What a start!

My first weeks as Principal have been a thoroughly enjoyable experience! You’ve all given me a very warm welcome, for which I am very grateful. Northside Christian College is a caring community and I feel blessed to have the opportunity to serve alongside such a committed and passionate group of educators.

Taking the opportunity to get out and about in the College, visiting teachers and students in their classrooms, has revealed some very impressive teaching and learning, it’s also been a lot of fun!

You may have seen me greeting students and parents in the car park, I will continue to do this, so please come and say hello when you have the time. Strong schools are also strong communities; it is, therefore, important that we all work together to strengthen these bonds of unity.

On both Friday morning (18/7) and Wednesday afternoon (30/7) we had our ‘Meet the Principal’ events, enjoying a chat over a ‘cuppa’. These were great opportunities for me to get to know some of our parents more personally. I look forward to getting to know more of you during the days ahead.

Our College theme for the remainder of 2014 is derived from Ephesians 4, and at our first Friday morning Chapel this Term, some puppet friends, Kezia the Kangaroo and Maurice the Monkey explained the theme to our students.

‘Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.’

Ephesians 4:2

Here’s looking forward to a wonderful term of growth and development in the lives of our students and the Community as a whole.

Warm regards and God’s blessing

Doug Holtam
NCC Principal

NCC Term Dates 2014

Term 3
Wed 16th Jul - Fri 19th Sep

Term 4
Tue 7th Oct - Wed 10th Dec

EMAIL AND CONTACT DETAILS:
To ensure efficient communication with our student families Northside Christian College rely on families supplying us with up to date contact details, addresses and phone numbers. If your family has not received this newsletter via email and in paper form, please contact the Office on 9467 2499 so that we can rectify this for you.

Many thanks,
The Admin Team

NEW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Consider making a TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION to NCC’s Building Fund. Details of our current projects can be obtained from the office foyer or www.ncc.vic.edu.au/donate

Become a Patron of the Arts!
Advertise your local business in our school musical program. Contact Mrs. Tucker for details on 9467 2499.

Tickets on sale NOW!
Fri 12th Sep 7:30pm
Sat 13th Sep 2:00pm & 7:30pm
To purchase your tickets follow the links on the NCC Facebook and Website. Alternatively you can go directly to www.trybooking.com/95418 to purchase tickets.
**PREPS - Reading Cafe**

The Preps have been practising "I read, you read" during CAFE reading time.

They need to sit "knee to knee, elbow to elbow" and both be holding the book.

They have almost built up their quiet reading time to ten minutes!

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**STOCK POTS**

Attention all ladies who cooked so beautifully on the day of Twilight Fair. Can you please check your stash of cooking pots and see if you mistakenly took home an Oneida stock pot from the Home Economics room? Two of our pots went missing on Fair day and we would love to have them back where they are sorely missed in the Home Eco Room. Thanks for looking!

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**SHOEBOXES - Operation Christmas Child**

Northside Christian College will again participating in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox drive. Shoeboxes will be collected on Wednesday 1st October. So start planning what you would like to put in one of the shoeboxes to make Christmas extra special for a child overseas.

More information available from Mrs. Waters.

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**Upcoming Diary Dates**

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**Strength & Direction for Life**

**School Banking is coming soon!**

Northside Christian College is now participating in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to help develop important savings skills. School Banking also includes a fantastic Rewards Program to encourage good individual saving habits.

Rose from the Commonwealth Bank will be at assembly on Friday 8th August to tell us more.

*Look out for further information coming home soon.*

**Term 3 Holidays**

**Last Day of Term 3**
Friday 19th Sep 3.30pm Finish

**First Day of Term 4**
Tuesday 7th Oct 8.40am start for all students

**HELP NAME OUR COW!**

NCC is now the proud owner of a cow.

Yes, a cow! It is a life size fibreglass cow to be decorated/painted by the Grade 3/4’s for the Dairy Australia “Farm to Plate” contest. But, our cow is nameless!

Everyone; students, parents and teachers will have the opportunity to suggest a name for our cow.

Anyone who brings a donation of $2 by Thursday 7th August will have the chance to stick a suggested name onto the unpainted cow.

The cow is currently on show in the reception area. When you donate to the “MOO-ney Bank” you can ask the reception staff for your cow name tag.

All money raised will be used to train a Veterinarian in Vietnam.

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4. As a prisoner of the Lord, I beg you to live in a way that is worthy of the people God has chosen to be his own. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Patiently put up with each other and love each other.

3. Try your best to let God’s Spirit keep your hearts united. Do this by living at peace. 4 All of you are part of the same body. There is only one Spirit of God, just as you were given one hope when you were chosen to be God’s people.

5. We have only one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. 6 There is one God who is the Father of all people. Not only is God above all others, but he works by using all of us, and he lives in all of us.

_Ephesians 4:1-6 (CEV)_

**BOOKWEEK 2014 - Connect to Reading**

This year our Book Week Dress Up Day will take place on Thursday 21st August. The theme for 2014 is “Connect to Reading”. The parade will be held at the start of the day during Devotion/Home Room time, venue to be confirmed.

