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Principal's Comment

New Zealand Chief Youth Court Judge, Andrew Becroft addressed the Auckland Secondary School Principals Association last month. He spoke of his belief that young people need

four things to make a solid and stable life; family, friends, school and community connections. This is completely aligned with our school philosophy and we recognise the interconnections necessary for young people to get the maximum benefit. It is a privilege to be involved in the lives of your children and we value the connections we have with the families of Northcote College students.

A key measure of student engagement and connection to school is a school's retention rate of students from Year 9 to Year 13. Former Professor of Education at the University of Auckland, and now Director of Melbourne Education Research Institute at the University of Melbourne, John Hattie stated in 2010 that "the best predictor of health, wealth and happiness in later life is....the number of years in school. So what I want is a school that invites kids to stay and learn. (John Hattie, 2010). The Northcote College retention rate has increased steadily in recent years and most recently was reported by the Ministry of Education at 95%.

This term as part of the normal review cycle for schools, Northcote College was reviewed by a team from the Education Review Office. We are expecting a very positive ERO report which should be available on the school website early next term. John Hattie encourages parents to use Education Review Office (ERO) reports to judge the quality of a school. I look forward to sharing the results of the Northcote College review with students and parents.

While ERO are external reviewers of our work we increasingly gather evidence internally to inform key decisions. Over the last two years we have used a school survey 'Me and My School' to contribute to our understanding of the level of connection and commitment students have to school and learning. This survey captures the views of Year 10 students. It has been developed by the New Zealand Council for Educational Research (NZCER) and is administered each year in Term III to students at Northcote College and around New Zealand.

We use the 'Me and My School' results and other evidence to inform our decisions about curriculum and school practices to help provide the best experience possible for each student. I am happy to report that the 2012 survey has confirmed for us that Year 10 students overall feel that they are making progress at Northcote College and agree that their teachers help them learn. They agree that they like learning new

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Upcoming Events

Fri 28 Sept	Term III Ends	Fri 9 Nov	NZQA Exams begin
Mon 15 Oct	Term IV Begins [T/T Day 2]	Tue 20 Nov	Teacher Only Day
Tue 16 Oct	Course Information Evening for new 2013 Enrolments 7.30pm	21 - 27 Nov	Junior Exam Week
Mon 22 Oct	Labour Day	Wed 5 Dec	Year 13 Leavers' Dinner
Thurs 1 Nov	Sports Prizegiving	Wed 12 Dec	Junior Prizegiving 10am
Thur 8 Nov	Senior Prizegiving		Term IV Ends

*** please refer school website for the year planner ***

things in class and that it is important to behave well. One of the items in the survey asks students about the relevance of school work to their life outside school. Only 55% of Northcote College Year 10 students agreed or strongly agreed that their school work is relevant to life outside school. This is a result which we will follow up with further investigation to get a better understanding of the issue, its consequences and our opportunities for change.

Finally, regarding student engagement, the current debate in the media over the rights and responsibilities of children, parents and the government which has seen some focus on the issue of students not having breakfast. One section of the 'Me and My School' survey is concerned with environmental factors that may affect students' reported engagement levels. A question in this section asks students whether they normally eat breakfast. 56% of Northcote College Year 10 students stated that they normally eat breakfast on a school day. This is in line with the national figure (from all Year 10 students completing the survey) of 55%. I was surprised that this was not higher.

As always I invite and welcome feedback from parents. Suggestions, ideas and comments can be emailed to principal@northcote.school.nz.

Vicki Barrie, Principal

*** * * LATEST NEWS * * ***

Rising Voices Youth Poetry Slam

Congratulations to **Brian Gashema** who has won the Rising Voices Youth Poetry Slam that was held on Saturday 22 September at the Auckland Town Hall.

The competition was open to poets aged 16 to 24 from across the city. They brought their words to the stage, influenced by their diverse backgrounds, upbringings, cultures and charisma. With no music or props allowed, they were armed with just their original poems and voices as weapons, in a winner-takes-all poetry battle.

At 16 years old this was an outstanding achievement from this very talented young man.

Student Achievement

ICAS Exams

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. They are prepared annually by Education Assessment Australia, an enterprise of the University of New South Wales.

