WELCOME TO TERM 2

I trust all our students (and parents) are delighted to begin Term 2, 2014, after a three week break.

With last week being book ended with Easter Monday and ANZAC Day public holidays, the College leadership took this opportunity to extend the Term break for students.

TEACHER TRAINING

The three working days of last week for staff were very productive. Tuesday was spent further developing our teachers to see themselves as ‘learning facilitators’, ensuring that we continue to hone our skills and understandings of this rich and complex craft. Thanks to our Teaching and Learning Committee (TaLC) who planned and ran the program, especially the leadership of Angela Eynaud and Chris Gatt on the day.

Wednesday saw all teachers upgrade their Asthma management training. This adds another layer to the First Aid qualifications of our staff as we also upgraded and refreshed training for Anaphylaxis management in Term 1. Teachers are required to be an expert in SO many fields these days!

Finally, on Thursday, we had our Parent – Teacher conversations throughout the day and into the evening. It was great to have this time to speak with parents and to get your valuable feedback on your child’s social and emotional engagement with school and their academic progress.

YOU ARE IMPORTANT

Schools are challenging places to work in, because staff are dealing with people – young to old, students, parents, colleagues – and in large numbers. The world is changing rapidly, digital communication and social networks make instant communication a reality, as well as a great challenge. It seems our kids are easily bored, need constant entertainment and distraction, are self-centred and irresponsible. Ring true for you? Well, I wonder if the truth is that nothing has really changed. The following quote was written as advice to my generation in 1959! I think these words are ‘true truth’ and good advice for all generations and adults as well as young people.

‘Always we hear the cry from teenagers, ‘What can we do? Where can we go?’ My answer is this: Go home, mow the lawn, wash the windows, learn to cook, build something, get a job, visit the sick, study your lessons well, and when you have finished, read a book. Your town does not owe you recreational facilities and your parents do not owe you fun.

The world does not owe you a living; you owe the world something. You owe it your time, energy and talent, so that no one will be at war, in sickness or lonely again. In other words, grow up, stop being a cry-baby, get out of your dream world and develop a back-bone, not a wish-bone! Start behaving like a responsible person.

You are important and you are needed. It’s too late to sit around waiting for somebody to do something, someday. Some day is now and that somebody is YOU!’

I’m sure a statement as blunt as this breaks all sorts of psychological and social welfare rules, but sometimes we all need a dose of reality. Read the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel if you want a further dose of reality – a way of thinking and living from God’s perspective. We are not called to a life of ease and irresponsibility, but rather a life of service and self-sacrifice. In a strange way, as we lose ourselves in others we find our true self, happiness and fulfilment.

Stephen Leslie
Principal

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

May 2014

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Prep Enrolments for 2015

Dear Parents,

If you have a child starting in Prep in 2015, could you please fill in and return an application form as soon as possible. Although the recommended due date for these applications is at the end of May, we have had an influx of enrolments during the holidays and want to ensure that all of our existing families secure a position in Prep next year.

Application forms are available at the office.

Olivia Tucci

Facebook Page

Do you know that Northside Christian College has a Facebook page?
To keep up to date with the latest news, see photos and find out about major events, “LIKE” us on Facebook.
Dear Parents

On behalf of the College Board, we are writing this letter informing you of some exciting news in the life of our College.

Back in February, we advised you of Stephen Leslie’s departure as he moves into a new phase of his career, and that we had started the process of searching for a replacement to take our school into its next season.

We cast our net far and wide and it generated a large amount of interest for the role. We then created a shortlist of candidates to interview, went through three rounds of interviews with representatives from the school board, the school executive, teachers, and from CSA. It boiled down to two extremely strong candidates.

We can now advise you all that Doug Holtam, currently the Deputy Principal of Bayside Christian College, has been successful for the role of Principal. He will commence on Tuesday the 1st of July, 2014. Doug brings with him over 20 years of educational and leadership experience both in Australia and overseas that will bring a great strength to our college.

