



Newsletter

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NORTHCOTE COLLEGE

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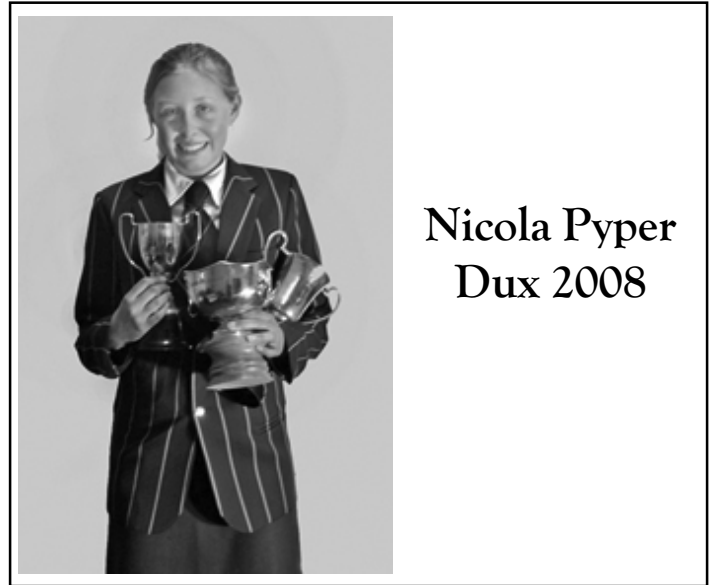
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Principal's Comment

As I write, just one week of the 2008 academic year remains. Term 4 has been rich with end of year assessments and celebrations of student achievement. For seniors (Years 11, 12 and 13) all NZQA and Scholarship examinations ended last week. Juniors (Years 9 and 10) have completed their examinations and school finishes this week with Junior Prizegiving at 10am Friday. Memorable highlights of the term to date include Sports Prizegiving, Whanau class poroporoaki, Senior Prizegiving, the Choir and Orchestra Concert, Service and Culture award assemblies, the announcement of 2009 Prefects, the Leavers' Dinner and the very recent Junior Production of Badjelly the Witch.

NZQA exams

The NZQA examinations held at the school are managed each year by an NZQA appointed Examination Centre Manager. At the conclusion of the 2008 examinations the Northcote College Centre Manager reported that Northcote College students presenting for examinations this year were both very well behaved and organised. I know that many students were aiming for excellence and merit endorsements and we look forward to the arrival of the examination results in mid-January.



Nicola Pyper
Dux 2008

Service and Culture Awards

The annual service and culture award assemblies have become a key feature of the Northcote College school year. These awards are recognition of the voluntary contributions students have made to school and the community through acts of service. We are delighted that over 400 students received awards. That students of Northcote College are increasingly willing to offer their own time for the benefit of others is positive for both the school and community.

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The Last Week 2008

- Thur 11 Dec Inter-form Sports
[1.30pm finish]
- Fri 12 Dec 10am Junior Prizegiving
Reports Issued
Term 4 ends
[approx 11.15am]

Start of 2009

- Term 1: Monday 2 February - Thursday 9 April
Term 2: Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July
Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
Term 4: Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Please note start of year details:

- 29 & 30 Jan - Senior Course Confirmation
2 Feb - Year 9 and Peer Support Leaders Only
3 Feb - Whole School [Timetable Day 1]

Goals for 2009

Term 4 has seen staff planning in earnest for 2009. The focus throughout the year has been on planning for the implementation of the new curriculum in Years 9 and 10 in 2010.

An exciting new project for the next three years is the development of a school-wide strategy for use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for teaching and learning, including the use of a Learning Management System. We have been appointed as the lead school in a Ministry of Education funded ICT professional development contract which will support the implementation of a learning management system. Students can look forward to an improved electronic interface for teaching and learning including improved access to school resources from home.

