Gilder 9F
Year 8 Sean Bolger 8E
Jiji Payad 8G

School Sporting Colours
Year 12 Boys Cricket - Daniel Wakim 12B
Girls hockey - Sarah Adolph 12H
Boys Basketball- Sean Gilmartin 12
Year 11 Girls netball Alicija Marko-Rawlings 11H
Boys football - Zac Watkins 11G
Boys Cricket- Daniel Wakim 11B
Girls Tennis -Stephan Plumm 9F
Boys Badminton- Baris Kilic 9A
Year 10 Girls squash -Tennile Thomas 10B
Year 9 Swimming - Eve Walton-Healey 9D
Boys Tennis -Stephan Plumm 9F
Boys Badminton- Baris Kilic 9A
Year 8 Girls Table tennis - Angela Zeng 8D
Boys basketball- Gerard Gilder 8B
Athletics - Zoe McWhinney 8D
Girls softball—Sarah Ma-Lang 8E
Boys cross country - Mike Matters
Boys Volleyball- Jordan McDonald

State Swimming Awards - 2008
Year 12 Lewin Eddy 12G

Year 11
- Nicholas Rickard 11G
- Alexi Ymer Welby 8E

Tara Amsterdam Bagdas 11E

YEAR 10

Lily Potoczuk 10G
Ane Panoska 10I

YEAR 9

Eve Walton – Healey 9D
Lauren Gilder 9F

YEAR 7

John Kyrkiaou 7A
Brendan McDonald 7E
Dean Stavrakakis 7I
Brian Truong 7E

State Handball Awards – 2008
Year 12 Jonas Meyn 12J
Vittorio Panarelo 12B
Mitchell Papas 12B
Chris Polideras 12A
Alex Ricco 12G
Vedran Sahic 12G
Reuben Sago 12G
Daniel White 12E

Senior Sports Captains Awards
- Alicia Marko Rawlings 11H
- Lacy Meaney 11G
- Nathan Juneau 11B
- Nicolas Becerra Isaza 11J

Junior Sport Captains Awards- 2008
- Alison Stewart 9F
- Gabrielle Anagnostakis 9B
- Rachel Schoff 9D
- George Drakopoulos 9B

Students who represented Northcote High School at The 57/80 Battalion Association Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Remembrance on 27th April 2008
- Mitchell Jones 10G
- Zachariah Duncan-Lee 10A

Presentation of BOHO Peer Helpers - 2008
- Emilia Bera 10H
- Laura Pearson 10F
- Adrian Cogdonotto 10G
- Alex Deasey 10G
- Tessa Vanderzee 10B
- Alex Brown 10F
- Marissa Butera 10G
- Kristy Murphy 10F
- Sarah Kalathas 10A
- Ben Malandra 10H
- Adoni Antoniadis 10F
- Ai-Thi Ngo 10A
- Bianca Le 10A
- Chloe O’Brien 10A
- Donna Staples 10A
- Matthew Kalambokis 10D
- Alice Hanrahan 10E

Presentation of the Cook-Off Competition - 2008
- Molly Caddy 11A
- Zoe Thallas 11C
- Angela Tsatalis 11D
- Shadya Salloum 11A

The Duke of Edinburgh’s Award
- Lucy Benjamin 10A
- Yee Ting Shiu 10A
With the 57/60 Battalion at the Shrine

At the year 10 assembly on Tuesday April 22 we had the privilege of a visit from some of the members of the 57/60th battalion, including the Secretary Mr Max Smith and NHS old boy Ron Sainsbury, who spoke about the war and shared some moving stories. They also presented an honour board which will be displayed in our school. These men fought in War two and many of them are from the northern suburbs and even attended Northcote High.

On Sunday April 27, year 10 students Mitchell Jones and Zac Duncan-Lee along with teachers Ms Buckle & Dr Fraser the 62nd pilgrimage of the 57th/60th Infantry Battalion to the Shrine of Rememberance. Arriving at the shrine we were met by some of the battalion members and their families from near and far. Inside the shrine we sang several hymns and the battalion song, and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. We then proceeded to the battalion tree and laid another wreath in the afternoon sunlight before reciting the Ode to the Fallen. The event was concluded with the Last Post. Seeing the emotion in the Battallion members’ faces brought about the true meaning of the service – remembering those that gave so much.

Dr. L Fraser

Term 2 Sports Bag

Term 2 continues with some great State Swimming and Senior boys Handball wins. Other highlights included Batman winning at the House School Athletic Carnival and our Senior Boys defeating Mill Park SC and Reservoir DSC in the District Football finals.

