School Contacts Details

General office
9488 2300

Fax
9488 2399

Student Absence line
9488 2330

Student Absence email
absence@nhs.vic.edu.au

Website
www.nhs.vic.edu.au

Email
info@nhs.vic.edu.au

Email subscribe to Newsletter
newsletter@nhs.vic.edu.au

Address
St. Georges Road,
Northcote, 3070

School Diary this month

School Diary

• Dec 12-16. Wilson’s Prom Camp
• Dec 14– 16. Activities program
• Dec 19. Yr 7-9 Reports distributed
  (no classes for students)
• Dec 20. course confirmation and counseling for some students
  (no classes for students)
• Dec 21. Last day of school for teachers (no classes for students)

2006

• Jan 31. School starts Yrs 7.11 & 12
• Feb 1. School starts Yrs 8,9 &10
  • Jan 31. School starts Yrs 7.11 & 12
  • Feb 1. School starts Yrs 8,9 &10
  • Feb 7-10. 7A Boho Camp
  • Feb 14-17. 7B Boho Camp
  • Feb 20. Yr 7 Parents BBQ
  • Feb 21-24. 7C Boho Camp
  • Feb 27. Swimming Carnival
Main headline story: Outstanding final Music Concert

An outstanding Junior Music Concert was held at the school on Monday November 28th. 350 parents and students attended our eight different junior Music groups perform pieces as varied as Roger Perin’s “Wombat Shuffle” and The Beatles “Norwegian Wood”. The Singing groups provided a range of carols and contemporary pieces. Thanks to the Music Teachers, the Music Parent’s Group for their organisation, and our parents, relatives and friends for their support.

2005 VCE Formal

The 2005 Formal was held at an upmarket venue, Lincoln of Toorak. It was a very well attended affair with 181 students and 21 teachers seated at table. The night was a mixture of various activities such as photography (the best photograph of the night was of course the staff collective), awards (best dressed female, best dressed male etc.), dancing, a dancing display by some boys, and dining. The music such that people could dance to it (including some oldies for the staff), the food tasty and the costumes always gorgeous. The evening finished at 11.30, which marked the conclusion of six years of schooling for most of the students.

Mr Andrew Webster  
Yr 12 Coordinator

Lockers Arrangements

Arrangements for the end of 2005
All Year 7’s & Year 8’s need to leave your lockers clean and empty. Start sorting, then taking the contents of your locker home now. Also, remember to take your lock with you.

Arrangements for 2006 for Years 9, 10 11 and 12
Lists will go up on notice boards in VCE Centre and will remain on the notice boards for the first 3 weeks of 2006. Pairs or three's will go in the ballot (if a ballot is necessary). Lockers will be allocated by way of names on diagrams above the lockers.

Most of year 9 ( Art Block)
Most of Year 10 ( Lower B Block and Main Building)
Year 11 ( Atrium, Lower B Block)
Year 12 ( Atrium and VCE Centre)
Some lockers are kept aside for students with special consideration. If needed, please present a letter or current medical certificate to Mr. Erlandsen.

An annual rental fee of $20 applies and should be paid to Mr. Erlandsen (Lockers Coordinator).

**Years 7s**
Lockers will be allocated within the first week of the new school year. The school provides the combination locks.

**Year 8’s**
Lockers will be allocated within the second week of the new school year.

New locks            $10
Second hand locks$5

Mr. Chris Erlandsen
Coordinator

**Transition Day for Year 7 of 2006**

On Tuesday December 6, about 200 Grade 6 students joined current students to orient themselves to Northcote High School, in preparation for Year 7 in 2006. It was a time to find out where everything was, catch up with old friends and make new friends. A most successful day all around and thanks to parents for their ongoing support. This year the school received 280 applications for places in Year 7 for 2006.

