Our Wonderful Community

Our theme verse for Semester Two is taken from Ephesians Ch 4, which focuses on unity...

Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. 2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. 3 Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. 4 For there is one body and one Spirit, just as you have been called to one glorious hope for the future. 5 There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, in all, and living through all.

It is clear from scripture, that unity of purpose and direction provides the basis for God’s life to flow through His people, creating growth, progress and ‘glorious hope for the future’.

Northside Christian College is a community, a collection of people who play different roles, connected by common-unity in purpose and direction; our task? To partner with families to train our young people to grow in their capacity, equipping them to confidently take their place in society and lead lives of significance and purpose.

Community is built in the context of relationship and the sharing of life. It is evidenced in every classroom and in the rich variety of events we organise; in the past month alone, we have enjoyed the Asian Twilight Carnival, Athletics Carnival, Book Week Dress-up Day, Battle of the Bands, the College Captain’s visit to Parliament, soccer and footy tournaments, Hoop Time and ‘The Rosies’ production. I have been so very impressed with the commitment and dedication of the teachers and students who have worked so hard in making these fabulous events possible.

As we now embark on a new season of growth, I am keen to ensure that all members of our community are offered the opportunity to have input into the planning and strategic processes that will help us to further develop our College. To that end I have organised a number of discussion forums to enable our staff, students and parents to share their thoughts and ideas regarding the future shaping of our wonderful College. The parent forum has been organised for Wednesday 12th November at 6:30pm.

One area of the College that will see a transformation in 2015 is the oval. As you may be aware, we have been successful in acquiring a government grant to reshape the area, add some basketball courts, a resurfaced soccer pitch, and changing rooms. This marvellous resourcing will help us to further build community as we come together to enjoy sport and community events.

I am thoroughly enjoying my experience at Northside Christian College and am looking forward to many years of growth and expansion as we continue to share life and build strength into the lives of our students through the development of strong community.

Doug Holtam - Principal
CAR PARK

Parents, please note that the car parking area close to Encompass Church, marked in yellow is for church staff and visitors ONLY.

College parents are asked NOT TO PARK OR DROP STUDENTS OFF IN THESE SPACES. Even if you attend Encompass Church, you may not use these car parks. If you are dropping off your child and leaving again please use the designated school drop off zone.

This has been a problem recently when the church is holding an event or hosting visitors and these car parks are not available because school parents have parked there. We share the car park with the church and it is important that we respect the car parking arrangements that have been made. If the staff member on car park duty sees you park in the church spaces they will approach you and ask you to move your car.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

2015/16 ENROLLMENTS

If you have a child, that is not already enrolled, whom you wish to begin Prep or any other year level in 2015, you are requested to see Mrs Latimer in the office urgently to obtain and complete the enrolment paperwork. Classes for 2015 will be finalised soon and Prep Orientation for 2015 begins in 4 weeks.

STUDENT WITHDRAWALS

This a reminder for parents considering withdrawing their children at the end of 2014. Parents are required to give a term's notice in writing. To fulfil this requirement notice needs to be received at the office by the last day of Term 3, 19/09/2014.

2014 Yr 12 students are exempt from this.

Diary Dates

SEPTEMBER

8th-12th Yr 9 City Challenge
12th Yr 10 Work Experience
8th-19th Yr 10 Work Experience
9th Primary CSSN Sports (Selected Yr 3-6 students)
11th Secondary CSSN Sports (Selected Yr 7-12 students)
12th-13th “The Rosies” NCC Musical
16th-19th Yr 9 Community Challenge Camp
19th Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

6th Student Free Day
7th First Day of Term 4
10th 2015 Vietnam Mission Trip Info Session 7.00pm
13th 2015 Prep Orientation Morning
18th NCC Open Day 10.00-1.00pm
21st 2015 Prep Orientation
29th VCE Exams Begin
2015 Prep Orientation
2015 Prep Orientation

NCEN Rally Day Yr 9 & 10

NOVEMBER

3rd Student Free Day
4th Melbourne Cup Day Student Free Day
5th CSSN Rally Day Yr 7 & 8
5th-7th Yr 10 & Yr 11 Exams
17th Early Commencement 2015 VCE subjects
25th Music Recital 7:00pm
28th Student Free Day

Yr 6 Graduation 6:30pm

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September 12th & 13th, 2014
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PARENT PARTICIPATION!

