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School Diary

Aug 24: 7B Boho Camp (to 27/8)
String tour to Qld (to 28/8)

Meliora Sequamur week

Aug 25: Yr 10, 11, 12 Course Selection forms returned
NHS Interschool Chess

Aug 28: No classes for students
STAY ICT conference at NHS & Curriculum day

Sept 1: Rainbow Day
7E Boho Camp (to 4/9)

Sept 3: South Street Music Comp.
Various groups (to Sat 5/9)

Sept 9: No classes for students
Parent Teacher Meet ing 1.30-8.00
6.00-6.45 pm Final China Tour Meeting

Sept 10: VCE Italian Orals at COASIT

Sept 12: China Tour departs

Sept 14: 6.00-6.45pm final Italy Tour meeting

Sept 18: Last Day Term 3

Oct 5: First day Term 4

MELIora Sequamur Week

It’s the start of the 2009 Meliora Sequamur week! See inside for the full program

Big Band Boogie 2009

Every year in the lead up to the Ballarat South Street Eisteddfod, NHS hosts an evening of live, funky, dynamic Big Band performances. Big Band Boogie features our awesome NHS Stage Bands (Senior and Junior) with special guests from local or friendship schools - this year it was De La Salle where Simon Chiodo (percussion) and Martin DeMarte (violin) also work. NHS choir also featured on the program.

Big Band Boogie is now touted the HIGH-LIGHT of the NHS music calendar. Of course this year was no exception. The NHS Junior Stage Band led the program with an awesome rap from Liam Kelly. Our youthful choir demonstrated their growing depth and maturity. Finally, our Senior Stage Band demonstrated their strong musicianship and technical finesse with some ripper solos from our senior players.

There was also wine, cheese platters, nibbles and gourmet sausages for sale to complete the festivities. Special thanks to the Parent Music Committee who contacted local businesses for support and sponsorship: Northcote IGA (High St), The Gourmet Meat Shack, Bakers Delight and The Nut Shop (Northcote Plaza). Thanks to everyone involved – parents, teachers, friends and NHS’s wonderful, dedicated and inspiring musicians!

Don’t forget – BBB happens at the same time every year (usually the 2nd last Thursday in August). If you missed out this year, put it in your 2010 diary now!

Other music diary dates:

VCE (Solo & Group) music performance evening – Monday 14th September @ 6pm – A1

Senior Concert – Wednesday 14th October – NHS hall

Junior Concert – Tuesday 24th November – NHS hall

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Meliora Sequamur Week Program

24th-27th of August [Week 7]

All week – Art Show in the A block

Monday:
- Recess: Tug o war at the oval
- Lunchtime: Staff v Student Basketball Match
- Out of uniform – Sporting colours day (gold coin donation all money going to McGrath Foundation for breast cancer)

Tuesday:
- Recess: Where do you come from? Plot your home town on the Giant World Map in the atrium
- Lunchtime: Marketplace at lunchtime, DJ, food stalls, skate ramp etc (library forecourt) Bring your money

Wednesday:
- Lunchtime: Northcote’s got Talent competition (C block Veranda)

Thursday:
- Before school: Pancake breakfast
- Lunchtime: Guest speaker (library) & Recycling program launch
- Environment Workshop
- Out of Uniform Day – Green/Hippy ( Gold Coin Donation to a carbon offset)

Friday
- Student Day off to recover

Plain English Speaking Award (PESA )

The Plain English Speaking Award (PESA) which two Northcote High Students entered into this year has just held it’s national finals in South Yarra, Melbourne. Luke Dakis-Corcoran of Year 10 and myself Lucy Benjamin of Year 11 both entered the regional finals late last term. The competition was to say the least exhilarating. Twelve students from the north of Melbourne were involved and only one could continue on to state semi-finals. We each delivered a 6 minute prepared speech and then a 3 minute impromptu. Luke discussed economics and trade in his speech and I spoke about the dangers of generation Y. We were then given 4 minutes to prepare our impromptu speech the theme of which was "Look to the Future". The PESA was a fantastic opportunity to get what we were interested in into the minds of others and the impromptu was a real test of our abilities though at same time incredibly exciting. I would encourage any student to get involved with PESA which is open to year 10-12 students and public speaking in general. If you want to confidence and want to be heard it's the best way to go about it.

Lucy Benjamin Year 11

Laura directs “Where’s Wally?”

Last week, the ever creative Laura Pearse of Year 11 turned our main quadrangle into Where’s Wally Land for her VCE Media SAC.