**Year 7 Tree Planting Day**

Through the course of the year 2005, NHS has worked with the Gould League on a School Grounds Improvement Project and in conjunction with a Sustainable Schools Initiative. While many might describe our grounds in appearance as "pretty" we want to make our grounds also more user friendly and welcoming by making spaces more defined with more seating and quiet, shaded areas. These are long term goals. On Wed. Nov 1st, we started another project by converting a passive area (behind C Block) into a more active and productive area, contouring the slope and mulching the garden bed from our worm farm and compost bins. We had some indigenous plants (Eucalypts, shrubs and grasses) left over from the Tree Planting Day held in August. Trees were planted along the fence line for a wind break and some hardy herbs and spices were planted by Mr. Erlandsen's Year 7 class to start the Kitchen Garden.

**Brave Faces 2005**

Once again, Northcote High’s Brave Faces talent performance stopped the school. A number of singing and musical acts entertained staff and students on the afternoon of Friday December 9. Thanks to Mr Hamit (MC) and Mr Staubli (tech support), and to all our budding entertainers.
2005 VCE Prizes & Awards

SUBJECT AWARDS

SINNAPPAN Lakshmi – Accounting, Economics, Clanchy Prize for Commerce

HATZIS Christina - Biology (joint winner)

WU Jing Xian - Biology (joint winner)

GIOLDASIS Jonathan - Business Management

SHIU Ki - Chemistry, Specialist Maths, Physics, Sir Gustav Nossal - Dux of Maths and Science, Outstanding Citizenship Award - Maths Olympics, Student leadership ( SRC secretary)

WANG Jing - Chinese 1st Language

KOH Jane - Chinese 2nd Language

WRIGHT Simon - Design Technology - Wood

TON THAT Anh-Tuan - Design Technology – Fibre, Outstanding Citizenship Award – Fashion Eisteddfod finalist.

OWEN Michelle - Drama (joint winner), Outstanding Citizenship Award - choir and production

NEWSTONE Joseph - Drama (joint winner), English, International Studies, Literature

IOCULARI Asha - English Kitchen Prize

DEDIC Marija - English Olver Prize, Italian (joint winner)

NGUYEN Giang - ESL (joint winner), Outstanding Citizenship Award - assistance to exchange students and visits

VUCKOVIC Vladimir - ESL (joint winner)

MORHUN Sarah - Food Technology (joint winner)

YAO Yuting - Food Technology (joint winner), Further Maths

LESINSKIS Janis - Gray Citizenship Award – Male, Chess Trophy, Outstanding Citizenship Award - debating, member of senior student executive, representing NHS at state parliament

NOWARA Suzanne – Music, Gray Citizenship Award – Female, Outstanding Citizenship Award -music (concert and stage band)

ANGESTI Rini - Health and Human Development

DJAMOVSKI Martin - History of Revolutions (joint winner)

TRANIER Lachie - History of Revolutions (joint winner)

DERKACZ Deanne - IPM

BENDRUPS Nicholas - Italian (joint winner), Outstanding Citizenship Award -music (concert band)

WARDAK Breshna - Jocelyn Scott Award, Outstanding Citizenship Award - SRC representative

ZENULI Merita - Legal Studies

OWYNAT Mohammed - Maths Methods , Outstanding Citizenship Award -Melbourne University Maths Competition

LASIC Lili - Martin Fergusson award

MORAN Jessica – Media, Visual Communication & Design

FARDIS Giannis - Modern Greek

MULLUMBY Katrina - Physical Education, Outstanding Citizenship Award - aerobics

SKORO Bojana - Psychology (joint winner)

WARDAK Tahmina - Psychology (joint winner)

SCUDERI Sophia - Studio Arts, Outstanding Citizenship Award - member of senior student executive
DOUGLAS Matthew - Sutherland Prize (sport & study) Outstanding Citizenship Award - sport (rugby and team coaching), SRC representative

