GOD
ONLY
MAKES
ORIGINALS

I enjoy the paintings of the French impressionist painter, Claude Monet, particularly his study of the French Riviera (see the example below), a beautiful part of the world that I love dearly.

Unfortunately, I do not own any paintings by the artist, due to their multi-million dollar price tag. Instead, I settle for copies, beautiful in their own right, but a pale imitation of the original. It’s a joy to view the original masterpiece, you can ‘see’ life in the texture and flow of every brushstroke! We can only wonder at the skill, vision and genius of the artist.

Do you see yourself as a beautiful work of art? A masterpiece; in Ephesians 2:10 we read:

‘For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus...’

The truth is, that the greatest master of them all, God, has lovingly created each one of us; every human-being is an original masterpiece, totally unique. Incredibly, God gives each one of us a spark of his light, we are shaped in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). God does not hang a price tag around our necks; we are all of infinite worth, priceless!

These foundational truths help to frame the task of educating children from a Christian perspective; our students are unique, they learn differently, making sense of the world in a variety of ways; some learn well through visual means, others through hands-on methods, still others learn best through discussion or role play.

Teachers use the term ‘differentiation’ to explain the various ways in which they engage every child in meaningful learning. Our teachers have devoted a lot of time to developing expertise in implementing differentiated learning.

Differentiation is the antidote to the traditional ‘one size fits all’ approach to education that some of us experienced at school; an assembly-line, industrial model that made little allowance for variation in student learning style. It rejected children that didn’t respond well to what we now call the ‘chalk and talk’ teaching tradition.

Next time you enjoy a beautiful sunset or view a wonderful landscape just remember that you are a unique work of art, a masterpiece! Created by God!

Doug Holtam
Principal

NCC Term Dates

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FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS

Many thanks to all the families who continue to update the office staff with change of contact details and medical details throughout the year. As we come to the end of 2014 this is of vital importance as we will be needing to contact families between now and the new school year on various occasions.

The Admin Team
2015 Second Hand Uniforms

Our Annual Second Hand Uniform Day will be held on the morning of Monday 19\textsuperscript{th} January 9.30am-11.30am.

Families selling uniforms are invited to come and SELL their old or unused uniforms at 50\% off price of new uniforms. Families buying uniforms are invited to come and BUY what is available.

All sales are on a CASH ONLY basis and availability will be determined by those families bringing their old uniforms to sell. The college DOES NOT stock second hand uniforms but will coordinate this day.

If you are interested in selling your uniforms, kindly reserve your place via email to lkarkaloutsos@ncc.vic.edu.au.

2015 Uniform Appointment Days

Uniform fitting appointments can be booked through the office on 9467 2499. Please make a note of the following dates which are available for uniform appointments. To avoid disappointment please make your booking early if you have a preferred date and time.

- Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} January 9am-3pm (appointment only)
- Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} January 9am-3pm (appointment only)
- Tuesday 27\textsuperscript{th} January 9am-3pm (appointment only)

If you have already pre-ordered your uniform and do not need a fitting you can call in on any of the days above to pick up your order.

CONGRATULATIONS

Northside Christian College would like to extend their congratulations to Ms Annelie Zuccolo and her husband Kane on the safe arrival of their son Thomas Ian Kennedy.

We pray that God will bless this young family.

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.

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 at www.ncc.vic.edu.au/donate
SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING THURSDAYS 2.30-3.30pm
Meet in the School foyer
---children welcome---

NCC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2015

Northside Christian College is offering the following academic scholarships to current and new students:
- Scholarships of three-year tenure to students completing Yrs 6 or 9 in 2014.
- Scholarships of one-year tenure to students completing Yrs 7, 8, 10, or 11 in 2014.

Both classes of scholarship attract a fifty-percent reduction in tuition fees.

Registration & Application Fee:
A $100 non-refundable scholarship application fee must be paid to Northside Christian College when the registration form is submitted.

Scholarship applications close on Monday 17th November 2014.

Scholarship Exam:
The scholarship exam will be held on Saturday 22nd November 2014 at Northside Christian College, 31 McLeans Rd, Bundoora.

For full details of the Scholarship Application Process, please contact the College Office on (03) 9467 2499

Important Dates

Wednesday 10th December
Please remember that school will finish for 2014 at 1:00pm on Wed 10th Dec. Classes will resume Term 1 2015, Mon 2nd Feb.

Tuesday 16th December 7:00pm
All students are required to attend Presentation Night. Parents are invited to attend. Final 2014 student reports will be available for collection at the conclusion of this night by parents.
If your child is unable to attend, please provide a written letter of explanation to Mr. D Holtam (Principal) by Wed 3rd Dec.

