## School Diary

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| Oct 5:  | First day Term 4  
          | City Centre for 9E and 9G |
| Oct 6:  | Boho camp for 8G (to 9/10)  
          | Northern Zone Athletics |
| Oct 12: | City Centre for 9A and 9C |
| Oct 13: | Boho Camp for 8F (to 16/10)  
          | School Assemblies |
| Oct 14: | 9BL,IG to Werribee all day  
          | Yr 9/10 district Soccer |
| Oct 15: | Yr 11 Biol to Queenscliff |
| Oct 16: | Art Show 4.00 pm +  
          | Yr 10 Biol to Queenscliff |
| Oct 19: | City Centre for 9Band 9H  
          | (to 23/10) |
| Oct 20: | 8D Boho Camp (to 23/10)  
          | 9A.C, I Aquarium visit  
          | State Athletics |
| Oct 21: | 9F Aquarium visit  
          | 5.30 Meliora Sequamur  
          | Awards |
| Oct 23: | Last classes for Yr 12.  
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| Oct 26: | City Centre for 9Fand 9I  
          | (to 29/10) |
| Oct 27: | 8C Boho Camp (to 27/10)  
          | Yr 7 immunizations  
          | Duke of Ed Camp (to 30/10) |
| Oct 28: | 9D,H Aquarium visit  
          | AMEB Flute Exams |
| Oct 30: | VCAA Exams Commence |

## A Celebration of International ties

### 10 Years of sister school friendship

September 2009 saw a party of 25 NHS students and teachers spend 12 days in China. The highlight of the annual tour was the four days spent at our sister school, Huaibei No. 1 High School, in northern Anhui province. The 10th Anniversary concert was an enthusiastic and joyful celebration by students and staff. Below, NHS students join an impromptu chorus for Principal Mr Qu, dancing to *Song of the Communist Youth League of China*!

And hardly a dry eye was left in the hall after Assistant Principals Ms Ma Ying, Mr Chen and Mr Murphy joined Principal Mr Qu for a Mandarin and English version of *Auld Lang Syne*!

Eve Walton-Healey (below) stayed for another week at our sister school in Huaibei.

### Meanwhile, in Italy...

...our school currently has another party on tour (shown above outside the Colliseum) Ms Fattore advises all is going well, and the 5th anniversary visit to Bari (home of our Italian sister school) has been most successful.
Carmen’s Great Win

Great news that Year 9 student Carmen Wiseman was winner of the Slade Literary Award 2009, hosted by the Rotary Club of Richmond.

Carmen’s win was announced at a special awards dinner last night. Her entry was short listed from 20 entries from Northcote High by both Yr 10 and Yr 9 students and it then had to compete with the best of 20 from various other schools. Martin Ramsay was (again) instrumental in bringing this competition to the students and encouraging and shepherding them through the process with, I believe, a little help from Carlene Wilson this year, so thanks are due to both of them.

Ms Tric O’Heare, Head of English

Year 9 Global Citizenship Exhibition

Student projects designed to change the world beyond the classroom culminated last Thursday 3/9/09 afternoon in a Global Citizenship Exhibition involving all Year 9s.

Each Year 9 class in turn presented their project, developed during NHS 23 pastoral care time, to the rest of the year level and their teachers.

Mr Sheedy hosted the event, which included a fashion show by 9A of knitted scarves to be donated to charity and a viewing of a photostory of 9G’s afternoon working with ventilator–dependant people. Each class presented a very worthwhile project, and all participants are now eligible for a Gold Global Citizenship Award. Perhaps more importantly, all students who were involved took practical action to improve the world they live in.

Picture: Julia and Isabella of 9E talk about 9E’s involvement in The 40 Hour Famine

Introduction of the Victorian Student Number

Our school is working with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to allocate a Victorian Student Number (VSN) to each student at the school.

The VSN is a student identification number that is being assigned to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student’s school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to stable information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the Victorian Student Number will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria. The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them.

You will see the VSN appear on student report cards, enrolment confirmations, and exit confirmations.

If you want to know more about the VSN please see http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/governance/vsn/overview.htm
Lunchtime basketball

Lunchtime Basketball Competition

During term 3, Northcote High School had a mixed basketball competition running over lunchtime on Mondays (Years 9-12) and Thursdays (Years 7/8). The competition proved to be a great success over the term, pulling some MCG-like crowds, particularly on Mondays with many VCE students filling the gymnasium and exercising their lungs.

The years 7 and 8 competition was won comprehensively by The Nigels, led by Jules Meltzer. The more experienced year 8 side were too good for Pneumonoultramicroscopic, winning 20-6. The Nigels were deserved winners with many scorers and sharing the ball well resulting in some exciting basketball. Their opposition had some talented year 7’s who, with a couple of extra centimetres, will improve even more next year.

