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Ut Prosim Aliis - That I may benefit others

Principal's Comment

I am often asked by visitors to the school, new staff or prospective parents, to comment on the qualities of Northcote College. One point I always highlight is the special nature of the relationships among students and between students and staff. These relationships are based on respect, high expectations for academic and social achievement and personal responsibility.

The Northcote College charter states that the school aims to create an environment where students have a love of learning, think critically, strive to excel, respect themselves and others and contribute positively in all walks of life.

Through opportunity, experience, expectation and support we aim to increase students' academic and social achievement and for each of them to reach their potential not just while they are at school but throughout their lives.

The College can not and does not take this culture for granted. We are constantly working to preserve and improve it. We make our expectations, both academic and social, very clear. The nature of the relationships

among students at a school and between students and staff is a major factor in the success of the school and of individual students. Positive relationships must be trusting, generous, helpful and co-operative.

The current generation of secondary students live in a world that increasingly expects and rewards global citizenship. Global citizenship requires an awareness of the wider world, an understanding of how the world works and a willingness to act to make the world a better place. It also requires individuals to accept responsibility for their actions.

New challenges and issues arise frequently in schools. These issues are a reflection of those in the wider community. I have recently restated to the student body our expectations with regard to both cell phone use and driving. These are both issues currently impacting on schools and wider communities. My message to students is that when they accept rights or take advantage of opportunities they must also accept the consequent responsibilities and that they must always respect themselves and others.

The College is fortunate to have the support of parents and the wider community in our efforts to have students understand these responsibilities. I thank you for your support.

Strong parental support of school was affirmed by the excellent number and quality of candidates in the recent Board election. The School is well served in this regard and I thank all candidates for being prepared to make a contribution.

Academic programmes are progressing strongly at all levels and mid-year exams for senior students commence on 21st May. The myriad of opportunities and successes experienced by Northcote students in Term One are reflected in this newsletter. My wish to all Northcote College students and their families is for a very positive, happy and settled Term Two.

Vicki Barrie

CALENDAR

- 21-25 May Senior Exam Week
- Mon 4 June Queen's Birthday (school closed)
- Thur 7 June Team Photos
- Fri 8 June Stage Challenge Performance
- Mon 11 June Board of Trustees Meeting 7.30pm
- Sat 16 June School Ball
- Fri 22 June Junior Reports Issued
- Fri 29 June Senior Reports Issued
End Term 2
- Mon 16 July Teacher Only Day
- Tue 17 July Term 2 begins for students (Day 5)
- Sat 21 July Open Day (12noon-3pm)
- 2&7 Aug Parent/Teacher Interviews

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Congratulations to Richard Stebbing (Dux 2006) who has been awarded one of only nine NZEST Scholarships. This will be awarded at assembly on Friday 18th May. Richard is currently studying Stage II Engineering at Auckland University.

Elliot Christensen-Yule (Year 13 2006) was the top student in the country in the 2006 Scholarship Drama examination and on Friday 4th May he received an award from His Excellency the Governor-General, The Hon. Anand Satyanand at Government House in Wellington.

Josie Galbraith (1999-2003) was recently awarded 'Senior Scholar in Biological Sciences' at the University of Auckland for 2006. This award goes to the top student in each faculty at the University.

New Appointments

The following appointments have been made to the Northcote College staff recently.

Teaching:

Miss S Alexander - Japanese & Social Studies
Ms S Davids - Science
Mr G Duff - Social Studies
Ms D Kendon - History
Ms K Luisetti - Technology
Ms K Malone - English
Mrs S Patten - Mathematics
Mr D Rouse - Technology

Administration:

Mrs R Blackwood - Sports Co-ordinator
Mrs K Fothergill - Support Services
Mrs S Linton-Price - Main Office
Mr D Maloy - Head Groundsman

Also at the beginning of this term an additional four outstanding Year 13 students were appointed to the role of Prefect. Congratulations: Bianca Cook 13PT, Alisi Loti 13OV, Isaac Robinson 13BE and Zac Kim 13TG.

