NORTHCOTE HIGH SCHOOL
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Celebrating 80 years of education in 2006

Diary

Dec 11-16 Wilson’s Prom Camp
Dec 13-15 Activities Program
Dec 18 2007 Staff Planning day
Dec 19 Report Distribution
   morning.
   9.30 Year 7
   10.30 Yr 8
   11.30 Yr 9

Dec 20. Course Consultation Day
   For students as required

Dec 21. Last day of school for teachers
         2007

Jan 31. First day for Yr 7, 11 & 12
Feb 1. First day for Yr 8, 9 &10

Feb 13. 7D Boho Camp (to Feb 16)
Feb 20. 7E Boho Camp (to Feb 23)
Feb 20. School Assemblies
Feb 26. Swimming Carnival
Feb 27. 7A Boho camp (to Mar 2)
Feb 28. School Photos

Mar 5 Yr 7 Parent & Teachers BBQ
A great 80th anniversary year!

Music, drama, and art events; outstanding sport success, visitors from overseas; conferences, conventions and summits; camps and tours, all came together in 2006 to help us celebrate our 80th year of operation. The faces of some of the students involved in the school production (as shown above) - sums it all up!

Photo courtesy Peter Weaving

Transition Day for 200!

A broiling hot transition day—but every one managed to have a good time. Thanks to the Yr 7 team and our host students who helped make it our best ever!

Below-- students from 4 different primary schools get to know each other. Over 200 Grade 6 students from 30 different Primary schools were in attendance on the day.
Another state finals win!

Congratulations to our Year 8 Boys’ Table Tennis Team for winning the State Final at the Melbourne Indoor Aquatic Centre on November 29th. Emphatic victories against Wonthaggi and Lalor Secondary Colleges propelled them into the final against Ringwood Secondary College, last year’s champions. Marco Xiao proved inspirational once again in a hard-fought five set match. The boys were fantastic ambassadors for the school and they look forward to defending their title next year.

The Team:
Marco Xiao (Captain)
Dinesh De Abrew
Gregory Maratos
Kieran Gooley
Kevin Cheung
Jeffrey Truong (District and Zone Finals)

C. Manousopoulos (Proud Coach)

Mr Price’s final sports update for 2006

It has been a great year for our school with over 600 students playing in school sporting teams. All students wishing to compete at District Swimming, Athletics or Cross Country were included in some capacity. Highlights have included the huge numbers of students who have played in teams, winning the Northern Zone Swimming pennant for the first time ever, winning State finals in senior Girls Soccer and Year 8 Boys Table Tennis (see below), 36 of our teams winning District finals and having 14 teams or individuals play off in State finals.

The last 2 weeks continued our sporting success with 12 junior teams (150 students) competing in Indoor District Soccer and Cricket competitions. Nine of our teams won but the greatest outcome was the experience, competition and improvement over the day that our students demonstrated. It was a sad farewell to Mr. Mitchell (taking up a new position at St. Helena) who coached 2 of our Indoor Soccer and many of our Hockey teams in terms 3 and 4.

Our Year 8 Table Tennis boys were our first team ever to make the State finals. Taking on the best 8 teams in Victoria was a huge task. In our Half of the draw we had to play the 2005 Champions Ringwood. Our team consisting of Captain Marco Xiao, Dinesh De Abrew, Kieran Gooley, Grigoris Maratos, Kevin Cheung and coach motivator Mr Chris Manousopoulos were not fazed by the assignment. After beating Geelong and Wonthaggi 6 games to nil Northcote upset last year’s champions Ringwood 4 games to 2. This put us into the semi finals where we beat Keilor Downs 5 games to 1. Ringwood played in the other semi final also winning 5 games to 1. The final was a tense battle with Ringwood determined to reverse our first meeting and retain their 2005 title. Mr Manousopoulos was as calm as ever – not – and returned with his Gold medal around his neck. Unfortunately for Ringwood it was a repeat of our first win over Ringwood – once again we shaded them 4 games to 2 to
become the new State champions – History was made.
We also tackled the state championships with 3 Year 7 and 8 squash teams. All of our teams were very competitive winning bronze medals in the 8 team competitions. Georgia Hammond of Year 8 showed promise winning 1 set against the No 1 player of the day. Maybe 2007 will be our year in Squash.

To top off the Year three of our students were awarded Northern Zone Sporting Excellence awards. These awards were presented at an evening presentation night at Latrobe University. Award winners were Rita Mankowska of Year 11 - Best Player Award in State Soccer, Eve Walton-Healey of Year 7 - Outstanding Individual in Swimming and Baris Kilic also of Year 7 - Outstanding Individual in Badminton. These awards are very difficult to win and show the elite standard that many of our students are reaching in many areas of school and community achievement.