The 9-12 age group provided some brilliant games of basketball. Eventually TAB and Bruno’s were to play off for the championship. TAB predominately year 12’s, Bruno’s an up and coming year 10 team. The match was close all the way with momentum swaying to both sides throughout. It was terrific to watch two stars in George Drakopoulos and Carlos Olsen go head to head with great intensity and competitive spirit. For Bruno’s, this freed up star-in-the-making Gabriel Anagnostakis to undertake some heavy scoring, both from the perimeter and in the keyway. However, it was TAB captain Nick Nikolakoudis’s dynamic offensive play that pulled through in the end. With help from Jack Simcoe and Olsen, the side pulled through by 5 points. Julia Olsen and Kate Fayle were also key players in TAB’s victory.

Final score was TAB 30, Bruno’s 25. The highlight was ‘Gabs’ nailing a massive rejection on school captain Jack Dalton. Pictured are the successful TAB team.

Mr Hore

Art—Tech Week starting Oct. 14th

Have you ever heard someone say, “I could do that!”? Well maybe it’s time you did!

2009 Art Week will start Wednesday 14th October with a Music Concert in the Hall and a preview of the Art Exhibition showcasing the talents of the creative and talented Northcote High Students.

On the Friday the 16th of October Parents and Staff are invited to the Art Opening at 4pm. There will be a Fashion Parade of garments made by NHS Design Technology students and an Art Exhibition displaying a wide range of Artwork from Year 7 - 12.

This year’s VCE media films will also be showing at the exhibition

Ms Susan Anderson

2009 ART WEEK!!

Art Week Opening: Friday 16 October, 4 pm, School Hall
Parents, students and staff are all cordially invited.
Da Shan’s Sports Report

Rivalry and District Sport

Term 3 has been renowned for our great rivalry with Mill Park in Basketball, Reservoir in Hockey, Thornbury in Squash and Banksia-Latrobe in Tabletennis. Trying to beat these schools has been a great incentive for our students to train harder and improve from one year to the next. We did very well in our District matches winning all 6 Hockey finals against Reservoir, 4 Tabletennis finals and one of 6 basketball finals. Three of our Basketball teams had very close losses to Mill Park in their finals, making 2010 a new challenge to do even better.

Year 7 dominate District Sport – A bright future

Our Year 7 teams went into their District competitions with no fear or awareness of our past rivalries. With no one to play against, our Year 7 Girls Hockey team played in the Year 8 Hockey competition. (See the photo below right of our Year 7 and 8 girls Hockey players) They produced impressive draws against both our own Northcote and Reservoir Year 8 Girls teams. This surprised their coach who was amazed at their attacking and fearless style of play. Our Year 7 Boys were unlucky to have a close loss to Mill Park in the first round in Basketball. They then won the rest of their games by large margins – they are now aware of the meaning of rivalry for 2010. Our Year 7 Girls had no fear of Mill Park winning all of their Basketball games to become District champions. Our Year 7 Boys won in Hockey and Tabletennis and our Girls also in Tabletennis and Hockey. Week 1 and 2 of Term 4 sees our matches in Squash with Thornbury rekindled for 2009.

New Sport coaches at Northcote High School

It is expected that our Physical Education teachers train and coach most of our Sporting teams. This is common in most schools. In Term 3 we had 10 - Year 9 and 10 students helping out in coaching and training our Year 7 and 8 teams. Our new Maths faculty head Eric Savini and first year out Science teacher Sarah Emanuel have been coaching our Year 7 Basketball teams. Eric ran many sessions at lunchtime and after-school with the boys who were unlucky not to win finishing a close second to Mill Park. Sarah worked in Sport Education with Megan Young with 50 girls over 10 weeks. Her team was successful in winning the District Basketball competition. Other staff who helped coach teams in Term 3 was mathematician and magician Chris Bissett (Soccer) and Mink Schapper (French/English/Humanities) who coached both her Year 7 Girls and Boys Tabletennis teams to District winners. Jennifer McIntyre has offered to coach our 3 Girls Hockey teams who will play off in Zone finals in Term 4. Bill Devine has been a great help supervising before school Badminton training for our Year 7 boys who finished 3rd at the State finals and many of our Tabletennis teams. World champion canoeist Leanne Guinea returned to Northcote in the last week of Term 3. She coached our Year 9 and 10 boys to a District Tabletennis win. This adds a special flavour to our Sports program and is very much appreciated. It also takes some pressure off our dedicated team of Physical Education teachers.

Lunchtime Champions - For the last 8 weeks of Term 3 we had some amazing games of mixed Basketball at lunchtime in the Gymnasium. Run by second year teacher Rowan Hore and refereed by senior students the competition was a great release for our VCE students leading up to their exams. The final was an epic with the score changing repeatedly. A photo and full report appears on Page 3 of the newsletter.

