2014

Wow, what a start to a new year at the college. It’s been a hot start, (weather wise and in many other ways) to our new school year. We have already had our Grade 5/7 Camp at Camp Oasis and last Friday was our annual swimming sports carnival at Diamond Creek Pool for Grade 3 to 12 students. It did help us to cool off! It is always exciting to see our students return, especially our new Prep and Year 7 students.

CHALLENGE

In the very first assembly with our secondary students this year we were reminded of a very important scriptural message:

“Unless the Lord builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the Lord protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good.”

Psalm 127:1 (New Living Translation).

We were all reminded that without goals it is difficult to measure our progress throughout the year; if we have achieved our aims or God’s will for us. Students and staff were challenged to write down their goals and in a secondary devotion students wrote goals about the areas they want to change in their lives.

Goals can be set in many different areas, whether it be

- Academic (I aim to do my best in all my classes)
- Physical (I am going to play netball 3 times a week)
- Spiritual (I am going to seek God through my personal devotions of Bible reading and prayer each day)
- Relational (I am going to maintain my friendships this year and seek one new friend).

The goals students wrote down were collected for each class and as the year progresses homegroup teachers will give the students back the goals they set at the start of the year so that they can track their progress. The setting of goals in every area of life is a good thing as it helps us keep sight of what the bigger picture really is.

WHAT IS THE BIGGER PICTURE?

Ultimately all the times (days) of our lives are given to us by God to be used, to please Him and to bring hope to a very fractured and hurting world. Our College aims to develop each of our students to be the best they can be at whatever they do, so that they are enabled to live as productive and valuable members of society in whatever part of God’s world they find themselves!

God bless you all,

Wayne Barker
Deputy Principal

NCC Term Dates 2014

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Open Day 29th March

The college will be hosting its annual Open Day on Saturday 29th of March from 10am-1pm. If you have any friends who are interested in knowing more about the school, this is the perfect opportunity for potential students to meet teachers and have a tour of the school and its facilities.

For more information or to book a tour on this day please contact the office on 9467 2499.

Letterbox Drop

Parent Participation Opportunity

We are looking for parent volunteers to distribute promotional post cards for the college in the lead up to the Open Day. There will be maps available from the office covering areas such as Preston and Reservoir. This can go towards your parent participation, so be sure to mark it off at the office once you have completed it.
From The Board of Directors:
PRESS RELEASE

After 11 years’ service to the College, Stephen Leslie has decided to step down as Principal at the end of Term 2. Stephen’s immediate plan is to undertake further study, and a time of spiritual and personal refreshment, prior to taking on new challenges.

Stephen and the Board believe that, after a decade of growth and consolidation, now is an appropriate time to put in place a structured process of succession and, to that end, the timing of this announcement will allow for an orderly and planned succession to take place.

A search has now commenced to find the right person to take the College into its next period of development. In the meantime Stephen will continue to provide leadership and ensure continuity of educational excellence during the handover period.

The Board wishes to acknowledge Stephen’s achievements in laying strong foundations for the future, both educationally through the growth of the school programmes through to VCE level, and in the built environment. Through a series of major building programmes the Technologies block, the VCE Centre, Science Centre and Upper Primary classrooms and Multi-purpose areas have been provided. Significant upgrades to the administration and staff facilities and the Library/Student assistance areas have enhanced the working and learning environment of the College. The College is now well-structured for growth and consolidation in the next phase of its development.

There will be an opportunity to thank Stephen formally for his service to the school in due course.
**Medical Information Forms & Changes of Details**

To provide the best care for your children and meet legal requirements we require our students’ medical information to be updated at the start of each year. Many families have been contacted this week via email and additional forms sent home with their children. Please fill these forms out immediately and return to the office.

Don’t forget if you move house, change your phone numbers or any other contact details throughout the year, the staff at reception require you to notify them so that our records can be kept up to date.

This of course applies to any other changes in information eg. Medical conditions.

**Aalsmeer Florist** has generously offered to donate a floral arrangement to the College once a month. It will be in the foyer. Next time you’re in reception, take the time to stop and smell the roses (or lilies or carnations). Aalsmeer has been the College “florist of choice” for many, many years. If you need to send flowers why not visit their website?

www.bundooraflorist.com.au

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**Clean Up Australia Schools Initiatives**

Tuesday, 4th March

On Tuesday, 4 March, Northside Christian College will be participating in Clean Up Australia Day as part of our local community involvement. Each class will be participating as a group in helping to beautify areas close to the school through the removal of rubbish. All students will be provided with gloves to help protect their hands and all due care will be taken for students health and safety.