Mr. Price (Sport Director)

Greetings from Ms Wray in Oseto, Japan

On July 30th I flew to Japan as part of the JET (Japanese Exchange Teaching) program to become an ALT (Assistant Language Teacher). To apply for this position all you need is a degree (in anything), which is fortunate as English was my lowest study score in Yr 12, and no Japanese language experience is necessary. You basically take over from your predecessor, so your apartment and job are all set up for you. There are great support networks and, well, the 3.6 million yen salary is rather tempting in comparison to a beginning teacher’s salary!

I have been living in Oseto, on the island of Kyushu (about 50kms north of Nagasaki), for over two months and I am in love with everything about Japan!

Things I love about the Japan education system
Being treated like a superstar when visiting my three primary schools, with students screaming Neesha sensei and high 5’s all round.
Japan doesn’t down-size. One of my friends catches a one hour ferry to her island school where there are 2 students and 10 teachers!
Catching the ferry (10 mins) to my island primary school (26 kids), and driving to my mountain school (14 kids). Both of these schools are within 30mins travel of another school.
Being the genki-est (high spirited) Australian human tape recorder at Oseto Jnr High

Students cleaning their school for 20mins everyday! This is fantastic because the students obviously don’t dirty their school because then they would have to clean it!

Teachers napping at their desks
Things I love about Japan
Typhoon Shan Shan which ripped through our peninsula and forced me inside for 24+ hours. I could hear my windows straining from the intense winds, and rain forced its way in through my fan and mailbox. Seven people died and many houses were damaged! This is my second typhoon experience so far – where are the earthquakes?
The loud speakers in my town that play music at 8am, 12 noon and 5 and 6pm. They also announce when exciting events are happening, such as Typhoon Shan Shan!

Being able to buy sushi and sashimi at the combini’s (7/11), which are located approximately every 10-20kms around Japan!
Living in a rural fishing village of about 2000, surrounded by midori (green), lush, dense, mountainous vegetation, and the sea. Japanese people are overly courteous and friendly. They don't litter, get angry and they have great respect for everything. Separating my gomi (rubbish) into 16 (I kid you not) separate categories which then have to be taken to the special gomi place for approval of their cleanliness and segregation.

Things I don't like about Japan
Despite the intensive recycling system, all fruit and veggies are wrapped in plastic AND they think I am crazy when I say no to another plastic bag! Japan has really captured me…it's an amazing culture that is quite rigid, but simple and peaceful. I love it! Please email me if you want more exciting stories … I have a little bit of time in between tape recorder sessions! neesh@westnet.com.au

Ms Vernesha Wray
NHS Music Department (on leave)

Editor’s note-Ms Wray is spending Christmas in Vietnam, where apparently she may meet up with Mr Shaun Murray, our Assistant Music Coordinator.

Arrangements for more lockers in 2007

Arrangements for the end of 2006
All Year 7s & Year 8s 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 2007
Lists will go up on notice boards in VCE Centre and will remain on the notice boards for the first 3 weeks of 2007.
Lockers will be allocated by way of names on diagrams above the lockers.

Most of Yr 7—in the Yr 7 locker bay
Most of Yr 8—in the brand new Yr 8 locker bay
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 specific 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 in the 3rd week of term due to a delay in delivery.

New locks $10
NHS’ Snapping success!

We are one of 42 schools that are part of RMIT- SNAP (School Network Access Program). In December 2006, 52 of our students received offers for 1, 2 or 3 courses. This means our students have already received 84 offers in courses such as Pharmaceutical Science, International Studies, Accounting, Environment, Biomedical Engineering, Fine Arts, Psychology/Social Work, etc. These offers are based on school recommendations and application statements by the students about their goals, knowledge and personal skills. Thanks to HA, DN and the team of teachers that helped students with their applications.

VCE Results Stop Press !!

VCE results for have just been released. The Girls Dux for 2006 is Eleanor Lewis, who has an ENTER score of 99.65. The Boys Dux is Matthew Elvey Price, with an ENTER of 94.7. Congratulations to all our students

Camp program update

YEAR 8 BOHO 2006
The Year 8 Boho Program has now finished for 2006. The students spent four days at Camp Boho which included an overnight hike through the local bush, a visit to Shepparton, horse riding in Eildon and a visit to Snob’s Creek fish hatchery. All students had an exciting time and enjoyed the experience immensely.

GOLD COAST Year 9 & 10 Camp
Forty six students spent 7 days in sunny Queensland in early October. Students travelled up to the Gold Coast by coach and visited Wet ‘n' Wild, Movieworld, SeaWorld & Dreamworld.

WILSON’S PROMONTORY
Weather permitting (bush fires) twenty students from Years 9 to 11 will travel to Wilson’s Promontory National Park today (12/12) for five days. It will include two nights at Tidal River and two nights on the overnight hikes.

2007 CAMPS
YEAR 7 BOHO 2007
We will kick off in the second week in Term One with the Year 7 Boho Program. Each Year 7 Form will spend 4 days at the camp and will embark on activities including: bush walking, swimming, archery and canoeing.

YEAR 9 CAMP 2007
In Term One all Year 9 students will have the opportunity to take part in a three day camp to Ace-Hi Camp on the Mornington Peninsula. There will be two camps with approximately 100 students on each.