We are looking for parents who are willing to participate in a letterbox drop.

We are wanting to deliver advertising postcards for the College Open Day on 18th October 2014.

Term 3 Holidays

Please take note of the below times, dates and uniform requirements for the next school holiday break.

Last Day of Term 3
Friday 19th September 3.30pm Finish

First Day of Term 4
Tuesday 7th October 8.40am start for all students
School Hats are to be worn every day in Term 4!

7th-17th October
Students are allowed to wear either:
FULL Winter Uniform or
FULL Summer Uniform

From Monday 20th October
Students are required to wear FULL SUMMER UNIFORM for the remainder of 2014.

Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

How much does it really cost to pack an OCC Box for a needy child?

“For as much as you have done it unto the least of these, my brothers, you have done it unto me....”

Jesus

It is time again, to think about those across the seas in the Pacific Rim. Children without the basic necessities of life and who may never receive a gift in their life... unless you send one!

Our challenge at NCC this year is to pack and provide at least 250 filled shoeboxes for needy children across the Pacific Rim. You may feel that it is too expensive, to provide the contents and then cover the $9 postage.

I sat down and thought about the cost and this is what I discovered. I can pack a box for around $10-$15, add the postage to that and it is under $25. The cost of coffees for a week or 2 movie tickets or 3 magazines.

Can I challenge you to help your children pack at least two boxes in your family and remind them of the need beyond their own doors this Christmas?

Boxes available in the reception foyer, questions can be directed to Mrs Waters and full boxes to be returned by Wednesday 15th October.

If you want to donate a larger quantity of certain items to be packed in NCC’s collective shoeboxes, please leave all these with reception, in your child’s primary classroom, or bring to the Home Eco Room. Primaries have had an amazing start on collections. Go Primaries!

A coin collection competition between the boys and girls will start early in Term 4. All coins going towards OCC postage costs for school packed boxes. We had such fun last year and the scales are all ready! Start collecting today!

Lenna Waters

SAMPLE OCC BOX

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PLEASE NOTE: All items must be new. Not to be included are anything with camouflage colours, police or army markings, guns, money, toothpaste.
Student Welfare

Persistence and confidence go hand in hand. For teens the two are also very closely linked to their relationships with their peers due to their drive for greater independence from parents, as well as the value that they place on their peers’ opinions and responses. It is critical that they feel they belong and fit in but not to the point of losing their own personal values in the process.

Persistence is NOT the ability to sustain task engagement in areas of passion and interest but rather being able to stay engaged when the work can be frustrating, uninteresting or difficult or when anxiety might block. So catching them when they DO show persistence is important. Relate it to their sport, interest or hobby because the same skills can be transferred to a task that is hard.

Giving effort: Success comes through effort, internal factors, and to a lesser extent external factors such as luck or a task being too easy. Work smartly by stop doing what is not working and start doing what is working.

Working tough: not everything is easy or fun. It may sometimes seem boring or difficult. This is normal! Saying things like, "This is hard/ may not interest me but I'm going to have a go anyway."

Organisation: if they can break it up into manageable chunks within a timeline then anxiety can be reduced. If the de-motivator is lack of interest then mix the task up with something they enjoy or ensure personal reward of something they enjoy at the completion of it. If the work is challenging then staging achievement can then be encouraging and a motivator in itself. The key here is for students to be supported to work this through and take responsibility rather than an adult rescuing him/her to meet the timeline. This builds up their OWN capacity to become more independent and at the same time being responsible in it.

