RENEW YOUR MIND!

Is it possible to develop our intelligence or are some people just born smart and others not? What is the wonderful world of scientific research now telling us about the human brain? The answer to these questions is quite mind-boggling…

‘Neuroplasticity’ describes the ability of the brain to change and make new connections, to re-wire itself and even grow new brain cells. As Dr Norman Doidge discusses in his best-selling book, The Brain That Changes Itself, ‘the discovery that our thoughts and actions can change the structure and function of our brains, even into old age, is the most important breakthrough in neuroscience in four centuries.’

Carol Dweck’s book, Mindset, points to the fact that the brain forms new neural connections as we engage in challenging learning. In other words, when learning becomes a struggle that we manage, through endurance and perseverance, to overcome, our brains develop and we become smarter. Dweck encourages educators to help young people to adopt what she calls a ‘growth-mindset’, an attitude-of-mind that embraces challenging learning in the pursuit of intellectual capacity building.

Building a ‘growth-mindset’ demands patience and perspiration as well as faith and hope. At Northside, we seek to intentionally build a culture that promotes a growth-mindset in our students, one that is appropriately underpinned by Godly character development; this approach will empower our students to grow their minds, develop their intellectual capacity and continuously build their God-given gifts, abilities and skills.

Mr Doug Holtam
Principal

NCC 2015 Term Dates

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VISITOR SIGN-IN

Please ensure you sign into the College at reception every time you come onto the College grounds outside of drop off and pick up times. During a recent routine emergency procedures drill, it became apparent that many visitors to the College do not do this. In the interests of student and your safety, please do this.

A BIG THANK YOU TO PREGO BUNDOORA FOR SUPPORTING THE VIETNAM MISSION TRIP

We would like to thank Jason & Abby of Prego in Bundoora Square for donating the full contents of their ‘Tips’ jar to the 2015 Northside Vietnam Mission Trip with Samaritans Purse. If you are in the area, drop in and thank them, get a coffee and kindly leave your change in the tips jar!

WHOLE SCHOOL CASUAL CLOTHES DAY!

Friday 26th June
(Last Day of Term 2)
Gold coin donation required
All funds raised will go towards the awesome work of Breakaway Camps

STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 13th July
The College will be closed due to staff attending the Christian Schools Australia Conference.

SAVE ON YOUR TAX!

With the end of the financial year fast approaching, now is the perfect time to make a tax deductible donation to the Northside Christian College Building Fund.

Please contact Accounts on 9467 2499 for details. Your support is greatly appreciated as we commence our next stage of building works in Term 3 for our sports facilities.

Hurry as donations received prior to 30th June will be deductible for this year’s tax return. Thank you.

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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. 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.

This month’s Great Big Little Thing is – send someone an encouraging note.

You could print out one of these coupons and pass it along to a friend or teacher or your child:


Parents and Friends

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

P&F hosted Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 21st May 2015. It was a lovely morning remembering those we have loved and lost to cancer. We would like to thank Pauline Longley who spoke about her journey through the illness and the passing of her beloved husband, Andrew, in January to cancer. We were all very encouraged by her testimony and enthusiasm for the cause.

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

P&F are planning a Trivia Night and Silent Auction on Friday 19th June 2015 in the PMPR from 7pm. More information and tickets will be available soon.

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parents & Friends AGM will be held on Thursday 25th June 2015 at 9am in the Old Science Room. All Welcome.

UNIFORM UPDATES:

The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays. All appointments must be booked via the office on 9467 2499. Alternatively, you can simply fill in an order form and submit to the accounts office for processing by the following day.

RUGBY JUMPERS

The Sports Rugby Jumpers are further delayed and are not due for dispatch until mid June 2015. Our apologies for the inconvenience. All families will be notified when they arrive through the weekly eNewsletter.

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 lillies 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
"We delight in the beauty of the butterfly, but rarely admit the changes it has gone through to achieve that beauty."
~Author Unknown

The growth of inner beauty often does not come without challenge and change. Life IS change. If we don't learn ways to manoeuvre through the things that keep us from achieving our potential it can cause more pain and extends the process of growth. Likewise, if we have people bailing us out all the time without doing the processing and hard yakka ourselves then we lose the possibility of understanding our own beauty and the magnificence of who we are.

Sometimes we need support and encouragement on this journey, to see that we are already equipped to develop into that beautiful butterfly. There is no shame in that, rather it takes strength and courage to be responsible and to self-love in order to grow.

Mrs Fiona Dumitrache

Fiona’s work days in 2015: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
If you'd like to contact her the email address has changed to studentwelfare@ncc.vic.edu.au
Jared's work days will be Thursday and Friday and he can be contacted at chaplain@ncc.vic.edu.au

YEAR 8 PASTORAL CARE DAY

Year 8 pastoral care day was a day of fun and focus. The girls covered the area of confidence, including the influence of media, life experiences and self talk. They participated in personal journaling, group activities and reflections, discovering more about themselves and how to continue to grow in confidence.

