School Diary

June 11: Some Unit 3 Exams
June 12: Some Unit 3 Exams
June 13: Report Writing day.
No school for students
GAT for all Unit 3 students
June 14: (SAT) Diversity in the kitchen 1:30 pm
June 19: Semester One Music Concert
Preston Town Hall, 7:00 pm
June 20: Yr 8 District Sport
June 23-27: Yr 10 Work Experience
June 24: Yr 7 District Sport
June 27: Last day Term 2

TERM 3
July 14: First Day of Term 3
July 22: Yr 10 to 11, VCE Information Night
July 29: Yr 9 to 10 Information Night
July 31: Australian Maths Comp
Aug 1: Play for Yr 9s
Aug 4-9: School Production Week
Aug 8, Districts Sport—Indoor Hockey
Huaibei HS Visit (TBC)
Aug 11: Snow camp (to Aug 15)
Aug 13: P 5&6 Yr 11-12 Parent Teacher Meetings 3-8 pm, inc. Yr 11-12 Parent Info. Sessions
Aug 13: Yr 11-12 Parent Teacher
Meetings 3-8 pm, inc. Yr 11-12
Parent Info. Sessions
Aug 18: Yr10-11 Course Counseling Day
Aug 22: Yr 9-10 Course Counseling Day

Our new landscape unveiled

After eight weeks of waiting, our newly landscaped entrance on St. George’s Rd has opened with a major remodel and refurbishment.

The area bounded by the Gym, the canteen and the International Students centre was refurbished under an initiative partially funded by the Federal Government’s Investing in Schools project and includes an amphitheatre, seating and shade structure near the gym.

Mr Price writes “The new amphitheatre will be a great meeting place for sport teams and excursion/camp groups going out of the school. It will also be a new outdoor teaching area. The new covered roof is a creative oval design with natural uprights. This should shelter our students before entering the gymnasium and during recess and

More emerging sports stars...

It is great to have so many students at Northcote High School who have pursued their favourite sport and are participating at an elite level out of school. These students are great examples to other students at our school and often encourage others to take their sport to the next or highest level. This week I interviewed three of our Sport Stars. They are Caitlin Friend (Soccer) of Year 9, Anthony Secouldis (Gymnastics) of Year 9 and Julian Buzzanca (Soccer) of Year 12.

Caitlin has been playing soccer since she can remember. One of her has favourite pastimes has been taking on Boys teams. She plays in a girls team which is entered and plays in the Super Boys League. This year they have only lost 1 of their 6 games. Last year at the Zone Futsal Championships Caitlin led our Year 8 girls to a finals win. They then challenged the Year 8 boys champions and beat them as well.

Caitlin trains at the National Training Centre and is likely to play for Victoria in the under 15 Australian Championships in Sydney in August this year. Her future ambitions are to
Our emerging sports stars continued...

train with the Vic. Visions for girls over 16. She is also looking forward to the 2010 World Soccer Cup.

Julian is another Soccer star who plays as a winger/striker in the senior team with the Bulleen Royals. He has recently been spotted by Foxtel who invited him to take part in a reality television Soccer show (move over Big Brother). Filmed in Melbourne and Sydney Foxtel followed a group of elite soccer stars through their training, matches and everyday life. We will see Julian on Foxtel in about 3 weeks. The show is called Football superstar. Julian also has a brother at Northcote High called Robert in Year 8. Robert is ranked in the best 20 Victorian in his age group and was the Number 1 keeper in 2007. Robert is working towards playing for Victoria in 2008 in the National Championships at Coffs Harbour.

Our third student Anthony Secoulidis is a Level 2 Grade 7 Gymnast who is competing against men at the Victorian Championships this weekend. Anthony competes in Rings, Pomells, Floor, Vault, Parallel and High bars. Anthony started and trains for Gymnastics at PIT in Mill Park. Keeping it in the family Anthony also has a brother Year 8 level captain Ronnie who also excels in Gymnastics. Both of them will be heading to the National Gymnastics Championships in Queensland in the upcoming holidays.

Da Chen

August visit by our Chinese sister school

Huaibei Number One High School visit.

HOMESTAYS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our dear friends at our Chinese sister school have advised us of their planned visit in August.

18 students (12 boys and 6 girls) and 5 teachers from Huaibei Number One High School will visit us for one week in August, for a 1 week experience. During the school day, the school arranges buddies to host them for activities and excursion events. However, we are keen to have more local families and students volunteer to help host a student at their home for the six nights.

This is a marvelous experience for Northcote students, so if you’ve thought about it but never done it, now’s the time to put up your hand! Contact Mr. Murphy if you are interested!

THE ITINERARY MAY BE SOMETHING LIKE THIS:

Friday

The party arrives is met at school, where they are introduced to homestays and school “buddies” students. Huaibei students go home with their homestay host (and their luggage)

Saturday

The visiting teachers are entertained by the school. Huaibei students spend this day with their homestay hosts.

