Can anyone be a leader?

Who would you list in your top three, all time great leaders? Maybe Nelson Mandela or Winston Churchill? How about Mother Theresa? There is no doubt that all of these people were great leaders, if not very different in their leadership style and impact on the world.

Here are a few definitions of leadership that I personally find interesting:

‘Leadership is a choice’, ‘be the change you wish to see in the world’, ‘A great leader’s courage to fulfill his/her vision comes from passion, not position’

So, as the above quotes imply, can anyone lead? In addressing this question, the following quote from the great Christian leadership guru John Maxwell is helpful: ‘Leadership is influence’. From this it could be concluded that we all lead in some way, because we all have some level of influence over others; I often remind older students to set a good example for their younger peers to follow, this very much represents a call to leadership.

I believe that all students should be taught the basic principles of leadership; firstly how to lead oneself, in order that one is then fit to lead others. This is one aspect of positive culture building that we will invest in to help our students to grow up with a godly understanding of leadership.

Of course the Bible should be our starting point for a clear definition of leadership. Jesus sums it up in Mark’s gospel (10:42-45).

“You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many”

Leaders are called to share their gifts in serving others. This is the model on which we will base our student leadership programs at Northside Christian College.

On Wednesday 5th August we will be having our first Leadership Day. Parents are invited to attend the Leadership Assembly at the beginning of the day.

Mr Doug Holtam
Principal

NCC 2015 Term Dates

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To help ensure that our students and their families are safer in and around the car park, from the start of Term 3 we are trialing a new traffic management system. The new system will incorporate a pick-up/drop-off zone and a car-free pedestrian zone. The diagram (below) details the direction in which traffic will flow and also indicates where the children will be dropped off and picked up (the thicker arrows indicate the flow of traffic through the drop-off/pick-up zone), as well as the positioning of the car-free pedestrian zone.

It will take a little while to establish the new system and we would ask for your patience and support through the transition phase, particularly during the first two weeks of term. Staff will be on hand in the car park to guide drivers through the changes.
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 – perform a random act of kindness. Use your imagination to think of something that will be especially meaningful for the person you will be blessing.

Parents and Friends

May and June have been eventful and here are some highlights and results of what we achieved. All our fundraising efforts will be donated to the Oval Redevelopment:

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

P&F hosted Australia's Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 21st May. We raised and donated $201.60 to the Cancer Council of Victoria. It was a lovely morning remembering those we have loved and lost to cancer. Special thanks to Mrs Pauline Longley who spoke about her journey through the loss of her husband Andrew earlier in the year. Inspiring! Thank you to all who came along and supported this!

TRIVIA NIGHT & SILENT AUCTION

Friday 19th June, P&F hosted a Trivia Night & Silent Auction in the PMPR. There was a lovely atmosphere and some fierce competition between teachers, students & parents. Ms Shevchuck’s table, ‘Team Nathan’ won! We raised $1,100 on the night. A special thank you to Mr Holtam who did a terrific job as MC and a big thank you to those who came along and extended their support!

BUNNINGS BBQ & CAKE STALL

The BBQ and cake stall held on 31st May made a tidy profit $1,530.00. Thanks to the many volunteers who worked so hard to make this such a huge success and to the many families, staff & students who baked biscuits, slices and cakes and the many of you who came down to buy sausages and cakes on the day! This will be an annual event and a great regular fundraiser for the college.

2015 PARENTS & FRIENDS AGM

The AGM will be held on Thursday 25th June at 9am in the Old Science Room. The next newsletter will include the announcement of the newly elected Committee. All Welcome.
Every year the whole school celebrates Book Week by dressing up as their favourite book character. This year, Dress Up Day will be on Friday 21st August. The theme for the week is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. Students are asked to bring a copy of the book that they take their character from. The holidays would be a good time to consider your costume and visit op shops and craft suppliers. More details coming at a later date.

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

Dear Parents

We invite you to take part in this short survey about establishing a Memorial Garden in the College Grounds in honour of Rose Latimer. The survey will be open until Friday July 10th. Please click on the link below to start the survey.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts and ideas with us about this.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KD9B88N

Fleur Tucker
Personal Assistant to the Principal

There is no change to uniform during Term 3. All students will continue to wear their Winter Uniform.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform shop will be CLOSED on the FIRST WEEK of school holidays and only OPEN on the SECOND WEEK of school holidays on Tuesday 7th and Friday 10th July.