**How can you be involved as a parent:**

1. If you have not signed and returned your child’s 2014 Medical Information (blue form) giving permission for Local Excursions, it is important that you do that this by Monday 3rd March so your child can participate.

2. If you have old tongs at home that can be donated to the school, please bring those by the home eco room.

3. We would love to have your help, particularly with grades 4-8, from start of school through to 10:30am.

If you are willing to lend a hand and have a current Working with Children Check, please let the lovely ladies at Reception know that you can participate in this great community action day. We need to know if you are available by 3 March 9am.

4. Encourage your child/ren to think about how you can help clean up your own local area. Perhaps you can do it together on another day, or get a group of neighbours together to do the job in your street.

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**Term 1 & Easter Holidays**

In many ways it may seem as though school has only just started back for 2014 but the Term 1 & Easter Holidays are quickly approaching.

Please make sure you have the below dates and times at home on your calendar:

**Last Day of Term 1**
Friday April 4th
3.30pm Finish

**Parent Teacher Interviews**
Student-free Day
Thursday April 24th

**First Day of Term 2**
Monday 28th April 8.40am Start
Art Show Entries!

If parents or students have any entries to be submitted in the Art Show this term, registration day is on:
FRIDAY 14th MARCH...from 8:30am-10am
in the Art Room foyer.

We appreciate if all entries are registered on this day, unless you have arranged an earlier submission with Mrs Veljanovski or Mrs Westland.

Thank you to students and parents who have already shown interest in the upcoming Art Show. Extra yellow entry forms can be collected at the office.

We believe it's going to be our biggest show case ever!

Antonietta Veljanovski

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Work Shops

Dealing with Adolescent Behaviour
Date: Tuesday 8th April
Time: 6.30pm to 9pm
Facilitator: Tennille Alivizatos

Exploring how to set boundaries and rules and still get along!

Recommended for: Parents/carers of young people 10-14 years
Venue: EDGE, Westfield Plenty Valley
Shop MM1, 415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park
Contact: Baseline for Young People
baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au
Bookings essential
Phone: 9404 8800
Cost per person: Free
**Grade 1 Excursion**

On Tuesday the 11th of February the Grade Ones went to the Heritage Village at Cooper's Settlement in Bundoora Park. We learnt about the way things used to be. Here's what some Grade Ones had to say about it:

Kavindu - My favourite part was making the flour from wheat.

Jessa May - I liked making the butter from cream.

Sawat - I liked when we went to see the house. I liked the old radio.

Hubert - When we played the games. I liked playing with the old skipping ropes.

Beatrix - I liked learning about the farrier because they burned the horse shoe so they could bend it.

**Welcome Preps**

A big WELCOME to our new Preps. It’s been great to see all these lovely smiling faces at Northside. We are glad to see that you are all enjoying learning lots of new things with Mrs Tucci and making lots of new friends.

**Student Lunches**

Dear Parents,

Concerns have been raised over the storing of student lunches outside classrooms, especially during the hotter periods of the school year, and the effects of this on the freshness of their food. Unfortunately the College is unable to take responsibility for the safe storage of student lunches as a matter of legality. Therefore we recommend that students not be sent to school with temperature sensitive foods such as yoghurt and meats on hot days.

On hot days teachers will keep student lunches in the classroom to try and prevent food from spoiling before the lunch break, however this still cannot be a guarantee of freshness.

Thank you
Primary News

Year 3/4 Art Reflections
In Art, students regularly write in their art journals, reflecting on their highlights, challenges and ways they can improve their artwork. Here are some of this week's entries.

Joshua Chitrathomas
Today we used pastel in our art period. We used it because we needed it to outline our paintings. The highlights of my portrait are the nose, the beard, the eyes, and the background.
I had trouble with the sketching because it was hard to get the proportions right. I learned how to outline with pastels. Next time I want to improve on my sketching.

Eryn McKenna
Today we've been learning about Pablo Picasso and we did a picture with paint and pastels but we only used the colours blue, grey, black and white. I liked it when we could mix all the paint. I filled all the spaces. I think it was hard for me to get the shape of the head for the girl. I learned about Pablo Picasso. I never knew about him. Next time I will use less paint.

Richie Chen
Activity: Today we painted in the "blue period", like what Picasso did when he was painting. Pablo Picasso used blue paint to express the feelings of the homeless people. When I did my picture of the blue period I used only blue, white and black. I mixed a lot of the paint and got lots of blue shades.
Highlights: I did really well at painting the picture. I added a lot of grey and white. I named my painting "The Homeless Musician". My picture is quite sad when I look at it.
Challenges: it was really hard to draw my face. I especially struggled drawing the nose, eyes, ears, hair and neck.
Next time, I want to work on being calm and try my best in drawing and sketching my portrait, and not to rush.

