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School Diary this month

TERM 3

- Aug 22-24 Ski Camp 1
- Aug 22. Yr 10, 11 & 12 Subject Selection sheets returned
- Aug 24-27 Ski Camp II
- Aug 24. Keys Please. 7pm, Hall
- Aug 26. Science Conference (no school for students)
- Sept 1-3. South Street Music Competition
- Sept 5. Yr 7 Sport
- Sept 6. Vis. Com Workshop
- Sept 9. Yr 8 Sport
- Sept 13. Rock Eisteddfod Final
- Sept 14. Yr 9/10 sport
- Sept 14-16. Yr 12 Prac. Exams
- Sept 15. Yr 7-10 Parent Teacher Night. 3-7.30 pm
- Sept. 16. Last day of Term 3. School dismissed at 2.00 pm

TERM 4

Oct. 5. First Day Term 4
Main headline story: Successful sister school visit

A delegation from our sister school, Huaibei Number 1 High School, has completed a successful week long tour of Melbourne, thanks largely to the efforts of host students and their families, staff and the broader student population of NHS.

Activities organised through the school included trips to Sovereign Hill, Healesville Sanctuary, English, PE, Cooking and Science lessons and the familiar all important farewell concert and BBQ on their last day (below right).

The delegation of 8 teachers was headed by Assistant Principal Mr Chen, seen above right with Ms Wang, singing at the concert. A man of many talents, Mr Chen also played “A grade” basketball with our students, planted a tree and cooked at the BBQ!!

The party left for Sydney on Thursday August 18th, before leaving Australia for home on Monday August 22. Two English teachers in the party return to Northcote shortly for two further weeks intensive English language observation.

Rock Eisteddfod into the finals—again!!

The school’s Rock Eisteddfod team has again made the finals, after a wonderful performance on the night of Tuesday August 9th. We wish them luck for the finals.

The finals will be held on September 13 at Rod Laver Arena. Tickets are available from the General Office.

Rehearsals will be held every Tuesday and Thursday 3.30-5pm and on Saturday September 10th from 10am-4pm. All dancers and backstage are required.

Our St. John’s Cadets were on duty at the Rock Eisteddfod heats. Congratulations to them for also representing the school so well.

2006 China Tour– information night

Wednesday, 31st August 7pm – 8.30pm

Planning is underway for the school’s next trip to China in 2006. This 16 day tour will start on the 8th September 2006 and return on the 23rd September 2006. The trip is for students studying International Studies or a History in Year 11 or 12 in 2006/7, and also for students studying LOTE Mandarin.

The tour will take in visiting Shanghai, Beijing, the Great Wall, Xian and Northcote’s sister school in Huaibei.

The cost of the tour is estimated to be around $2700 per student (subject to numbers of students and package prices). The price will be inclusive of airfares, land transport, accommodation and meals.

If your child is interested in taking part in this trip there will be an information night for parents and students at the school on Wednesday, 31st August in the school hall. The session will begin at 7pm.

If you are interested in attending the information night or would like further information about the trip, please contact Mr Paul Gilby (International Studies teacher) on 9488 2309.
Principal’s Letter

*Vibrant* is a word I often use to describe Northcote High School. In the dictionary “vibrant” is defined as “pulsing with energy and activity; vigorous, lively, vital; (colour) relatively high on the scale of brightness”. To understand this vibrant community of learners and learning, I would like to share a recent “day in the life of Northcote High School”. It may not be a typical day, but it is also not an atypical day.