Our panel of judges will be presenting awards in several categories including:

- Creative Costume
- Home made Costume
- Book Week Theme Costume

Exact details will be sent home via email a little closer to the day.

If you need help in deciding on a costume, or need a copy of the book your costume is based on, please drop into the library and browse through the shelves or see the staff.

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**2014 International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

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

_The last test date is as follows:_

**Mathematics** Tuesday 12th August

Mrs Eleanor Tan
ICAS Coordinator

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August 2014
Science Day @ NCC

Sam Vaiano took the reigns and planned, prepared and orchestrated this P-Yr8 event not only showcasing his own 'rocketing' talents but organising guest speakers and facilitating the roster, programme and movement of all the students. He also said 'poos and wees' a lot which was hilarious!

Of course he was accompanied by an equally impressive team in Susan Vargheese, Pedro Dunstan and his 'lovely' assistant, Chris Simmons. Also some students demonstrated great boat building skills.

5/6Z loved all the demonstrations and loved Prof. Bunsen Burner. I personally loved all the stuff that blew up!

Thanks Team NCC Science you are awesome!

Ms. Zuccolo 5/6 Z

Chemistry Knowledge & Understanding through fun in learning

Chemistry is a key science in explaining the workings of our universe through an understanding of the properties and interaction of substances that make up matter. Students who are learning VCE Chemistry investigate the industrial production of chemicals. They conduct experiments to find the reaction rate on the factors such as temperature, concentration, pressure, and catalysts.

Year 12 Chemistry Students at NCC were interested to observe the change in reaction rate at the presence of a catalyst. They conducted an experiment to see how the decomposition rate of Hydrogen Peroxide is affected by the catalyst named Potassium Iodide.

They conducted the activity by following the instructions provided, and were amazed with what they observed.

The activity helped them to make scientific observation; to understand the function of a catalyst; to communicate scientifically on what they observed; and to make predictions about the chemicals they used.

Good luck to our Scientists!

Ms. R Dona
Tips for staying active this winter!

Exercise Induced Asthma (EIA) is a common trigger for asthma. However, it does not need to be a barrier to Students participating in sports and physical activities. Here are some tips to help prevent EIA in students:

**Before Exercise**
- take reliever medication 5-20 minutes before warming up.

**Warm Up**
- before exercise as normal.

**During Exercise**
- watch for asthma symptoms and administer reliever medication if they should occur. Only return to exercise if symptoms are relieved.
- If symptoms appear again, administer medication again, until they are relieved. It is not recommended that the Student should return to the sporting activity after a second occurrence of asthma symptoms.

**After Exercise**
- cool down as usual.
- Note that asthma symptoms can present up to a half an hour after exercise has stopped. Ensure reliever medication is still easily accessible should it be required.

Cross Country

A huge congratulations to both our Primary and Secondary Cross Country Teams who both achieved fantastic results in the recent CCSN competitions.

**Primary CSSN Cross Country Results**
Monday 21st July
Damien Furlong - 1st place in open age
Martika Phemister - 2nd place under 11s
Paul Wilson place - 2nd under 10s
Eriayo Odetayo - 3rd place under 11s
Isabelle Kluchkovsky - 3rd place under 10s.
NCC under 10 girls team - 1st place
Overall results NCC - 3rd place

**Secondary CSSN Cross Country Results**
Tuesday 22nd July
2nd place Under 21s - Thersea Shafik-Eid
3rd place Under 15s - Claire Hardi
3rd place NCC Under 13 boys - Tommy Tran BJ Taylor, Gabriel Donato, Sam Escuro, Sam Edwards Mensah, Carey Lisle, Damien Furlong.

Athletics Carnival

The Northside Athletics Carnival has been rescheduled for: **Monday 1st September**

You will receive a permission form which will need to be filled out and returned to your child’s homeroom/classroom teacher.

Parents are requested to drive their children to and from the event, however there will be a bus service available from the school (this will cost $10 per child) if you are unable to transport your child. You will need to pre-book a seat for your child. There will be a separate form to book a seat on the bus.

If you already paid for a seat on the bus in May, Mrs Venegas still has the money and will automatically book a spot for your child. If you require a refund, please email Mrs Venegas on avenegas@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Athletics Carnival - PARENT HELPERS

We will be requiring many parent helpers on this day. So if you are available to volunteer your assistance, please leave your name with the staff at the office.

Helping on this day will count towards your parent participation.
FREE SEMINAR
Dealing with Adolescent Behaviour

♦ Focusing on helping parents to understand their teenager better and develop basic strategies for dealing with challenging behaviours.
♦ Understanding adolescence
♦ Understanding your job as the parent of a teenager
♦ Choosing your battles

When: Tuesday 9th September
Where: Edge Services for Young People
Shop MM1:
Westfield Plenty Valley
415 McDonalds Rd,
Mill Park (Mel Ref: 183 B 11)
Time: 7.00 – 9.30pm

Bookings for all workshops are essential
For more information please contact:
Baseline for Young People on 9404 8800
or email baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.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 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