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School Diary this month

· July 27. Yr 10 Info evening for Yr 9 students & parents—Hall
· July 29. Aerobics Comp.
  6pm Honjo HS party
· July 31. Rock Eistedfodd Rehearsal
· Aug. 2, 3. AIM Tests for Yr 7
· Aug. 3-5. St. Johns Camp
· Aug. 4. Maths Competition
· Aug 9. Rock Eistedfodd heats
· Aug 9. Huaibei HS visit (to Aug 15)
· Aug 10. 4-7 pm VCE Parent Teacher Meeting
· Aug 12. VCE subject talks for Yr 10 in Period 5&6
· Aug 15. Yr 9 Course Counselling all day (No classes for Yr 9)
· Aug 17. VTAC briefing Yr 12 students & parents—7.00 pm
· Aug 19. PS. Author Phillip Gwynne talks to Yr 9
· Aug 20. TOTM Competition
Main headline story: A 3-D virtual experience!

It could have been a case of blink and you might miss it! Museum Victoria’s Virtual Room came to Northcote’s hall for less than a day last Tuesday, while Museum staff tried to test how easily the installation would travel around to Australian regional centres. The answer was it wouldn’t! Starting work at 9.00 am on Monday it took the team until 3.00 AM on Tuesday morning to have it up and ready to go!!

Our sincere thanks to the team who worked so hard to let us play with it until Tuesday lunchtime. About 350 students, mostly from Media and Science classes managed to see the Museum’s 3D programs on Polar Dinosaurs, The Brain, Mars exploration and other topics.

The Virtual Room travelled to us from Japan and North America and now heads to the Hamilton Show as the start of its regional Australian tour. It is not visiting any other schools. Our own Mr Staubli was instrumental in making it all happen. Thanks also to Luke, Tommy and Bien who helped pack up the installation.

Earthquake delays Honjo visit

17 students and 2 teachers from Honjo High School Japan, should have arrived last Sunday to begin the first week of their (Japanese summer) education program at Northcote High School. Unfortunately, earthquakes stopped the public transport system, delaying their arrival until July 28.

The students will now undergo a shortened program at NHS. We ask all students to work hard to make Honjo High School’s remaining days of school experience enjoyable and worthwhile.

Principal’s Letter

“The task is not so much to see what no one yet has seen, but to think what no one yet has thought about that which everybody sees.”

Schopenhauer

Over the holidays, I travelled to my eldest son’s wedding. In addition to my personal joy, I was struck by the conversations of his friends- recent graduates of a Masters in Architecture program at University of British Columbia. The program recruits students with undergraduate degrees in disciplines other than architecture to come together and provide a different approach to design. The dialogue was rich in the creative solutions to the challenges we face as a world community.

I was also able to see some newly constructed high schools, talk to some educators and visit the Stanford University Center for Educational Research. It never ceases to amaze me how our educational conversation is truly worldwide. Topics of the importance of Year 9, community building and connections, teacher use of data analysis as a tool in the teaching process and developing student, teacher and school leadership stood out as common threads worldwide aligned with our work at Northcote HS and Victoria.

On the long flights, I was also able to read Stephen Covey’s, The 8th Habit, in which he discusses the challenges and complexity we all face in our lives and as a world. The 8th Habit follows on from his 7
Habits of Highly Effective People. It is the “new mind-set, the new skill-set, the new tool-set” that allows each of us to “find our voice and inspire others to find theirs.”

As a school, we have the opportunity to create conditions that allow our students to find their voice, to inspire others to find theirs and to be in rich dialogues that will allow this younger generation to find creative solutions to the challenges we face locally and as a world community.