**Wednesday, 17 August 2005**

7:00 am  Teachers begin to arrive at school to plan and prepare.
7:30 am  The copy machine is buzzing, producing support for the day’s activities
8:00 am  Wednesday AM Curriculum meeting: Leading Schools Proposal, Middle Years Working Party, Science Teachers of Victoria conference at NHS, Curriculum day
9:00 am  Review our assembly format with our Sister School visitors from Huaibei No. 1 High School – all assemblies will include Huaibei speeches, exchange of gifts, Chinese flute performance by NHS student
9:10 am  Year 11/12 Assembly – Awards in Rio Tinto Australian Science Olympiad, Australasian Schools Science Competition including Gold Medal for top student in Victoria, Regional Finals of Plain English Speaking Awards, SRC, St John Special Service Awards & First Aid, Aerobics Awards including 3rd in Victoria
9:45 am  Year 9/10 Assembly- Australasian Schools Science Competition Awards, Debating Awards, Duke of Edinburgh Award, St John Cadet Level 2 Awards & First Aid, Aerobics including 3rd in Victoria
10:20 am Year 7/8 Assembly – Australasian Schools Science Competition, Australian Geography Competition, recognition for outstanding number of positive certificates, Aerobics, Year 7 Captains, Preliminary First Aid and special performance by “Chicken & Chips” Y7 ensemble
11:00 am Meeting with the delegation from Huaibei to discuss future student learning trips and teacher exchanges
11:30 am NHS Sport Program of Excellence presentation to Huaibei followed by an explanation of our ESL program
12:30 pm Planning for this weekend’s High School Math Olympiad at University of Melbourne, Tournament of the Minds and The Age/CBC Young Reviewer of The Year (ROTY) Award to a NHS student
1:30 pm Planning for Rock Eisteddfod Final; call confirming the all is going well on the first day of the Boho Camp Kitchen renovation
2:00 pm Chinese Friendship Concert - NHS Stage Band performance, Melbourne’s Chinese Band, Huaibei and NHS student individual performances (students studying Chinese and Overseas Students)
3:30 pm VCE Biology Study session for extra support
4:00 pm Friendship BarBQ with students, staff, parents and Huaibei visitors – healthy, happy and filled with energy
5:00 pm Some teachers are preparing lessons and the copy machine is still running off material for the next day
6:00 pm Gathering to say thank you to homestay families and farewell to Huaibei friends
7:00 pm VTAC presentation in library to 200 Year 12 parents and students to inform and assist them with VTAC application process
7:30 pm Combined Jazz Concert in the Hall with NHS, Macleod College, Princess Hill SC, Thornbury HS

It was one of the many many wonderful days at NHS. We are all a part of a truly vibrant Northcote High School community – living and learning together. We want to celebrate it, appreciate it and nurture it.

*Gail Davidson*

*Principal*
Parent Teacher Meeting this Term

YEARS 7-10 PARENT TEACHER MEETING  
Thursday September 15 (3-7.30 pm) 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.

Outstanding “Top 5” placing at MUMS

On Sunday 21st of August Mohammed Owynat, Ki Shiu, Yun-Jiao Chen of Year 12 and Jing Wang and Mathew Elvey-Price of Year 11 represented Northcote High in the MUMS (Melbourne University Mathematics and Statistics Society) School Mathematics Olympics at the Melbourne University Open Day.

There were 28 schools with teams and our team came in 5th place after Scotch College, Melbourne Grammar, University High School and The Islamic Schools of Victoria. This is the best placing we have had.

The top 5 teams were all awarded a prize and invited to lunch by MUMS to celebrate. These top 5 teams have been invited to enter in the University Maths Olympics that will be held in September. A fantastic effort!

One of the easy questions was:
If \(a \times b = a^b + b^a\) and \(2x = 177\), what is the value of \(x\)?

Dianne Frost,  
Mathematics Co-ordinator.

St. John’s State Convention at NHS

On Saturday 20th NHS played host to the Annual St John Ambulance First Aid Competitions. We had over 200 cadets competing from across the state and over 80 officers and 200 plus parents involved in the first aid scenarios.

This is the first time a state school has been used as a venue and Collin Smith, St John first aid Coordinator, was very pleased with the excellent lay out of the school for such a huge event. Clancy Fraser, Patricia Lee and Alyson Ingle will be representing the school division in 2006. St John wishes to thank the school and in particular Mr Forster (NHS Divisional Superintendent) for their cooperation in this important event.

