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School Diary this month

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- Oct 18. VSSSA Athletics,
  Oct 18-21. 8B Boho Camp
- Oct 20. Public Speaking finals—Period 3&4 Hall
- Sat Oct 22. Former students Afternoon, 2-4 pm,
  Diversity in the Kitchen, 1pm
- Oct 25– 28. 8D Boho Camp
- Oct 28. VCAA Unit 3/4 exams commence
- Oct 31. No school for students
- Nov 1. Melbourne Cup Holiday
- Nov 3. Yr 9/10 Soccer & Cricket
- Nov 7. End of Semester for Year 10
- Nov. 7-14. Yr11 Exams
- Nov 8-11 St John’s Surf Camp,
  8H Boho Camp
- Nov 11. Curriculum Day. No school for students
- Nov 15-18. Yr 10 Exams,
  Nov 15-18. 8I & 8A Boho camp
Main headline story: Constitutional convention

On Monday 10th of October four Northcote High School students made their way to State Parliament to discuss the topic 'Should Victoria have a Charter of Human Rights?' The purpose of the Convention was to provide students from all parts of Victoria with the opportunity to participate in the debate and discussion of contemporary social and political issues that relate to the Victorian and Australian Constitutions. The students from Northcote High School who were successful in the applications to participate in the convention were Janis Lesinskis (Year 12), and Kate Jama, Georgia Fraser and Noni Sproule (Year 9).

All students submitted their own applications and were chosen from a wide field of students across the state. They are also in the process of applying for the 2006 National Convention. Well done to all of our budding politicians!!

2005 AIM test results released

For the fourth consecutive year, our Year 7 students have performed above the state average (which includes all state, Catholic and independent schools in Victoria) in all four areas that were tested in the AIM Tests; Reading, Writing, Spelling and Mathematics. This is an extremely satisfying result and again, augers well for our students in the future.

Our results were significantly better than those of ‘like’ schools – ‘like’ schools being those who have demographically similar populations.

Your child’s individual AIM Results are now available. If you would like to get the results now please write a note for your child authorising them to pick them up. All results that are not picked up will be sent home with the end of year (Semester 2) reports.

Notes for collection of the individual AIM results can be given to Mr Neal.

(Please note that the school cannot provide replacements for lost reports)

Homestays for students from Italy required

Our sister school Romanazzi Technical Institute, Bari, will be visiting us sometime in mid February 2006, staying for four or five days. At the moment precise details have not yet been finalised, but generally students engage in school based activities during the week, and then leave for Sydney on the weekend.

Homestay families are needed for the dozen student visitors. The visitors are aged 15-17yrs, are boys and girls, whose English is good to excellent—so you don't need to speak Italian! Day time activities during the school week are arranged by NHS.

If you are interested, or want more information, please contact Ms Fattore on 9488 2310.
Sporting Round up

After returning from leave, I was happy to see all the teams that had won through to Northern Zone finals. It’s not easy to win through in our District competing against seven neighbouring schools. Our Year 7 girls continue to break new ground with a clean sweep of District wins in Basketball (over a strong Mill Park team), Table tennis and Squash. We also had wins in Hockey and at other levels in Table tennis and Squash. Below is a list of when and where our winning teams play over the next 2 weeks.

Year 7 Girls and Year 9/10 Boys Table tennis Mon. 24th October MSAC
Year 9/10 Boys Hockey Mon. 24th October Essendon
Year 8 Girls/Boys Squash Tues. 25th October Epping
Year 7 Girls/Boys Squash Wed. 26th August Epping
Year 7 Girls Basketball Wed. 27th October Coburg

We also have Year 7 and 8 Boys competing in State Tennis finals later this term. Alex Bennett who won a Gold medal at the Greek student games in Greece in Term 2 will lead our teams in these elite finals.

A special thanks to Mr. Martin and Ms. Tayton who coordinated all of our school sporting commitments in my absence. Thank you also to all the teachers who coached teams in Term 3.

State Athletics – Olympic Park – Tuesday 18th October

Congratulations to Alex. Fusca-Yr7 High Jump, Brad.Hanchette – Yr 10 High Jump, Georgia Madden – Yr 10 High Jump, Coutney Zlatic – Yr10 Triple Jump, Pari Braimakis - Yr 11 800m and Alex Price - Yr 11 Discus on reaching this elite level.

To reach this level students had to win at School (often 30 competitors), District (8-10 competitors) and then Zone level (8-10 competitors). The amazing story behind these students is that they only compete at school level and have had only minimum athletic club participation. To reach the final 8 students in State Victorian Schools based mainly on natural talent and school training is a credit to their athleticism. Good luck.

Term 4 Sporting Competitions

The Central District in which we compete has been determined to offer new competition and sporting development even in Term 4. We decided to offer a local competition in Indoor Cricket and Indoor Soccer. These games will take place over the next few weeks. Students at Northcote have been attending training sessions in large numbers to gain selection. When most other schools are winding down for the year we continue to try and offer even more sporting opportunities for more of our students.