After a great day at the School Athletic carnival, 85 students were selected to represent the school at the Section Athletics on 6th May. Our students performed exceptionally well winning around one third of these events. It was a great team effort with students from Year 7 through to Year 12 combining in relays and coaching each other in a great range of field and track events. Many of our star athletes revelled in coaching and helping many of their classmates in their events. Zoe McWhinney of Year 8 competed in 5 events for 5 straight wins, plus relay. Most of our team won through to the Zone Athletics at Meadowglen on Friday 16th May.

On Wednesday 14th May our Senior Netballers and Soccer players compete in the District Day. Many of these students in Year 12 will play off for the last time in a District competition. Six years of school competition comes to an end and should be celebrated by all involved. Good luck and Northcote High thanks the contribution of all of these students.

Special mention must be made of one of our star swimmers Lewin Eddy, who made the painful decision to not compete in 400 Freestyle at State finals, but to do a Yr 12 Chemistry SAC instead. Sometimes those awful choices face us in life and we have to make a decision. (Lewin went on to win silver in 200 Freestyle and Bronze in the 100 freestyle, and will undoubtedly have his revenge one day!)

Mr Price (Da Chen)

Below: Zoe McWhinney 5 wins on Athletics day
Yr 10 Geography field trip to CBD

On Thursday the 1st of May, NHS Year 10 students studying Geography boarded Tram 112 and headed into Melbourne’s CBD for the day. The Year 10’s are studying Urban Geography and spent the day looking at Melbourne’s Collins Street and Bourke Street precincts. During the fieldtrip, students participated in activities such as pedestrian counting, field sketching, and comparative analysis of past versus present. They were also given a tour by local community group ‘Urban Seed,’ which included a visit to the backstreets of the ‘Paris’ end of Collins Street. Despite the non-stop rain and cold conditions, the fieldtrip ran without a hitch and the students are now following up their trip by reporting on their findings from the day. Well done Year 10’s!

Year 10 Drug and Alcohol Education Program

During 2008 the Student Support team at Northcote High School successfully applied for funding to develop a drug and alcohol education program in collaboration with Moreland Hall – a community drug and alcohol service.

The aims of this partnership project are to:

- Improve student awareness of strategies for staying safe if they are exposed to drugs and alcohol; Improve teacher skills and confidence in educating students about drugs and alcohol and related safety issues; Increase parent understanding of teen drug and alcohol use and confidence in communicating with their teens about safety strategies; Provide counselling support to students / families expressing concerns about drug and alcohol use.

Student workshops

During Term 3, all Yr 10 students will participate in a series of classroom workshops and activities through their timetabled Personal Development classes.

The workshops will provide education about drugs and alcohol and the risks associated with their use. Students will be involved in creating ideas for making clear and positive decisions about the use of drugs and alcohol. They will also develop strategies for use in situations that might be at risk of getting out of control.

Counselling and Support

During Term 3 and 4 staff from Moreland Hall will be available for students or families who want to talk confidentially about concerns related to alcohol or drug use.

Students can arrange to meet with the Moreland Hall staff by approaching them directly after workshops, or by arranging an appointment with Student Support staff.

Parents can arrange an appointment by phoning the Student Support office on 9488 2321.

Parent Forum May 22

As part of the project, Moreland Hall will be facilitating an evening forum for parents interested in learning more about what will be delivered in the student workshops, or with any concerns about drug and alcohol use for their children and families. While it will be open to all parents of the school, we particularly encourage parents with children in Yr 10 to attend the Forum.

The forum will be held in the Northcote High School Library on Thursday May 22nd 7.00 – 8.30

Parents are invited to contribute ideas to the Forum agenda by contacting Krissy Bergin (School Nurse) or Rob Mason (Social Worker) on 9488 2321.

To assist planning for catering and interpreters, please RSVP by Thursday May 15th by calling the Student Support team on 9488 2321.
Voices from Bangladesh Speaking Tour

The people and ecosystems of Bangladesh face many of the most devastating consequences of climate change and sea level rise - at the same time as international financial institutions such as the Asian Development Bank continue to finance projects such as the Phulbari Coal project that directly contribute to climate change and threaten the environmental health human rights of developing communities.

This national speaking tour aims to raise awareness of the unequal impacts of climate change and to voice the urgent need for Australia to support development projects that are socially and environmentally just, rather than destructive.

Speakers:
Prof Anu Muhammad is a Professor in the Department of Economics at Jahangirnagar University in Dhaka and has been integral in leading the civil society campaign against the Phulbari mine. And local Phulbari residents

International development projects financed through institutions like the ADB can, and have played a significant role in exacerbating climate change and locking Majority World countries into unsustainable, fossil-fuel intensive paths of development. Urgent action is required to direct development efforts away from projects such as the Phulbari Coal project that have potentially devastating social and environmental impacts, and offer no real benefit to affected communities.