TAIT Dante - CALTEX medal, Outstanding Citizenship Award - sports coaching

OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

ABDALLA Ali - Contribution to Student Leadership
ALAMEH Fadel - Contribution to School Sporting Program
ALASSO Fahmi - Contribution to SRC
ALI Maryam - Contribution to SRC
ANGORO Haris - Contribution to exchange students and school visits
CHEN Yun-Jiao - Contribution to chess and Maths Olympics
CUSSEN Isaac - Contribution to school production and choir
FAYAD Rania - Contribution to school production and choir
GRINBERGS Brendan - Contribution to exchange students and school visits
HASSAB Rowaa - Contribution to SRC
HUNTER Yoshinori - Contribution to Student Leadership
IDRIS Inas - Contribution to Student Leadership
IERACI Toni - Contribution to School Sporting Program
LE Dai - Contribution to Student Leadership
MARTIN Samantha - Contribution to SRC and School Music Program
MEANEY Jessica - Contribution to the Rock Eisteddfod
PICKETT Gabriele - Contribution to SRC
POWER Cecilia - Contribution to National Aerobics Competition and School Music Program
POWER Stephen - Contribution to School Music Program
RETZEPOGLOU Zoe - Contribution to school production and choir
SADIKU Mirjeta - Contribution to Peer Support Program

SALAU THOM Katrina - Contribution to SRC as President and the St John’s Program
SHANNON Danielle - Contribution to exchange students and school visits
SHEYA Lemia - Contribution to SRC
SIU Matthew - Contribution to SRC
SPITERI Jessica - Contribution to SRC
TO Hang - Contribution to exchange students and school visits
TRAN Khanh - Contribution to Peer Support Program
TYRIS Nathan - Contribution to SRC
WU Lemei - Contribution to Student Leadership

Special CHEMISTRY AWARDS (LaTrobe University)
MULLUMBY Katrina and OWYNAT Mohammed; for Participation in the Latrobe University Extension Chemistry Program

SCHOOL COUNCIL AWARDS for SCHOOL CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES
ABDELLA, Ali; LE, Dai; IDRIS, Inas; HUNTER, Yoshinori; SCUDERI, Sophia; LESINSKIS, Janis
Student leadership conference

The Kid's Conference facilitated learning between students in Years 5 to 9. It engaged students in developing strategies to support change back at school. The Conference empowered students to find their voice and develop the confidence to support active decision making through participation. It demonstrated that different tools can be selected as an aid to learning. It also provided students from the local cluster network a chance to work together reflecting, analysing, recording, reporting and sharing ideas. Above all the Kid's Conference helped students to identify areas within our school that would benefit from change. One of our Overseas Students suggested that a good way to make friends was to share food, and through that we might find a greater understanding of each other's cultures.

At the Kid's Conference, Conor Flynn 7B, Sarah Candusso 7D, Zoe Garkinis 7E, Ahmed Assaad 7H, Stephanie Harding 8A, James Thomas 8D, Harriet Green 8E and Tom Lanteri 8H worked on creating a Harmony Garden to be landscaped in the area between the Canteen, Gym and Overseas Students’ Centre. The idea is that this area will encourage more interaction between the local and overseas students, and become an area where students will want to meet each other and share their lunchtime. The SRC held an Out Of Uniform Day which raised almost $790.00 towards the Harmony Garden project and the Darebin City Council has kindly donated $300.00 towards the project which will continue into next year.

Ms Susan Anderson

NHS dominates Indoor Soccer Competition

2005 saw the most successful Northern District Indoor Soccer competition results in the past 3 years as four out of the six teams entered won their competition. Most teams have been preparing for their competition for several weeks prior to the competition. An indoor tournament at Northcote had seen the Year 8 Boys team triumphant and keen to extend their victory into the central district competition.

The Year 8 Boys team had produced marvellous exhibition of soccer skills and convincingly won their final match (3-0) over Lakeside. The Year 7 Boys were extremely unlucky in their encounter with Lakeside in the final match. Having beaten Lakeside convincingly in their first encounter, Lakeside had a slight advantage in the final match. The Year 7 boys having played 2 consecutive matches had to then play onto the final and were caught off guard two early goals in the first few minutes. The prospect of conceding two goals did not phase them. They looked the part to retrieve the deficit and go on easily to win. An outstanding keeping performance and the upright saved Lakeside too many times, who had held out an intense Northcote offensive play to win 2-1. Congratulations to the Northcote team for playing 3 consecutive matches their efforts were dually noted. Well Done.