ICAS Writing Exam

The task: Students had one period to plan, write and edit an original piece of creative writing, creating a credible character study, using the prompt of a picture provided by the examiners.

The results of all students were impressive. An outstanding result was achieved by Nicky Ingram who gained the top score in New Zealand in Year 11.

Year 12

Ruby Love Distinction (top 7%)

Year 11

Nicky Ingram High Distinction (top 1%)

Year 10

Thomas Wilson High Distinction (top 1%)

Rikki Dobson Distinction (top 2%)

Ben Tunui Distinction (top 2%)

Isabella Kwan Neads Distinction (top 3%)

Nikko ver Dionisio Credit (top 17%)

Alaina Weatherley Credit (top 24%)

Charlotte Weatherley Credit (top 24%)

Year 9

Lauren O'Connell High Distinction (top 1%)

Caitlin Barlow Distinction (top 4%)

ICAS Science Exam

Year 12

Katherine Robbins High Distinction (top 1%)

Nathan Kelly Credit (top 36%)

Year 11

Richard Myburgh Credit (top 36%)

Year 9

Luke Hanson Distinction (top 11%)

Tristan Hutchinson Credit (top 36%)

Mathex Competition

Sixteen of our top young mathematicians competed in the annual Casio Auckland Mathex Competition against all Auckland secondary schools in August. The Year 10 students (**Ruby Payne, Mackenzie Brown, Jahan Panchia, Jack Li, Ethan Lewis, Amelia Beckley, Kylee Ing and Joshua Beckett**) gained good scores which placed them comfortably in the top third of schools.

In their first year of competition the Year 9 representa-

tives; **Jessica Neville, Samuel Pratt, Laura Quinn, Joshua Schollum, Matilda Dunn, Sean Farrelly, Aden Jowsey** and **Nelson Cook** performed well, achieving the highest any Northcote team has scored in the last three years. They will be a force in next year's competition as Year 10 students.

National Spanish Speech Competition

Raphaela de Souza Nunes (Year 12) came third with her speech on the use of cell phones and their effects on society in the Year 13 National Spanish Speech competition. This is an outstanding achievement for Raphaela.

Economics Competition

A small group of Year 12 and 13 students entered the New Zealand Economics Competition recently. This is a demanding exam that is set by the University of Auckland.

High Distinction (top 5%)

Danielle Townsend

Danielle was ranked 31 out of 1325 Year 12 students nationwide and will attend an awards ceremony at the University of Auckland.

Distinction (top 20%)

Thitirat Chaimala and **Harry Walter**

Credit (top 50%)

Brett Duxfield, William Green, Hye Rin Lee, Kajal Patel, Betty So, Aram Valesyan and **Shannon Wallace**

Student Activities

Talent Quest 2012

The 2012 annual Talent Quest was a resounding success, described by Chris Bradley, past pupil and technician, as an "*Incredible Talent Quest! Probably the best I've been to over the past eight years. Loved it*".

Our heartfelt thanks to the guest judges for the evening:

Lydia Cole: Past pupil 2001-2005 and now an accomplished singer/songwriter.

Shane Cortese: One of NZ's most recognisable performers with a multitude of television, film, theatre and music credits to his name.

Andrew Harrison: Past pupil 2005-2009. Currently in his final year at AUT and working at Radio Live.

Catherine Lamb: General Manager of the North Harbour Club, a charitable organisation which awards high achievers of the North Harbour region through the AIMES Awards.

The winners on the night were:

Xytech Best Band:

Aram Valesyan, Joshua Clarke and **Luke Hodgkinson**

Most Entertaining Band:

Josh Tasi, Luke Liederman, Talita Simpson, Jomar Wilson, David Lauaki and **Jerome Eki**

Earwig Studios Best Vocal Act:

Deidre Coetzee and **Mesalina Kaloni**

Stebbing Recording Centre Best Vocalist:

Talita Simpson - for her performances in three acts on the night, including 'Don't Let Go', 'Apple of My Eye' and 'Higher Ground'.