Mr. R. Griffiths Camps Coordinator
Our Trick Circus star—Tim Fyffe

Our own Tim Fyffe (current Yr 10) is a member of Trick Circus, a Melbourne based youth circus that performed recently during the October Fringe Festival.

Tim says “I'm interested in going to university and studying osteopathy and continuing my passion for being a circus performer. I started at the age of 6 at Little Big Tops circus. My inspiration came from the many amazing performers that I have met and seen along the way…”

Their most recent show was “When I grow up” (at right), received great reviews from Melbourne media outlets—The Age describing it as “an invigorating display of athletic talent… a hugely enjoyable show with a genuine sense of fun”

Stay tuned for their next show, which we promise to advertise before the event!

See www.trickcircus.net

Intermediate Band Tour

The Intermediate band recently conducted a tour of schools on the Mornington Peninsular, visiting and playing for Sorrento PS, Rye PS and Red Hill Consolidated PS.

A highly enjoyable tour according to the students involved. Thanks to Mr Lewis and the Music team.

Year 8 Girls’ Indoor Soccer

Wow! What a day. 5 games of high intensity soccer. Our girls not only performed at a high level but they played with sportsmanship and fairness. At high pressure times they kept their cool and simply out played the opposition like the true athletes they are. Fortunately, the draw was friendly to us and we played our greatest threat with fresh legs. Able to maintain this intensity for the whole day, all our girls scored a goal at some point throughout the day (except the goalies who saved plenty!). Player of the day, Tennille Thomas, scored an unbelievable 11 goals for the day.

Congratulations to all the girls involved in the day… You should all be very proud of your efforts! Players: Ai Thi Ngo, Tennille Thomas, Tess Beatson (goalie), Donna Staples, Bronwyn Humphrys, Katja Novakovic, Melinda Lay, Ruby Han, Amy Ly, Georgia Hammond and Laura Pearse (goalie).

Special thanks to our helpers: Mannon Nolan-Black and Samantha Thomson.

Scores:

- Northcote vs Preston Girls B (5 – 0)
- Northcote vs Preston Girls A (6- 4)
- Northcote vs Thornbury (5 – 0)
- Northcote vs Lakeside (6 – 1)
- Northcote vs Reservoir (5 – 1)

Ms Megan Young
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### Harriet’s Italian Experience

Last Friday Ms Fattore's Italian class went on an excursion to Lygon Street. We ate a very tasty pizza at Caffe' Corretto and afterwards walked around Lygon Street collecting information for our project. We also visited a gelato shop.

I think the excursion was a good experience for our class because we got to experience the food and culture of Italy.

_Harriet Taheny-MacFarlane Yr 7_
Take Care Of Your Asthma

The Asthma Foundation Victoria warns that with the predicted hot forecast for summer and increased risk of bushfires, it could be a long summer for about 574,000 people in Victoria who live with asthma.

People with asthma and other respiratory conditions should find out when bushfires are occurring in their area from the Country Fire Authority on 1800 240 667 or www.cfa.vic.gov.au as well as taking the following precautions:

Ensure you have plenty of reliever medication on you at all times and make sure your Asthma Action Plan is up to date.
During a bushfire, unless ordered to evacuate, stay indoors, close all windows and doors and block all air vents.
Stay low to the ground and wear a face mask if exposure to smoke cannot be avoided, ensuring it firmly covers the nose and mouth.
If you are exposed to wood smoke and your reliever medication isn’t reducing your asthma symptoms, seek medical attention without delay.
After the fire, damp down any dry, dusty areas before doing a clean-up and wear a face mask.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss asthma further, please contact one of our asthma advisors on the Asthma Helpline on 1800 645 130 or visit The Asthma Foundation of Victoria's website www.asthma.org.au

Dobsons Uniform Shop Opening Hours

MONDAY  3.30 - 6pm
TUESDAY  8am - 1pm [for the booksale]
FRIDAY  8.30 - 11.30am LAST TRADING DAY

Year 10 girls wishing to get VCE embroidery on their jumpers PLEASE BRING THEM IN BY FRIDAY CLOSING TIME. Alternatively you can take them over to Dobsons main shop during the holidays.
Parents are reminded all uniform items are available at Dobson's main shop 667 Glenferrie Road Hawthorn, Ph.9819 1122, right throughout the School Holidays.
The school based shop will re-open on Tuesday 23 January 2007 at 9am.
Heather and Mara wish you all a safe and happy holidays.
Free Program for Parents

ABCD Parenting Young Adolescents:
  • 6-session group program
  • 2-hour weekly sessions
  • Limit of 15 parents per group
  • For parents of children aged 10–14 years

Learn to:
  • Understand your teen
  • Improve communication
  • Negotiate boundaries
  • Solve problems together
  • Set limits
  • Deal with risky behaviour

Term 1 2007 groups in Greensborough, Carlton, Heidelberg & Meadow Heights.
Daytime and evening sessions available
For more information contact the Parenting Research Centre
T: 8660 3500