The girl’s indoor teams have been most impressive the last three years. The Year 9&10 Girls have won the indoor soccer competition three consecutive times, they’re followed closely by the Year 8 Girls winning the Indoor competition the last two years also. The Year 7 girls have continued their winning ways and will surely continue in the footsteps of their peers and mentors of not having lost a competition.

Thank You to the staff and student coaching assistants who have been a valuable tool in ensuring the success in training and development of all boys and girls playing soccer, including: Mr. Brzozowski, Miss Constanzzo and Miss Gallos for additional training during Sport throughout the term, and to Peter N (12), William KB (9), Jessica D (9), Marion P (8),
Angie T (8) and Jamel M (8).

Mr. Georgiadis

The results

**Year 9/10 – Boys**
Northcote 2-0 Lakeside
Northcote 2-4 Reservoir
Northcote 8-0 Banksia
Northcote 2-2 Thornbury  *(only bad luck on points saw the NHS team not play in this final)*

**Year 8 – Boys**
Northcote 4-4 Lakeside
Northcote 2-0 Thornbury
Northcote 0-1 Reservoir
Northcote 14-0 Banksia
**Final: Northcote defeated Lakeside (3-0)**

**Year 7 – Boys**
Northcote 3-0 Lakeside
Northcote 5-3 Thornbury
Northcote 1-1 Reservoir (B)
Northcote 2-2 Reservoir (A)
**Final: Northcote vs Lakeside (1-2)**

**Year 9/10 – Girls**
Northcote 2-0 Lakeside
Northcote 1-0 Reservoir
Northcote 4-0 Banksia
Northcote 2-0 Thornbury
**Final: Northcote defeated Banksia (3-0)**

**Year 8 – Girls**
Northcote 0-0 Lakeside
Northcote 2-1 Reservoir
Northcote 0-0 Banksia
Northcote 4-0 Thornbury
**Final: Northcote defeated Banksia (1-0)**

**Year 7 – Girls**
Northcote 0-0 Lakeside
Northcote 1-0 Reservoir B
Northcote 2-1 Reservoir A
Northcote 2-0 Preston Girls
**Final: Northcote defeated Reservoir (4-1)**

Year 8

Year 7

(and thanks to the many members and assistant coaches participating in the indoor competition)
Beyond Blue Project concludes

For the last three years, Northcote High school has been one of only 5 Victorian Government schools specially funded as part of the Beyond Blue project, a national initiative to help research and combat adolescent depression. The Yr 10 cohort of 2005 have been the trial group in this project, conducting annual surveys and completing a unit of work on issues relating to adolescent health in Years 8, 9 and 10. Thanks must go to the staff, parents and students who have been involved in the project team. On December 2, the school was presented with a wall plaque (admired at right by current yr 8 students) to commemorate our relationship with Beyond Blue, the Centre for Adolescent Health and the Royal Children’s Hospital. While the formal project is over, we hope it is only the start of an ongoing relationship with these organisations.

Boho South & NHS Community Project launch

On Monday November 28th, the launch of the Boho South and NHS Community project occurred. Attended by about 50 members of the NHS and Boho South communities, the launch enabled us to outline our vision for an upgraded Boho South Camp—an accredited facility for young people in schools and communities in Melbourne’s inner north, not just from Northcote High School. Speakers at the launch included Nicholas Rickard of Yr 7, Charles Chapman (former NHS teacher and Boho South camp founder), Principal Gail Davidson and Parent and project Coordinator Mary Crooks.

The launch also reaffirmed the central place of the Boho South camp in Northcote’s pastoral care program. With Princes Hill SC, Northcote is the only inner Melbourne school to maintain an off-site campsite.

Our target is $300,000 for improvements to the site. If you are able to join the task force leading the project, please contact Mary Crooks or Gail Davidson

Students Awarded 2005 Student ICT Fellowships.

Daniel Lonigro and Aaron Maslen of Year 10 have both been awarded 2005 Student Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Fellowships in recognition of their aptitude and interest in making use of ICT and desire to pursue a career in this area. In 2005, only 36 Fellowships have been available to students currently enrolled at Year 10 level in any Victorian Government school.

