Another outstanding Show!

For five stunning performances last week, over 150 NHS students worked together with staff and parents to bring North of the Southside to packed audiences. Devised and directed by our own Mr Alex Madden, written by him in collaboration with Adam J.A. Cass and students of the school, this was yet another triumph of vitality and creativity!

As always, special thanks go to Ms Rassool (Musical Direction); Ms Neilson (Production Management); Ms Vernice Petty (Vocal coach); Roger Rassool, Michael Macdermid & Ron Coons (Lighting Design); Joel de Carteret, Kristen Agnoli and Laura Paulö (Choreography) and staffmembers Simon Lasslett, Jody Neilson and Melanie Bingham. Thanks too, to our many supporting parents and friends.

‘North of the Southside’, was the conclusion of a trilogy, 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!

Aug.13—VCE Parent Teacher Night

On Wednesday August 13th, 3-8 pm will be given over to the important final Yr 11 & 12 (VCE) Parent Teacher Meetings of the year. Classes will not run on the day after Period 4, with the whole school being dismissed at the start of lunchtime (12.40)

The Interview times are as follows:

3.00 pm-5.30 pm. Meetings by Appointment

5.30-6.20pm dinner break for staff

6.20 pm—8.00 pm. Meetings by Appointment

Interpreters can be booked in advance. Students should see Mr Murphy to arrange this.

Interpreters attending on the evening are Mandarin and Cantonese. Other interpreters can be arranged with notice!

Yr 11 and 12 Students have all received appointment sheets last week.

Please note: School resumes at 9.00 am on Thursday August 14th
Principal’s Report

This year’s production, *North of the Southside*, completed the Trilogy linking to *A Northside Story* and *Rhyme & Reason*. It has been a true joy to see so many students involved in such a vibrant creative endeavour. The dancing, singing, theatrical performances and technical support have allowed our students to shine in multiple ways. It has also allowed them to express their thinking and feeling in a creative and positive way. There is no doubt it started with the vision of Director Alex Madden and his dedicated team of staff and community members and has been developed with the hearts, minds, voices and talents of our student performers. Congratulations and thanks to all!

Looking forward, I want to highlight some key events, learning and linking this term:

**Week 5 - VCE Parent-Teacher-Student Meetings- Wednesday, 13 August**

We are at that critical time of the year for our VCE students. Wednesday, 13 August 3pm-8pm will be a time for the important 3 way meetings with students, parents and teachers. It is ever so important that we work together with our students to create the optimum conditions for our students’ success.

**Week 6- Course Counseling: Yr 10 (to VCE) 18 August and Yr 9 (to Y10) 22 August**

Following on from the recent Information Evenings, our students and families begin the important process of Course Counseling as the next step toward student subject selection. This is an opportunity to begin to clarify possible study/career pathways. Last year, 95% of our Year 12 students received first round offers. This was the result of the multi-year process of exploration, identification and clarification of academic interest areas and strengths. It is an ongoing process for students with the support of parents, teachers and coordinators.

**Week 7 - Curriculum Day and NHS STAV-ICT Conference – Friday, 29 August**

In addition to the dedicated curriculum planning that will take place on 29th August, this will be the eighth year that NHS has simultaneously hosted the State-wide Science Teachers of Victoria ICT Conference. This is a highly respected conference and our science teachers are actively involved in leading and participating in the science education discussion regarding using ICT as a tool for stimulating science learning. We will also jointly host an end of conference event with the Deans of Science from several universities

**Week 8 Meliora Sequamur Week!**

Learning from and building on the successful student led 2007 “Global Cooling Week”, our student leaders in Captains Council and SRC are planning a week to “unite, involve and inform” students during Meliora Sequamur Week. There will be environmental forums, the Middle Years 2020 Summit, debates, speakers, cultural activities, lunch concerts and events with fundraisers for Oxfam and Urban Seed. “Meliora Monday”, “Change the World Day”, “Green Day”, “Cultural Day” and “Future Friday” will be filled with student led events that focus on involvement, awareness, understanding, personal and collective action and commitment.

**High Resolves Initiative Planning for 2009**

As we solidify the wonderful learning opportunities within our Leading Schools Year 9 Program and the Global Citizenship Centre, we have begun planning for the next learning link within our Middle Years. NHS is one of four high schools working with the University of Melbourne to pilot/implement the High Resolves Initiative currently running in NSW through the University of Sydney.

It is planned that a group of 30 NHS students will be trained to work with university students in presenting stimulating activity modules to all of our Year 8 students in 2009. Each module includes interactive simulations and facilitated small group discussions around collective identity, justice, conflict resolution and collective action. Students will reflect on the key questions, “What is my role as a global citizen?” “In 50-100 years, will my actions and choices be on the ‘right’ side of history?” and “How can I make a difference?” At NHS, we believe this will be an important Year 8 learning step leading into our Year 9 program and another wonderful opportunity for our older students to take on a leadership role.