2008 Leavers

To students and their families for whom this newsletter will be your last, I wish you all the best for the future. We look forward to hearing of your success as you navigate your way through your life beyond school and urge you to stay in touch.

Thank you to Year 13 2008 for the positive efforts you made to entertain as you celebrated your last day at school. Staff and students alike enjoyed the humour. You successfully continued the positive benchmark set by Year 13 2007. Well done to all involved.

Farewell

We constantly strive to improve and respond to the learning needs of students. I invite and welcome feedback from parents. All suggestions, ideas and comments can be emailed to principal@northcote.school.nz

Finally I wish all Northcote College families the very best for a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and look forward to students returning to school in 2009.

Vicki Barrie

Policy Update

Currently the Board of Trustees is revising the **Treaty of Waitangi Policy**. A copy of the current policy is available on the school website. Your feedback is welcome. Please email principal@northcote.school.nz or board@northcote.school.nz.

Prefects 2009

Earlier in the term we began the process of handing the student leadership from Year 13 2008 to Year 13 2009. Over 70 outstanding students were nominated and we congratulate the 20 elected Prefects for 2009.

Tracey Lydiard (Head Girl)

Miller Christensen-Yule (Head Boy)

Kirsty Bowerman (Deputy Head Girl)

Andrew Fegan (Deputy Head Boy)

Josie Adams

David Carpenter

Sarah Denmark

Adam Gerrett

Stevie Doubleday

Andrew Harrison

Jaimee Dudley

Nick MacDuff

Tessa Galbraith

Ethan Neale

Anna Kempkers

Ivor Popovich

Ripeka Page

Daiyaan Rhoda

Olivia Santo

Chris Tan

WWII Honours Board

In conjunction with the Northcote RSA research and planning is underway to replace the Northcote College World War II Honours Board which has been missing for many years. Researching the information and cross referencing the details to ensure accuracy is a time consuming process.

To date we have confirmed 45 WWII servicemen who attended Northcote District High School. We are currently seeking verification of a further 13 servicemen.

In particular we have identified Laurence Carnahan and Douglas Cochrane who attended Northcote District High School and died in WWII but we have not been able to find an official war record.

Also to be confirmed as having been past pupils are the following family surnames: Brandon, Brier, Gillet, Glover, Harrison, Macey, McLucas, Paul, Quinlan, Redfern and Wilson.

We would appreciate any records or information to assist in this project. If you are able to assist please contact the College by phone on 4810141 or by email to office@northcote.school.nz.

Northcote College Senior Special Prizes 2008

Senior Prizegiving is an opportunity to celebrate and share in the academic success achieved by students. We congratulate not only those acknowledged on the night but also the many others who have risen to meet their own challenges and goals throughout the year.

Year 11

Patrick Wong - Year 11 Information Technology Cup. **Ruby Porter** - Senior Writers Prize, Zhi Gong Year 11 Art Award. **Miriam Chou** - Guisinger Cup for Year 11 Musician.

Year 12

Kenny Chan and **Megan Alexander** - Year 12 Classics Cup. **Laurence Macintosh** - Natcoll Design Technology Prize. **Ngareta Ripia** - Cable Family Award for Commitment to Te Reo Maori and Maoritanga. **Christopher Tan** and **Miller Christensen-Yule** - Harbourne & Arthur Cup for Year 12 Instrumental Music. **Worood Al-Kuhailey** - Northcote College Student Council Award. **Ali Yousufi** - Chris Deverill Memorial Trophy for Courage.

