Titled simply ‘North of the Southside’, our play is the conclusion of a trilogy. It’s the final tale of those who’ve tread down to the upbeats of this ‘Northside’ landscape we’ve been building for the past two years. If our first chapter, A Northside Story, was an inquiry into how identity is constructed through an examination of the past forty thousand years, and the second, Rhyme & Reason, was a panic in the present day; a media frenzy when a young kid went missing and it turned out he was off building a shed cause he was so bloody sick of everyone – this next one is a real ditty! Framed in the near future, it’s set in a world that has awoken a little different, a little changed. Built in the dusty, dry riverbed of the once mighty Yarra stands The Blockade, dividing the lives and happiness of those to the North and those to the South.

This is a show about what lies between values and all our ‘undergrounds’, by focusing on a young kid who thinks she’s woken up as a Colonel in a war that rages across the river. Without any doubt, this is our most ambitious project - and rightly so!

We, of The Northside Collective, have stepped further. Come see this show! We have all given it everything…

Help needed at the show…

Parents are needed to supervise our students backstage at the Fitzroy Town Hall, we would ideally like the parents of children in the show to volunteer for one evening each. We will be sending forms home with cast members during the first week back. We are also looking for someone to lead our hair and make-up team. If you are able to assist, please contact Jody Neilson.

North of the Southside opens Aug. 5

Tickets on Sale NOW!

Venue: Fitzroy Town Hall
Dates: Tuesday 5th August to Saturday 9th August
Time: 7:30pm
Cost: Adults: $24 Concession: $18

Tickets can be purchased in person from the general office or on 9488 2300. This year, seating will be allocated when you buy your tickets, so get in early. A seating plan for the Fitzroy Town Hall is available on the school website, please check this in advance if you want specific seats. Tickets will be exclusively available to the cast and crew for purchase from Wednesday 16th July. These tickets need to be purchased directly from the general office and are available after-school only.

Tickets will be available for the general public to purchase from Monday 21st July.
Winter welcome back to Term 3! I hope your family was able to enjoy the winter break. I do know that many of our students were busy studying and there were several VCE study groups gathered at school over the holidays.

First Semester Reports

As you would be aware by now, this year we worked hard to ensure students and parents received the first semester reports before the holidays in an attempt to provide more timely feedback. Semester 1 Reports will be a guide in identifying areas for improvement and focus and determining the areas for your son or daughter to act on when they return for Term 3.

Please keep in mind that early in Semester 2 we begin the course selection process for 2009. There are enrolment criteria for some senior subjects and critical timelines. This is the time to remind students of how their current achievement can have an impact on their future success in a study. Each semester is a building block for achievement.

With the reports, we sent a list of important dates during this Term (and have included it in this newsletter). The subject information sessions are targeted to specific year levels, but any students/parents may attend to gain knowledge and understanding of the different year levels and stages of learning. Please mark your calendar. These are great nights for us to work more closely with students and families.

NHS Visitors

Our NHS vision is to create an environment of respect and achievement and it is a great pleasure when visitors comment on the respect and positive spirit they feel from our students and staff as they walk down the halls. During the last two weeks of the term, we had several educators and ex-students visit us. They so noticed the purposefulness of our students and saw our students engaged and actively involved in the learning activities. Our visitors included Professor Mark Considine and Professor Brian Caldwell (I met both of these educational leaders at Australia 2020), Deputy Secretary Tony Cook and representatives from the wonderful Northcote High Southside.

Professor Considine, Dean of Arts at University of Melbourne, spoke to our students at our Changing the World at Lunchtime forum and then met for lunch with a group of NHS recent graduates who are attending University of Melbourne. He spoke of the new interdisciplinary skills our students will need and also spoke regarding the need for deep study in an area. He referred to it as the T model. I certainly felt our curriculum efforts to provide deep rigour while also working with our students to apply their learning in interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary ways was working towards developing such T skills.

Professor Caldwell served as the Dean of Education at University of Melbourne and is a Professorial Fellow and now Director of Educational Transformations Pty Ltd. He has been an educational consultant in over 35 countries and often writes columns in The Age on the future of education. He was impressed with our NHS curriculum, programs and facilities. We also discussed the tremendous importance of community support and how fortunate we are in Northcote to have such a strong community working with us.

