Onwards and Upwards

Vision is one of the most important factors of effective leadership. I believe that vision is three-fold and that leaders need to pay equal attention to all three aspects.

Firstly, leaders need to accurately visualise and define where an organisation is up to, its strengths and weaknesses and how it can make the most of the resources at its disposal. This is where I have concentrated my efforts over the past six months; it has been a time of intense listening, patient observation and analysis of key-data.

Creating a compelling picture of how we would like to see our College develop over the next five or ten years forms the second aspect of vision. More about this later.

The third aspect of vision is concerned with the journey that will take us forward. Proverbs 29:18 is helpful in this respect:

‘Where there is no vision the people perish…’

This scripture is very often misunderstood. It does not refer to our need to write mission statements and formulate complex plans, which are important and needed, but reveals the critical importance of maintaining our reliance and focus (vision) on God moment-by-moment as we navigate the journey forward.

At the recent well attended Parent Forum there was much discussion around ideas and future plans for our College. Having already organised similar forums with the staff, student leaders and with the College Committee of Management, we now have the basis for a comprehensive plan to develop the College. This, essentially, is the roadmap for our new vision; which I believe has the ongoing capacity to continuously improve our learning community in supporting every student in achieving their very best.

I look forward to presenting the vision for the future of our amazing College at the forthcoming Parent Forums organised for Term 1 next year. In the meantime here’s wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Doug Holtam
Principal

Another year and another group of fine young men and women leave us to start their lives in the ‘real world’. The Graduation Dinner at Ashton Manor in Diamond Creek was a great success. The students looked gorgeous and there were many laughs and good memories as we looked back over the years at the mischief, fun, achievements and disasters that have marked this group’s passage through the years. So many of the graduating class have been with us since Prep - Kaitlyn Marcucci, Courtney Ellul, Nathanel Cesko, Christina O’Connell, Matilda Butler, Theresa Shafik-Eid and Athen Karkaloutsos. Mrs Cuthbertson and her love for them rated a special mention by the students as well as good wishes for Mrs Latimer who has been like a second mum to them all.

Well done VCE Class 2014!

Angela Eynaud

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
Diary Dates

**DECEMBER**

3rd-5th  Yr 9 Exams
5th  Last Day Yr 9
8th  Yr 9 Year of Challenge Celebration Evening 7:00pm
9th  Orientation Day iPad Information Session 4-5 pm
10th  Last Day Term 4 Prep-Yr8 Reverse Dress Up Day
16th  NCC P-12 Presentation Night 7:00pm Compulsory attendance for all students

**JANUARY 2015**

19th  Second Hand Uniform Day 9:30-11:30am
20th  Uniform Fittings (by Appt)
22nd  Uniform Fittings (by Appt)
27th  Uniform Fittings (by Appt)
29th  IPad Set Up Day

**FEBRUARY**

2nd  School Resumes 2015 Term 1 Prep-Yr 12 Whole School Assembly NCC Parent Morning Tea
6th  Whole School Dedication Service
9th  Primary Swimming Begins
12th  Parent Helper Training Day
19th  Yr 7 Parent Dinner

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**2015 Second Hand Uniforms**

Our Annual Second Hand Uniform Day will be held on the morning of **Monday 19th 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.

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**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 26th January 9am-3pm (appointment only)
- Thursday 22nd January 9am-3pm (appointment only)
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**Great Big Little Things**

is coming to Northside in 2015. Stay tuned for ways that you can join in!

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**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.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Northside Christian College would like to extend their congratulations to Ms Sharon Simic and her husband Drazen on the safe arrival of their daughter Jessie Jean Simic. We pray that God will bless this young family.

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December 2014
**Strength & Direction for Life**

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**SRC End of Year Dress-up and Brunch Day!**

Date: Wednesday 10th December  
(last day of school)

TEACHERS dress as students,  
STUDENTs dress as teachers.

Icy poles and sausage sizzle during Recess.  
Gold coin donations  
Awards and prizes for the best dressed!  
**Reminder: hats must be worn at recess!**

We are aware that year 9, 10, and VCE students will have finished the term...but they are welcome to join us for recess.

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**Important Dates**

**Wednesday 10th December**  
1:00

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

**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.

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**2015 iPad Program**

If you have a child entering our iPad program (Yr 5 - Yr 9) in 2015 then you should have received a letter with some important information. There is an information session at 4-5pm on Thursday 9th December for these families. If you have any queries about this please contact Chris Gatt (eLearning Coordinator) by phoning the college or via email at cgatt@ncc.vic.edu.au

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**SRC OZ Ten Pin Bowling**

Congratulations to our 2014 SRC's! The NCC community appreciate all your time, ideas and support in making the school a better place. We hope you enjoyed the end of year celebrations at OZ Ten pin Bowling! You have been an inspiration and a joy to work with this year. Our very best wishes to you all.  