Best Original Composition:

Ashveer Singh, Jarrod Baynes and **Donovan Brett**

Best Dance/Choreography:

Shivon Raj and **Kajal Patel**

Stebbing Recording Centre Best Instrumentalist:

Luke Hodgkinson (drums) - for his performances in four acts on the night, including 'Billy's Bounce', 'Free Falling', 'You Need Me, I don't Need You' and 'Set Fire to the Rain/It Will Rain'.

Telecom Business Hub Waitakere Best Performer:

Aram Valesyan (guitar and vocals) - for his performances in five acts on the night, including 'Billy's Bounce', 'Lonely Boy', 'Free Falling', 'The Cave' and 'You Need Me, I Don't Need You'.

Stebbing Recording Centre People's Choice Award:

'Set Fire to the Rain/It Will Rain' performed by **Cindy So, Betty So, Yeajin Ro, Hyun Yang, Joy Woo, Blair Ratu** and **Luke Hodgkinson**

Special Judges Award:

Jamie Chatsinchai and **Milos Nedeljkov**

Northcote College would like to extend appreciation and acknowledgement to the event sponsors and supporters:

Peter Van Gent & Dylan Sheehan - **Xytech Lighting & Audio**

Loren Van Gent - **Auckland University**

Vaughan Stebbing - **Stebbing Recording Centre**

Darren McShane - **Earwig Studios**

Darrin Hewitt - **Telecom Business Hub Waitakere**

Sherelee Clarke - **South Africa Magazine**

Thanks also to Ms Manoa for her overall management of the event, and to the staff, prefects, MC's, crew and of course all the very talented performers who made the event possible.

Student activities continued:

Project K Awards

Project K is a 14-month programme for Year 10 and Year 11 students. The programme is designed to inspire young people to reach their full potential. Project K has three core components, Wilderness Adventure, Community Challenge and Mentoring. Students develop self-reliance, team building skills, self-confidence, perseverance, goal setting, good health and life skills.

Congratulations to **Maddy Frost** and **Jessica Evans** (pictured left to right) who received 'Outstanding Student Awards' at the graduation ceremony held in August.



Youth Jam

As a Green Gold Enviro-school, Northcote College recently hosted its first ever Youth Jam to promote environmental practice and sustainability amongst secondary school students. Students from Westlake Girls' High School and Mahurangi College



attended and were exposed to all the activities and projects Northcote College has been involved in since becoming an enviro-school. The event started with a tour of the school, including

a look at the vegetable gardens, tree planting, solar panels and the solar wall. The students were amazed at what had been achieved.

The tour was followed by a range of hands-on activities including rubbish bin painting, building a new worm farm for the staffroom and designing and creating a mosaic plaque for the vegetable garden. Overall it was a lot of fun and a great way to share our experience and knowledge with others. New friends were made and we hope to host other events in the future.



Cara De Fiori (Year 12)

Knitting Club

The click-clack of knitting needles can be heard in T2 Thursday lunch-times. Here the school Knitting Club gets together to enjoy their woolly craft, encouraging those new and those returning to improve on their skills from last year.



Pictured left to right: Rylee Thwaite, Olivia Guyatt, Saia Teisi, Madeleine Marnoch and Malia Pepper

Peggy squares are knitted to make blankets for the elderly while advanced knitters, like Saia, work on a beanie or a scarf for themselves.

A dedicated team are on hand to cast on, pick up the odd dropped stitch and help make a cold winter's lunch break a fun learning experience.

Fashion Success

Congratulations to **Jaimie Adshead** (Year 13) who took away the top prize in the 2012 Open Category of the *Walk the Line* teen fashion show during NZ Fashion Week.

Also involved in the event were **Kendal** and **Miranda Rainey**. Kendal (Year 12) designed for the High Fashion category and her garment was modelled by sister Miranda (Year 10).

The event is organised by the YMCA Auckland Youth Development Programme Raise Up 'n Represent. Approximately 238 young people between 14 and 18 years old were involved in the show working as designers, models, crew members, make-up artists and photographers.

Student BOT Rep

Henry Law is coming to the end of his year long term as the Student Representative on the Board of Trustees. He has made an excellent contribution in this role and as a member of Student Council. The nominees for the position in 2012-2013 are: **Hunter Blair** 10HR, **Jamie Chatsinchai** 12HAY, **Jodie Gilchrist** 12PT, Emma Hilton 12PT, **Shivon Raj** 12MZ and **Anna Thompson** 12UN. The election will be held on Friday 28 September.