The tour will visit Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Canberra, Katoomba and the Hunter Valley.

The tour is hosted by AidWatch, and supported by Friends of the Earth, Oxfam Australia and Amnesty International Australia.

*MELBOURNE EVENT:* Public meeting: Friday May 23, 6.30 - 8.30pm Northcote High School.

For full details on the tour, including events in other cities, please see http://www.foe.org.au/climate-justice/media/news-items/front-page-news-feed-1/voices-from-bangladesh-speaking-tour

Mr S. Murray

ABCD Parenting adolescents Program

This term, Parentzone Northern is running a parenting group titled *ABCD Parenting Adolescents* at Preston. A flyer for this group is at left. To enrol for this group, you need to complete and return a registration form, available by ringing 8470 9999. If you would like to participate in this group it is recommended that you register as soon as possible as places are limited. Groups run subject to sufficient enrolments.

For a comprehensive listing of groups and other parenting information, our newsletter is online at: www.anglicarevic.org.au/parentzone then select Northern Region.

For Parentzone groups at Preston, you will be sent a letter confirming your registration within the week or two prior to its commencement date. Please note that it is a requirement that you attend all scheduled sessions of a parenting group.

If unsuccessful in gaining a place in our groups, your name will be kept on a waiting list for the next available similar group.
Julian Buzzanca has been selected to represent Melbourne in an upcoming competition, an opportunity to further advance his career as a professional soccer player. The competition is organized by Fox 8 and will be televised on TV from July.

This program is equivalent to eg Australian Idol/Next Top Model and is titled FOOTBALL SUPERSTAR. Julian will be absent from school from Friday 16 May 2008 to Monday 19 May 2008 to participate in this competition. A total of 10 players from each state will be competing (50 Players) and 15 will be selected to train for the month of June 2008 in Sydney With Sydney FC—a league Professional Football Club. The winner will be awarded with a 12 month professional contract, a 12 month sport academy program and a $30,000 University scholarship.

Julian is very excited at this opportunity and is looking forward to competing.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HOMESTAYS NEEDED—2008
Ever considered offering a home to an overseas student studying at Northcote? This can be a rewarding and mutually enjoyable undertaking. Lifetime friendships are created! If you are interested, or think you might be interested, contact Alexandra in our Overseas Student Office on 9488 2334. (Host families receive about $210 per week to host and board an overseas student)

SHORT TERM HOMESTAYS FOR 1 WEEK IN SEPTEMBER—SISTER SCHOOL VISIT
Are you interested in hosting a students from our sister school Huaibei One High School for one week late in Term Three, 2008? Their tours occur every year and the homestay experience is a highlight of the trip here. Many NHS families have done this and long term relationships have been made. Contact Mr Murphy for more information or if you are interested. (As Huaibei No 1 High School is a sister School, homestay payments do not apply)

VCE PHOTO ERRORS 2008
Please forward any concerns regarding VCE photos to Ms. Bennett in writing as soon as possible. Every effort will be made to communicate these problems to Aussie School Photos, so that these production room errors can be addressed.

NEW ABORIGINAL SUPPORT WORKER
The Student Wellbeing Team welcomes to our Office our latest team member, Karen Stott, The Aboriginal Education Support Worker. Karen is with us full-time until the end of the year. Her role is to provide educational support for the indigenous students in our school and to work with the Community, families, students and the school to improve educational outcomes for these students. Karen will be personally contacting families and inviting them to participate more in the life of the school. The SWC team would like to invite all NHS parents to come and meet the Team in Room 11 at any time.

The Northcote Highlights present...

DIVERSITY IN THE KITCHEN
GREAT VEGETARIAN COOKING EXPLORED & DESCRIBED
BY DURE DURA, PRESIDENT VICTORIAN RESTAURANTEURS ASSN
Isn’t vegetarian food stodgy and boring or just rabbit food? How do you make tofu tasty? What is tempeh and what do you do with it? I hate lentils, do you have to eat them? How can you stay healthy on a vegetarian diet? How can I make sure my growing active kids get enough protein now they’ve decided they want to go vegetarian? What if my kids want to go vego but don’t like vegetables? Doesn’t vegetarian cooking take ages? I need quick meals for hungry kids …

Date: SATURDAY 31 May 1.30pm. At School
Cost $15.00
Contacts: Mary Crooks and Anne Thorogood or Kate Morris 9488 2328
Pay and book at office