Mrs Fiona Dumitrache

The Year 8 Pastoral Care day was a great success and the boys had an amazing time. 10 Year 8 boys, 3 Year 11 mentors and the chaplain participated in activities around making positive “CHOICES”. Group sessions covered topics such as decision making, positive friendships and potential dangers around risk taking and social media use. Add to this some outdoor fun and trust development exercises and the boys finished the day weary, but equipped with the necessary tools to make wise choices.

Mr Jared Stocks
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Wednesday 27th May we had the whole school athletics carnival. I was very happy that it was a warm and sunny day and because green won the Athletics carnival and because I was the green house captain. I think it was the best athletics day I have ever attended because for once we could go through the whole day without rain. My first event was long jump my first jump was probably my best jump. All my other jumps were shocking. Our next event was high jump my first jump was 1 meter I cleared it easily. My second jump was 1.5 meters I cleared that as well then I did 1.10 but I could not clear it. At the end I got second place. Michael N took out 1st place. Our next event was triple jump. In triple jump my first jump sucked. But my second jump got me second place. Our next event was shot put I was coming first and I ended up first.

Dasun Samarakoon, Yr 6
Strength & Direction for Life

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SPORTS

Congratulations to Arthur Kokoris in Year 11 and Damien Furlong in Year 7, who represented Victoria in the NCS Sports in Queensland from 17th—22nd May. Damien went to compete in the Athletics and Arthur went as captain of the tennis squad. They were the first Northside students to participate in this.

Arthur won the tennis quarter finals 6-2. He then went on to play in the semi finals against a Victorian boy who was ranked lower then him (who he had beaten before). He went into the match pretty confident but unfortunately his opponent broke him early and this was his undoing. He was pretty devastated not to reach the grand final to challenge a NSW player who is seeded 300 in Australia. Arthur received silver for Victoria and made it to the Semi Final for individuals. Overall Arthur’s talent and effort were outstanding and he really is fabulous to watch. Victoria won second in the team tennis event.

Damien received bronze in long jump, 4th place in javelin (with a 7 metre improvement on his PB), 6th place in the 400m, 3rd place in the 400 metre relay and 4th place in the 100 metre relay.

Mrs Anna Venegas

This was an amazing experience. I really enjoyed it and everyone else who attended it enjoyed it too. Everyone was Christian so we got to worship every night and we prayed before bed. When we were watching other students doing their sport like basketball, soccer and tennis, it was really good to see them enjoying themselves and having a go and making it to Queensland. We got to cheer for them all and if they lost or won they didn’t mind. When we did athletics it was a really good day and night. Everyone who competed won something. Some people filled in and volunteered to help compete against other states.

Victoria placed 4th overall out of 5 states. My favourite part was meeting so many new friends and the running. I encourage other students to go and try out next time to see if they can get in and if that doesn’t work then try again the next time because I enjoyed it and I think that everyone else who tries would enjoy it too and have so much fun. It was one of the best camps that I’ve ever been on.’

Damien Furlong, Yr 7

CSSN RALLY DAY

CSSN Soccer Tournament was a really great day. Even though it was wet, I still had a fantastic time connecting with friends. We won games and we lost games, but the main idea was to have fun and we did.

Jesse Marmara, Yr 12

The Northside VCE girls’ team had a very successful day at the CSSN netball tournament. Even with a cold start to the day, the team did exceptionally well in the rounds finishing up with all wins and a draw. We ended up 3rd place, only losing by one in an intense semi-final. The team did an amazing job the whole day and thanks to the girls who stepped up and played well above their age group: Sarah, Michelle, Ruth, Amy and Danielle. Thanks to Mr Leslie and Mrs Baring for coming and putting time and effort into the day.

Claire Hardi, Yr 11

June 2015
OUTDOOR EDUCATION HIKE
The VCE outdoor education class embarked on a two day hike in the Cathedral Ranges, just outside Marysville, during week 5 this term. It was a great experience for everyone who came along even with the cold weather and uphill walking. We became close as a class, not only learning about the surrounding environment but about ourselves and others. It was a good time spent outside of our everyday school environment. Thank you to Mr Leslie for organising the hike and Mrs Venagas and Stephanie who came along.

Claire Hardi, Yr 11

CSSN SECONDARY CHESS
Kings, Queens, Knights, Bishops, and Pawns. Though not exactly a medieval tournament, Northside students recently attended the annual secondary chess competition at Belgrave Heights Christian School. The coordinator for the CSSN event said there were no winners and losers only winners and learners. Our students, Michael Hadj, Sheldon Lynn, Jarryd Aston, Sam Wong, and Joseph O’Connell all shared in the winning and learning experiences of the day. Although mentally drained from the intense concentration of the tournament, our young, enthusiastic chess competitors enjoyed the day in Belgrave to the max.