Year 13

Tavoi Taufalele - Kent Kava Bowl for Pasifika Leadership. **Leah Boyle** - Lodge North Harbour Masonic Award for contribution to the welfare of others, AUT Significant Student Award. **Priyanka Girish** - AFS Award for the fostering of international relations, Lodge North Harbour Masonic Award for contribution to the welfare of others. **Laura Halliwell** - Grace Martin Library Cup for service to the Library. **Rebecca McFadzien** - Shakespeare Award for outstanding contribution to Drama and Performance in the school, Deputy Head Girl Award. **Nick Corlett** - Shakespeare Award for outstanding contribution to Drama and Performance in the school, Hopkins Cup for Chemistry. **Courtney Parkinson** and **Rebekah Eaton** - Fletcher Art Cup for outstanding achievement in Art. **Adam Fuhr** - Mary Fitzwilliam Cup for Year 13 Instrumental Music, Purlant Cup for most improved musician during their time at Northcote College. **Euy Do Yeo** - Stuart Myers Cup for the most promising musician. **James George** - Richard Horrocks Cup for outstanding contribution in the use of new technologies. **Ki Chul Jung** - WHK Gosling Chapman Scholarship for excellence in Accounting. **Jackson Colby-Cullen** - Natcoll Design Technology Prize. **Vicki van der Merwe** - National College of Tourism & Travel Trophy. **Heemesh Patel** - Massey University College of Business Award for commerce. **Jesse Smyth** - Business and Administration Computing Cup. **Hannah Markham** - Heath Fashion Award for Most Promising Young Designer. **Dong-Man Kim** - Sutherland Cup for excellence in Mathematics. **Hami Rump** - Birkenhead Transport Automotive Scholarship Award. **Thomas Dixon** - Deputy Head Boy Award. **Samuel McGerty** - Head Boy Award. **Courtney Rayes** - Head Girl Award. **Wilson Shen** - William Kells Cup for outstanding senior Science student, North Shore City Bursary and University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship. **Aidan Cameron** - University of Otago Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship. **Catherine Tanumihardja** - Northcote RSA Trust Tertiary Education Bursary. **Alisha Thomas** - AUT Vice Chancellor's Award. **Kaleem Jamil**, **Sapphire Liu**, **Llani Rainey**, **James Wang**, **Colin Wu** - University of Auckland Jubilee Award. **Clare Gillard** - Year 13 Classics Cup, Victoria University School Leavers Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Proxime Accessit. **Nicola Pyper** - Eddy Sanders Award for Senior Biology, Millicent Hoyle prize for senior English, Vineyard Trophy for integrity for service and consideration of others, Victoria University School Leavers Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Dux.

Education for Life

Northcote College Community Education

www.learn4life@xtra.co.nz

Phone: 481 0144

Open 9.30am - 4pm

Student Achievement

Rotary National Science and Technology Forum

Year 12 students **Alex Lowen** and **Matthew Yates** have been selected to represent Northcote College at the Rotary National Science and Technology Forum to be held at the University of Auckland 10th to 24th January 2009. This is an exciting opportunity. Alex and Matthew will join representatives from all over New Zealand for an intensive two week forum.

Economics Competition

The New Zealand Economics competition is an opportunity for senior economics students from around New Zealand to test their general economics knowledge. This year over 3,000 students competed.

The competition is run in two divisions with Year 12 as Juniors and Year 13 as Seniors. All students answer the same questions making the competition especially challenging for Year 12 students given that most of the content is based on the Year 13 course. To gain 'High Distinction' students need to be in the top 5% of their division, while those in the top 20% receive a certificate of distinction.

This year 11 students sat the exam. Students were required to attend a series of lunchtime tutorials to prepare. They are to be commended for their commitment and achievement.

High Distinction (top 5%)

Year 13:

Colin Wu Senior Div - 98th percentile
(18th from 3,130 students)

Jamie Farquhar Junior Div - 95th percentile

Year 12:

Ivor Popovich Junior Div - 98th percentile

Distinction (top 20%)

Year 13:

Catherine Li Senior Div - 93rd percentile

Gregory Smith Senior Div - 93rd percentile

Kaleem Jamil Senior Div - 91st percentile

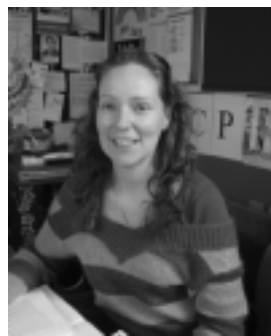
Boris Svirtlih Senior Div - 87th percentile

Credit

Year 13:

Cameron Ottaway Senior Div - 75th percentile

Staff News



Northcote College English teacher, Miss Kelly Malone, has had one of her poems published in the highly regarded, '2008 New Zealand Poetry Anthology'. Miss Malone was invited to Wellington to read her poem at the book launch.