Tony Cook, one of the Education Department’s Deputy Secretaries, visited us to see and hear about the progress of our STELR Year 10 science curriculum as he was directly involved in the establishment of this important curriculum project sponsored by the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences. We also discussed the implementation of our Leading Schools Fund project and the Global Citizenship Centre. We were able to share the other curriculum links and partnerships we are developing for Year 8 aligned with the Year 9 program and part of a comprehensive Middle Years Program leading into the Senior Years of Year 10 and VCE.

NHS Class of 1955 ex-students visited and toured the school with great joy and reminiscing. They also commented on the amazing facilities and reflected on their wonderful teachers. They were celebrating their joint 70th birthday. We went into a Year 7 class and told the students how they might be visiting NHS in 2066 to celebrate their 70th birthday as the class of 2013!! There was more joy and laughter all around.

Acting Assistant Principal

I want parents to be aware that Kevin Hoole will be returning from leave this term and taking on the role of Acting Assistant Principal for the remainder of the year working with Assistant Principal Kate Morris and Assistant Principal Nick Murphy.

North of the Southside

Over the holidays, our dedicated group of NHS performers were rehearsing for the much anticipated third “episode” School Production, North of the Southside. I highly encourage you to buy your tickets early. Last year was sold out and the number of fans grows each year. It will be a great celebration of our NHS students, their creativity, learning and talented performance…and a great start to our semester!

Gail Davidson
Principal
Northcote’s semi-final showdown with Melbourne HS.

On Tuesday 24th of June the senior boys football team with Mr. Martin and Mr. Manosopoulos travelled to McDonnell Park to make a semi-final showdown with Melbourne High. It was a tough ask for the Northcote team as Melbourne High has beaten us in football for at least the last 31 years. It was a deciding match to see who would play Whittlesea in the Zone finals.

Mitchell Papas the captain lead Northcote onto the ground in what could be a very tight game. Both teams demonstrated amazing football talent which made it hard to decide who would come out on top but Northcote seem to show more determination to win the match. In the first quarter Mitchell McWhinney followed the lead set by Chris Polidoras, Sam Baker and Alex Ricco to help give Northcote a slim 3 point lead. The second quarter was the key to the match, with Dylan Temple leading the backline valiantly, Melbourne were kept scoreless. Jonathan Anderson and Oliver Gordon dominating from the wings and Jack Simcoe assisting on the ball.

Half time score 6.7.43 to 1.4.11.

The third term was a tough battle. Melbourne came out hard kicking three of the first four goals. Will Johnson turned himself into a brilliant rover and started to cut up Melbourne’s defence, Jack Dalton and Dimitri Kynigopoulos assisting as dominate play makers got Northcote back on track. Julian Turner dropped to the backline to help steady the ship with the assistance of Cheyne Evans, Zac Watkins and Jack Atkinson.

Mr. Martin fired up the team as the start of the final term and gave lots of information on how to sustain and control play on the field which would lead Northcote into Victory. Mr. Manosopoulos kept an eye on scoring as well as encouraging and supporting our boys. A dominate last quarter saw Northcote kick away, with the on ballers dominating and the big men of Nathan Jumeau, Owen Donaghey and Mitch Papas becoming dangerous targets. Matt Somerville snuck on to seal the match with a casual snap and the captain kicking two last quarter goals to boost the team confidence for the next match. Other players who played well for the team were Jack Farrell, Daniel Wakim, Anthony Gabb, Vittorio Panarello and Josh MacKinnon.

By the end of the day it was a relief and a joyful moment to see that our senior boys football team had won and made it through to the Zone Finals where they will take on Whittlesea. The goal Scorers were Papas 4, Polidoras 2, and singles to Donaghey, Kynigopoulos, Dalton, Baker, Jumeau, Somerville and Johnson.

The final score for the match were NHS 13.13.91 def MHS 4.10.34.

NHS Best Players: Polidoras, Gordon, Baker, Johnson, Dalton, Anderson & Ricco. (But they all could be listed).

Thanks to Ed Wills (Goal Umpire), Will Barbour (Boundary Umpire), Dan White (Runner) and Vedran Sabic (Water).

Written by Anthony Gabb (and Mr Martin).
ICAS Science competition

On May 29th 189 students entered the ICAS science competition. This included students from across years 7-10. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are a suite of assessments developed for primary and secondary students to provide diagnostic assessment data about student abilities in the core skills areas of curriculum. They are designed to indicate an individual student’s areas of strength and weakness as well as identify high achievement. The Competitions and Assessments measure and reward student achievement through awarding the highest achieving students with medals and providing certificates of achievement for other high performers. Let’s hope we get some students winning a medal.