Year 9/10 Construction Science Options Group (Lab Rats)
In 2010 we started the electric car project and saw its completion in 2013. It involved 2 parents, myself and 15 students from diverse year levels (year 7-12). As a way of maintaining that focus on construction science, Mr. Barker and I thought of introducing Basic Mechanical Engineering as an option for the year 9/10s. Some of the initial ideas would include building remote control electric model vehicles such as a car, boat, plane and solar car.

By way of inspiration, I invited Mr. Bill Malcoutsis from Talk Talk Automotive to address the class about his role as a consultant engineer. Photo below of Bill talking about the NCC electric vehicle to the class.

Jordan Shafik-Eid said;

"having Bill come in made me think about what I want to be when I get older, I was thinking of architecture but now I am also thinking about engineering".

Sun Smart Policy
Please ensure your child has their Northside summer hat for Term One. We have a "No Hat, No Play" policy which means that students without a hat need to stay under the shade cloth area outside the staff room during recess and lunchtime. There are no hats available to borrow from the school.
**School Drop Off and Pick Up:**

Parents are requested not to pick up or drop off their children from along McLeans Rd. We understand that the car park gets busy, but student welfare is important to us and the car park is supervised by staff to ensure the safety of your children. McLeans Rd is not supervised by staff.

A staff member will be on the Bridge after school until 3.45pm each day. If at 3.45pm you have not arrived to collect your child (Primary and Secondary), all uncollected students will be taken to the foyer where they will wait for you. If we notice that the same students are in the foyer regularly, we will be contacting the relevant parents to find out why this is happening. School ends at 3.30pm and we expect you to make arrangements for your children to be collected by 3.45pm each day.

**Car park rules:**

1. There is no parking on the oval, on the College grounds across the bridge or in the spaces near the church entrance.
2. Staff are to park along the fence and by the oval.
3. All drivers are to follow instructions of the person on car park duty, to be aware of students in and around the car park and to drive accordingly.
4. The speed limit in the car park is 10km/h or walking pace, but the safety of students, parents, visitors and staff should dictate the speed of cars at all times.
5. Do not stop in the middle of the traffic to let students out or pick them up. Park first and then let students in or out of the car.
6. A one way system of traffic flow operates in the car park before and after school. Please follow the arrows painted on the ground. Do not drive in the opposite direction to the arrows. This one way system leads cars out of the eastern gate into McLeans Rd, not the double main gate. Please be patient and give way.
7. Do not park in the spaces directly next to the church building. These spaces are needed for church staff and visitors, they are not for school parking.

**Before School:**

1. Students may be dropped off near the main entrance in the drop off zone, but if parents leave their cars, they cannot park in this area. It is a drop off zone only. This only applies in the morning.

**After School:**

1. All Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students are to be collected from their classroom by a parent or carer. They will not be allowed to wait in the playground or on the bridge for their parent or carer.
2. The western gate and car park will be open for parents of Prep – 2 children from 3.15pm until 3.45pm to reduce congestion in the main car park. This will also allow class teachers to view the child-parent collection process. The gate will be opened by an Administration staff member. It will be closed by Eleanor Tan or Stephen Leslie at 3.45pm. After this time parents will exit via the main gate. Please be careful when driving behind the church and stick to the speed limit.
3. Staff will hold all Year 3 – 6 Primary children on the main bridge until 3.45pm. Parents will be required to park their cars in the car park and walk down to pick them up. If you wish to meet your child at their classroom, that is fine.
4. Secondary students will be permitted to walk to the car with any Primary siblings in tow.
5. When the top car park is full, the person on car park duty will direct cars to the area on the basketball court. Cars will park in marked spaces only, TAIL IN FIRST.
You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. 
You let me rest in fields of green grass. 
You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and you refresh my life. 
You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths. 
I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won’t be afraid. 
You are with me, and your shepherd’s rod makes me feel safe. 
You treat me to a feast, while my enemies watch. 
You honour me as your guest, and you fill my cup until it overflows. 
Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, Lord.

Psalm 23 (CEV)

Northside Christian College
Celebrating 35 Years

Twilight Market
And Car Boot Sale
Kids activities, Entertainment, Arts and crafts and more!

31-61 Mcleans Rd
Bundoora

Friday March 21
3:30 – 7:30pm

Darebin City Council and Panthers FC

Registration Day for Soccer
Junior & Senior Girls and Boys (10 years to Adults)
Every Saturday Feb & Mar 2014 - 3pm to 6pm
Games, Activities, Pre-Season, Community Open Team
Atkinson Reserve Argyle St Reservoir

Contact Sam 0432 719 310 for more info.
Part of the VCFA (We Play on Saturdays)