A former student of Northcote College Miss Malone has also been accepted into the prestigious Auckland University 2009 Programme for Creative Writing. She is one of only 12 people selected for the course. The tutors are celebrated New Zealand writer, Witi Ihimaera and American poet Lisa Samuels. Emily Perkins, a past course tutor, is another participant in the 2009 programme.

We look forward to Ms Malone returning to Northcote College in 2010.

Past Pupil Update

Congratulations to past pupils who recently graduated from the University of Auckland:

| Name | Last Year at Northcote College | Degree |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Aaron Cole | 2003 | Bachelor of Fine Arts |
| Colin de Freitas | 2001 | Bachelor of Arts (Hons) |
| Spencer Fairhurst | 1986 | Master of Creative and Performing Arts |
| Julie Harrison | 1986 | Doctor of Philosophy |
| Rebecca Harwood | 2005 | Bachelor of Education |
| Shona James | 2005 | Bachelor of Education |
| Chia-Yu Liao | 2001 | Master of Engineering |
| Jennifer Messer | 1966 | Bachelor of Education |
| Mariko Nissen | 2005 | Bachelor of Arts |
| Nicolas Sawyer | 2004 | Bachelor of Science and Postgrad Diploma in Bioscience Enterprise |
| Tasman Scholes | 2005 | Bachelor of Performing Arts |
| Benjamin Searle | 2002 | Bachelor of Commerce |
| David Simpson | 1996 | Postgrad Diploma in Business |
| Rachel Stuart | 2003 | Bachelor of Science |
| Timothy Watson | 2004 | Bachelor of Science |



Art Exhibition

Gala Opening Night
Friday 6th March 7 - 9pm

Open 10am - 4pm
Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th March

Northcote College and the Affair of the Heart organisers are delighted to announce that ex-student and successful author **Alexa Johnson** will be participating in the 2009 event.

You can meet Alexa and purchase signed copies of **Ladies, A Plate** on Saturday 7th March and Sunday 8th March between 1.00pm and 4.00pm



The Affair of the Heart Pantry is in need of:

- * Jars for jam, preserves etc
- * Fruit and produce
- * Contact details for food providers

If you are able to offer any assistance please phone Cathy Smith on 4810147.

Ticket Inquiries

Telephone: 4810141 ext 818

Email: affairoftheheart@northcote.school.nz

Support for Northcote College

Dymocks bookstore located in Smales Farm is now offering a Dymocks Booklover Loyalty Card. All purchases gather points that are then transferred back to a dollar value to be used on subsequent purchases. Please support the Northcote College Library by nominating Northcote College whenever you make a purchase.

As always we rely on our school community to make a difference.

2009 Calendar

2009 Start of Year Information

A 2009 year planner, stationery lists and back to school information will be available on the College website www.northcote.school.nz from mid December.

Term Dates:

- Term 1: Monday 2 February - Thursday 9 April
- Term 2: Monday 27 April - Friday 3 July
- Term 3: Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September
- Term 4: Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December

Dates to Diary:

