This year's College theme is **transformation**; what will this mean for our College? God is very much in the business of change and transformation. He has programmed a continual cycle of change into the creation, we see it in the coming and going of the seasons, the movement of the seas under the pull of the tides, and in the lives of our students as they mature from small children into adults.

Without doubt the Gospel, inspired by God’s infinite love for us, is the most transformative force in the universe. What that potentially means for each one of us is beautifully summed up in the following verse:

> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17

The ‘glory’ referred to in the above passage can only be celebrated when victory is won or the challenge is overcome. This year, with God’s help and guidance, we will challenge our students to be overcomers in order that they can claim victory and transformation in their lives. This will happen through gaining of knowledge, development of understanding, building of character and growth in wisdom.

I’m sure that, like me, you are really looking forward to this year of transformation!

Doug Holtam
Principal

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**Parent Participation**

You should now have all received a letter where you are able to nominate areas where you are wishing to assist the College for Parent Participation.

One area that you may wish to help with is doing a neighbourhood letter box drop. We are looking for parents to assist us in the distribution advertising postcards for our OPEN DAY in March via a letterbox drop.

We are looking to distribute the postcards between Friday 30th February - Thursday 5th March.

If you are able to assist during this time please notify the office immediately.
Great Big Little Things is here!

It's often the little things that make the biggest impact. Small acts of kindness can make a great big difference and change someone's day.

This month's Great Big Little Thing is a random act of kindness.

We challenge you to try at least 3 KIND THINGS FROM EACH LIST during March.

Below are some suggestions and links so that you can find some more ideas, or come up with your own.


Each month in 2015 we will suggest a way that you can do a little thing that will make a great big difference in the life of someone at the College.
Strength & Direction for Life

**Student Welfare**

This week we welcome our new chaplain Jared Stocks to the Northside community! We have asked him a few questions so that you can get to know him a bit better.

- **We know that Melbourne is not your home town. Where are you from?** I am from Launceston, Tasmania. There are only 75,000 people in Launceston and a traffic jam consists of three cars.
- **Can you tell us about your family?** I am married to Christie (Previously Miss Vaughn when working at NCC). We have a dog called Judah and we live in a Foster home as carers in South East Melbourne with up to three boys at a time.
- **Have you been a Chaplain before?** I have been a chaplain for over 9 years in the same school in Launceston with 800 kids from grade 7-10.
- **What are you looking forward to at NCC?** Meeting students, parents and staff and building quality friendships with you all. I'm looking forward to Chapel services and possibly having a chance to sing and play my guitar.
- **What kinds of things will you be doing at NCC?** I will be listening and helping people through their problems, I will be running fun programs and assisting students to run quality events in the school. I'll be sharing stories, laughter, tears and food with students and assisting staff in classes.
- **Favourite colour?** My favourite colour is blue, particularly Navy Blue (I'm a Carlton supporter).
- **Favourite Bible verse?** Basically I love everything that Jesus said, I love the parables of the Kingdom of God, I love his teachings on love. My favourite Old Testament verse is Micah 6:8 "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

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Fiona's work days remain the same in 2015: Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

If you’d like to contact her the email address has changed to studentwelfare@ncc.vic.edu.au

Jarod's work days will be Thursday and Friday and can be contacted at chaplain@ncc.vic.edu.au

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**Insights for parents and teachers of children with learning difficulties**

If we don’t understand WHY a child with learning difficulties is not learning, how can we possibly design the best strategies and tools to assist these children in reaching their full potential? ReMinds will be running a 90 minute information session on **Wednesday 18th March 2015** helping children with learning difficulties including Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder, neuro Developmental Delay, ADHD, Sensory Integration Issues, language disorders, Dyspraxia and Aspergers/Autism related learning difficulties. The session will be held at the Thomastown library from 6.30 - 8.00pm. It is a free community event run by ReMinds.

To book, please call 0410 525 361 or e-mail registration@reminds.com.au

Further information can be found on their website; www.reminds.com.au

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**Free Course on Autism at Swinburne**

A free course that will assist parents, families and carers who live and work with individuals on the autism spectrum will be launched at Swinburne University of Technology in April 2015. Running for six weeks, the MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) will use a unique scenario-based learning approach, which draws on the stories and experiences of individuals, carers and experts in the field. For more information please contact Swinburne by e-mail on autism@swin.edu.au

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**Supporting Young Children who have Experienced Trauma**

On Wednesday 11th March, 6.30 - 8.30pm Whittlesea Council will be running a session on trauma and it’s impact on children followed by discussions regarding various effective approaches and practical activities to support young children. This session will be run at the council offices in the Fountain View room, 22 Ferres Blvd, South Morang.