Mr Phil Waters

STUDENT FORUMS: REFUGEE AWARENESS
In the last week of May, students from Years 6-10 were involved in two forums dealing with refugee awareness. On Friday 22nd May, a representative from the Refugee Council of Australia (RCOA) visited and gave an informative presentation on the global refugee context. Mohammed Ali Bakiri, a refugee from Afghanistan, also spoke to the students about his experiences of surviving the dangerous ordeal of arriving in Australian waters by boat and of living on Nauru as a child during the hunger strikes. On Friday afternoon 29th May, Reza Shams (NCC past student - VCE 2014) was warmly welcomed by students and staff as he spoke about his journey from Afghanistan to Australia.

Students were inspired by incredible stories of perseverance, resilience and strength of spirit, and were given the opportunity to ask many questions that helped them understand a little more about the plight of the less fortunate. National Refugee Week takes place in Week 10 (14th—20th June) and our students will be involved in various forms of persuasive and creative writing around the theme of refugee awareness. Stay tuned to see what our students come up with!

A big thank you to Mrs Eynaud, Mr Waters, Mr Hogan and Mrs Fyshwick for their support of this initiative and for creating space for our students to engage with such interesting themes in the life of our school.

Mrs Amy Horneman

Mrs Eynaud interviewing Reza Shams, past NCC student, about his experiences as a refugee from Afghanistan as Year 6-10 students listen attentively
GRADE ONE STORIES & ARTWORK

The Princess, By Elina & Annabel
One day the princess got lost in the jungle but she found a pony. The princess followed the pony to get home. They lived happily ever after.

The Unicorn and Mermaid, By Charlotte and Natshi
One day at the beach the mermaid had a swim. Suddenly the unicorn got into the water and she sank. Then the mermaid helped the unicorn and then they became best friends.

Super Lyvia and Super Jabriel, By Lyvia and Jabriel
Once upon a time there were two superheroes called Super Lyvia and Super Jabriel. They spied robbers stealing money from the City Bank. Super Lyvia and Super Jabriel captured the robbers and gave them to the police.

PREPS TALK ABOUT THE READING CHALLENGE

The Preps have been enjoying reading lots and lots of books for the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.
Angus: Go Preps!
Aria: We want to beat the big kids!
Jonathan P: We have learnt the ABCs
Jonathan B: I love reading and Mrs Tucci taught us all the letters
Conrad: I like the books Mrs Tucci reads to us
Iliri: I like reading books
Elaine: We read the Bible quietly
Tokouma: I like it when Mrs Tucci reads the books
Kallam: If you keep reading the Bible you'll feel better

WORLD KIDS COLOURING DAY 2015

Students from Prep to year 6 created colourful drawings in Art, based on their dreams. They wrote a short description about their dream in a 'cloud' bubble, which was attached to the back of their drawing. All drawings were laminated and sent home for students to sell family members, as a fundraiser for Save the Children Fund.

All grades were given money boxes to collect their class's donations. The class with the most money raised was given a class 'SUR-Prize'.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YEAR 3 CLASS, OUR WINNERS THIS YEAR.

Donations collected from primary classes:
Prep class: $64.90 Year 3 class: $125.50
Year 1 class: $64.75 Year 4/5 class: $36.10
Year 2 class: $88.55 Year 6 class: $54.05
Grand total: $433.85

Our primary school captains Laura and Amelia were asked to select the best drawings from each class. Students who were selected were awarded World Kids Colouring Day certificates and prizes during Primary Assembly.

Prep: Conrad & Charlotte, Year 1: Rebeca & Lyvia, Year 2: Neriya & Elizabeth, Year 3: Madison & Ruva, Year 4/5: Kaitlin, Isabelle & Jessica, Year 6: Joel and Joseph

The winning entries have been colour copied, laminated and sent to STAEDTLER, PTY, LTD. for the group entry competition.

A BIG THANK YOU to primary teachers, parents and students for your continued support in making World Kids Colouring Day a success!

Mrs A Veljanovski
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.

ENROLMENT NEWS - WAITING LISTS
Parents are advised that due to the number of enrolment applications received this year we are now introducing waiting lists for a number of year levels.
If you have not yet applied for 2016 and 2017 and wish to secure a place for your child we recommend that you submit your child's enrolment application ASAP to avoid disappointment.
Please remember that existing families are encouraged to submit applications for younger siblings 2 years in advance ensure a place is reserved for their child.
Applications forms are available online or from the office.

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/