NAPLAN Success

I am very pleased to announce that our students performed very well in the recent NAPLAN tests, achieving a group average score above the state average in 96% of the tests. This represents the best NAPLAN results our students have ever achieved.

This excellent result underlines the high expectations that we consistently set all of our students; it reflects the learning-community culture we continue to build, focussed on encouraging every student to achieve their very best.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was introduced in 2008. It provides a national measure of students’ general proficiency in literacy and numeracy. The standout results were achieved in reading, punctuation, grammar and spelling, which were all substantially above the State average at Grade Three, Grade Five and Year Seven level. Numeracy and writing were also substantially above the State average at Year Seven level, with the exception of reading, which was marginally below the State average by 0.7%. The Year Nine results were above the State average in all areas.

The My School website http://www.myschool.edu.au will publish the results soon.

Renaming the College

After much collaboration, consultation and discussion with various groups and individuals that make up our College Community, it has been decided to postpone the renaming of the College for the time being. We will revisit this at some point in the future. I will keep you informed of any developments as they emerge.

Mr Doug Holtam
Principal

Amazing Earn and Learn Update

*Our current total is 11,640 stickers. *Congratulations to Grade 3 for sticking 2,364 stickers onto sheets this week. And you did it so neatly. Thanks guys.

*Stickers are no longer being accepted for 2015.

*We are busy totalling up the last of the stickers - Grand Total to be announced in the next newsletter!
UNIFORM NEWS

A reminder that Term 4 brings a change to Summer uniform. During Term 4 hats must be worn during recess, lunch and on all excursions.

There will be a two week changeover period, where either Winter OR Summer uniform can be worn but by Monday 19th October ALL students are required to be in full and correct Summer uniform.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be opened during the first week of school holidays on Tuesday 22nd September and Thursday 24th September only, and reopen on Tuesday 6th October. Appointments can be made by calling the college on 03 9467 2499.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

P&F Meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month from 9am-10:00am. Meet in the foyer. All Welcome.

Our last Bunnings Cake stall on 22nd September made $725.00, our best effort yet! We would like to acknowledge all the families that have contributed to the cake stalls by providing items to sell. Our success is because of your support. So THANK YOU!

Our next cake stall will be on 10th October 2015. Plates will come home on Tuesday 6th October.

Retrospective Art Show

Prepare for our upcoming Art Show!

Let's celebrate art from our NCC Community: Students, Staff, Parents, and extended family!

Northside Christian College Twilight Open Evening — Art Show held in the Art and Library Foyers

Friday 16th October

ENTRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE FRONT OFFICE!

All Art Show entries need to be registered on THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER between 8:30-9:30am or 3:00-4:00pm, prior to the NCC open evening — Each art entry will need a completed entry form and a $2 entry fee.
WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Just a friendly reminder to all families regarding NCC’s withdrawal policy.

Any families who make the decision to leave Northside Christian College are required to give a minimum of ONE Term’s written notice prior to leaving. If notice is not received in advance the family is liable for the equivalent of ONE Term fees as outlined in the fee payment agreement.

When giving notice, this needs to be addressed to ‘The Principal’ in the form of a written letter or via email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. The letter should be written by the student’s parent or guardian stating the reason for this decision. Parents/Guardians are also requested to make themselves available to meet with a senior member of the College staff to discuss this decision.

Please note that as some of our classes are now at capacity, once a family has withdrawn from the College we are unable to guarantee there will be a position available should their circumstances change or there be a change of heart.

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.

2016 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

If you would like your child to sit the 2016 Academic Scholarship Exam, please collect a form from Reception. The $100 fee is payable by the 19th October and must be accompanied by the documentation outlined on the application. Students in Years 6 to 11 are eligible to apply.

The exam is to be held on Saturday 24th October at the College. Registration is at 9am and the exam begins at 9:15am.