For more information or to book a place you can contact Trish Rech on 9404 8865 or send an e-mail to familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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March 2015
School Banking - FRIDAYS
School Banking is on Friday mornings. Secondary students who have a Dollarmite account with The Commonwealth Bank can also access Primary School Banking by either handing their deposit book in via primary class sibling or simply leaving it in the Accounts office by 9am every Friday. If you are interested in extending School banking to Secondaries e-mail lkarkaloutsos@ncc.vic.au. Students who arrive late to school may miss out for that week.

NCC ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP 2016
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 2015.
☐ Scholarships of one-year tenure to students completing Yrs 7,8,10, or 11 in 2015.
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 13th April 2015.

Scholarship Exam:
The scholarship exam will be held on Saturday 18th April 2015 at Northside Christian College, 31 McLeans Rd, Bundoora.
For full details of the Scholarship Application Process, please contact the College Office on 9467 2499.

If your child is going to be absent for the day it is important that you notify the school with a courtesy phone call that morning and in writing the day your child returns to school. You can get a green explanation of absence form from the front office or you can send an e-mail to the class teacher. If your child is in VCE it is essential that you get a medical certificate for every day of absence.

Parents and Friends
Colin Buchanan
Friday 6th March, 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm
Come and support our Sausage Sizzle BBQ and Gift Stall which will be located near the gym. We are selling Lucky Dips, Glitter Hats, Glow Sticks and much, much more!

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser
Monday 23rd March
Parents and Friends are running a Baker's Delight HOT CROSS BUN Fundraiser just in time for Easter!! Simply complete the attached Order Form and return to the Accounts Office by FRIDAY 20/03/2015. Orders accepted NOW. Don't miss out as unfortunately NO late orders will be accepted.

Enrolment Applications 2016/17
URGENT: Northside has a growing number of enrolment applications for 2016, 2017 and beyond! If you have not yet submitted an application for your child's enrolment, please collect an application form from the office and return it as soon as possible to secure a place for your child. If you already have children at the College and want their siblings to join them at Northside in the future, we recommend getting your application in at least 12 months before their intended start.

UNIFORM NEWS
HATS
During Term 1, ALL students must wear hats at recess, lunch and during sports/PE. If your child does not have a hat, you can purchase one from the Accounts office.

BLAZERS
All secondary students are expected to wear their blazers at all times unless notified otherwise in days of extreme weather. If you have ordered a blazer, delivery is expected mid-March.

RUGBY JUMPERS
The Sports Rugby Jumpers are on track to arrive mid-March.

UNIFORM APPOINTMENTS
The Uniform shop will be opened by appointment only, on Tuesdays 8.45-9.30am and Fridays 8.45-10.00am and 2.30-3.30pm. If you require an appointment, call the College on 9467 2499.
**Congratulations 2015 SRC's!**

On Wednesday 18th February a special ceremony was held to celebrate and acknowledge the 2015 School Representative Council (SRC). The Northside community met in the Encompass Multi Purpose Room during Chapel time. Mr. Barker and Mr. Schoo proudly presented each student with a gold badge and certificate. Mr Holtam delivered a speech to encourage and inspire the new school student leaders. Refreshments and a Celebration Cake were served in the staff room for the SRCs and their parents. Mr Schoo and I value the SRC's commitment in serving the school community and we look forward to supporting their ideas, decisions and work this year.

Mrs Antonietta Veljanovski  
Mr. Coenraad Schoo  
SRC Support Teachers

**SRCs and School Captains 2015**

Amelia Ryan Yr 6  
Joseph (Marko) Doncev Yr 6  
Laura Galati Yr 6  
Martika Phemister Yr 7  
Damien Furlong Yr 7  
Gabrielle Tucker Yr 8  
Carey Lisle Yr 8  
Senara Fernado Yr 9  
Olivia Lyn Yr 9  
Michelle Timotius Yr 10  
Liam Parker Yr 10  
Alex Morgan Yr 11  
Cassandra Bell Yr 11  
Joshua Masino Yr 12  
Janice Timotius Yr 12

**Parents’ Prayer 2015**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
2.30-3.30pm

If you are unable to come & you have a prayer request text  
Lyn on 0488 420 542  
- Children welcome -

- Check for venue at the office -

*Oh what peace we often forfeit  
Oh what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer*

**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

**BLOGS!**

The Northside Christian College library has started a blog. It will feature new book reviews, research tips, links to useful websites and announcements of up-coming library events. Student or parent submissions of articles and book reviews are also welcome: please email them to chogan@ncc.vic.edu.au  
The library blog can be found at:  
https://northsidelibrary.wordpress.com/

Year One also has a blog run by our own Miss Taya Schevchuk! Check it out to see what Year One is up to.  
http://grade1ncc2015.weebly.com/
**Year 7/8 Camp**

Alexandra Adventure Resort

Week Two of the new school year saw the Year 7 and 8’s head off to camp at Alexandra Adventure Resort. Fiona, Mr Waters, Mr Eynaud and Miss Westland tagged along too for the three days of action-packed fun and challenges. Activities included the high ropes course, rock climbing, canoeing, raft building, archery, a flying fox and something called a possum-glider swing.