Music Recital

Last week the school hall was the venue for a beautiful and inspiring music recital with performances by **Sopheia Ing** (Piano), **Nicholas Ansley** (Guitar) and **Hayley Pompallier** (Soprano). The programme featured pieces from Bach, Chopin, Mozart and more.

School Magazine

A team of students has been working hard to put together the 2012 edition of ONEWA, the Northcote College yearbook. To secure your copy, which is due in the school in early December, please pay \$20 to the Accounts Office.

Pathways

The recent Pathways Day saw nearly 900 students go through the subject displays in the School Hall during the day and the evening session was also well attended. We are encouraging all students to think beyond next year when planning their courses. The Dreamcatcher Careers software available to our students through the school website is a useful tool that enables families to explore different career pathways and the requirements for entry into education beyond school.

The 2013 Option Forms are due by Tuesday 25 September but students who are undecided can return an incomplete form and request an appointment with the Dean or Careers Advisor if they need help planning their course.

This year confirmation of option subjects will be emailed to parents in early December.

Administration

Exam Time

NCEA Exams will soon be upon us. Senior students go on study leave on 7 November and the exams begin on Friday 9 November, continuing until Tuesday 4 December. Each senior student entered in these national exams will be issued with a personalised timetable however the full timetable is available on www.nzqa.govt.nz

Students are encouraged to make the most of the resources available to prepare for these exams. Past exam

papers and other resources are available on the school Moodle pages and the Subject Resource pages of the NZQA website.

The NCEA exams are hosted at school but run by NZQA. Students are advised to check their exam timetable carefully as there are strict rules about late entry. If a student is unwell on the day of an exam please contact the school and ask to speak with Karen Russell, Principal's Nominee.

To access final results NZQA students need to use their NZQA Student Login. Copies of results are only available if requested by the student through the NZQA website. If students experience difficulty logging onto the NZQA website they should see Ms Russell (Principal's Nominee).

Staff Update

Congratulations to Ms Hinchliff (Technology), Ms Beaumont (Science) and Mr Wallace (Geography/Dean) who have each welcomed a new baby into their lives this term. Ms Hinchliff and Ms Beaumont have taken maternity leave and we look forward to their return in 2013.

Privacy Notice

Earlier this year the Ministry of Education advised that the Ministry of Social Development (MSD), Youth Services, had suggested changes to the legislation to enable the sharing of information within government departments. Student contact details, provided at the time of enrolment, may be forwarded to the MSD as part of regulation roll returns.

This change will apply to existing families as well as those newly enrolled at Northcote College.

The Northcote College enrolment form has been updated to reflect this proposed change and states:

This information is provided on the understanding that it is only for use by the College or for statistical purposes. I understand that the school may retain this information indefinitely. This information will be held securely in the school archives. I give my permission for information about my son/daughter held at his/her previous school(s) to be transferred to Northcote College. I have read the Privacy Act information attached to this application (Appendix 2).

If you have concerns or require further information please contact Mr Dudley, Assistant Principal.

Sports Report

As the winter sports season comes to an end the Sports Department would like to thank all the teachers in charge, coaches and managers who have helped make the winter sporting season possible. We appreciate the huge amount of time and effort you have put in to the teams.

Hockey

All five hockey teams have had a great season. The boys 1st XI were outstanding, beating nearly all the teams in their grade. The 1st XI girls are a young team and things look promising for next year and beyond. The Northcote Girls Blue and Gold teams also did a great job as these teams had many girls trying hockey for the first time. Special thanks must go to Thur Borren, Kevin Lydiard, Henry Ling, Narandra Uka, Rikki Burgess and senior students Nikki Lydiard and Hannah Jukes for their tireless coaching, managing and refereeing over the season.



The 1st XI Girls hockey team were delighted when Bianca Russell (NZ Blacksticks Goalie) attended their training session. Bianca recently returned from the Olympics and willingly answered questions and shared insight into her role in the team, beyond goal-keeping.