At left and right are some of the scenes. Can’t wait for the finished product!
Da Shan’s Sport’s Bag

The last 4 weeks of term 3 is a busy time with State finals from Term 2 Sports being played in Soccer and Badminton and District games in Basketball, Tabletennis and Hockey for Years 7-10. With Squash being taken out of VSSSA and Zone Sport our students will have some friendly games with Thornbury High School. Squash was recently replaced with Futsal much to our disappointment and opposition. Last Friday 50 of Year 7-10 students composed 7 teams and played in a friendly Indoor Hockey competition against Lakeside and Banksia/Latrobe. This day is unique to our District and is used to promote Hockey and develop our Field Hockey teams. The first Wednesday of Term 4 (23rd Sept) at Meadowglen will be the day for the rescheduled Zone Athletics. This day was postponed when we had schools closing with the flu outbreak. This Friday at DISC in Thornbury our Year 9/10 and 11/12 Girls teams play off in State Soccer finals. Elizabeth Demetriou of 12B is once again a pivotal player and coach for this day. She has played in every team over the past six years and has a State final win to her name. Elizabeth has been pro active in coaching the Year 9/10 Girls team and organizing training and equipment. She will be missed when she graduates this year. The last Wednesday of term(16th Sept) will see our Year 7 students playing in State Girls Soccer and Boys Badminton. What a wonderful effort by our Year 7 students in their first year at Northcote High School. A highlight for Sport in Meliora Sequama week is the Senior students taking on our teachers in an annual Basketball match.

Final Parent Teacher Meetings (Yrs 7-10) for 2009

Don’t forget Wednesday September 9th is our final parent teacher meetings for 2009. There are no classes for students on this day, and an appointment system will operate for teachers of Years 7-10. Next week appointment sheets will be given to all Years 7-10 students. They will also be available on our website. Interpreters are booked only for Mandarin language. If other interpreters are required, please advise Mr. Murphy. The “drop in without appointment time” will again be 3.30-5.00 pm.

Farewell to our sister school for another year!

Above— Mr Murphy pretends to show the Chinese visitors how to find gold. Mr Tousimis laughs (extreme background)

Mid-August every year sees the annual visit by our Chinese sister school - Huaibei Number One High School. Since the sister school agreement was signed 10 years ago, over 400 students and teachers have been exchanged for short term educational, cultural and language visits. It is a remarkable success story!!

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 Dobson, Helme-King, Walton-Healey, Legge, Cassar, Adolph, Van-Twist Smith, Abbey, Russo, Marshall, Taylor, Simutanyi, Bennett, Scott and Collard families. Special thanks also to the families who eagerly volunteered, but missed out due to several late cancellations.

We look forward to seeing our friends again in China—next month!

China Tour final Meetings
1. Final Student Meeting:
   Monday August 31st. C.7. 12.50 pm
   Speak Mandarin like Mr. Murphy, and planning for a concert without embarrassment

2. Final Parent and Student Meeting:
   Wednesday Sept 9th, 6 pm in A.1 (Parent Teacher Night) for tickets and visa etc.
Darebin Youth Summit 2009

Enhancing awareness of Young People with a disability

On Friday 7th August three Year 9 students, Elena Fakos, Natalie Morton-Brown and Julia Purcival-Cassin, attended the Darebin Youth Summit 2009 which was run by Darebin Council and held at the Darebin Town Hall. The theme of the forum was Enhancing awareness of Young people with a disability.

The Summit was an exciting forum which enabled local students from mainstream schools and students from specialist schools to come together to raise awareness around issues that Young People with a disability face in society. They were given the opportunity to participate in fun activities like wheelchair soccer, theatre arts, modified sports, Auslan training, modified artwork and much more.

The day culminated in the students making recommendations which will have a positive impact on Youth living with a disability in the Darebin region.

Congratulations to Elena, Natalie and Julia for a job well done.

ARRANGEMENTS for the Annual STAV ICT Conference, Friday August 24th

Please note, there will be no classes for students on Friday August 24th. The annual Science Teachers ICT Conference has been held at Northcote High School for the past 9 years, attracting teachers and science educators from all over Australia. The Regional Office of the Department of Education has permitted this to be an additional pupil free day given the significance of the event. Should you have difficulty caring for your child on this day, please contact the school.

Keys Please !

6.30 - 8 pm, Thursday 3 September

Coburg Library

Keys Please emphasises the importance of a partnership between learners and supervising driver. Covering topics such as the complexities of driving, the need for plenty of supervised driving experienced and the effects of alcohol, speed, fatigue and poor concentration, the presentation is aimed at 15-18 year olds and their supervisors. This program is run by Vic Roads in partnership with the Victoria Police, TAC, Department of Education and Training and RoadSafe Community Road Safety Councils.