As a school, we are currently developing our full Leading Schools Proposal. This school wide project has a focus on Year 9 and developing curriculum and a program that would allow our students to find their voice while studying issues in an area of interest (e.g. Environment, Engineering, Essential Moral Questions, Science and Technology). We want our students to be able to conduct action research and present their findings to a “Community Action Exhibition” at a student convention. Our proposal is a reflection of some of the creative curricular discussions and thinking that is currently going on at several levels, including parents and School Council. While this is a developing vision, I want to make sure that YOU are also a part of this discussion. As part of our proposal, we are also working to develop designs to reconfigure our portable classroom area to support this kind of learning and improve our teaching and learning spaces. We have certainly heard the voices of students, parents and teachers that this is an area that we can improve that would directly impact student learning and teaching excellence.

Finally, I want to remind you that if you would like to participate in a Parent Partnership Discussion Group, please contact Robyn Sinclair on 9488-2332.

Gail Davidson
Principal

At last, Harry is here!

As the release date for the sixth book in the Harry Potter series, *Harry Potter and the half-blood prince* approached, our list of reservations for the book grew longer and longer. By recess on Monday 18th July our four copies were ready for borrowing, and the first four students on the list lined up eagerly to get hold of the book.

By the end of lunchtime at least one of these students had read over 200 pages, so it shouldn’t be too long before another student gets access to the long-awaited title.

Whilst students are waiting they might like to look at the fantasy display in the library and borrow a book from this area. Happy reading!

Ms Fahey. Acting Library Coordinator

Parent Teacher Meetings this Term

**VCE PARENT TEACHER MEETING**
Wednesday August 10, (4-7 pm) Years 11 and 12

The next parent teacher meeting at the school is for Year 11 and Year 12 students, parents and teachers. Students will be given an appointment sheet in early August, as demand for meetings is traditionally heavy.

This is the second and final opportunity to discuss VCE student progress. It has been deliberately placed at this time to allow for meaningful advice and guidance well before final assessment. A written report is not given out at this meeting.

Interpreters can be booked through Mr Murphy, but this must be done before the meeting.

**YEARS 7-10 PARENT TEACHER MEETING**
Thursday September 15 (Time TBC) Years 7 to 10

The final parent teacher meeting scheduled for the year is for parents of Years 7-10 students in the last week of Term 3. It is scheduled just before the Term 3 holidays, so as to allow time for students to respond to advice and guidance before the final term. A written report is not given out at this time.
Years 7-10 students will be required to make appointments with teachers during the week before the meeting. Interpreters will be available, through Mr Murphy.

**YEAR 9 to 10 INFORMATION NIGHT**

The “Year 10 in 2006” Information Evening will be held on **Wednesday July 27th**, in the school hall at 7 pm for all current Year 9 students and their parents.

Letters will be sent home with students in week 1 of Term 3. Please complete the reply slip and return it to the school. The general structure of our Year 10 program, the course selection process, career advice and pathway options will be outlined at the evening and students will receive their Course Selection Information packs.

*Jocelyn Hill, Senior School Coordinator, Mahe Castles and Adele Fattore, Year 9 Coordinators.*

**Term 3 Music Performance dates**

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**Zoe wins another dance comp!!**

Zoe Drury of Yr 8G has again won a Dance Prize. She won “Battle of the Sexes”: Dance Comp run by Ceroc Dance Group and was a finalist in the advanced freestyle dance comp.

Zoe has been dancing since she was 9 years old and this is one of her main hobbies.

Go Zoe! (pictured, third from left)

*Written by Sophie, Claire and Emily of 8G after completing Environment Duties together*
Julian wins Leader Newspapers Award

Julian Buzzanca of Yr 9 has been awarded a Young Sportsman of the Year award by Leader Newspapers. Julian is a State Soccer player for the Victorian Under 15s. He also plays for Essendon Royals Soccer team. He played for the state team in New Zealand last month. Julian usually plays at right or centre back position.

Julian will also play for our own Northcote High School Under 15 Soccer team this term. We congratulate Julian on the public recognition he has received.

Year Eight Boho Camps

Permission forms for the fourth term Year 8 Boho camps will be given to students in the forthcoming week. Information about the camp and its program will be included. Activities such as horse-riding as well the NHS rite of passage, the overnight hike, await our young campers.