Fiona Dumitrache

Change in law

Please be aware that the laws to sexting are currently being tabled. To keep up to date and to have discussions with any of your children/teens who have technology access please read more at this link.


AMBULANCE COVER

Please be aware that as part of providing the best possible care for your child at Northside, there may come the occasion that we are required to call an ambulance. We encourage all families to ensure they have adequate cover through Private Health Insurance or becoming Ambulance Victoria Members.

Costs to parents for Paramedic Care can quickly run into $1000’s for merely transporting to a local hospital. These costs increase dramatically if the location is more remote in the case of excursions/camps.

STUDENT LUNCHES

Just a friendly reminder that parents are NOT to bring fast food to their children for lunch. This includes take away from places such as McDonalds and KFC. If you need to bring lunch to your child because they have forgotten it at home, please bring their lunchbox to Reception and we will pass it on to your child.

LOST PROPERTY

There are quite a few rugby tops and other uniform items in the lost property basket in the foyer. Parents are reminded to put students’ names on items of clothing to prevent loss. Items with names on them are returned to students quickly when found.
Book Week Dress-Up Day

There were a lot of characters spotted at our recent Book Week parade

Asia Around the World Celebration
WCSSA Secondary Sports Competition

On Tuesday the 12th of August, 5 teams headed out to Geelong to play against other Christian schools in a rally day competition. Northside entered 3 soccer teams and 2 basketball teams.

Girls Soccer

The NCC senior girls soccer team, (Yr 7-10), travelled to Geelong to take part in the WCSSA Girls Soccer Competition. The girls played their first game in Geelong at 10am with five teams taking part in the competition. NCC lost 3 games, and won 1 of their four matches. In the semi-final round, the top team played fourth, (and 2nd played 3rd) for a place in the final. NCC rallied impressively to beat the top team (Melton), earning themselves a place in the final. Despite a long and hard day’s soccer, and inclement weather, NCC proved they had stamina and determination to hang on to a 1-1 draw with Victory. The teams played extra time, with no advance on the score. The game, and final, was decided by a penalty shoot-out, which NCC unfortunately lost. All girls that participated deserve congratulations for their efforts on the day; it was a long and hard day’s work for them, but they should all feel very proud of their efforts, and the way they represented to school. Rachel Eliopoulos won the most improved player award and Brittney Bateman won the most valuable player award. Teresa Connolly

Girls Basketball

The Year 7/8 girls’ basketball team played really well against various Christian schools from western Victoria. They lost the first two games but slowly started to come together as a team and won the next two. Unfortunately this was not enough to enter into the finals but the girls displayed great stamina and improvement throughout the day. The most valuable player award went to Aimee Nathan and the most improved award went to Annalise Kokoris. The girls are to be commended for their efforts.

Anna Venegas

WCSSA Boys Soccer

On Tues Aug 12, the Year 9/10 soccer team played against 3 other teams. In miserable conditions the boys started very well with a thumping of Melton 6-0 then a close loss to Creek Street CC Bendigo 1-0, followed by a good win against Geelong 3-0. Highlights of the matches included Ire Odetayo dribbling in the box around numerous players and scoring. Nathan Nair shot at goal and scored with his left foot and later passed to Ire who scored again. Jordan Shafik Eid put in a solid performance including a tagging role and Nathan Lisle worked well on the wing and in defence. Michael Hadj won most improved and Ire Odetayo won best on ground with 5 goals. This was enough to play off in the final against Creek St, which we unfortunately lost 1-0. Sam Vaiano

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Secondary Gala Day

Footy match v Melton CC

On Thursday Aug 7, a total of 20 players and 2 teachers Sam Vaiano and Chris Simmons went to the annual footy match. It was a good day full of tackles, long kicks, good runs and high marks. Frankie was awarded mark of the day in front of goal and scored twice, Jacob Eliopoulos best on ground and Jacob Vaiano most improved by playing in 3 different positions and kicking 2 goals. Final score MCC 41 to NCC 33. A big thanks Mr. Steve Bland for his support.
Primary News

Yr 1 Writing

This term the Yr 1s have been learning how to write procedures. The students got to make slime and they loved it. This picture speaks for itself.