Whittlesea Student Recognition Program

On Wednesday 23rd October, Itunuoluwa Akin Ojelabi and Reza Shams were each awarded cash awards and a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Whittlesea Student Recognition Program.

This program recognises the efforts of young members of our community and rewards them for taking an interest in their school and wider community.

Northside congratulates both Itunuoluwa (Primary) and Reza (Secondary) on their achievements.

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
**Student Welfare**

Last week we had a representative from Epping Police present understandings of the law as it relates to both online behaviour and in-person behaviour. One significant point was that bullying and harassment are now under stalking laws. Stalking was defined as intent to either physically or mentally harm another by making them feel fear or intimidation, causing concern over their own personal safety or that of someone they love. Contacting a person by any means (including tracing another's Internet use), even contacting a relative of a victim, or pretending to be someone else were critical parts of the law that were explained. The excuse of "well I didn't know they were upset" does not hold up any longer. Students were challenged to "ought to know". A "king hit" has now been replaced with the term "coward punch" in order to take away the glorification of such a violent act.

Students found the session very informative and it is being used as a springboard to further discussions with them on appropriate behaviours and respect of others and self.

In two weeks time our years 3-8 students will participate in a cyber safety production, of which our older students will later facilitate further discussions and activities with the younger students.

-Fiona Dumitrache

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**STUDENT ILLNESSES**

Parents, please be advised that there is a legal requirement to keep children with certain infectious illnesses at home.

Any students found to be in attendance at school while suffering from an infectious illness will be required to be picked up immediately. As you can understand, it is an unacceptable health risk to all other students and staff at the school.

Some common examples include students suffering from Hand, Foot & Mouth Disease, episodes of Diarrhoea, Whooping Cough and Influenza illnesses.

A full list of included illnesses, a description of symptoms as well as the time students are required to be kept from attending school can be found at:


If you are unable to access this list on the internet please contact the office for a copy of the list or more specific details for certain conditions.

Parents are requested to call the school to advise the office staff of absences and bring a written note of explanation/Medical Certificate upon return to school.

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**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.

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**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.
ART NEWS!

Come and see our spectacular art displays in the Art and Library Foyers! Last term, primary students created artworks inspired by Asian and Australian Indigenous Art. I would like to thank all the classes for their continued efforts in working together to showcase the amazing talents at Northside. Your colourful artworks bring "life" to our school display walls! Mrs. Veljanovski.

VCE STUDIO ARTS

The College would like to hear from any interested parents wanting to try their hand at a VCE subject: Studio Arts in 2015. Please register any interest by contacting Miss Westland. jwestland@ncc.vic.edu.au

Operation Christmas Child

Many thanks for your support and enthusiasm for the coin collection. It was great to see the boys step up to the challenge and win the competition. The combined total for the day was $535, a fantastic effort and will be supplemented with money from muffin sales to make our total of $800. It is exciting to see the boxes coming in still. Our total for this year may be closer to 275 than the original target of 250. If you are still wanting to fill a shoe box, we can still accept shoeboxes through the middle of November. More empty boxes are available in the reception foyer for 50c. Thanks for the support! Mrs Lenna Waters

Muffin and Milk Day

Thursday 13th November

The last muffin and milk day for the year will be Thursday 13th November. Thank you so much for supporting the 2015 Vietnam Mission Team as they work toward the project goal of $10,000. All proceeds from the sales go directly to the project which will be announced early in 2015.

Muffins are $1.50 each on the day
Muffin flavours for the November sale will be:

- Rhubarb Apple
- Pumpkin Spice
- Chocolate
- Oatmeal, Cinnamon and Sultana
- Gluten Free Pumpkin Spice

You may also order a dozen muffins for $15 if you place your order a week in advance.

Flavoured Milk $1.00 cup

- Chocolate
- Strawberry
- Banana
OUTDOOR ED IN THE OTWAYS

It has been fantastic seeing the Year 11 students that have been part of Outdoor Education develop a deeper understanding of natural environments and a greater appreciation of God’s creation.

‘I’ve never see anything like this. It’s going to be so cool telling my kids about what I have seen and achieved on these camps’. Overhearing a student say this in a casual conversation gave me a new perspective on the true affects outdoor experiences can have. So often I’m focused on how these experiences might assist students to achieve the key skills and knowledge areas of the curriculum or how they link meaningfully to the next outcome. The simple statement from this student made me realise she was gaining so much more from this experience and she was already recognising ‘it’ as a memory worth treasuring for the future.

So, where are we? and what are we doing? We are on the final leg of a hike in the Otway’s National Park, we have hiked 96km and have 4kms to complete our goal. We have just come out of a tree line and are standing on a cliff edge looking at out final destination our goal – The 12 Apostles.