Introducing STELR to Year 10 Science

Year 10 advance science students have embarked on the STELR project. This allows students to investigate and explore renewable energy. Students have been introduced to Solar energy, Wind turbines and Biofuels by the staff who themselves participated in the exact same activities prior to delivery. Students will then be given the opportunity to decide which one they will explore in more depth and carry out an extended investigation into one of these types of renewable energy. There final task is to equip a research sailing boat that is fully self-contained in terms of its electrical energy needs. The boat will have 6 crew members on board. The boat will travel from Australia to Macquarie Island during the Months of January and February. The boat will require electrical energy systems to operate computer and communication systems; lights for navigation; general purpose a refrigerator; radio; CD player/sound system. The students will be encouraged to work as a team and find the best/most efficient way to do this by using the results to their own investigations.

Meeting Australia’s leading young scientists

On Thursday 19 June 2008 60 Year 11 Chemistry students attended Melbourne museum to meet inspiring early career scientists. These scientist were part of a national competition called Fresh Science. These scientists had been selected to present their work to the public and media, as part of the event the scientists are put through a communications boot camp where they learn how to talk about their work in a way that is interesting, understandable and relevant. The students at Northcote found the presentation engaging and easy to understand. The sciences presented encompassed Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology and the students from Northcote kept the scientists on their toes by asking thought provoking and challenging questions. The many highlights for the students included ‘Peanuts and Soy’ research being undertaken by epidemiologist Jennifer Koplin who is a PhD student from the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute they have found that Drinking soy milk or soy-based formula does not trigger peanut allergy in children. ‘A tear jerking response’ student Chendur Palaniappan from University of Western Sydney analysed his own tears to find clues to producing better and longer lasting lubricants to help millions of people with painful dry eyes. And the secret is in how proteins and oils interact, which is a topic studied by our Year 11 and 12 Chemistry students.

Jennifer Koplin and Andrew Briggs who presented on osteoporosis (below)
Science update continued...

Tall Poppy’s return to Northcote. Monday 23rd June
Dr Sarah Meachem, (right) NHMRC Senior Research
Officer came to Northcote High School. She was the
first Tall poppy to attend in 2008. Sarah who is the Sen-
ior research officer for the Sex Hormones Biology Group
at the Prince Henry’s Inst.of Medical Research spoke to
45 year 9 students. Sarah introduced the students to
her studies and her motivation for driving her own re-
search. Her research work is based on fertility and re-
production and overcoming problems associated with
reproduction. After Sarah’s introduction to fertility the
students were the asked to work in groups of 6. Within
these groups they were given leading and controversial
questions and had to formulate a response. The ques-
tions were typical for those encountered during fertility
counselling, and of couples undergoing IVF treatment.
The majority of students spoke to their group and the
audience about their opinion and recommendations into
designer babies, choosing the sex of a baby and genetic
disorders; and the ethical issues surrounding them.
Their opinions were not always shared by all students
in their group. This formulated discussion and raised
awareness of what a democratic society we live in. I
look forward to welcoming back Sarah to speak to more
students next term.

New Science electives

The science faculty have been working hard on develop-
ing new units of work for our Year 10 program for 2009;
this will see the introduction of ‘Cutting edge science’
electives. These will include ‘Nanotechnology’ ‘Medical
Science’ along with ‘Forensics and biotechnology’. They
will hopefully forge more links to the VCE curriculum.

VCE 2009 INFORMATION
EVENING
Tuesday July 22nd
For current Year 10 Students & Parents

Parents are reminded that the VCE Information Eve-
ning 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 Informa-
tion 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.

Yr 10 2009 INFORMATION
EVENING
Tuesday July 29th
For current Yr 9 Students and Parents

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

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

Letters will be sent home with students in week 3 of
Term 3. Please complete the reply slip and return it to
the school.