The cost of the camp is $225. Payment of the full amount or a $75 deposit must accompany the permission form. Final payment must be made by Friday the 9th September. Any family with a financial concern can spread the cost across the year by paying in instalments. For further information on this contact Marie de Rango on 9488 2302 on any day except Wednesday. If you have any queries regarding the camp, please feel free to contact us at school o 94882300 or at rg@nhs.vic.edu.au or cn@nhs.vic.edu.au

YEAR EIGHT BOHO DATES TERM 4 2005

8A 4th - 7th October
8G 11th - 14th October
8I 18th - 21st October
8B 25th - 28th October
8D 8th - 11th November
8H 15th - 18th November
8C 22nd - 25th November
8E 29th November - 2nd December
8F 6th - 9th December

These dates may be subject to change. Some forms may be combined due to low numbers. Notification of any change will be made in writing as early as possible.

Mr R. Griffiths & Ms. A Costanzo
Camp Coordinators

Debating: A night of big wins!

In our next exciting instalment... it was a great night out for students and their families again on Tuesday 19th of July!!

The Year 10 students had a great win against Ivanhoe Girls Grammar on Tuesday night. Emma Boehm, Georgia Burns Williamson and Chandra Gamble were successful in arguing that welfare payments are a right not a privilege. Congratulations to Georgia for being named best speaker. This gives the team three wins for the year. We hope to see them in action again next year representing Northcote High School in Year 11.

The Year 9 teams also had a good night. While team No. 2 had a bye, team No 1 had a great win against Ivanhoe Girls Grammar. It was not a night for the faint hearted as Noni Sproule covering for Christina Rizzo came down
with the flu. At the last moment, in the middle of a rehearsal for the Rock Eisteddfod, in stepped Celia Milton with two hours to spare. Celia, Kate Jamma and Georgia Fraser successfully argued that governments should fund controversial art. Kate Jamma AGAIN won best speaker, which makes it four in a row! Special mention must also be made of Georgia Fraser’s determination that the team not forfeit the debate and it was Georgia who persuaded Celia to join at such late notice. This determination enabled the team to become Northcote High School’s most successful team for the year with four wins from five debates. I look forward to watching both teams in action again next year in Year 10.

In the junior school, Year 7 and 8 students will have their opportunity to experience debating in a workshop and in debates organised by the DAV. This will run over four nights in August.

Meanwhile at the senior end of the school, school captains Dai Le and Ali Abdalla, Elly Piper (Year 11) and members of the Year 10 debating team will go to the state film centre to watch the State Final of the Plain English Speaking competition on Friday 29th of July.

Finally, I would like to thank again the families that came along on Tuesday night to the D.A.V. competition. These included the Fraser family, the Jamma family, the Milton family, the Boehm family and the Burns Williamson family. It was great to see the Year 10 students in the audience supporting the team. Finally, whether teams win or lose, it is a great opportunity for parents to see students in action and to watch them as they develop their skills. Thank you for your support.

Mr. Martin Ramsay
Public speaking and Debating coordinator

Do you have Pulian Ancestory?

Our Sister School in Bari, Italy has asked us whether any of our students are descended from people who lived in the Pulia Region of Italy. Please tell Mr Murphy if you do.

The Romanazzi Institute advises that sometimes the Regional Government of Pulia is looking for Australian families with links to Pulia and occasionally, fully funded trips “back home” are available.

In February 2006 about 15 students from the Romanazzi Institute will visit Northcote. They will need homestays, so if you are interested, get dusting the spare bed!

Huaibei High school to visit—August 9-14th

Our sister school Huaibei Number 1 high school is to visit us for five days starting on August 9th. Details are still being finalised at the time of going to press, but thank you to the many Music families who have already indicated they can help look after a students from the school.

SHORT TERM HOMESTAY STILL REQUIRED
We still need a family (preferably with boys), who could host a boy from Huaibei for August 9-14. Please tell Mr Murphy asap if you are interested (9488 2342) It’s not necessary that the student went on the Music tour to China earlier this year, nor that you speak Chinese!
Tasmania or the Snow Camp? Decisions, Decisions!