Also as has been previously mentioned, as a Board, we have been seeking to build our skills and capabilities as a team so as to strengthen the governance and strategic direction of the school. With that in mind, we can also announce that two new people will be joining the College Board from May 2014. They are Lydia Tweedie, and Filomena Palmer.

Lydia Tweedie doesn’t really need an introduction in our school, but for those who are new, Lydia was part of Northside Christian College for approximately 18 years. Her love for God, heart for the school, and many years of educational leadership will bring a great strength to the board.

Filomena Palmer is also a great addition to the College Board. Filomena is a godly and, faithful woman with many years of finance leadership in the secular realm for the likes of Powercor and Citipower. She has a CPA, and will bring sharp commercial acumen to the team.

As you can see, we all need to thank God for His faithfulness in bringing us great Christian leaders to take our school into the future. We know and believe that a new season full of God’s favour is upon our school.

Please join with us in congratulating and welcoming Doug, Lydia and Filomena in their roles.

Regards,

Mark Donato
College Board Chairman

Upcoming Diary Dates

**MAY**
- 5th: Immunisation All Year 10s
- 8th & 9th: Year 5 Bike Education
- 9th: Mother’s Day Stall
- 23rd: Whole School Athletics Carnival
- 31st: Northside Christian College 35th Birthday Celebration

**JUNE**
- 9th: Queens Birthday Public Holiday, Student Free Day
- 10th-12th: Year 9-11 Exams
- 11th: GAT Exam
- 13th: Report Writing Day, Student Free Day
- 25th-27th: Community Challenge Camp - Yr 9
- 26th: Science Day for Primary and Secondary
- 27th: Last Day Term 2, 1pm finish

**JULY**
- 14th: Staff Planning Day, Student Free Day
- 15th: Staff Planning and Parent Teacher Interviews Student Free Day
- 16th: Students Return, Term 3
Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to inform you that one of our students in our school community is currently receiving medical treatment. A major concern is if this person develops measles or chickenpox, he/she can become seriously ill.

I seek your cooperation in preventing this situation.

If your son/daughter has or may have measles or chickenpox or any other communicable disease, I request that you do not send them to school during this period and notify the class teacher as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Leslie

2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Northside Christian College is participating in the 2014 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in Science, English and Mathematics.

ICAS assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. It is an annual skills development program in key areas of learning for students in Years 2 - 12. Each assessment costs $8.80.

Entries are administered through the college and our online registrations for 2014 are now open. The closing date for registration is on Friday 9th May, so please go to our college website to register your child. Kindly enclose all payments in a sealed envelope addressed to Mrs Tan and drop them in the box at the college Accounts Office.

More details are found on the college website.

www.ncc.vic.edu.au

Mrs Eleanor Tan
ICAS Coordinator

Congratulations

Please join us in congratulating Ms Annelie Zuccolo and her husband Kane on Annelie’s pregnancy. They will be welcoming a baby boy later this year.

We also extend our well wishes to Mrs Sharon Simic and her husband Drazan as they announce Sharon’s pregnancy. We look forward to photos of the precious babies when they arrive.

There will be formal communication later in the year about the Primary classes that will be effected by these teachers’ absences.
**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 only** are allowed 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, then let students in/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**. Parents cannot 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. **In afternoons only** 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 Admin 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.**

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**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.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The Mother’s Day stall will be held on Friday 9th May. A gorgeous selection of gifts will be available for purchase between $2-$10. Opportunity to buy for Grandmothers too.

**Lost Uniforms**

Please ensure that your child's jumper, tie and blazer are labelled with their name. The amount of lost property that accumulates each week is astounding and most is not labelled. The label needs to be clear. Be aware that an unnamed jumper is able to be taken from the lost property basket by anyone, so your child's jumper may end up being worn by someone else's child. This is beyond our control. Clear labelling is the only way to ensure your child's items are returned to you.