Mr Craig Price

2006 China Trip update

A call for expressions of interest from parents/guardians wishing to participate as teacher aides on the tour at their own expense has also been made at the first information session last term. Expressions of interest can still be made up until November 16.

A second information night for parents and guardians of students interested in taking part in the China trip will take place on Thursday, 20th October from 6.30pm – 7.30pm in Room 1 at the school. This second session will provide the same information about costs, itinerary and timelines for the trip that was provided in the first session. This is an opportunity to find out more about the trip and ask any questions of the teachers who will be in charge of the trip.
If you will be attending the second information session or have any questions about the China Trip, please contact Paul Gilby on the above number or email.

**A Confirmation Deposit.** In order to secure the services of the travel agency at the current costs, a non-refundable deposit will be required between November 4th and 16th 2005. Many parents/guardians who attended the first information session have returned the participation commitment slip. Students who are named on those slips will be put onto a payment list in the front office to allow the deposit to be paid

*Ms Lixia Wang and Mr Paul Gilby.*

### Outstanding Maths Competition results

Two hundred and twenty students from Northcote High, with around 74, 000 entering from Victoria and many more throughout Australian and Asia, sat this year’s Westpac Mathematics competition in August.

Three students, Mathew Elvey Price, Helen Tang and Xue Wu received a **Prize**; these are awarded to the top 1 in every 300 students.

Seven students, received a **High Distinction Certificate**, this is the top 2% of their year. Martin Fung, of Year 7, Jason Thich, Kevin Nguyen and Qing Ya Yao, of Year 8, Jonathan Anderson and Thomas Mullumby, of Year 9 and Zhen Bai of Year 11.

Thirty-seven students received **Distinction Certificates**; these are awarded to students who performed in the top 15% of their year. These were:

- **Year 7**: Alexander Zhuang-Griffin, Debbie Kha, Roy Logue, David Newell, Peter Lin, Lisa Lam, Steven Kwok, Phoebe Shiu, Ruby Han and Liam Kelly.
- **Year 8**: Patricia Lee, Liam Alexander, Melissa Fung, Jackson Morand, Julian Turner, Peter Thai, Aleksandar Koteski, Morgan Wall and Yesotha Kathiramalainathan.
- **Year 9**: Mike Wang, Tom Noonan, Hannah Schachte, Sacha Novakovic, Erin Miller and Sean Gilmartin.
- **Year 10**: Ross Borland, Sian Petricevich, Zac Duthie, Frances Good, James Fulmizi, Jacob Erlandson and Mimi Shi.
- **VCE**: Jing Wang (11), Jiang Zhaoyi (11), Erwen Gu (11), Na Wang (11) and Giang Nguyen (12)

The following eighty-one students received **Credit Certificates**:

- **Year 9**: Kevin He, Rory Lewis, Sarah Maiorino, Saurabh Sakpal, Xin Kiet Tan and Annie Xiao.
- **Year 10**: Ella Bendrups, Dean Camenzuli, James Manning, Aaron Maslen, Kerryn Moore, Alex Rooke, Bazil Sidiropoulos, Nikola Tranjanovski, Linh Trinh, Elliot Wall.
- **Year 11**: Jotham Bonett, Candy Dong, Kathryn Evans, John Fardis, Han Nool Lyew, Yiming Song, Carl Stella and Michael Wong.
Year 12: Abdi Elmi, Janis Lesinskis, Mohammed Owynat, Ki Shiu, Anastas Sidiropoulos, Lemei Wu and Ying Yu.

Congratulations to all students who received an award and to all students who participated.

Ms. Dianne Frost and Mr. Chris Bouniotis.

“Back to NHS” Afternoon
Saturday 22nd October

Ex students are invited to attend another “Back To” afternoon at Northcote High School on Saturday, 22nd October, 2005 to be held in the Library between 2:00 & 4:00 pm.

Ex-student, Mr Hec Gallagher, will be our guest speaker. Tours of the school will be available and afternoon tea will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. to Ms. Lillian Gelevski 9488.2301

A Senior Music Concert to remember

Thursday October 13th saw the final senior Music Concert for 2006, an outstanding evening of instrumental and vocal performances. Pirates of the Carribbean, Kings across the Water, Thriller and Invincibles were performed by the Senior Concert band and Stage Band to great applause from a packed school hall. Outstanding vocal solos included They weren’t there sung by Zoe Retzepoglou, All by Myself sung by Michelle Owen and Natural Woman sung by Rania Fayed.

Also performing were several VCE performance groups, who are preparing for assessment next week.

We wish these students well.

Congratulations to all involved in the performance and to Music staff and parents for their support.

Reminder—Activities Week 2005

-Activity selections are filling fast!

Activities week is held on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, and Friday 16th of December and is part of the school program at NHS for all year 7’s, 8’s and 9’s. Remember it is on a first to pay will go basis, meaning that students who are interested in any activity in or out of the school must pay the required money to the front office as soon as possible. Payment means confirmation.