Along the way we had experienced so many amazing things; stunning scenery of Victoria’s coastline, waterfalls, beaches, shipwrecks and lots of animals native to the area. In getting to this place we had endured wind and rain, unbearable heat, blisters, bites and exhaustion, but somehow the hard experiences the physical struggles, the continual effort required to keep making progress was what had made finishing our goal so much more a satisfying accomplishment and victory.

Mr Andrew Leslie

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Arthur Kokoris and Damien Furlong for successfully making the Victorian teams in tennis and athletics. They will be going to QLD in 2015 to compete in the National Christian Schools competition.

2014 CSSN MASTER COOK COMPETITION

We are proud to announce that the 2014 NCC Master Cook Team of Claire Hardi, Arun Lalu, Emily Scherping and Lidija Veljanovski took out top prize in the inaugural competition on 20th October.

All students had to use chocolate and toffee in their cupcake creations. Training for the school teams (six in total) was in early August and students had to apply what had been learned.

Our students extended their application to include making honeycomb to use within their presentation. Judges complimented not only the taste of their cupcakes but also the use of creative elements. Theirs truly was a sweet success.

Mrs L Waters

November 2014
I am Jessica Mann and I'm in Year 9. I have been taking dance classes since I was 5 and this is my 10th year of dancing. I really enjoy dancing because it is challenging, it is fun and is a really great way of expressing yourself. Ballet is my favourite form of dancing and is the foundation of all styles of dance.

This semester I have been teaching a jazz dancing class on Tuesday lunch times for grade 3-6 students. I have been teaching this class for my personal project to get an idea if I want to pursue teaching dancing in the future. In the dance class we usually stretch a bit, then we get straight into learning the dance. The girls who have been practicing will be doing a performance in assembly, later this term.

**Yr 1 & Yr 2 Melbourne Zoo Trip!**

On Friday we went to the Melbourne Zoo! We saw some leopards and some lions. The best part was when we saw the peacock. Kavindu Grade 1

On Friday we went to the zoo with my class. I saw a lion and tiger there. Lions can roar and tigers can jump. My dad came to the zoo. I liked the zoo. Stefan Grade 1

We went to the zoo because we wanted to learn about habitats and science. We made animal houses. I liked it when I touched the snake. I didn't like the lions because they scared me.

Kaitlin Grade 1

**Picasso Cow!**

Over Term 3 our Yr Threes and Fours have worked very hard at decorating our Picasso Cow. While the theme and design has changed over the course of the project, we now have a permanent cow in our Sustainable Living Skills program. While our school did not win the competition, all who worked on it so diligently are highly commended for their persistence and quality of work. We had a great time on competition day and Mrs Waters won the teacher prize for answering the most questions correctly about dairy nutrition.

We would also like to recognize parents Amanda Mann and Noela Kluchkovsky who spent many hours helping the students paint and apply stickers. John McLean's Toffee is named for the man who owned the dairy property on which our school now sits. The bell around her neck is owned by the Bland Family who found it on the property years ago. Our thanks to Mr Doug Holtam, who so ably threw the udder to choose the name from so many good submissions. The money donated will actually now be donated to the Samaritan's Purse project in Mongolia to help them purchase a yak for a family in need. We would also like to recognise all of the dairy companies who enthusiastically shared labels from their products for us to apply to the cow. Please come by and have a look at those dairy companies and then support them, if possible, with purchasing from their product line. Our theme was Farm to Plate and we wouldn’t have the dairy we do without the involvement of the dairy companies.

Mrs L Waters
Northside Christian College is in the process of upgrading our school administration system.

From 2015 parents will be able to monitor their child’s attendance at school from their computer, tablets and smart phones. Attendance is just the beginning! Additional features will also be available such as monitoring your fee payments and keeping up to date with all events at Northside.

You will also be able to see if your child has any forms that need to be filled out and submit these online.

To ensure a smooth roll out we are requesting that all families provide us with their current email address. This can be done in person at the office or via email to ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2014

On Friday the 28th of November at 6.30pm we are celebrating our Year 6’s transition from Primary to Secondary with a Graduation Ceremony at Northside Christian College. This will be followed with canapés together in the Primary Multi-Purpose Room.

Dress Code: Smart Casual.

Graduation Schedule

- 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm Family Photos (Optional)
- 6.30 pm - 7.15 pm Official Graduation Ceremony
- 7.15 pm - 8.30 pm Canapés in Primary Multi Purpose Room

Single ticket : $7
Family ticket (4 people) : $25
Please pay by the 21st of November