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## Term 3 Key dates summary

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|  | Parent Teacher Meetings | Wed 13 Aug 3.00 – 8.00pm  
*Classes dismissed 12.40pm* |
|  | Curriculum Day & STAV Science Teachers Conference | Fri 29 August  
*No classes for students* |
|  | VCE Practice Exams | Mon 15 – Fri 19 September |
| **Year 11** | Yr 11 to 12 2009 Student Information and Subject Selection Session | Wed 23 July  
*Period 5 & 6* |
|  | Parent Teacher Meetings plus Parent Information Session | Wed 13 Aug 3.00 – 8.00pm  
5.30 – 6.15pm  
*Classes dismissed* |
|  | Curriculum Day/STAV Science Teachers Conference | Fri 29 August  
*No classes for students* |
| **Year 10** | Yr 10 to Yr 11 2009 VCE Information Evening | Tue 22 July |
|  | Year 11 2009 Student Information Subject Selection Session | Tues 12 Aug  
*Period 5 & 6* |
|  | Yr 10 to Yr 11 Course Counseling Day | Mon 18 August  
*No classes for Yr 10* |
|  | Curriculum Day / STAV Science Teachers Conference | Fri 29 August |
|  | Year 7 to 10 Parent Teacher Meetings | Wed 10 September  
*No classes for students* |
Playing for the Public Advocate Conference!

Rosie Hilder and George Loram provided the entertainment at the Office of the Public Advocate 2008 Annual Community Visitors Conference playing their unique brand of acoustic music as guests arrived and during conference breaks. They were loved and adored by the crowd!!!! George and Rosie with the Victorian Public Advocate Colleen Pearce

Keeping busy during the holidays

School is officially over, but term 2 holidays sees our school humming! Many senior classes still operate as usual. (Above left) VCE student Cadia Belante pours over a lightbox to complete a design for assessment. (Above Right) The long suffering, holiday-less Mr. Madden and one of the cast sections for this year’s production. Rehearsing on a cold July afternoon! They must be keen!

Piano - Keyboard - Theory Lessons
A.M.E.B. exams optional
Beginners / Intermediate / Advanced Individual lessons
$30 1/2 hr - $55 hr
9495 0482
0438 044 871
Tracey Wacholt
BMus, AMusA
universalmusic@bigpond.com
http://www.universalmusicpro.com
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)

BARNSTORM PRODUCTIONS—YR 9 PLAY AUGUST 1st Periods 1 & 2
On Friday 1st of August (Week Three, Term Three) all Year 9 students will see a play by Brainstorm Productions. This will be the second performance that Year 9 students will see this year. These productions are performed by young energetic actors and explore important issues in bullying and peer pressure to indulge in unsafe behaviour.

CROSSING ST GEORGE’S ROAD ON BIKES
Our local Council has asked all student cyclists crossing roads at pedestrian lights (including the controlled lights at the front of the school on St George’s Road) to dismount. It makes sense, given the large number who cross at the front of the school every day.

MATHS COACHING
Experienced Teacher, VIT registered
Refs available email: lindawannanedgar@yahoo.com phone (after July 11) 0405-470-568

COLLINGWOOD SWIMMING CLUB:
If you are aged 8 – 16 and enjoy swimming, then why not join the Collingwood Swimming Club, a community based swimming club operating from the Collingwood Leisure Centre? Our Coach provides terrific training tips in a safe, friendly environment.

As a member, you can participate in fun events and social activities. We hold special encouragement meets for younger members, and you can choose to enter organised Competitions. In addition, we meet regularly most Friday nights during term time at Collingwood Leisure Centre (cnr Hoddle and Turnbull Sts, Clifton Hill). Attendance on Fridays is entirely optional, but it’s great fun and you have the chance to learn from a number of Coaches at no extra cost.

You can join from as little as $60 in your first year! To find out more visit our website www.collingwoodswimmingclub.org.au or contact our Coach, Tony La Posta (9481 0236) or Club President Jim McDonald (9482 1365)

FOR SALE
* Violin half size, includes resin, shoulder rest and case. Good condition, call Michelle 0400 433 515

* Karate Suits x2. Small/Medium size $30. Med/Large $70. Good Condition, call Michelle 0400 433 515

DAREBIN WOMEN’S SPORTS CLUB
Australia Rules Football—trains Wed and Frid, 6.30 pm call Anna 0412 931 202
Youth Girls AFL—13-18 years. Trains Wed 5.30 pm. Call Zachy 0413 604 998
Soccer—Play sundays and train Wed and Frid 6.30 pm. Call Sally Wallis 0414 389 406
Cricket—starts October
Women’s Eight Ball—Mon Nights. Call Karen 0416 659 100

Location: AH Capp Reserve, Halwyn Cres, West Preston. www.falcons.org.au