Our Sister school bids us farewell!

Mid-August saw the annual visit by our Chinese sister school - Huaibei Number One High School. Since the sister school agreement was signed almost 10 years ago, over 250 students and teachers have been exchanged for short term educational, cultural and language visits.

Thanks must go to so many of our teaching staff, who gave up so much of their own time to make the trip a success.

The sister school relationship with Huaibei succeeds largely because of the great kindness and outstanding parenting skills of our NHS host families. Special thanks this year to the Collas, Deasey, Langley, Dobson, Helme-King, Nicholson, McDonagh, Walton-Healey, Berra, Durkin, Legge, Radford, Codognotto, Van Twist Smith and Fairweather families. Special thanks also to the families who eagerly volunteered but missed out due to several late cancellations.

Yr 7 Girls Zone Soccer victory

On Tuesday the 24th of June the Year 7 girls soccer team participated in the zone finals. We played three other high schools...Here are the results;

Game | School | Score
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1. | Uni HS | 2-2
2. | St Helena | 2(NHS)-1
3. | Lalor SC | 1(NHS)-0

At the end of the day we had the same amount of wins or points as Uni High, so we had to have a penalty shoot out. This meant both teams had to choose their best 5 kickers to each take a shot at goal. Natasha Sidiropoulos and Courney Livock scored the two winning goals for NHS. Uni.HS managed one goal leaving us winners for the day! Well done to Evie Gerantidis (Goal Keeper) who saved so many goals.

Congratulations to all the girls. Thanks to Nick and Nick for coaching us! Other goal scorers for the day were Christina Sevdalakis, Maneesha Patterson and Rachel Mackey. We now play in the state finals on Tuesday September 16th. Written by Lamone Karipidis 7G
Neurofactor... Book week & National Science Week

A quiz to celebrate both Book Week and National Science Week.

A crowd of excited contestants, judges and audience members gathered in the library at lunchtime on Monday 20th August.

Three rounds of questions challenged students from years seven to eleven on their literary and scientific knowledge. This joint activity by the science and library staff was a great success and enjoyed by all. Thank you to all the teachers for their support, the judging panel (top right) and students for their enthusiastic participation.

Congratulations to the winners- Kai Ding, Wei Cheng and Megan McGowan from 8E (below right). They all received a book voucher and a delightful science toy.

Melody Gabriel and Kathryn Taylor

Debating & Public Speaking update

The Team: Lucy Fosky, Alexei Ymer-Welsby, Nikki Marakis, Carmen Wiseman

The Debaters Association of Victoria competition for 2008 is almost over and we would like to thank all of the teams and parents for their hard work during the year, especially Andrew Benjamin for coming in and spending time with our students discussing the art of debating. As you now debating is a great activity that teaches research, clear thinking and rebuttal all in front of a live audience. To end the year on an especially positive note, one of our teams in D Grade has made its way into the play-off for the finals so congratulations go to Carmen Wiseman, Nikki Marakos, Lucy Foskey and Alexei Ymer Welsby all in Year 8. If all goes well they will represent Northcote High School at the October Finals which N.H.S. will host again this year on Wednesday September the 3rd.

Alexei told Mr. Murphy “I really can’t wait to try out my debating skills in the finals. It was an exhilarating experience to beat Carey. I am definitely looking forward to the finals, as we have a strong team full of colourful and exciting personalities.

The topic against Carey was Compulsory voting should be abolished. We argued for the negative which was an enlightening experience. Some of our opponents REALLY seemed to believe what they said! However, we soon got them to snap to their senses”

In Public Speaking news, the Year 6 Public Speaking competition is on again this year and finalists from the following schools will come to N.H.S. on Wednesday October the 15th: Alphington P.S., Brunswick East P.S., Merri Creek P.S., Newlands P.S., Northcote P.S., North Fitzroy P.S. and Westgarth P.S.. The standard of the competition is always high and we look forward to listening to speeches this year on the topic Music that Changed the World. Our judges will be music students from Year 10; Cameron Fairweather, Adrian Codognotto, Alec Deasey and Lyell Durkin.

Martin Ramsay and Carlene Wilson (Debating/Public speaking coordinators)
Final call—2009 Study Tour of Italy

An Information Night on this exciting trip was held on **Wednesday 13th of August** in the Northcote High School Arts Centre. Did you miss it? Are you interested? **See Ms Fattore in the GCC Centre for more details.**

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

Wet Science for Yr 7

On Thursday 21st August as part of National science week where this year’s theme is ‘**Planet Earth—Planet of change**’, all year 7 students participated in a performance entitled ‘Get Wet’. ‘Get wet’ used music and comedy to address the vital issues of climate change and helped in educating our students towards creating a sustainable future. The hard facts and figures were presented in a manner that engaged and entertained the students, while conveying information that will help shape attitudes towards contributing to a responsible environmental future. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and we hope to continue their awareness of being a responsible citizen during science classes.

The Big Band Boogie!

Thursday August 21 saw Northcote HS celebrate **The Big Band Boogie** event. What an entertaining evening... with guest schools Prince’s Hill SC and De La Salle College all joining us for the night. Performing from Northcote HS were the Senior Stage Band, the Junior Stage Band, the Jazz Choir, Jazz Ensemble and the Production Band.

Ably led and conducted by Director of Music Mr Peter Lewis, Mr Sean Murray, Mr Simon Chiodo and Mr Martin Webster, the music groups performed a variety of pieces, including; **Killer Tomatos, Chicken Scratch**, and **KC & the Sunshine Band**.