Ball Night

The School Ball is fast approaching and once again is shaping up to be the social high point of the year for most senior students. With that in mind we want to ensure that it is an enjoyable occasion for all. To help us with that we ask that parents:

- Be present at any pre-Ball function and do not allow alcohol to be consumed
- Be fully informed of your son's or daughter's intentions after the Ball.

Jazz Festival Winners

The National Jazz Festival competition was held during the Easter weekend in Tauranga with Northcote College



represented by a group of very talented young musicians under the guidance of Mr Guisinger, Head of Music.

The Festival was open to musicians

under the age of 21. There were 17 bands competing for 13 individual awards and six awards for ensembles.

For the 10th time the Northcote College Jazz Band won the trophy for 'Best Band'. This is an outstanding achievement for the school. The College Combo, led by Jonathan Tan (Year 13 Prefect), won 'Best Combo' with Jonathan himself winning trophies for 'Best Trombone', 'Best Young Composer' and 'Best Arranger'. Jane Lee (Year 13), who performed Jonathan's original composition, *Goodnight*, with the full band, received the trophy for 'Best Flute'. These awards made Northcote College the most decorated school attending the National Festival and we are very proud of all these students. Mr Guisinger attributes the successes to a very strong group of encouraging parents, the hard work and dedication of the musicians and an excellent team of itinerant teachers at Northcote College, including Julie Mason, Alberto Santarelli, Brian Smith and Barry Young.

The band plans to attend and perform at the Manly Jazz Festival, Australia, in October and we can all look forward to fundraising concerts in the coming months.

Board of Trustees Election Results

Congratulations and welcome to the newly elected Board of Trustees.

Mr Peter Cunningham
Mr Terry Donnelly
Ms Tina George
Mr Philip Recordon
Mrs Margot Richmond
Mr Robert Gratton - Staff Representative

The Board are pleased to have the leadership of Mr John Churchill as Chairperson for the remainder of 2007.

Please note: A copy of the 2006 Annual Report will be available for viewing at the Main Office after 31/5/07.

Special Olympics Athletics Day

On Monday 26th March the Learning Support Centre attended the Auckland area Special Olympics Athletics Day at Mt Smart Stadium. All students competed in three events each and showed fantastic team spirit. We had some fabulous results and personal bests with everyone coming away with ribbons. Our under 16 boys and girls relay teams won their races and took away trophies.

Watch out for us on TV on Attitude, Sunday mornings at 9.30am. We had a great day and are looking forward to Soccer and Ten Pin Bowling later this season.

Rosie Cairns - LSC Teacher



Learning Support Centre Students

Uniform Update

To achieve a tidy look we have worked with the manufacturers of both the shirt and the school jersey to adjust lengths for new stock. The school shirt is now slightly shorter and the jersey slightly longer than previously.

When wearing a school jersey, students must ensure that the shirt does not hang below the bottom of the jersey. If the shirt is longer than the jersey, it is to be tucked in.

Some of the school jerseys are looking stretched, particularly around the neck, and with winter approaching it may be necessary to replace worn jerseys. Uniform items can be purchased from the Yarnton store in Mokoia Rd, Birkenhead.

For students who are having difficulty keeping dry please remember that plain navy blue rain jackets may be worn to and from school.

There will be a review of the Northcote College uniform carried out in 2007 including consultation with all interested parties. Watch the newsletter for more information and your chance to have input into the consultation process.

Karen Russell - Deputy Principal

Auckland Secondary Schools Maori & Pacific Islands Cultural Festival



Ngareta Ripia Performing

The Northcote College Kapahaka Group performed in Division One at the annual Maori & Pacific Island Secondary Schools Festival held during Term One.

The group were winners of the Sportsmanship Trophy, placed first in the Girls Haka Taparahi and Ngareta Ripia was 2nd= Female Leader. Overall the group was placed 7th which is an outstanding achievement for a mainstream North Shore School.