- Mrs Veljanovski & Mr Schoo

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**Prayer Changes Things**

BACK AGAIN IN 2015  
SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING  
THURSDAYS 2.30-3.30pm  
Meet in the School foyer  
---children welcome---  
PHONE LYN 0488 420 542

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**NCC end of year reverse dress up day!**

Date:  
Wednesday the 10th of December  
(last day of school)

Students dress as teachers  
and teachers dress as students!  
Awards and prizes will be handed out for best dressed  
*Gold coin donations*

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**Could all students please make sure that you have returned all library books and text books to either the library or the teacher that you got them from in the first place before the end of school.**  
Any students not returning books will be charged in full to replace them.

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December 2014
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.

The Admin Team

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.

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.
**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

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**Christmas Stall**

Parents and friends will be running an end of year Christmas stall on **Tuesday 9th December** during snack and lunch time. There will be items from $2-$10 and free gift wrapping! **All proceeds will be donated to the oval project.**

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**Music Recital 2014**

We continue to be amazed at the God-given talents and gifts displayed at the annual Instrumental Music Soiree. Families and friends came to celebrate a year's worth of practice and commitment at All Saints Church in Greensborough. From very beginners to accomplished performers, all the students and guest pianists who performed on the night were impressive. Students showed real Christian character traits such as courage and resilience, faithfulness and humility; proof that learning a musical instrument has benefits beyond enjoying music. The VCE students made a presentation to Mr Gaetano Ravida as he has resigned after 12 years of teaching music at the College. Thanks go to the Instrumental Music Teachers and Elise De Haan for their work with the students in 2014. Miss De Haan will be co-ordinating the program in 2015.

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**Year 6 - Self guided tour of the Indigenous Collection, NGV**

"The artist has painted about fire (gurtha). The artist has also painted about bush honey (guku). I guess it took a long time to paint it. Some of the wavy lines represent weeds. The stringy bark is an irregular shape. The place it was painted in was the Northern Territory. It makes me happy." By Boris.

"Tim Leura and Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri are the artists of this painting. They said the painting is deeply personal..." By Dimi

"This was about the man's journey across lots of lands...long journeys can change your life!" By Laz

"It represents a journey in Tim's life. It's like a pathway in a very dull desert...The artist is saying, "I've had a hard life but I'm not giving up yet!" By Bill

"All the artworks in this area are made by Kitty Kantilla. They are all etchings with the same colour scheme. Most of them are made up of lines and they are all called Untitled or Untitled 1,2,3 or 4....the artworks look like they're reflecting different tones in a mirror" By Shemara
CSSN 2014 Boys Soccer Years 7-10

Mr. Vaiano and Mr. Schoo had the privilege of taking the 7/8 and 9/10 boys’ soccer teams to this annual event against other Christian Colleges. The 5-a-side games involved approximately 25 teams and over 600 goals were scored. Highlights and match stats for 7/8 team included: played 8 games and only lost 2 games to come 8th overall; Best on ground from captain Joel Marmara with a hat trick in one game and 11 goals scored; Most improved player Youssef Assaad tremendous determination as an attacking defender; Carey Lisle and Josh Langman with fantastic saves; Nathan Koka versatile player. Highlights and match stats for 9/10 team included: played 9 games won 4 games but had two very close games for overall 15th position; Best on ground performance by Nathan Nair rock solid in defence; most improved by captain Arthur Kokoris (very good for a tennis player); Jacob Polos scoring many goals; Hamish Brown dangerous around goal. We even met Mrs Holtam from Heatherton College. Heatherton did very well winning the 7/8 and runners up in the 9/10 competition. We were very proud of student behaviour, skills, enthusiasm and having the right attitude to both winning and losing.

CSSN Rally day Girls Volleyball teams

We arrived at Hillcrest Christian College on Wednesday 5th November with the Yr 7/8 Girls Volleyball team to compete against 13 other teams. The girls felt a little daunted and in the first game their nervousness showed. As they warmed up, they gained their confidence and began displaying some nice volleyball skills. The girls had 6 other teams in their grouping and won every match they played. Vinetta P displayed a powerful service while Danielle H, Aimee N, Rachael E and Ruth V were really strong in the front line against the net. When the results were gathered, a glitch in the system placed the girls in fourth position and the organisers were hesitant to make any changes. The girls then went on to watch the Grand Final take place which was supposed to be their game. After this, all the other schools left but the organisers were prepared for Northside to take their rightful position in the Grand Final, and replay it. The girls were 8 points up with 2 minutes to go, when Maranatha’s best server began pounding the ball over the net. With five seconds to go, the score was 31 all, with 5 seconds to go Maranatha scraped through with the win. In spite of the turn of events, the girls not only performed exceptionally but they handled the whole situation well and walked away feeling proud of themselves. Well done to the 7/8 girls Volleyball team for an awesome all round performance. The Northside community is proud of you.