**Learning with and from each other as a community**

As a school community, all of these events, meetings, conferences, forums and partnerships allow us all (students, staff, parents and community) to be active in our learning, involvement and contribution. They are also opportunities for us as adults to work with our students and to learn with and from each other.

Gail Davidson
Principal
2009 Study Tour of Italy- Info. Evening, Aug. 13

An Information Night on this exciting trip will be held on Wednesday 13th of August in the Northcote High School Arts Centre (A.1) at 7.30pm.

Representatives of Trek Set Travel will be available on the night to discuss details of the tour.

Next year’s tour will visit Rome, Florence, Bari and Venice. It is a joint trip with Reservoir SC and the Victorian School of Languages, so places will be limited. The tour includes:

- Return-International economy airfares,
- All accommodation,
- some meals,
- language school tuition in Florence,
- travel through Italy and
- a visit to our sister-school in Bari

See Ms Fattore in the GCC Centre for more details.

Yr 10-11 Course Counselling—Aug. 18

Students must ensure they attend the VCE Centre at the designated times. Formal classes will be suspended for the day. Students are not required to wear uniform.

Yr 9-10 Course Counselling—Aug. 22

Students must ensure they attend the VCE Centre at the designated times. Formal classes will be suspended for the day. Students are not required to wear uniform.

Nikki Marakis on the Metlink challenge ‘08

Last term the NHS “Transporters” were fortunate enough to participate in the Metlink Grand final, along with 13 other schools who also qualified in their regions. Our objective was to travel around a 10 kms radius of the city using only public transport, receiving various points for each destination reached and successfully completing the task set out.

Our team consisted of two Year 8s; Brittany and Nikki, and two Year 9s; Megan and Caitlin. We were able to represent our school and showcase what talented students we have, also gain knowledge of the environment and how taking public transport is not only very cost efficient but also contributes to reduction in carbon emissions. The experience was very memorable and I feel honoured to have had this opportunity. Big thanks to our mentor Mr Murphy, the parents who tagged along, and Victor, French exchange student, who supported us throughout the journey (although he had no idea where we were!) Nikki Marakis

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Wanted enthusiastic tree planters and mulchers!

NHS is embarking on a series of planting sessions to green our world

In conjunction with the Darebin Council NHS is embarking on an ambitious greening strategy both in our grounds and on the schools perimeter fence line.

Parents and Students keen to Green NHS please read on............

Complete the slip below and return to the General Office

Tasks include: Planting, mulching and watering

Time commitment: As little or as much as you can give

When: September (Dates to be advised) Saturday/s 10am – 12noon

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information or have expertise and/or skills to support this project. Kate Morris at NHS ph 9488 2328 or km@nhs.vic.edu.au

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Yr 7 students dance the afternoon away!

30 Year 7 students were introduced to all styles of dance by instructor Stuart Pointon from “Let’s Dance Promotions”.

The dance steps included those from traditional Ballroom Dancing to the latest Hip-Hop moves!

Get Radical Chemistry Extension program

On Wednesday 30th July, 70 Year 11 Chemistry students had an opportunity to listen to Professor Carl Schiesser Director of the ARC Centre of Excellence for Free Radical Chemistry and Biotechnology and invited to participate in the Year 11 “Get Radical” Chemistry Extension Program for 2008.

Sarah Adolph, last year’s participant in the program shared her experiences with the student body and her presentation included some of the wonderful projects she was involved in ranging from “Art restoration” to pharmaceutical synthesis.

The program will be expanded to include two students in 2008.

S. Bennett & M. Gabriel

STELR Renewable Energy Project

The Year 10 Advanced Science students have been exploring the feasibility of using renewable energy sources such as Solar, Wind and Biofuels to provide solutions for “Global Warming”.

The project involved students specialising in one of the above areas and then working together towards a “Challenge” problem. Students and teachers were supported by Peer Mentors from the In2Science Peer Mentoring program throughout the project. Northcote High School along with three other schools in Victoria was chosen to pilot this initiative. The STELR project will be rolled out to other Victorian schools and throughout Australia.

Year 10 STELR TEAM
Da Shen’s Sports Bag

Sport Update

The past week saw our Year 7,8,9 and 10 Girls playing off in the Northern Zone Soccer finals. Our Year 9 and 10 Girls had 2 strong wins and a narrow loss to University HS. Our Year 8 Girls had 3 competitive losses against very strong opposition. With many of our girls unavailable we played some new players who had not experienced the high level of skill at this level. Well done Yr 8 Girls!