Bookings 9353 4000
Coburg Library
Corner Victoria and Louisa Streets
Coburg

SCHOOL YARD TO SPIRIT

Cricket Victoria invites you to join us in a "Girls Only—come and have-a-go at CRICKET" clinic! It's FREE and during the September School Holidays.

In 2 hours full of fun and games, you will come away with the skills and confidence to play cricket anywhere.

Are you the next VicSpirit or Australian Southern Stars player?

24th September 2009
2:00pm–4:00pm
Northcote Indoor Sports
330 Morefield St, Thornbury
Mail Box: 31 95

Bookings are essential, entry to the centre can only be available through email registration.

Register your name, address & phone number including school and date of birth by 19th September 2009 to dday@cricketvictoria.com.au.

Further enquiries: Di Day, Female Projects Officer 0427 314 389
Community Mail

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this September. Other courses in Web and Graphics, Architecture, Fashion and Wearable Arts are on offer. Running at Melbourne High, South Yarra; Ruyton Girls, Kew; Firbank Grammar, Brighton and St. Bernard’s, Essendon. Ages 6-17 years. Tel: 1800 11 55 62 or Email: info@bubbledome.com or Visit: www.bubbledome.com

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Northcote High Schools
Bumper Car Boot Sale
Sun Oct 18th, 2009 - 9am - 3pm

Northcote High School is hosting a Bumper Car Boot Sale and everyone is invited to join in. You can book your own space, clear out that cluttered storage area, under the bed, the shed and turn your trash into someone else’s treasure.

You keep all your own profits! – the stall hire will assist in the purchase of musical instruments for the school music department, some of which will be used for an exciting tour to China.

Stalls will be available to the general community for just $30.

You can sell straight from the boot of your car or B.Y.O trestle table.

Coffee & light refreshments will be available

Everyone loves a bargain so join in the fun!

NHS Bumper Car Boot Sale - Sunday Oct 18th, 2009
If you would like to book a stall at our Car Boot Sale, please call Anne Stasiak on 0421 055 482 or return the slip below along with payment to: Northcote High School, St. Georges Rd, Northcote 3070.

Name: Contact Number:
Address: Enclosed: $

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Short School Notices

The Royal Children's Hospital is requesting the assistance of parents from Northcote High School to participate in a study aimed at developing a new questionnaire, called the Paediatric Care and Needs Scale. The scale will be used to measure the support needs of children who have had a brain injury. They are currently trying to recruit parents of children/adolescents aged 12-14 who have not had a brain injury to participate in this study, providing them with normative, baseline data about their children's support needs in everyday activities. If there are any parents who wish to take part in the study or be provided with further information, please contact the Student Wellbeing Office on 9388 2921 and ask for Teena Pavlatos or Emily Graham.

Study Tour of Italy—Final Information Evening
The 2009 Italy Tour draws near!
Our final Information Night will be on **Monday the 14th of September at 6pm in the Arts Centre**.
Representatives of Trekset Travel will be present to distribute tickets and other travel information as well as discuss any last-minute details regarding the trip. Adele Fattore (Italy Trip Organiser)

Study Tour of China—Final information Evening
Get packing those bags! Our final Information Night for the 2009 china tour (plus return of passports giving out Tickets and silly orange hats etc), will be on **Wednesday the 9th of September from 6-6.45 pm in the Arts Centre**.
**Our Departure date is SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, on CA 178 departing 9.55 am. We meet at 7.00 am at Tullamarine**

ACE PROGRAM TESTING for 2010 (Years 8 & 9)
Current Year 7 and 8 students are invited to participate in the NHS ACE Test Program. A limited number of places will be available in ACE classes in 2010. Please see your Year Level Coordinator or the ACE Coordinators Ms Castles or Ms Konstantinou (Staffroom 16) for ACE Program Application Forms. Cost: $50.00 Applications Close: Monday 12 October 2010

Test Date: Wednesday 21 October 2010. Please do not hesitate to contact Ms Mahe Castles, Ms Vicki Konstantinou or Ms Jocelyn Hill if you have any further queries.

2009 Parent Opinion Survey—Please return it!
Every year a random sample of parents are asked to comment on aspects of school operations. This year, we have again selected 200 families to respond. Surveys can be sent back by post or dropped in the box at the front counter. The surveys are not opened at Northcote High School.