At right—Rueben, Alex and Sibon
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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Da Shen’s Olympic Fever

Northcote has adopted the Olympic theme in the past week or 2 with the Year 7 students having a LOTE Olympic celebration last Friday. In many Physical Education classes mock Olympic competitions have been under way. Culture, language and the diverse backgrounds that students and teachers bring to this school are part of our individual and collective backgrounds. Our International students had a lunchtime Basketball game against our local Year 9/10 students. The last week we have been privileged to have 15 students and six teachers from our sister school in Huaibei. These students participated in an afternoon of Sport with our Year 7 students (see photo). In 2000, I coached a successful year 7 Cricket team who had 12 players all with different cultural backgrounds. They named themselves the “Rest of the World Team”. School and sport are great areas to learn from each other and be exposed to different cultural beliefs, values and experiences. I was lucky enough to be in Europe and the UK in 2007 when the World Rugby Union Cup was on. I bought a hat back which reads “The World in Union”. Sitting on the Champs Elysee with French, Scottish, New Zealand and South African Rugby fans was my way of better understanding people from backgrounds different to my own. Attending school Soccer, Badminton and AFL Football Zone finals, I have also noticed how these sports cater for different students with different talents and also backgrounds. The finesse of the Badminton and the aggressive and clever teamwork of the Soccer and Football. In the teams below much like many of our Olympians we tasted success and progressed to state finals. Whether we win Gold at the state finals or just participate at this elite level is not really important. The experience of mixing and competing with other schools and students from such different backgrounds is the main educational benefit of these games.

Our State teams and the dates they play are

- Year 7 Girls Badminton – MSAC Tues 16th Sept
- Year 8 Boys Soccer – DISC Thurs 18th Sept
- Year 8 Boys Football – To be confirmed. Semi finals Tues 2nd Sept. Final Wed 10th Sept
- Year 8 Girls Badminton – MSAC Tues 16th Sept

Athens to Beijing LOTE Mini-Olympics

On Friday 22nd August all year 7 students participated in our mini-Olympics FROM ATHENS TO BEIJING.

The Greek students carried the Olympic Flag to the Chinese students. All LOTE classes had a representative as a torch bearer who ran a lap whilst the rest of the group sang their own national anthem. Two students from each LOTE class were chosen to race for their country, in a 100m sprint. Congratulations to Nicholas Harding from Italian class and Beatrice Moshis from the Greek class were the gold medalists. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all staff who supported the event.
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

INFORMATION EVENING - SEPT. 15th, 7 PM

Emotional Intelligence is about using your emotions to guide you through life. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

Developing Emotional Intelligence increases your child’s ability to:

• understand and talk about their emotions
• understand other people’s emotions and respond with empathy
• motivate themselves optimistically - to plan, set goals and focus attention
• handle relationships successfully - problem solve around emotions and manage behaviour - including resolving conflict thoughtfully and non-violently.

Students with greater Emotional Intelligence have been shown to:

• have greater success with making friendships and be more able to manage conflict with peers
• be better able to self-soothe when upset or angry and have fewer behaviour problems
• have better concentration which means they are more likely to be successful academically
• tend to have fewer childhood illnesses
• have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
• have greater career success: Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Many students and parents have some of these skills already. Our aim is to help families to develop Emotional Intelligence skills further and understand them in the context of their own lives. Parents will have the opportunity to listen to guest speakers Olivia Keene and Lisa Muscaro Psychologists from Keene Insight Child and Adolescent Clinic and there will be plenty of time for discussion and questions. It is also a great opportunity to strengthen the community and build support through parents meeting others in a similar situation.

WHEN: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15th
WHERE: NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
TIME: 7.00 pm
COST: FREE

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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

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**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.
**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)

**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

**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

**GREEN, KATHLEEN MARY**
Former Staff and Students pay tribute to the long, loyal and dedicated service of Kath Green to Northcote High School as School Bursar and friend to so many. She will be sadly missed by generations of past students and staff. Sincere sympathy is extended to the family. Northcote High School and Northcote High School Ex-students' Association. “Meliora Sequamur”

**INTERESTED IN PLAYING CRICKET? 2008/09 Season starts in October**
Edinburgh Cricket Club has teams from development level (for 8-10 year olds) up to Under 17. We also run a MILO cricket activities program for younger children. If you are interested in more information please contact Sally Marsden (0425 885 069) sally.marsden@bigpond.com Website: www.edinburghcc@asn.net.au

**IVANHOE ROOSTERS JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB** Green Street, Ivanhoe -
As the Football Finals are fast upon us so is the countdown to the CRICKET Season! Ivanhoe Roosters Cricket Club invites Girls & Boys from 5 - 10 years of age to join in the Milo ‘Have A Go’ Cricket Program. Also U/11’s to play Wednesday Nights in the New Kookaburra Competition. U13, U/15, U/17’s to play in the Friday Night Twilight competitions commencing October 2008 – Come along and join the fun, all equipment including bats, pads & helmets are provided – Junior Information & Registration Day Sunday 14th September 10am -1pm. Further enquiries can be made to the Club President, David Dillion Ph 0418 593846

**MATHS AND SCIENCE TUITION**
Are you looking for an edge to perform at your best?
Contact Dr Jason Jeffers on 0408 553 175 or www.galoisdream.com.au.

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**Yr 7-10 Parent Teacher Meetings, Sept 10, 10-8 pm.**

**Important Reminder**
On Wednesday September 10th, 10.00 am—8.00 pm will be given over to the important final Yrs 7-10 Parent Teacher Meetings of the year.

Classes will not run on the day but Yrs 7-10 students are expected to attend with their parents or guardians

10.00 am—12.30 pm. Meetings by Appointment.
**12.30—1.30 pm Lunch break for staff**
1.30 pm—3.30 pm. Meetings by Appointment
3.30 pm—5.00 pm. Drop In time. (without appointment)
**5.00-6.00pm dinner break for staff**
6.00 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, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Somali.

All Year 7-10 Students will receive an appointment sheets next week.