Off to dance in Cyprus!

Christine and Maria Demetriou have been chosen by the Cyprus Community of Melbourne to represent Australia at the Cyprus Limassol Wine Festival in September—October.

The trip is jointly sponsored by the Government of Cyprus and the Community Association in Melbourne. The school wishes both our students well at this important cultural event.
Silver Medal in the ROTY Awards

Stacey Batterham (Yr 8) was awarded a Silver Award as “Young Reviewer of the Year” in the Annual ROTY awards, held on Sunday August 21, at the BMW Edge Theatre at Federation Square. Stacey was given this award for her book review of “Tom Appleby, Convict Boy” written by Jackie French.

The Age and the Children’s Book Council sponsors the Reviewer of the Year (ROTY) Awards. Ms Butera and Ms Davidson also attended. Ms Davidson is shown congratulating Stacey.

Reminder of the Work Required Assessment Policy for Years 7 –10

Northcote High School has a Work Required Assessment policy. This means that each student must submit all set work to receive a “satisfactory” for each subject’s end of semester report. Each subject has determined a number of work requirements that cover the areas of study done in that subject. Even if only one piece of work is not submitted or completed, it may result in a ‘Not Satisfactory’ for the related work requirement and for the semester.

Teachers are expected to provide students with a list of work requirements at the start of each semester that outlines the number of tasks students are expected to complete and when they need to be submitted. All students should now have a list of due dates for each subject for semester two. Parents and guardians should use this list of due dates to monitor the progress of their child.

Any concerns about workload or progress should be directed in the first instance to the teacher concerned. The school’s policy statement on Work Required Assessment is available on request.

The end of semester dates for Semester Two 2005 are:

Year 10 – Monday November 7th
Years 7, 8 & 9 – Friday November 25th

Mr. Kevin Hoole
Curriculum Coordinator

Camps update

BOHO REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

During this term the refurbishment of the kitchen and main building has taken place including new appliances supplied by Betta Electrical High St Northcote. Betta Electrical has provided these appliances at the best price available and also have contributed $300 worth of other kitchen items. We would like to thank them for their kind support to the Boho camp program. Betta Electrical will also happily provide competitive prices on all their stock to families of Northcote High students.

The new kitchen and other work will be completed by the end of this term in readiness for the first of the Year 8 Camps in the first week of term 4. Year 8 students are required to have their permission forms and all money paid for by Friday September 9th.

NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL THANKS BETTA ELECTRICAL 345 -347 HIGH ST NORTHCOTE

TASMANIAN TOUR
Students in Year 9 or 10 who wish to attend the Tasmanian Tour in week two of Term 4 should have collected a permission form and returned it with their deposit by now. Any student who may still be interested should see Ms. Costanzo.

Mr. R. Griffiths & A. Costanzo
Camps Coordinators

Student Conference Reports

1st ANNUAL VICSRC CONGRESS
On Thursday 4th August, Callum Flint and I joined 170 other secondary students from across Victoria to participate in the ‘1st Annual VicSRC Congress’ at Moorabbin Town Hall. The day consisted of two workshops, congress preparation and finally the congress itself. The workshops were discussions of issues facing students across the state, of these issues were prepared during the congress preparation session. The congress was held after lunch where the motions for resolution were presented debated and voted on. A group of students from the congress committed to continuing as the VicSRC to put the carried motions into action.

By Katrina Salau Thom, SRC President

2005 DAREBIN YOUTH SUMMIT
On Friday the 5th August, a group of students in Year 10 from Northcote High School went to the Preston Shire Hall to attend the Darebin Youth Summit. Among them were Georgia Madden and Georgia Burns-Williamson who presented our group topic at the forum.