The Fellowships provide Daniel and Aaron with $1000 and the opportunity to work in a relevant ICT-related organisation and implement meaningful, real-life ICT projects, with the likes of graphic designers, system managers, web-masters and programmers acting as their mentors.
The school congratulates Aaron and Daniel on their success and looks forward to further developing their skills in VCE.

Mr Kevin Hoole

Age Photo Challenge—digital photos

Congratulations to Sean Foy whose artwork, digital photos entitled "Cultural Feast I and II" has been selected for the Age Photographic Challenge and will be exhibited at ArtPlay, Birrarung Marr in April 2006. This is the first year NHS has offered digital photography and Mr. Erlandsen and Mr. Scott are to be commended for the wonderful images their students have produced.

Dobson’s Uniform Shop

A REMINDER TO ANY YEAR 10 GIRLS: IF YOU WANT TO HAVE VCE’ EMBROIDERY ON YOUR CURRENT PULLOVERS FOR A FRACTION OF THE COST OF A NEW VCE PULLOVER BRING THEM IN BEFORE THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR SO THEY CAN BE SEND TO HEADOFFICE.

ALSO WE ARE STILL REQUIRING GOOD SECONDHAND ITEMS FOR RESALE TO YEAR 7’S FOR 2006. PLEASE NO MORE VCE POLOS JUST NOW.

FROM DEC 6TH - 9TH THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPENED EXTENDED HOURS FOR NEW YEAR 7’S TO PURCHASE THEIR UNIFORMS. OTHER STUDENTS ARE RECOMMENDED TO AVOID THESE TIMES.

LOST PROPERTY : WILL BE DONATED TO THE SCHOOL FOR RESALE IF NOT COLLECTED IMMEDIATELY FROM MR. ERLANDSEN. Northcote HS uniform shop’s last day of trading for 2005 will be Friday 16th December. Uniforms may be purchased at the Glenferrie Rd. Hawthorn shop throughout the school holidays. We re-open Monday 23rd January 2006 at 10am

Chinese Chess
Backgammon
Kaleidoscope
Mastermind
Diplomacy
Ned Kelly
Scrabble
Draughts
Strategy
Apalone
Go.

Go Mental @
Mind Sports festival

January 2 – 8, 2006
The Peninsula School, Mt Eliza

FREE demonstrations & Learn-to-Play sessions every day
1000’s of great PRIZES

Full-day entry (9am-5pm)
$15 adult, $10 (u18), $40 family

Learn
Play
Enjoy

Social evenings:
Trivia
Movies
Music
Comedy
Cranium
Go

And more...

www.mindsports.com.au
Traveling and Asthma – A Holiday Guide

If you love to travel and you have asthma, the good news is that it doesn’t have to slow you down. Whether you’re planning a short weekend getaway or an African safari these summer holidays, the Asthma Foundation suggests the following steps you can take to make sure your asthma is under control.

Be sure to visit your doctor before you leave. Ask your doctor for a written Asthma Action plan and a letter outlining what treatment you require in the event of an emergency. Have your doctor review your current medication. If you know your asthma gets worse when you travel, your doctor may prescribe extra medication for your trip.

Be prepared. Make sure you have enough medication and the right equipment before you travel. Puffers and spacers are compact, easy to use and pack easily into your luggage. Studies show that spacers are just as effective as nebulisers when equivalent dosages are used.

Be careful. Be sure to carry your mobile phone with you and if you go somewhere on your own, tell someone where you are going. Carry your Asthma Action Plan and asthma medication in your bag with you at all times.

Know your triggers. Be aware of the things in your environment that aggravate your asthma. Factors such as temperature changes, pollution, pollens and grasses and animals are just some of the triggers that you may encounter on your trip that can cause your asthma to worsen.

For more information call the Asthma Foundation on ph: 1800 645 130 or visit our website at www.asthma.org.au

The staff wishes the school community a Merry Christmas, a safe and prosperous New Year. The last word for 2005 goes to Nellie and Steph of Yr 8