TASMANIA TOUR 2005
Students who expressed interest should have collected their permission forms by now and return them as soon as possible. The camp will take 44 Year 9 & 10 students the Holiday Isle in the second week of term 4.

SNOW CAMP 2005
All students should have paid by now and have the details of their clothing hire to the office. Students need to monitor the Daily Bulletin for further important information and meeting times. The dates of the camps are:

Camp 1: 22nd August – 24th August
Camp 2: 25th August – 27th August

Mr. R. Griffiths & Ms. A. Costanzo
Camps Coordinators

Mathematics Competition

The Australian Mathematics Competition will be held on Thursday 4th August in the Hall during the following times:

Periods 1 & 2  Years  7, 11, 12
Periods 3 & 4  Years 8, 9, 10

Students involved (205 in total) should note that calculators are not allowed and that all answers are to be recorded in dark lead pencil only (preferably 2B). Students must supply their own pencil(s) and eraser on the day of the competition. Any student who has registered and has not yet paid $2 to their Maths teacher should do so immediately. Students can obtain old Competition papers with answers from their Maths teachers.

Ms. D. Frost & Mr. C. Bouniotis.
Competition Managers

VTAC Information evening—17 AUG

VTAC Information Evening
Wednesday 17th August 2005
7 pm in the Library

Does it seem like the year has only just started… that there are too many SACs and exams to worry about? Just when you thought you had everything under control, the all-important 2006 course selection decisions and deadline have to be factored in for Term 3.

As part of our program supporting Year 12 students, Careers is pleased to invite you to attend the VTAC Information Evening for Yr 12 students and their Parents/Guardians. This is the first step in the process of determining university &/or TAFE course selections as well as career options for 2006, and will cover many of the changes and commonly asked questions relating to the process.
**Sporting Zone finals wins**

Term three has started with six of our successful district winning teams playing off in the Northern metropolitan Zone finals. Our Year 9/10 Girls and Boys netball teams both played at the new Macleod stadium. Our girls after beating Whittlesea played 2 tough, competitive games against MacRobertson GSC and St. Helena SC. They finished third on the day. our boys finished second, losing in the final to Melbourne High School.

Our Year 7 Boys and Girls Badminton teams were even more successful coming from behind in the doubles to both win their Zone pennants. Their delight at presenting them to principal Ms. Gail Davidson resulted in high fives all around!

The players in these 2 winning teams were Boys - Thanh Luong, Marco Xiao, John Mitsios, Khiang Trinh and Jeffrey Truong, Girls - Debbie Kha, Amy Ly, Alex Brown, Monika Sekulov, Ellen Havekin and Tennille Thomas. All these players have trained hard in Sport Education with Ms. Tayton and before and after school with senior students and Mr. Coleman. both of these teams now play off in the State finals at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Wednesday and Thursday the 14th and 15th of September.

This week we continue on with our Year 9/10 Girls Soccer team playing University HS, Viewbank SC and Lalor North SC in the Zone finals and our Year 8 boys playing Brunswick SC, St.Helana SC and Whittlesea SC.

Good luck to both teams

**European Handball gains popularity**

This sport has taken off at Northcote High school with 12 teams currently playing off in a lunchtime program in the gym. On friday this week - lunchtime, the State coordinator of Handball is running a clinic for 25 interested Year 9 students in the gymnasium. In November we intend to enter some teams in the State Handball championships held at Monash University

*Mr Craig Price*
*Sports Coordinator*

**Parent Opinion Survey to be conducted**

Every year the Department of Education (DET) ask a random sample of parents and guardians to fill in a survey on aspects of every school’s work.

Our random sample will go out to about 240 families in the next few weeks. Please make every effort to return it in the special envelope provided. Write your name on the back of the special envelope, but not on the actual survey. The survey itself is not read at school, but is analysed by DET.