Zone finals - Term 4 will see all of our winning teams moving up to play off in Zone finals. We have 12 teams playing in weeks2,3 and 4 in Hockey, Tabletennis, Basketball and Year 7 Boys Volleyball. We also have our Zone Athletes stepping out on Wednesday in week 1 at Meadowglen. Good luck to all of our budding Sport stars.

Year 10 PEP update – PEP stands for Physical Education and Pathways – After a 3 week Alcohol and Drug block In week 10 of Term 3 all of our Year 10 students spent a double session listening and discussing their rights and understanding of how to relate to police and the law. Discussions on student rights, parties, driving, alcohol and drugs were covered in great depth.

Craig Price & Megan Young (Sport and Physical Directors)
Term 4 Camps Update

Year 8 Boho South Camps  Term 4
The Year 8 camp dates are as below:
8G  Tuesday 6th – Friday 9th October
8F  Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th October
8D  Tuesday 20th – Friday 23rd October
8C  Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th October
8B  Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th November
8E  Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th November
8A  Tuesday 24th – Friday 27th November
8I  Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th December
8H  Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th December
Any student who has not yet made full payment needs to do so by the end of this term. If there are any students who have not yet returned a permission they can still do so.
Mr. R. Griffiths Camps Coordinator

Northcote High School Student Super Chef

The NHS Super Chef competition was open to any Year 10 student who had studied a Food subject during 2009. There was an entry fee which covered all the food regardless of how long you were in the competition. We started with 11 eager contestants, and then 1 was ill. The first week the students had to make Choux Pastry. The competitors were provided with the recipe so they could practise at home and were able to bring in 2 extra ingredients from home to complement their product.

The second week was a Mystery Box challenge. The competitors were given a list of possible ingredients from which they had to select prior to the day. The recipe was supplied by the student. On this day of competition a mystery judge was invited, Ms-Sally Clarke, ex Northcote High Assistant Principal.

The final day came with only 3 competitors left, and they had to cook 2 courses plus a wild card entrée thrown in by Ms Lynn Delahunty.

Congratulations to Oscar Dowling for becoming Northcote High School’s First Student Super Chef winner; our 2 runners up Mun Seong Low and Timiki Saunders and the other competitors thank you for making this idea fun Jason Kha, Mathew Carfora, Zak Laser, Peter Thallas, John Nikolakoudis and Eliza Free.

Special thanks to the judges Mr Bob Olsen, Ms Rosemary Butera and Ms Shirley Barbara. The episodes were placed onto the NHS LAN thanks to Mr Bruce McLaverty from the Media Faculty
Ms Diana Corkery
Community notices

YOU COULD LEARN A LOT FROM AN INTERNATIONAL BROTHER OR SISTER!
climate change? further education? cultural differences? language? study habits? careers?
AND WHAT FUN TEACHING HIM/HER ABOUT AUSTRALIAN CULTURE.

Carefully selected students will arrive February 2010 for 5 months from Europe, Japan and the U.S.A. They will attend local secondary school, are fully insured and have their own spending money.


FC MELBOURNE CITY CENTRAL “GIALLOBLU” FUTSAL SQUADS

GIALLOBLU IS TRAINING AND ESTABLISHING FUTSAL SQUADS
DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AND THROUGHOUT TERM 4
COME PLAY!

ENQUIRIES CONTACT - GEORGE by Email: gialloblu@bigpond.com or Phone: 0433 102 847

Short school Notices

ACCESS TO GYM CAR PARK IN TERM 4

Due to the works on the gym multi purpose room commencing in the holidays and lasting throughout term 4 there will be changes in terms of accessing the Gym (staff) car park behind the gym.

In order to provide access for builders vehicles, trucks etc the driveway section currently used as the main entry point will not be accessible. The builders will take control of the carpark entrance driveway and the first bay of car park sports closest to the pedestrian lights along St Georges Road.

For the duration of term 4, access to the gym car park will only be via the current exit gates.

Note: Please do not block the bus garage by parking in front of it.

SENIOR YEARS UPDATE

Our Year 12 students are rapidly approaching the last few weeks of their Secondary schooling. The term holiday was a busy period at Northcote High School, with many of our Unit 3 / 4 students and teachers working feverishly to make the most of all opportunities available to obtain an edge in the competitiveness of the Victorian Certificate of Education.

As a school, we absolutely appreciate the efforts of teachers in providing this very valuable additional support for their students.

There will be 3 full weeks of formal classes and then students will be able to fine tune their preparation for one week before exams commence on the 30th October and continue over a 3 week period. During this time students can access the school resources to study quietly or have additional teacher support sessions.

Parents and family are an invaluable support to our students as they work their way through the stress of the final weeks of preparation for their exams. Family support, adequate sleep, a nutritious diet and balanced physical activity are all strong influences on our students achieving well.

As a school, we look forward to acknowledging and celebrating the successes of our Year 12 students at their Graduation Ceremony, to be held at the Moonee Valley Racing Club on November 24th at 7pm.

Ms Hill