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 next day.

RUGBY JUMPERS:

Unfortunately, further delays in the delivery of rugby jumpers has pushed dispatch to end of the month, which coincides with the end of term. Rugby jumpers are progressing and are currently at the embroider for the logo. My sincerest apologies for the inconvenience in this cold weather. Families will be notified when they arrive.

BLACK JUMPERS

Our delivery of college jumpers is on track & scheduled for approximate delivery of 20th July.
STUDENT WELFARE

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg will be presenting an evening for parents and older students wanting to know more about how to manage anxiety and develop greater resilience. This is a very cheap session for the value you will receive. I highly recommend it!

Mrs Fiona Dumitrache

Tackling Anxiety and building Resilience in young people

Presented by Dr Michael Carr-Gregg
7pm to 9pm

Monday July 27th, 2015
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston

Wednesday August 12th, 2015
Our Lady of Sion College
1065 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill

$20 per person (at the door) NO EFTPOS
Secure your place!
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your NAME, Date attending and No. Tickets required.
Collect and pay for tickets on the night.
Enquiries: 0433 616 771

Anxiety in children is a normal part of childhood development. But it's estimated that 8-22% of children experience anxiety more intensely and more often than other children, stopping them from getting the most out of life. In this presentation one of Australia's leading child and adolescent psychologists will discuss what is normal anxiety and what is not, what are the common anxiety disorders and what parents and carers might do to build happy and resilient young people.

Critical Agendas

Dr Michael Carr-Gregg works as a nationally registered child and adolescent psychologist. He is passionate about delivering evidence based psychology workshops and seminars that make a difference to the health and wellbeing of young people. His training and approach incorporates cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (ACT), mindfulness skills and interventions drawn from positive psychology research. He is a founding member of the National Centre Against Bullying and Chairs their Cybersafety Committee. In October 2010 - he was appointed the official advisor to the Queensland government on cybersafety. He is a Director of the The Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre, an Australian Government Initiative administered by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research. Michael Carr-Gregg has extensive experience in the media and is currently a regular on the top rating ‘Sunrise’ program on Channel 7 and on Melbourne radio 3AW and is a frequent contributor to the Australian Print media.

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
**TECH TALK**

In a recent newsletter I wrote about the importance of not allowing children to take Internet-connected devices to their bedroom overnight. The case of Clancy Ellis, who disappeared after being bullied online, drives this point home.

I encourage you to watch and read about the case here: [http://goo.gl/rtLgsW](http://goo.gl/rtLgsW)

There are a number of great points in the clip:
- There is a fine line between trusting teenagers, giving them appropriate freedom, and monitoring what they’re doing.
- Under normal circumstances, don’t hover over your child’s shoulder while they’re online, but keep them in communal areas so that you can be aware if they are having an emotional reaction to what is occurring online.
- We must encourage children and teenagers to speak up when they’re aware that bullying is occurring online. Whether it’s happening to them or to someone they know, they should let a trusted adult know so this unacceptable behaviour can be addressed!
- The article attached to the clip makes reference to the fact that a social media campaign has been launched to send positive messages to Casey Ellis. This is credited as one of the reasons why Casey felt able to make contact with her family. It reminds us that these tools can be used for good as well as evil!

The Internet and Social Media aren’t going anywhere. It’s essential that parents and children are equipped with the necessary skills to engage with them wisely and ethically.

Mr Chris Gatt  
eLearning Coordinator

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**PHOTOGRAPHY IN MEDIA**

In Year 7/8 Media the students learn a range of photography skills. They learn to frame shots, adjust camera settings, and use computer software to edit their images. They then put all these skills together to tell stories through a series of photos.

This semester, one group has chosen to tell a story with an ANZAC theme. Drawing on the symbol of the red poppy, they have produced beautiful images that tell a tragic tale of war and loss.

Here are a few images that demonstrate the quality of their work. Well done, Gabrielle Tucker, Shemara Karunaratne, and Ally Wu, along with all the students in the Media class this semester, for your excellent work!