The 1st XI girls were very appreciative of her time with them and described her as 'inspirational'. She also spent one-on-one time with student Chelsie Whitworth who is in her first year as goalie for the Northcote team.



Basketball

This year again we had a great basketball programme with eight teams across all the grades. Mr Chong ran a tight ship as always, along with some wonderful coaches and managers that helped the success of the season. We welcome back Aik Ho who has returned to Northcote as a coach of the under 15 girls. After an outstanding season the under 15 boys team suffered a narrow 51-49 loss in the final against Rangitoto to place 2nd in the North Harbour competition. They will now represent North Harbour at the Greater Auckland Basketball Champs.

Rugby

The 1st XV had a tough season with injury necessitating the coaching crew to rotate through their players to survive in the competition. After narrowly losing the Stott Cup to Birkenhead College the team turned around the disappointment to win against Glenfield College 41-12 and retain the Benton Cup. The 6th grade have had a good season playing in the A-grade of their competition. These boys have had an outstanding year considering many in the team are playing rugby for the first time. The dedication of our coaches has been the driving force for the boys. Thank you to all of them.

Netball

Netball has long been the life blood of girls' sports at Northcote. After losing resident expert in netball co-ordinating, Donna Cook, to Australia last year, we started anew and got things rolling. From all accounts even with some ups and downs the girls have all had a great season enjoying the team spirit, coaching and generally getting out there and playing. We would like to thank the coaches, managers, and parents for their great support of the girls at trainings and every Saturday. We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Adventure Racing

A team of eight junior students recently competed at the Hillary Get2Go Adventure Challenge. Eight schools from the Auckland region competed across four different challenges. Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Orienteering and Rock Climbing. The students had a great day and this is certainly an event we would like to build on. Thank you to Mr Pizzini for organising and coordinating the team.

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Ruth Blackwood/Callum Finlay, Sport Coordinators - email: sports@northcote.school.nz
Shane Latch, Sports Elite Manager - email: slatch@northcote.school.nz

Rugby League

This year Northcote had two League teams competing in the U15 and U85kg grades. Games started in August. The under 85kgs team game against Orewa College, at Mt Smart Stadium, was televised on Monday night before the premier provincial competition. There are five games allocated to the North Shore competition. We wish the U85s all the best for the rest of the competition.

Swimming

Congratulations to year 13 student **Mitchell Davison** who competed at the Auckland Swimming Championships winning the 400m Freestyle, the 50 and 100m Backstroke and the 100m Butterfly events.

Mitchell went on to represent at the NZ Secondary Schools Championships. He came 2nd in the 200m Freestyle with a personal best time of 1.59.84. Two days later Mitchell came 3rd in the 200m Backstroke. All of the top 3 swimmers in this event broke the existing NZ Secondary School Record in this very fast final.

Sports Council

The Sports Department has introduced a school Student Sports Council. The council will enable us to be in better touch with the sports in our school and will give us a unique student voice and perspective in sport. Amongst their duties the council will assist us with school events, maintaining and updating the sports website, speaking at assemblies and assisting teachers in charge of sport. We were inundated with applications, all of which were of a very high standard, making it extremely difficult to choose.

Congratulations to the following students of our inaugural Student Sports Council:

Logan Battersby, Kristen Pak, Hannah Jukes, Matt Dwyer, Brianna Simmons, Lindsay Klenner, Kendal Rainey, Shelby Haarhoff, Olivia Stapleton, Peter Witton, Issy Kwan Neads, Brittany Hill and Jess Jones

Website

By now most of you will have received an invitation to join the Northcote College Sports website, as a supporter. In the coming weeks the website will be updated with photos and season round-ups for all the sports finish-

ing soon and details of the sports that are starting up or continuing into the summer..

Outstanding Student Achievement

Northcote has some outstanding and talented students competing in local, national and international competitions.

Congratulations go to:

Daniel Newth - selected to the 2012 National Youth Rock Climbing Team to compete at the World Championships in Singapore

Angelo Fuemana and **Roman Cornwall** - selected to represent New Zealand in Waka Ama at the World Sprints in Calgary, Canada

Kendal Rainey, Miranda Rainey, Julia Forde and **Rosalie Stevenson** - selected to the New Zealand under 19 Ultimate Frisbee team to tour Australia.