Results of the survey are published in our annual report and this newsletter.
What’s on in Term 3

Honjo High School (Japan) Tour & homestays
Huaibei No 1 High School (China) Official Tour & homestays
Huaibei English teachers practicum
VCE Unit 4 Practice Exams
YR 7 AIM Assessment
St. John’s Camp
Maths Competition
Rock Eisteddfod heats and finals
Aeroskools Competition and National finals
Year 9, 10, 11 Course Counselling for 2006
VTAC information sessions for Yr 12
Novelist Phillip Gwyne talks to Yr 9
Tournament of the Minds
“Key’s Please” driver training session
Ski camps 1& 2
Science teachers Conference at NHS
Parent Teacher Meetings—VCE
Parent Teacher Meetings—7-10
Yr 7 immunizations
Yrs 7-10 sports (District, Zone and State)
South Street Music Competition

Education Maintenance Allowance—Semester 2, 2005

If you applied for Education Maintenance Allowance at Northcote High School in 1st Semester and have received a payment please disregard this notice, your application for the 2nd Semester will automatically be processed.

If you applied at a previous School during 1st Semester you will need to complete another application form at Northcote High School.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must be

• a parent or guardian of a student at Northcote High School. The student must be under sixteen years of age.

• You must be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

You must be eligible for one of the above as at the first day of Term 3 (11th July 2005).

PLEASE NOTE:

• Application forms are available from the School office.

• You must have your Pensioner Concession or Health Care Benefit Card with you when you apply, as a photocopy is required in order to lodge your claim.

Applications must be lodged at the School by FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST 2005. The Department of Education, Employment & Training has instructed that late applications will not be accepted.

Mr. K. Coleman & Ms. D. Pyke

Student Welfare Coordinators
They say it’s the most sincere form of flattery! Since NHS introduced ties as a uniform option, several other northern suburbs schools have done this too!

OPENING HOURS
TUESDAY: 12:30 - 4 PM
FRIDAY: 8:30 - 11 AM

A reminder that we have winter beanies in stock as well as school ties. Track pants for winter sport are also available. If leaving a message on our answering machine please remember we cannot ring mobile numbers. Secondhand uniform items are still welcome and are sold on commission. Winter items are especially sought after just now. These can be dropped off at the shop during opening hours or at the General office, but you must complete the relevant forms.

CASH, CREDIT CARDS AND ACCOUNTS ONLY. NO CHEQUES OR EFTPOS FACILITIES.

Community Mail Bag

CLEANING
For house or office cleaning, call ASTRID. 9471-3812

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY ART SHOW
Artists are invited to exhibit at the Fairfield Primary School Community Art Show 2005
July 30 – Opening
July 31 – Family Day
For Application Forms please phone Fairfield Primary School on 9489 2966
Or email: plank.susan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

PARENTS VICTORIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE
“A Healthy Education” Annual Conference—August 24 & 25
Rydges Hotel, North Melbourne. Looking at our child’s social, emotional and physical wellbeing in the education system. For further details go to www.parents victoria.asn.au or email office@parents victoria.asn.au
Phone: 9380 2158

JOURNEY TO REALITY" - SATURDAY 30th JULY at 2pm - COLLINGWOOD COLLEGE

We wish to invite you to a repeat screening of a short film "Journey to Reality" made by our adopted son, Joe, when he returned to his country of birth, the Philippines, last December/January. The film gives an insight into the thoughts and experiences of a 15 year old boy, who returns to be confronted by the realities of life for so many in the Philippines.
Address: Melways 2C G9 Enter from Vere or Cromwell Sts, Collingwood. Entry:$10 adults;$5 concession; children free. For further details contact Joe, or Basil and Mary Natoli 03 9417 6949.
ROCK EISTEDFODD TICKETS—AUGUST 9th

Tickets can be paid for at the General Office. Come and support Northcote High School’s production in the Premier Division of the Rock Eistedfodd at Vodafone Arena.

Tickets are $24.00 each and are selling fast!!!