Sunday

Northcote takes all Huaibei students to Sovereign Hill for the day. The students need to be delivered to NHS at about 9.00 am and collected by homestay hosts at about 4.15 pm

Monday- Wednesday

Huaibei students and teachers have organized days at NHS. The homestay host student brings them to school and says goodbye to them (with packed lunch) at 9.00 am at Room 20, where the Huaibei students and staff start a day’s activities. They are collected each day at 3.15 and taken home by the homestay host student.

Thursday

Last day. The homestay host family need to deliver the Huaibei student and luggage back to NHS quite early, am. Sad farewells!

If you would like to register as a homestay host family, please contact Mr Murphy at school!
VCE Boys Football

District Competition,
Game 1 vs Northland Secondary College

With a strong team strategy the boys dominated the game from the opening bounce. Playing direct and aggressive football left Northland with no answers. Northcote never let them even get a sniff. Not a weak player on the side.


Game 1 vs Mill Park Secondary College

A long history of defeat against Mill Park was the spark that was needed to come out hard in the final group stage game. Northcote ran away with the game from the start and did very well to keep them to only 5 goals.

Score – Northcote 9.8.62 def Mill Park 5.6.36


FINAL

Game 1 vs Reservoir District Secondary College

The odds were stacked against the boys as they ran out to play Reservoir. With a huge amount of support and a massive supply of quality players it was imposing to play them. But to the credit of Northcote they played with teamwork and spirit. The backline was amazing and the boys in the centre dominated play to beat the over confident and talent stacked Reservoir. The boys were a credit to the school and hopefully can go further in the Northern Zone Finals.

Score – Northcote 6.6.36 def Reservoir 3.5.23

Goal Kickers - Mitchell McWhinney 2, Dimitri Kynigopoulos 1 Nathan Jumeau 1, Jack Dalton 1, Sam Baker 1 Best: Chris Polidoris, Jack Simcoe, Zac Watkins, Alex Ricco, Julian Turner,

Thanks to Dane Tunnicliffe for doing the goal umpiring. Jessie Andrew-Rieper and Kate Dymond for running water. Also to the inspiring Mr Manosopoulos for helping out.

Mr Martin

DIVERSITY IN THE KITCHEN is back for 2008 (please note new date- Saturday 14th June )

GREAT VEGETARIAN COOKING EXPLORED & DESCRIBED BY Dure Dura - President Victorian Restaurant and Caterers Association

Isn’t vegetarian food stodgy and boring or just rabbit food? How do you make tofu tasty? 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? I need quick meals for hungry kids …

Date: SATURDAY 14 JUNE 1.30pm. At School…..

Cost $15.00

Contacts: Kate Morris 9488 2328 or km@nhs.vic.edu.au

Please Pay and book at the General Office – cash or credit card

NAME: _______________ CHILD’S NAME: _______________
EMAIL: __________________ CONTACT NO: ______________
NUMBER ATTENDING: ________

Payment Amount Enclosed: ______________

☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ VISA ☐ Mastercard

Name on Card: ______________ Expiry Date: __________
End of Semester reporting

**Semester 1 Report Collection** – reports can be collected by parents, or students with a parent note, from the school on Friday 27th June between 9am and 2.30pm.

**Forthcoming Parent Teacher Meetings**—Two separate meetings will be again offered this coming Term 3.
- **Wed Aug 13**—Yr 11 and Yr 12 PTM 3-8 pm.
  - Classes end at 12.40 pm
- **Wed Sept 10**—Yrs 7-10 PTM, 10 am—8 pm
  - No classes for students on this day
In the meantime, feel welcome to contact your child’s Year Level Coordinators should you have any queries or concerns.

Forthcoming sports days

**Sporting days coming up**

The next 10 weeks will see all of our District and Zone sporting days in Football, Soccer, Badminton and Netball. These sports attract our largest term participation and are well anticipated. Training and planning is extensive and our students will be ready.

**Dates are as follows**

- Thurs 12th June – District Day - Year 9 and 10
- Fri 20th June – District day - Year 8
- Tues 24th June – District Day - Year 7
- Tues 24th June – Zone Senior Boys Football Semi-final
- Wed 25th June – Zone Senior Boys Netball and Senior Girls and Boys Soccer
- Thurs 26th June- Zone Intermediate Boys Football Semi-final

Zone finals in all these sports at Years 7,8 and 9/10 are held in the first 5 weeks of Term 3 2008

A Talk on Tax File Numbers

On Thursday June 5, Mr Phil DiPierro ot the Australian Taxation Office addressed four Year 9 Commerce classes in the breakout space of the Global Citizenship Centre. After giving an overview of the taxation system, Mr DiPierro outlined the importance of obtaining a tax file number (TFN) when a student seeks employment. He also explained how to apply for a TFN. Students who have their parents’ permission may apply for their TFN through the school; class time will be devoted to filling out the appropriate forms.