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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 a student to a local hospital. These costs increase dramatically if the location is more remote in the case of excursions/camps.
Secondary News

SECONDARY MUSIC
What a great semester we’ve had in the Secondary Music Department. This term saw the Year 7s and 8s studying the origins of music, looking at Instruments of the Orchestra and Western Art Music from 1600-today. The Year 9/10 class discovered how to arrange a cover performance. We heard an electro version of ‘See You Again’ by Wiz Khalifa, ‘I Need Your Love’ by Ellie Goulding as an epic ballad, Taylor Swift’s country song ‘Jump Then Fall’ as a pop ballad and Michael Jackson’s ‘The Way You Make Me Feel’ went from being an 80s dance hit, to a beautiful soul vocal piece. The students really displayed their creativity with this assignment!

We finished off the term with a Secondary Winter Music Recital, displaying the talents of our secondary school bands and a number of secondary instrumental students. I’d like to re-congratulate all the students who participated. They worked so hard to prepare their pieces throughout the semester and performed with courage, so brilliantly on the night. I’d also like to thank the parents and staff who assisted on the night to make the event run smoothly. What a great semester we’ve had with both classroom and ensemble Music here at Northside Christian College. I can’t wait to see what Semester Two holds!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC
Dear Parents and Students, I’m sure you’ve all enjoyed your music lessons this term and trust that you’re continuing to work hard, building your skills week by week. By golly, wait to see how good you sound at the end of the year!

Just a few reminders to wrap of the term:

- Term 2 enrolments will roll over into Term 3 unless I receive written notification by the end of this week.
- Notification of lessons and Term 3 invoices will be sent out the first week of the school holidays. Please come prepared to make payment by week 2 of Term 3.

Thankyou all for your patience and diligence with the change over of payment system, with payments now being received at the school office.

If you have any questions or concerns about music lessons, please let me know. I’m reachable by email: edehaan@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Thankyou for supporting our College Music Program!

Miss Elise de Haan
On Friday 5th June, Year 6 students, along with Mrs Mona Assaad (Miriam’s mum), Mrs Veljanovski, Mr Dunstan and Mrs Horneman, headed off on the tram into the city for a day of culture, fun and learning.

The theatre performance at the Arts Centre, Chalk About, was an exploration of identity through drama, dance and movement, and the students responded with interest to the artistic and highly creative production.

In the afternoon, students were taken on a guided tour of the Australian art exhibition at Federation Square, part of the National Gallery of Victoria’s offering of art to the Australian public. A selection of Australian artworks were analysed according to the theme of identity through Australian history.

The teachers were very proud of our students’ behaviour; they represented our school well and were a delight to take to the city for the day! Special thanks to Mrs Assaad for accompanying us on our trip.

Mrs Amy Horneman

On Friday we went to the city to see a performance and look at some art. Our day started with a tram ride and then a quick snack break before we went into the theatre. The play had two people both wearing white tops and black pants. It started with them tracing things onto the stage with chalk. Then they started to call audience members up to trace them. The way they drew my curly hair was quite funny. Then they told us their stories. One of them even told us most of his story speaking a foreign language but we could understand a little bit of what was happening.

Then we had lunch before heading to Degraves Street for coffee and cake. The group I was in had cupcakes and some lollies from a lolly shop. We all had lots of fun together.

Then we went to the art gallery to look at lots of Australian pieces. Some of the ones we looked at were done on paper and then left outside for weeks or even months. A few of them had even been buried.

On the whole the day was a fun and educational experience.

Laura Galati
The following businesses kindly donated to the Trivia Night Silent Auction and we would like to acknowledge their support:

- Best Friends, South Morang
- Bunnings, Thomastown
- Buzy Kids
- Chemist Warehouse, Bundoora
- Degani, Uni Hill
- Elegant Princess Clips
- Good Guys Thomastown
- Hairhouse Warehouse, South Morang
- Home On Earth, Uni Hill
- La Porchetta, Mill Park
- Oz Design, Preston
- Pancake Parlour, Northland
- Party Pantry
- Pauls Butchery, South Morang
- Priceline, Bundoora Square
- Rise & Shine Thomastown
- Roxy Kebabs
- Shuga
- Toy Kingdom, Greenborough
- Vivace Hairdresser, Bundoora
- Woolworths, South Morang
- Wriggle It

Please choose these businesses where possible in appreciation of their support.

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.

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.