Northcote College also entered a Pasifika Group on the Niuean stage in the non-competitive section. The group performed an original dance, created by tutor Brad Etuata, with skill and enthusiasm.

Northcote College School Reunion
21-22 September 2007
Celebrating 130 years 1877 - 2007
www.northcote.pastpupils.net

Northcote Rotary Book Fair

Friday 7th July 9am-8pm &
Saturday 8th July 9am-2.30pm
Northcote College School Hall

Keeping Connected with Your Kids

We are offering this workshop again this term on Wednesdays 7.30-9.00pm May 16th, 23rd & 30th and June 6th.

The group will be limited to 24 and participants are asked to commit to attending all four sessions. There is no charge to parents of Northcote College students.

Please register by email giving participant name, contact details and student name to billk@northcote.school.nz

Spirit of Adventure

We currently have a single male berth available on the Spirit of Adventure voyage (No. 504) from 30th July to 8th August. Applicants must be aged 15-17 years old. The cost for the 10 day voyage is \$1000 (subsidised). More information on the Spirit voyages can be found on <http://www.spiritofadventure.org.nz>.

*Contact Bill Kinghorn on 481 0141 ext 714 or
by email billk@northcote.school.nz*

.....is a new addition to the **Northcote College** newsletter dedicated to letting you know what the prefects have been up to! Articles will include the latest events organised by prefects and students, activities within school and the community that **NC** prefects have been involved in, and also recognising various student achievements.

ANZAC DAY :

The ANZAC Day Service

Written by Wilhelmina Shrimpton

During Term One at the beginning of this year I was given the opportunity to write and present a speech for the 2007 Northcote Anzac Day service. I jumped at the chance and was excited to begin researching an event that affected many New Zealand citizens, both families and soldiers, in the past and today. Anzac Day is a day of remembrance and I felt honoured to be given the chance to share my view as a member of the younger generation.



Wilhelmina Shrimpton



Prefects marching in Anzac Parade

The entire day was an amazing experience which began with a march from the bottom of Queen Street up to the Memorial Hall in Rodney Road. It was

heartening to see that so many people were there to remember the soldiers and their families, especially the large number of young children and people my age who were there to continue this day of recognition into the future.

In the beginning I was really nervous to be speaking in front of such a large group of people, but this feeling soon disappeared and was replaced with pride and excitement. It felt amazing to be up there representing my school and my generation, and I was happy to receive positive feedback from many members of the community.

Overall I have thoroughly enjoyed every part of the process, the research, the writing and finally the presentation, and I can't wait to be given the chance to do it all again. Thank-you to all of those who attended the service. The support from the Northcote community was

wonderful and most of all, thank you to all those who have fought for our country because without you, we wouldn't be enjoying the freedom we have today.



Prefects with Principal, Ms V Barrie, on Anzac Day

PREFECT EVENTS:

Wanted: Musical Performers

Requests have been made for live music at school during Friday lunchtimes.

At the moment, the aim is to have one or two performances a month. This offers musicians an opportunity to promote themselves to a larger student audience within the school.

A short audition process is involved. Ensembles and individuals will be given time to prepare a set of music and may be invited to perform again.

This performance opportunity at the school is aimed at musicians of all styles and can be treated as a preparation for another gig/performance/concert the musician(s) may have.

*To apply, or for more details:
see Jonathan Tan, Alex Churchill or Mr. Guisinger*

Peer Tutoring

.....Has officially begun! This is an opportunity for students who are having difficulties in certain school subject areas to get help from a senior student. Many seniors have already signed up to be peer tutors.

For any student wanting to request tutoring, orange request forms are available in the school library with a box for the forms to be placed in. The forms will be in the library throughout the year so students may request help from a peer tutor at any time.

Once forms are placed in the box, a suitable tutor will be found. The tutor will contact the student at form time within the week.

For any enquiries see Angela Zhang