- Feb 6 Waitangi Day (School Closed)
- Feb 9-13 Year 10 Camp
- Feb 11 Class & ID Photos Year 9, 11, 12, 13
- Feb 13 Swimming Sports
- Feb 18 Year 10 Class & ID Photos
- Feb 20 Athletics Day
- Feb 25-27 Marae Trip
- Mar 4-6 Year 13 Camp
- Mar 6-8 Affair of the Heart Art Exhibition
- Mar 20 Progress Reports Issued
- Mar 26 & 31 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Apr 9 Term 1 Ends
- Apr 27 Term 2 Begins
- Apr 30 NCEA Information Evening
- May 25-29 Senior Exams
- June 1 Queens Birthday (School Closed)
- June 9 Team Photos
- June 26 Junior Reports Issued
- July 3 Senior Reports Issued
- Term 2 Ends
- July 20 Term 3 Begins
- Aug 6 & 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Aug 31-Sep 4 Tournament Week
- Sep 3 Teacher Only Day
- Sep 4 Mid Term Break (School Closed)
- Sep 9-16 Senior Exams
- Sep 25 Term 3 Ends
- Oct 12 Term 4 Begins
- Oct 26 Labour Day (School Closed)
- Nov 5 Sports Prizegiving
- Nov 12 Senior Prizegiving
- Nov 23-27 Junior Exams
- Dec 11 Junior Prizegiving
- Term 4 Ends

Sports Report

Sports Prizegiving 2008

During this year's prizegiving, we acknowledged excellence in sporting achievements. Guest speaker Dean Kent emphasised the need to focus on goals and develop a work ethic that will need to be set in place to help achieve those goals. He was inspiring and motivating for the students.



(pictured left to right)

Jaimee Dudley and Tracey Lydiard

Victrix Ludorum

Oliver Gunman

Victor Ludorum

We are very proud of all award winners and wish all those students who are leaving Northcote College this year well for their future.

Thank you to our sponsors Fuji Xerox, Club Physcial, and Kukri for their continuing support of our sporting programme.

Netball

This year the College again entered 15 netball teams in the North Harbour Netball competition. Five teams made it through to the finals. Congratulations to Team 3 who were undefeated in the season, playing their last game against Carmel and winning by a sizeable margin. Teams 6 and 7 were runners-up in their grades. Year 9 Elite won the Flight Division and our Social Team of Year 13 students also made it through to the finals.

Annaka Dayberg, Sophia Johnston and Georgia Tong were selected as North Harbour Representatives. **Ripeka Page** was selected for the Under 17 Maori North Harbour Representative team which came 5th in their national competition. The senior girls also did a great job both umpiring and coaching throughout the season.

The annual Hartley Cup against Birkenhead College saw Northcote win by a margin of 9 goals.

Cricket

The 1st XI cricket team has had an excellent season, lead by **Ethan Neale** with senior support in **Aidan Cameron** and **Luke Pearson**. This team has a chance of finishing second in their section.

Ethan Neale has recently been selected for the Eastern Districts U17B team. The team will be playing in a week long tournament in early December against all the other regions in Auckland.

Acknowledgement must go to **Daiyaan Rhoda** who while working his way towards completing his umpiring ticket has maintained his commitment to umpiring the Morning Boys team when they are playing at home.

The Morning Boys team ended the season with a resounding win over Rangitoto College. Northcote 223 for 4 in 20 overs and Rangitoto all out for 131. With impressive bowling by Matthew Thompson (2 for 14) and Kevin Mitchell (1 for 10), Rangitoto had no answer to our bowling or batting figures (Matthew Bradley, Luke Liederman and Thomas Suddaby all scoring 31 runs each). During practice the boys have been working hard on their fielding and catching drills, and their placing of 1st (equal with Takapuna Grammar) is testament to the team's dedication and enthusiasm for the game. Well done and we look forward to next year's matches.

Waterpolo

Recently our Junior team competed at the four day North Island Secondary Championships playing several games against some of the top teams in the North Island and finishing with an excellent result of 1st in the Boys B-Grade plate division. As a team they scored 62 goals and only had 36 scored against them. **Ryan Doubleday** and **Sid Dymond** received tournament player of the game awards. Congratulations also go to **Arlo Cooper, Ryan Doubleday, Rohan Drumond, Sid Dymond, Melissa Farquhar, Hayden Helleur, Matthew Kempkers, Cameron Mew, Mckenzie Rayes** and **Aaron Young**.