At first, we all met at the school, took a taxi to the Shire Hall and got ready for what would turn out to be a very exciting day. We went to our first activity which was on school issues and we all listened in on different topics presented from many schools. At this stage both the Georgias presented our topic on Healthy Lifestyle. After this, we had morning tea and then quickly proceeded onto the next group of issues based around the community.

When the final topic had been presented we had lunch and listened to Sian Petrovich's band, who entertained us throughout lunchtime. Then it was time for the fun workshops where we could choose from various activities including self-defence, hip hop dancing and tattooing.

When these workshops had finished we went back to the hall to vote on which topics were the most important for us. Unfortunately our school's topic was not voted to be presented at the overall school summit but we hope to have better luck next year.

Overall, even though our topic was not chosen, we still had a very interesting day out.

By Jacob Erlandsen

Reminders!

Parent Opinion Survey—Last call!
About 50% of our DET survey has been returned so far! To avoid the expense and embarrassment of us ringing to remind you to send it back, please complete the survey and return it to school.

Please write your name on the back of the special envelope provided. This enables us to check that all surveys have come back. The survey itself is not read at school, but is analysed by DET.

Electives for year 7 and 8 for 2006
Year 7 and 8 students must return their Elective requests for 2006. These were distributed 3 weeks ago and if you wish to have your requests for next year you must return the elective forms as soon as possible. Please return your request to Mr Beugelaar the Elective coordinator.

Mr Beugelaar
Congratulations to Ex-Student

The school extends hearty congratulations to ex-student, Professor Max Lay, A.M. Max was made a Member of the Order of Australia in the recent Queen’s Birthday Honours. He studied at NHS, Melbourne University and Lehigh University, Pennsylvania. As an engineer Dr. Lay had worked for the State Electricity Commission and BHP before becoming Executive Director of the Australian Road Research Board. He became a Director of VicRoads in 1989 and, later, was Reviewer of the Melbourne City Link Project and a Principal of Sinclair Knight Mertz. Max is a Professorial Fellow of Melbourne University, Past President of the RACV, the Australian Automobile Association and the Royal Society of Victoria. He is a Fellow of many important Institutes and organizations. His award of the AM is for services to Engineering, particularly in quality road design and as educator and historian. He is a keen supporter of his old School and assisted us to examine the road outside the School to make suggestions for improvements to VicRoads after the tragic death of a student on the School crossing. Max has certainly "Followed the Better Things" as our Motto suggests. Well done Max!

Gary L. Israel

Andrew Fuller’s Hints for Improving Learning

Last year we ran this series in our newsletters. We are repeating it again by popular demand.

No. 1 Most Learning Doesn’t Happen At School!

Children spend only 15% of their time at school. They spend more time asleep (33 %) than they do at school. Most of their time (52 %) is at home, awake, mucking around, playing, and learning about life and it’s what they do with that time that is important.

Most of their future learning also won’t occur in school. It is estimated that 70% of the jobs that will exist in the year 2020 do not exist now. We know that knowledge is doubling every three years. It is estimated that 50 years ago a high school graduate left school knowing about 75% of what they would need to know in their working life – today’s high school graduate will leave knowing about 2%!

This series of handy hints to improve learning are designed to help us work together to ensure that we prepare your children for success.

No.2 Organising a Learning Space for Your Child

As your child grows and develops, there will need to be somewhere set up for them to study and do projects. Some kids just can’t get themselves organised and may need a parent to take care of the practical aspects of setting up a home study area. The parent may also need to be responsible for keeping it neat. It’s ok for parents to assist by thinking of ways to better organise notes as well.

No.3 Organising a Learning Space for Your Child - Lighting

Natural or indirect lighting such as a desk lamp is best for learning. It is best for your child not to study under fluorescent lighting as it is related to raised cortisol levels in the blood stream (an indicator of anxiety and agitation). Cortisol also suppresses language functions. If you are purchasing a desk lamp try to avoid fluorescent lights.