After they made the slime and packed up all the mess, they got to write up how they made it. This term we have also made fruit salad, a paper airplane, a Wizzy Dizzy and heaps more fun stuff.

CELEBRATING BOOK WEEK IN OUR ART STUDIO!

After observing illustrations in "I'm A Dirty Dinosaur", the preps explored different ways to create "dirty" effects with pastels and paint blowing. They enjoyed covering their own dinosaur template with interesting marks, patterns and effects. Brilliant work, Prep class!

Students in the year 2 class were inspired to make their own treasure boxes after reading "the Treasure Box". They used metallic pastels and fine liners to apply interesting patterns and symbols to decorate their boxes, including sequins and gold transfer paper. Such precious artwork, Year 2 class!

Mrs. Veljanovski

YR 2 BANK FIELD TRIP

On the 15th of August, the Yr 2s went on a field trip to Bundoora Square to visit the Commonwealth Bank to celebrate the start of school banking. They were given a tour of what happens behind the scenes in the bank, including going into a strong room where the door was very thick and heavy. Here are some of the things the Yr 2s learnt.

I learnt about the strong room. If someone tries to steal things from the bank then they lock the door. When they get money they put it inside a tube and press a button and then it shoots up to this place where they keep the money. – Michelle Wesley

I learnt that there was a pipe that stored the money to take it to the safe. I also learnt that the safe is top secret and no one knows where it is unless you work at the bank. – Madison Kluchkovsky

Well I learnt about machines that store coins and notes. I liked learning about all of the security cameras that are in ATMs and the bank. I also liked looking at myself on the security screen. I had lots of fun and I want to go again. – Diya George

I learnt that they have coin machines and they use the machines to take people's money. – Jacob Assaad

I learnt that keeping money at the bank is safe. They look after the money until people need it. – Jacob Pesamino Malie

SCHOOL BANKING

NCC is 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.

Please remember to bring bank books with deposit and arrive promptly at school each FRIDAY MORNING. Students who are late to school may miss that week.
Brendan Slade “TURTLEMAN”

On Friday July 25 we had a special guest visit the Year 11 biology class and the year 9 and 10 science classes. Brendon Slade, a graduate of Melbourne University, spent 6 months working with turtles half way up the Western Australian coast. He gave us some fascinating insight into the life cycles of sea turtles, but more importantly he exposed students to the possibility of careers in environmental science related areas.

Interesting facts: there are 7 species of sea turtles in the world and all are endangered, mainly due to over fishing. The largest sea turtles are the ‘leather backs’, which can reach 2 meters in length and weigh 500 kg. The next largest is the ‘green turtle’, which Brendon likes to swim with, they can grow to 250 kg and are green because of the colour of their muscle/meat.

Jacob said ‘I saw biology from a different point of view, from a field perspective, rather than a textbook’.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS VISIT PARLIAMENT

Athen, Mrs Tucker, Mrs Eynaud and I caught the train into the city to have morning tea with the local labor representative for Bundoora, Colin Brooks. We met with him to have coffee and discussed our futures and the role that he plays here in Melbourne, Bundoora.

We then went for a short tour of the parliament building and got to sit in on Mr Brooks debating in the lower house regarding education here in Melbourne. It was really interesting to hear about what he wants to see happen in the future regarding education and to see the many rooms and hear about the history surrounding the building.

Matilda Butler
Year 12

SEAN W SMITH VISITS OUR PRIMARIES

Recently our Primaries had the had a great time during their weekly assembly when Sean W Smith paid them a visit.

Aalsmeer Florist

Aalsmeer Florist 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