*Dr Fraser*

News from the Student Support Office

On Wednesday 4th June, Cecily Napanangka Granites, grandmother to 2 of our Year 9 students, Nikkita and Shimera Sampson, came to the GCC and introduced us to her language, Walpiri, the language of the Aboriginal people North West of Alice Springs. Cecily has been studying education at VUT. She also presented the school with the gift of 2 beautiful paintings, done by the girls as a thank you to the school. Nikkita and Shimera will return to Worawa Aboriginal College in Healesville for Semester 2. It has been a unique opportunity for the whole school community to learn more about the community of Yuendumu, where the family live and about their language and culture.

The Student Support team would like to meet any students who would be interested in co-ordinating a collection of appropriate food items to be distributed over the winter months to families in our community. If we can harness the interest we will be asking the school community to think over the holidays about how they may be able to contribute.

*Deborah Pyke, on behalf of the Student Support team.*
Projected NHS Overseas Trips 2009-2010

All NHS international tours are subject to approval by school Council and DEECD. Costs are accurate at the time of publication, but may not include unforeseen increases in fuel surcharge levies and land content costs. Parents may also express interest in some circumstances.

**Trips in preliminary planning stages**

**CHINA CULTURAL TOUR, SEPT 2009 – 14 days**
Visits to Shanghai, Huaiabei (our sister school) Xian, Beijing. Includes 4 days homestay and school in Huaiabei. (Note – there will possibly be a Music tour to China in 2010, therefore the next trip after this, open to non-music students, will be in 2011)

**Dates:** Sept 2009 (Term Three holidays) TBC

**Cost:** $4000 appx – all inclusive

**Age limit:** Yr levels 9-12

**Student numbers:** 15

**Payment details:** TBA-stage payment system

**Further details:** Mr Murphy

**NEW CAL FRENCH LANGUAGE TOUR—10 days SEPTEMBER 2009**
New Caledonia. Details TBC

**Dates:** September 2009 (Term One holidays) TBC

**Cost:** $5200 appx– All fares, all accommodation and some meals

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE TOUR —14 days SEPTEMBER 2009**
Visit to Bari (our sister school), Rome and several other cities. Includes 4 days homestay and language school experience in Florence.

**Dates:** September 2009 (inc. Term 3 holidays)

**Cost:** $6000 TBC – All fares, all accommodation and some meals.

**Age limit:** Yr levels 9-12

**Student numbers:** 15

**Further details:** Mr Murphy

**Payment details:** TBA staged payment system

Watch closely for further details of these trips. Information flyers will be available and evening talks will be held during Term 3, 2008

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**VCE 2009 INFORMATION EVENING**

**Tuesday July 22nd**

For current Year 10 Students & Parents

Parents are reminded that the VCE Information Evening will be held on Tuesday July 22nd, in the school hall at 7.30 pm for all current Year 10 students and their parents. There will be a display of VCE subject material and VCE staff on hand to answer any queries in the School Library from 6.30 pm on.

Letters will be sent home with students in week 2 of Term 3. Please complete the reply slip and return it to Year 10 Coordinators Office.

The general structure of the Victorian Certificate of Education, the course selection process, career advice and pathway options will be outlined at the evening. Students will receive their Course Selection Information packs.

It is a very important date on the school calendar for our Year 10 students and we look forward to seeing all our students and their parents at the evening.

Jocelyn Hill, Head of Senior School, Brad Martin & Leah Downey, Year 10 Coordinators.

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**Yr 10 2009 INFORMATION EVENING**

**Tuesday July 29th**

For current Yr 9 Students and Parents

Parents are reminded that the Year 10 Information Evening will be held on Tuesday July 29th, in the school hall at 7.30 pm for all current Year 9 students and their parents.

Faculty Coordinators and subject teachers will be available to answer any questions regarding the Year 10 Curriculum. This will be held in the School Library from 6.30 pm – 7.15pm, with the information session at 7.30 pm.

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Jocelyn Hill, Head of Senior School, Soula Bennett Head of Middle Years and Year 9 Coordinators; Martin Ramsay and Damien Hoban.
Short School Notices

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 $220-$250 per week to host and board an overseas student)

PAYING SCHOOL FEES AND CHARGES—Semester 1 Report Collection time
Families may wish to take the opportunity, when collecting Student Reports from the school, to pay outstanding school fees. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or by card. EFTPOS facilities are also available.

ALL SHOOK UP—BRIMBANK HIGH SCHOOL
The Victorian premiere of the rock ‘n roll musical “All Shook Up” will be performed on June 26 & 27 at the Clock-Tower Centre Moonee Ponds. The music is all Elvis.

Will true love prevail? Will the power of rock ‘n roll win the day? Will this small town in the Midwest get all shook up? These questions and more are answered as the characters come together in the abandoned fairgrounds for the finale “Burnin’ Love.”