All students must complete an Activity Program Form and Permission slip by circling one activity only for each day. A parent/guardian needs to sign the form and the completed form is to be returned with payment to the front office before or after school by Friday 8th November. Activity program forms are located at the front office and can be down loaded from our website.

If your child is not attending one of the days for any reason this must be indicated in a note signed by a parent or guardian. This will be counted as an approved absence. Full descriptions of each activity and costs are detailed on the school website for students and parents to view.

Select carefully as each activity has limited places each day.

All Money must be paid by Friday 8th of November. There will be no changes or refunds once payment has been made as the school’s bookings and payment for all activities must be made 30 days in advance. Venues will then hold the money. Teachers at NHS will be supervising the activities both in school and out of school and appropriate safety and excursion procedures will be followed.
Activities week is a celebration of goals achieved and friendships made throughout the year. Together students and staff have quality time to reflect and communicate with each other.

Ms. Jane Archer
End of Year Activities Co-ordinator.

Performing for Alphington PS

On Friday the 10th of October 7E went on an excursion to Alphington Primary School to perform a show called “Stuff Happens”. The show contained five plays written by people in 7E with their vivid imaginations. Each play was different and had a moral expressed using humour, hilarious characters and unusual scenes. The children from Alphington all really enjoyed the plays and they wanted to keep the props too! In the end it was quite an experience for all of us and something we are hoping to do again.

Thankyou to Ms O’Heare for helping us plan, write, produce, perform and organise our plays and thankyou to Mr Duck for accompanying us and driving the bus.

Marissa Butera 7E

This week is National Nutrition Week!

We all should be having 2 fruit and 5 serves of vegies per-day. Are you?
Fruit and vegetables supply us with vitamin A, C and folate. Also rich in antioxidants and dietary fibre.
So how about thinking of packing your lunch with a salad sandwich and put banana of your cereal in the morning, you will be half way there!
During the week the Foods Department will be selling fresh juices, so come on down.

Congratulations to Chemistry Students

Two of our Year 12 students have received a study opportunity rare for students of their age.
Katrina Mullumby and Mohamed Owynat have been spending time each week in the Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy laboratory of Professor Bob Brownlee in La Trobe University's Department of Chemistry.

They have been fully trained to operate the newly acquired Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer and to interpret the images obtained, known as spectra, to confirm the identity of chemical compounds.

A program has been developed by Professor Brownlee & myself to involve senior students in advanced techniques used in chemistry & we hope to continue this worthwhile partnership in 2006.

'The idea is to involve them in the real world of chemistry. Many students have a picture of chemists working in white coats in a laboratory with test tubes. This project aims to update this image and to illustrate the wide diversity and interests of chemistry today,’ Professor Brownlee said.

Ms. Soula Bennett, Science Coordinator
Diversity in the kitchen– Oct 22nd

The Northcote Highlights is a parent group at NHS whose central aim is to get parents together.

One of our most popular events is Diversity In The Kitchen, a series of hands-on workshops demonstrating the diversity of parents’ ethnic backgrounds and the cuisines of their cultures.

Our next Diversity event is
Indian Cooking
Food Technology Wing
Saturday Oct 22nd – 1.00pm
Tickets $15

The wonderful Dur-e Dara from EQ will join us once again and share her amazing knowledge of the culinary world

To assist with catering, please book by ringing 94882301 and reserving your spot!

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Merri Creek Safe Stroll Community Event

Tuesday 18 October 2005 at 7pm

Meet at Northcote Town Hall, 189 High Street Northcote. Free event. Fireworks Dance Co will dance along the Merri Creek and supper will be served at the Northcote Town Hall at 8pm after the stroll.

Enquiries Emma Tacey 9230 4528

Thornbury Primary School, Hutton St, Thornbury

Is holding a HUGE CARBOOT SALE on SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER, 8am - 2pm New and used goods, fresh produce, sausage sizzle, face painting, coffee/tea, drinks.

Brunswick Neighbourhood House: “Write Strong, Sing Loud” Music Making Workshops

Write Strong, Sing Loud is a 9 week course of music making. The workshops provide a supportive and creative environment for sharing and developing original music and songs.

Where: Brunswick Neighbourhood House
When: Every Wednesday starting October 19th
Cost:$100 for the 9 weeks
Sessions: 7-9 pm
Age Group: Aged over 16 years welcome
Experience: All levels
Contact: Sue Silk 9387 9901 or Helen Begley 9380 5066 or email helenbagley2@yahoo.com.au

DOBSON'S UNIFORM SHOP

YEAR 10 STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THEY MUST COLLECT THEIR VCE POLO TOPS BY THE END OF OCTOBER OR THEY WILL BE RETURNED TO STOCK AND YOU MAY HAVE TO REORDER. PLEASE CONSULT THE LISTS OUTSIDE THE UNIFORM SHOP TO SEE IF YOUR ORDER HAS BEEN DELIVERED.

We still require GOOD & CLEAN second-hand uniforms, especially skirts, dresses, rugby tops and jackets. Please drop them in to the uniform shop or the office BEFORE December.
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