“I feel like this camp has helped me to grow as a person and talk to people who I wouldn’t normally talk to. Camp brought the year seven and eight class closer than we were, before we left.” - Rachel

It was a great time of getting to know each other, sharing experiences, learning to work together and be supportive and encouraging of one another. A couple of people even brought their fishing rods, with one camper proving to be the expert fisher-woman! It was fantastic to see all our students giving their best and fearlessly try new experiences. The one thing that was perhaps not tried with a lot of enthusiasm was sleep.

- Jo Westland

**Director of learning—Middle school**

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**9 Coastal Challenge**

“My greatest challenge on camp was when we started to surf. I failed a lot but I kept trying. Eventually I finally rode a wave. Nearly all my body was filled with happiness.”

- Year 9 student

While on camp last week as part of the Year 9 Year of Challenge program, students undertook some fieldwork, linking the camp experience with their current unit of study in the Year 9 Geography curriculum. The stunning coastal landforms along the Great Ocean Road in southern Victoria provide the perfect location in which the students can observe the theory of coastal landform processes in action. On the morning of Thursday 12th February, staff and students met at the base of the Split Point Lighthouse at Airey’s Inlet. Students spent the next few hours collecting data, sketching, and discussing their observations. The data recorded by students will form the basis of their Coastal Field Report; a major assessment task they will complete over the next few weeks in their Geography classes.

Teresa Connelly

Geography, and Environmental Science (Options)

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I would highly recommend going to camp because it's awesome. The camp was all about working with each other, teamwork. We also had a lot of fun doing surfing, body building and other activities.

- Joshua Langman

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Primary News

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Primary Assembly

On Friday the 20th February, the Grade Ones and Twos were in charge of Primary Assembly. Our Primary School Captains did great job opening the Assembly in prayer. First up, the Grade Twos did a play about Creation. Beatrix did a great job narrating. Both classes sang and performed two Colin Buchanan songs, “Be Strong and Courageous” and “10, 9, 8 God is Great”. You should make sure you come along to the concert to hear Colin sing them live on stage. Then the Grade Ones showed the video they had made about Adam and Eve and how they disobeyed God and were thrown out of the garden. After that, we all watched a video about Jesus and it showed us how God prepares a way for Jesus to come. You can follow the link and watch it too: https://vimeo.com/92615711. The kids had a great time presenting. We were very proud of all the kids efforts. Thanks to all the parents who came along too.

- Miss Randles and Miss Shevchuk, Year 1 and 2

Yr 5/6 Camp—Mill Valley Ranch

What a fantastic start we’ve had to the year, and all the better thanks to great staff, great students and lots of fun at Mill Valley Ranch. In just our second week of school, all of the Grades 5 and 6 students had the fantastic opportunity to spend three days in canoes, on horseback and in ‘ye olde time’ shops. Our Camp began promptly with a long drive to Mill Valley Ranch, a campsite modelled after the early colonial townships of Australia. Upon arrival students discovered which cabins they were to spend the next three days in and which best friends and new friends they would be sharing those rooms with. The cabins were each dressed up to make part of the township’s ‘town square.’ There was an ironmongery, drapery, barber shop and grocer’s store. In between having fun playing pool, table tennis and the ever popular “Ed’s Alley” students were able to become acquainted with their assigned horse for the duration of the camp – I believe some of these will prove to be enduring relationships – and to gain new team working and canoeing skills. We had students hitting bullseyes with compound bows and discovering the practical use of wombats when fishing in local creeks.

Besides seeing the personal growth of our students, there were two major highlights for myself. One of these was the wonderful fun that we had singing badly and dancing worse during ‘Cowboy Chapel’ and the other was the wonderful Christian attitude of staff; every activity and new skill came with a heartfelt and practical lesson of Christian love and growth.

Thanks to all the students who made it great and Our Lord God who goes with us in all adventures.

- Peter Dunstan, Year 6

The Alice Springs Beanie Festival at Bundoora Homestead Gallery

The year 2 class visited the Bundoora Homestead on Wednesday the 18th February. Students enjoyed viewing the beanie designs, highlighting the works produced by Indigenous artists from the Central Desert region. Some of the students wore beanies to celebrate this inspiring exhibition. In Art classes, students will discuss how the beanie has become a popular art form and then create their own beanie design based on ideas from the Beanie Show.

- Mrs. Veljanovski, Primary Art
Bring a picnic rug and your family to the Colin Buchanan concert on March 6th.

Included in the price of a ticket:
Jumping castle, Face painting, Showbag, Fairy floss, Live performance by Wirebird

There will also be food and drinks for sale. So, make it a family night and plan to come along for some fun!

Tickets are available to purchase on the College website: www.ncc.vic.edu.au