Harlem Wilson - selected to the New Zealand Maori Tag Open Mens team and **Madison Bartlett** to the New Zealand Tag U18s team. Both will be competing in the Oceania Series held during Labour Weekend and the World Cup in December.

Patrick Elisaia-Hopa and **Leo Kim** who are both North Harbour Under 15 Basketball representatives. Their team has qualified for the National Basketball championships to be held in the October holidays.

Macarena Carrascosa will compete in the World Roller Figure Skating Championships at the end of September. She will compete against the best skaters from 26 countries who are coming to New Zealand for the event.

The following Water Polo players have been selected for representative teams:

Michael Brown - North Harbour U14A

Zac White - North Harbour U16A (Zac was also selected to the Auckland Cricket Schoolboys Academy Training Camp.)

Matthew Dwyer - Waitakere U16A

Andrew Farquhar - Waitakere U16A

Ryan Doubleday - North Harbour U18A, New Zealand Schoolboys Trial Squad

Sid Dymond - New Zealand Youth Men's Team, New Zealand Schoolboys Trial Squad, Waitakere U18A, Waitakere Senior Men

Community Education

Education for Life

Gate 5, 6 Kauri Glen Road, Northcote
Open Monday - Thursday 10am to 4pm
and Friday 10am to 1pm
(*term time only*)

Quality education after school! Brush away those winter cobwebs and get ready for spring by learning something new.

There are a range of classes running throughout Term 3. Visit our website or pop in to our office for further details.

Term 4 starts on Tuesday 23 October. Classes include ESOL, Computing, Cooking, Photography, Health and Fitness, Languages and lots more. Many classes are open to anyone 14 years and older.

Planning for 2013 classes will be starting soon, so if you have a skill or interest which you'd like to share, please contact us to talk about becoming a tutor.

website: www.learn4life.co.nz

Phone: Annalie or Liz on 481-0144

Email: info@learn4life.co.nz for a brochure

Harvey Wright

It is with sadness we acknowledge that Harvey Wright passed away on 22 September 2012. Harvey was highly regarded in our community for his work as an electrical company director and numerous projects that he was involved with, not least the development of the current Northcote rugby grounds and club rooms. His four children, Kelvin, Terry, Grant and Kim all attended Northcote College in the 70s and 80s. Our condolences to his family.

Kaye Riddell

Kaye Riddell passed away on 25 June 2012. Kaye was well known locally, as a primary school teacher, a wife and mother, and a friend to many. Kaye had strong links to Northcote College and we offer our sympathy to her family.

Notices

Board of Trustees Medal of Excellence

Nominations Open

The Board of Trustees Medal of Excellence is awarded at the annual senior prizegiving by the Board in recognition of the outstanding achievements of students and staff members, present and past, who have succeeded at a national or international level in academia, business, community service, the arts or sport and through this have brought honour on themselves and also the school.

We would welcome nominations from our school community for the 2012 award. If you would like to make a nomination please provide full details including a brief biography of the suggested recipient to principal@northcote.school.nz

A history of the Board of Trustees Medal is available on the school website www.northcote.school.nz

South Africa Tour Fundraising

Cash 4 Metal - Metal Exchange Glenfield accepts stainless, aluminium, batteries, copper, steel, brass, lead, cellphones, computer scrap, washing machines and much much more for recycling. They have a fully covered drive-through area where you can drop off your unwanted items. You can even use their free loan trailer for larger items. Please mention Northcote College when you are there and Metal Exchange, Glenfield will pass on a commission to the school. All proceeds will be directed towards the multi-code South Africa sports tour in July 2013.

Big Night In

Saturday 6 October 7pm
at the Rose Theatre, School Road, Belmont

The 'Big Night In' is a family show of music, dance, song and comedy. Dress as your favourite superhero.

Tickets \$20 available from the theatre, phone 4459900, or contact Philippa Martin 021 999115 or philippa.martin@homeandfamily.org.nz. All proceeds to support Home and Family Counselling North Shore services.

Home and Family Counselling is a service delivering programmes in the North Shore community. A *Creating Positive Relationships Course* was run, free of charge, by this group for Year 9 and Year 10 girls at Northcote College.