Yr 7 Girls’ Soccer

Our Year 7 Girls were a little luckier after trailing a strong team from University HS 2-0 they worked hard in the second half to graft out a 2-2 draw. They then had a 1-0 and 2-0 win against Lalor SC and St. Helena SC. At the end of the day University HS and Northcote HS both had 2 wins and a draw against each other.

Their goal difference, goals for and head to head results were all identical. To achieve a winner the 2 teams went to a penalty shoot out. This was a tense process for the Year 7 girls, teachers, student coaches and the parents in attendance. After 4 shots each - both teams had scored once and had 3 misses each. On the fifth shot University HS missed again and Northcote HS scored. Our Year 7 girls were through to the State Finals in late Term 3. The excitement after a tense battle overflowed. To mention best players would be difficult with every player in the team making valuable contributions. Mentioning the students who helped coach these teams is easier with Nick and Nick from Year 11 (Year 7 coaches) and Caitlyn and Lauren of Year 9 being a great help in the Soccer.

District indoor Soccer

Other sporting news included the start of the District Indoor Hockey tournaments where 60 of our junior students are being introduced to Hockey. The aim is to create interest and hopefully lead to many of these players forming teams and training for the district Field hockey tournaments.

Yr 7 & 8 Boys Football

This week we have our Year 7 and 8 Boys football teams and our Year 8 Boys Soccer team playing off at the Northern Zone level. We have high hopes and wish all the students and teachers involved the best of luck. Go Boys!

Celebrating the Olympic opening

Ms L.Wang and Ms Pan helped start some Olympic festivities last week with face painting (flags and even Olympic mascots!) for many of our keen students.
Northcote Highlights Presents

NETAlert
Presented by Greg Gerber – Technology Education Trainer

Internet Safety and Your Children:
A presentation for Parents not to be missed

Young people are spending increasing amounts of time online and are at the forefront in adopting new ways of communication online.

This presentation addresses online activities and behaviours of young people and the risks they face on the internet.

“Great should be compulsory for all parents and teachers”

“Well presented very interesting and relevant”

When: Thursday 04 September 2008
Time: 6.45pm for 7.00pm
Where: NHS Library

Further details Contact - Lynn Delahunty - Yr 7 and Transition Coordinators 9488 2343

DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP

Phone : 9488.2317 Opening Hours : Tuesdays 12.30 - 4.00, Fridays 8.30 - 11.30

ORDERS—Customers, please note that we will hold orders aside for 1 week after you have been notified of their arrival, unless alternative arrangements have been made with us. If other customers require that item it will be sold to them. If we have been unsuccessful in phoning you, please check the notice board outside the school shop for your name.

PAYMENTS—We accept cash, credit cards and eftpos. Remember, we do not accept cheques but can do credit card transactions by phone.

WANTED—Parent to help out part-time in Uniform Shop at Northcote High School. See Mary Spano at the Uniform Shop during shop hours or ring Mary Morgan at Dobsons on 98152110.

Supported by the Australian Governments Internet Safety Initiative
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)

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK 18th - 22nd August
Monday 18th Lunchtime Neurofactor competition held in association with national book week in the library.

Thursday 21st - Year 7 students ‘Get Wet’ performance on climate change period 1+2 in the hall. All students need to have paid their $6 to the office.

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
An exhibition of paintings by the Preston Women’s Art Group, Opens Friday 1st August through to 1st September. Art Gallery Northcote Library, 32-38 Separation Street, Nprthcote

TO EMERGING ARTISTS
Studio invites you to exhibit your art@The Fitzroy Gallery. Create an artwork reflecting your interpretation of “imagine…” For more information: www.imaginearts.com.au. Entries close 18th August

ART EXHIBITION OPENING...Imagine 13 September , 6 pm
The Fitzroy gallery—274 Fitzroy St, Fitzroy.
A variety of art reflecting the interpretation of “imagine...” The art has been created by artists from the local community. The exhibition will be one from 13-27th September 1-6 pm

Year 9 City Centre Experience
As part of the Year 9 English Curriculum all students in Year 9 will participate in a week long City Centre Experience during Term 4 this year. This program encourages students to become more involved in the community by conducting social research on matters that are of interest and importance to the community. The City Centre Experience sees students learning about themselves as young adults as they conduct work within the city of Melbourne.

Year 9 classes will attend the program with their English teachers in one of three blocks.

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The cost of participating in the week long program is $120.

This money is to be paid to the General Office by Friday 5th of September, 2008.

Students are to return their City Centre Parental Permission form and the Fitness First Form to their English teachers by Friday 22nd of August.

Adele Fattore
LSF Community Links