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Dear Primary Parents,

As well as the whole school newsletter, your child's teacher has been emailing you an e-newsletter each Friday. This includes some notices from the whole school newsletter, but also information specifically relevant for the children in that class. Please make it a habit to open the email and read it before the beginning of the next school week.

If you have changed your email address, please inform the office staff at reception.

If you prefer a hard copy newsletter from your child's teacher, please advise them of that.

The Primary Team

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**NEWSLETTERS**

**DESIGN SEEDS PRIMARY SCHOOL WORKSHOP**

Presented in association with ARTS CENTRE MELBOURNE

In its third year Design Seeds provided more than 1000 primary school children with an opportunity to understand the world of design.

Congratulations to Joshua Chitrathomas, Laz Stavridis, Noah Mascia, Itunu Akin-Ojelabi, Laura Galati, Martika-Cara Phemister and Isabelle Kluchkovsky – seven of our most inquisitive and innovative Primary students who participated in the event on Tuesday 1st April at Hamer Hall.

The activities included a short forum, workshops with internationally acclaimed designers and a collaborative creation. The children visually expressed their ideas on large ‘puzzle’ pieces that fitted together to form a public artwork in the form of a giant sculptural mural.

"By sparking in the children a realisation that design plays a role in their everyday lives and an understanding of how they can influence the way things look and work, the program aims to set them on a path to becoming champions for design, to have the curiosity to imagine a better world and the understanding of how to make it so."

Design Foundation

Thank you to all our students for their brilliant ideas and participation. A special thank you to Mrs. Seaton and Mrs. Kluchkovsky for their support on the day.

Mrs. Veljanovski

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**VICTORIAN PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE (VPRC)**

Dear Parents,

If you did not receive a VPRC consent form at Parent Teacher Interviews, your child would have been given one during the week.

**Please ensure you TICK the relevant boxes before filling out your child’s details.**

If you TICK all three boxes it means:

1. You give the school permission to register your child for the challenge
2. If your child completes the challenge, you give the VPRC permission to acknowledge your child’s achievement on their website.
3. If your child completes the challenge, you give the VPRC permission to give your child a certificate of completion.

If you have not already done so, please return your child’s consent form to their classroom teacher on Monday 5th May. If you did not receive a consent form, please ask your child to collect one from Mrs. Tucci.
Primary News

Prep | Grade 1 | Grade 2 | Grade 3 | Grade 4 | Grade 5 | Grade 6

Grandparents Day

In the last week of Term 1, on Tuesday the 1st of April, some of the Grade 1 parents and grandparents came into the Grade 1 classroom. The purpose was to discuss the similarities and differences between the toys and games their grandparents used to play with and the toys and games that children play with now. The children had a great time playing old games and learning about old toys. Thank you to all the Grade 1 parents and grandparents who came in.

This is a recount about the day written by Justin Huang - Grade 1.

Coughs, Colds and Asthma

Coughs, colds and the flu are one of the most common triggers of asthma. The common cold is caused by an upper respiratory tract infection and is a common illness for children and adults in Australia. As we approach the colder months, here are some tips to keep in mind to prevent and reduce the spread of coughs, colds and the flu:

- Avoid coughing and sneezing on or near others and wash your hands thoroughly to prevent the spread of disease.
- If your child is not feeling well, it is recommended that they stay home and rest, to reduce the spread of infections and to speed up their recovery process.
- Everyone should have the annual flu vaccination to ensure they are protected from this disease. You or your child may be eligible for the free flu vaccination. Details about who is eligible can be found on our website and can also be determined by your doctor.
- Prior to purchasing any medications or herbal and natural remedies, you should seek the advice of your doctor or pharmacist as some medications can react with asthma medications. Such as Aspirin, Ibuprofen/Naproxen (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications), Beta Blocker tablets and eye drops (used for high blood pressure and glaucoma), and ACE inhibitors (used to control blood pressure).

Stay warm this winter!

For more information, please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or www.asthma.org.au

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 lilikes 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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Strength & Direction for Life

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