The 9/10 girls also played Volleyball on the 29th October and won 6 out of 8 games. The girls improved as the day went on. They came fifth overall out of 24 teams and are to be highly commended for their efforts. The girls were competing against large schools and matched them in both skill and game play. A special mention goes out to Brittany B, Sarah W, Chanel F and Cassandra B. Well done!
Prep News!
I have had a great year with my Preps! They have worked hard and worked well, but along the road we managed to have some super fun days.

We visited Bundoora Farm in Term Two, Melbourne City in Term Three and Kew Traffic School in Term Four.

It's going to be sad to say good-bye to these little angels who I have loved having in my care, but it is a blessing to have seen them grow and prepare for the next step in their journey....Year One! Olivia Tucci

Recycled Art..."PROJECT PODS!"

This term, the year 3/4 class has been creating artworks from recycled materials. Students collected used coffee pods to recycle into a wall hanging design.

Firstly students worked in teams to scoop out the coffee. The coffee granules were collected and used for garden compost.

The coffee pods were then rinsed, dried and threaded onto plastic thread. Here is the finished product! An amazing effort from all of the students.

We saved all these pods from going into landfill!

Year 2 News!
On Friday 14th November, Year 2 Invited Mr Holtam to come into their classroom so that they could present him with a decorated exposition they wrote collaboratively as part of their writing focus in literacy. Here is the text that they came up with:

We think that Mr Holtam is the best principal in the whole universe.

Firstly, he takes care of us and is kind and caring. He greets us each morning with a happy smile and it makes us feel happy and safe.

Secondly, he is enthusiastic. He never has a frown on his face and makes us feel strong and enthusiastic. He makes us giggle!

Thirdly, he has professional presentation. He always wears a suit and looks smart (Julia thinks he is handsome!). He keeps himself clean and tidy. This teaches us how to wear our uniform properly.

Fourthly, he reads us stories from the Bible and makes it fun for us by using puppets. This teaches us to read the Bible and to be better followers of Jesus.

Finally, Mr Holtam thinks about the future. He always thinks of improvements in life and in our school community and he always has a new topic for us to learn about each week. We are very thankful to have Mr Holtam as our principal and we think he should be our principal forever!

- Year 2 Class

Primary End of Year Assembly
Parents are warmly invited to attend our final Primary Assembly for the year on Tuesday 9th December at 9.00 am in the Primary Multi-Purpose Room. Come and join us for Christmas fun!
EDUCONNEX - Parent Participation

NCC is in the process of upgrading our school administration system. In 2015 parents will be able to monitor their child’s attendance at school from their computer, tablet and smart phone. Additional features will also be available such as monitoring fee payments and keeping up to date with NCC events.

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.

As part of the roll out of EduConnex we are looking for 10 families who will be available from Monday 5th January to participate in some trialling of this system from their home computers. Please email smiller@ncc.vic.edu.au with the subject “Educonnex Parent Participation” if you are wanting to be involved. Sharon will respond to confirm your involvement in the trial. This counts towards your parent participation for 2015.

NO E.M.A. 2015

As you may be aware, State Government EMA payments will come to an end in 2014. As a way of supporting parents in preparation for these upcoming costs, we would like to inform you of the Saver Plus program, which is being delivered locally by the Brotherhood of St Laurence in the Hume City Council and City of Whittlesea region.

The program supports families to save up to $500 over a 10 month period, and then matches their savings dollar for dollar.

You may be eligible for this program if you:

- Have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- Are at least 18 years old
- Have some regular income from work (you or your partner), including casual, part-time, full-time, seasonal employment or recreational income (such as market stalls)
- Have a child at school, or attend vocational training yourself

For more information about the program or to get started please call 9483 2416 or email cunger@bsl.org.au.

COLIN BUCHANAN

Colin Buchanan is coming to Northside for a Family Night Concert on Friday March 6th from 4pm until 7.30pm.

Wirebird will be supporting Colin Buchanan on this evening. There will be an international food court and other kids activities.

Put the date in your diary NOW and plan to come along with your friends, families and neighbours to this exciting night for all the family!