A big thank you to **Laurence McIntosh** who took over the coaching reigns earlier in the season and to **Debbie Doubleday** for her continued commitment to the Northcote College Waterpolo programme.

Basketball

The top girls team sealed their first placing in the U17 Girls Basketball League 2 competition after an impressive win over Whangaparaoa. **Aisha Bower** took out the "Player of the Day Award".

Hockey

The girls' 1st XI Hockey went into their final game of the season at the top of the table and didn't disappoint winning this grade with a 2-nil win over Kaipara College. **Brooke Fowler** and **Courtney Henderson** were the goal scorers. This is the first time the Girls' 1st XI has played in the 1A Grade, so the victory is a significant achievement. Well done.

Beach Volleyball

Sophia Johnston and **Veanuka James** placed 4th in the North Harbour Junior Beach Volleyball Champs on 1st November at Mairangi Bay. They were up against Year 10 teams and were unlucky not to come third (losing by 1 point in the third set to a Long Bay team). Both girls are doing very well in the Secondary School Monday Night League and are working up the ranking ladder.

Kartsport

Congratulations to **Tim Vickers** who achieved a 2nd placing at the recent NZ North Island Kartsport Championships. Tim started the year in the junior division but has blasted his way into the senior ranks and pretty much straight to the top. Tim has received an invitation to compete in the Australian Rotax Max Series for 2009. Good luck, Tim.

Thames High School Exchange

During the last week of Term 3, two bus loads of mainly senior students travelled south to Thames to do battle with the students of Thames High School. Previously this was an event that was part of the Northcote College Annual Sporting Calendar and it was decided to resurrect this fixture, helped by the fact that we had a contact through Mr Wallace who had previously taught at Thames High.

It was a glorious day. Upon arrival we had an official powhiri before the teams went to the various venues to commence play.

After keen competition the end results were that Northcote College was victorious in the boys and girls soccer, the girls' volleyball and basketball and the mixed hockey match. Thames High School won the rugby, the netball, the boys' volleyball and the boys' basketball. Northcote College was declared the overall winner by merit of winning 5 out of 9 events.

All students and staff who made the trip down enjoyed the marvellous hospitality and the keen but fair competition provided by our hosts. We look forward to welcoming Thames High School next year when we will host them at Northcote College. It is the intention that this will again become an annual event.

Touch Tournament

Over the last two weeks our Year 9 and Year 10 touch players have been competing for the annual Northcote Touch Trophy.

In the grand final between 9UK and 10KA, the crowd were treated to a display of skill and fancy footwork by both teams.

10KA managed a win sealing it with a try in the dying seconds of the match. Score 4 -2

Towards 2009

With the end of the year rapidly approaching, we are now planning our 2009 sporting calendar and unfortunately have had to say goodbye to a number of key coordinators in a range of sporting codes. If you are, or know of anyone who would be, interested in coaching or managing a school team, please contact the Sports Department. We would love to hear from you!

With that in mind, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the coaches, managers, umpires and referees who have given up so much of their own time helping Northcote College teams throughout the season. No team can succeed without the leadership and organisation you provide.

Have a safe festive season and best wishes to you all.

Arie, Shane, Ruth and Donna

Year 13 Leavers' Dinner



The annual Northcote College Leavers' Dinner was held at North Harbour Stadium at the conclusion of NCEA exams last week. Parents, students and teachers joined together to reminisce and to celebrate the start of the next chapter in the lives of the Year 13 students. Organised by a committee of senior students the celebration included formal and informal presentations and a slide show covering the journey taken by these students over the last five years.

Junior Production

Badjelly the Witch



The 2009 junior production of *Badjelly the Witch* was a resounding success for all involved. Congratulations and thank you to the cast and crew.