No. 4 How much Television viewing should I allow my child to watch if I want them to succeed at school.

There is growing evidence to suggest that any TV viewing for children under the age of two impairs their ability to concentrate. As children develop, a small amount of television viewing is positively associated with academic achievement. A nine year old shouldn’t watch more than one and a half hours per day. A thirteen year old shouldn’t watch more than one hour a day.

Bad news for those of you with older children! At 17 years of age the optimal amount of TV viewing is half an hour per day.
While there is no real evidence on the amount of time spent playing computer games, it is a good idea to keep
televisions and computer out of children’s bedrooms.

From “Help Your Child Succeed at School” by
Andrew Fuller www.inyahead.com.au

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

DOBSON’S UNIFORM SHOP

ATTENTION YEAR 10 STUDENTS

Your VCE selection forms need to be stamped by the Uniform Shop before returning to Year Level Coordinator by 19th August as proof you have purchased your VCE polo top. Because you have 2 weeks to do this we are not having extended opening hours this year. So you must come in to purchase or order (if size not available) on your normal opening times of

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We will not place tops ‘on hold’, so come prepared to buy

Sizes

- 12-20 $51.50
- 22-26 $52.95
- 28-30 $57.95

If you no longer require your VCE top after purchasing (eg. leaving, the school) we will refund so long as you return your receipt and not removed tags.

CASH, CREDIT CARDS, EFTPOS AND ACCOUNT (NO CHEQUES)

Community Mail Bag

IVANHOE HARRIERS ATHLETICS CLUB

Invites you to our Recruitment / Family Fun Day / BBQ. Consider joining our great club and experience the challenge and fun of competing in the wonderful sport of athletics. We need you!!! This means all Girls, Boys, Mums, Dads, Aunties & Grand Parents. We cater for Ages 10 – 70+ & all abilities.

Where & When: Willinda Park, Greensborough (Melway Ref; 21 A4)
Sunday, September 11th. 1pm. - Onwards.!!!! BBQ is free!!!!!

Come meet our Athletes (Past & Present), Coaches, Officials, & Team Managers.
See our wonderful Sports Facilities, Club Rooms & use our Equipment. Uniforms available.
Further details please call John David ph. 9434 4727 or Aylean O'Connor ph. 9457 2228 Mobile; 0409 992232

GOOD SHEPHERD WANTS VOLUNTEERS

Adult volunteers! We need you for our innovative mentoring program MOOOV Ed. If you are an adult with an interest and understanding of young people and the issues they face and have 1-2 hours per week to spare then MOOOV Ed is looking for you. MOOOV Ed seeks to support young people to stay connected with their school or educational program by linking them with a responsible adult who acts as a role model or mentor.

For more information and the opportunity to apply please contact Andrew Nolan or Mike Williams on 9419 5477 at Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service Inc.

Chinese translation of School Diary

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22-24, 8, 05     滑雪营1
22, 8, 05        十, 十一, 十二年级 交回选课表格
24-27, 8, 05     滑雪营2
24-28            keys please 駕駛技巧在大堂, 晚七点
26-8             科技會議 (學生不上課)
1-3, 9, 05       south street 音乐比赛
5, 9, 05         七年级运动
6, 9, 05         vis.com 工作室
9, 9, 05         八年级运动
13, 9, 05        Rock Eisteddfod 决赛
14, 9, 05        九, 十年级运动
14-16, 9, 05     十二年级练习考试
15-9, 05         七到十年级家长教师会谈夜
16, 9, 05        第三学期 完结日, 下午两点放学
第 四 学 期
5, 10, 05        第 四 学 期 开 始

姐 妹 学 校 成 功 的 访 问
淮北第一中学成功完成一周访问，感谢每个招待的学生，家庭，教师们和本校的学生们。这团体在十八日离开澳大利亚。两英语教师再在 Northcote 多留两星期观察英语的科程。