TUTORING PROGRAM

This term, we have started a tutoring program where some of the VCE students tutor primary students for an hour each week. The VCE tutors assist the students with their homework first, followed by an extension to either Mathematics, English or Science. The program has been running smoothly and there is great interaction between the VCE students and the younger primary students as the lessons have been open and engaging, creating a friendly academic atmosphere. It has been a great opportunity for both the VCE students and the primary students to develop new skills; as the primary kids learn and build on their knowledge while the VCE students learn to communicate and develop leadership. It has been a pleasure tutoring the younger students and seeing them improve in their learning through the positive way they approach their work. I hope to see this program continue in the future.

OPEN EVENING

Friday 16th October
4:00-7:00pm

Principal’s Tour
Book Now

Call (03) 9467 2499 or visit WWW.NCC.VIC.EDU.AU for more information or to book a tour
By Michael Grose

Young children are egocentric by nature. As any three-year old knows only too well the world revolves around them. “I want…” “Give me…” “It’s mine!” and other variations are the mantras for this age group. This self-centredness is developmental, which means it’s something they grow out of…or they’re supposed to.

Here are five practical ways to develop a sense of generosity in kids:

1. **Expect kids to help**

   With families shrinking, kids get fewer opportunities to help at home than before. With this in mind expect your kids to help without being paid. Regular chores and activities that benefit others such as setting the meal table or helping a younger sibling get dressed teaches them that their contribution is valuable and very much required.

2. **Think ‘gang’**

   It’s a quirk of modern life that parenting is an individual endeavour. “What’s in the best interest of my child?” has replaced “What’s in the best interest of the family?” as a key parenting principle. Encourage children to make allowances for each other which may mean everyone watches a sibling’s special concert rather than some children missing it because ‘it’s boring!’ ‘We put ourselves out for each other’ is a wonderful family strength that often needs to be reinforced by parents.

3. **Don’t let them get away with meanness**

   Children wear L-Plates when it comes to behaving generously. They don’t always get it right, which means that parents as the wise adults need to remind children when their words and actions are intolerant or mean-spirited, or when they need to put their own needs behind the needs of others.

4. **Develop a sense of other**

   Children and teenagers don’t live in a bubble. The socialisation process demands that kids be accountable for their poor behaviours. “What does this social situation reasonably require of my child at his or her age and stage of development?” is a great question to ask yourself to develop a sense of other, rather than entitlement in kids.

5. **Encourage giving**

   During the Victorian bushfires a few years ago I heard the story of a nine-year-old whose mum went into his bedroom to growl at him for being up too late. She found him busy emptying his moneybox into little plastic bags, ready to donate at the school bushfire appeal next day. There were plenty of stories like this showing the generosity of Australian kids, we just need to encourage them in everyday life, rather than wait for a tragedy, to give their generosity a kick start. You can begin by encouraging them to give toys, books and clothes away when they have finished with them, or doing a good deed by a neighbour or friend.

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**LATEST ISSUE OF PARENTING IDEAS MAGAZINE**

**Hurry sickness**

When every hour is rush hour – ‘hurry sickness’ and its impact on families. Helping our kids to learn better is crucial. How effectively we learn depends on a number of factors. Dr Jenny Brockis highlights 8 ways parents can help our kids be ready and effective learners.

**Take off the shoes**

Maggie Dent looks at how allowing children endless opportunities to walk and run barefoot, and move freely in our world, will also create healthy brains which can function at more optimum levels.

**Letter by letter – G**

Girls, Guilt and Grit – our quick tips parenting guide has these topics covered.

**Rites of passage**

The teenage years can offer challenges for boys and fathers as they struggle to connect. Malcolm Dix reflects on the importance of a Rite of Passage experience with his teenage son and how it offered an opportunity for strengthening their bond now and into the future.

**No body’s perfect!**

Sharon Witt looks at how we can help our girls develop a positive body image. It’s easier than ever to access the latest issue of Parenting Ideas Magazine — simply go to the following link:

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

Great Big little things

It’s often the little things that make the biggest impact. Little things can make a great big difference and change someone’s day.

How are you going with this months’ little thing? Has someone done a little thing for you that has made a Great Big difference?
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.

CSSN PRIMARY ATHLETICS

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Go NCC!
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This term in Science, we are learning the basics of Chemistry. We started off by memorising the instruments found inside a science lab. Next, our teacher taught us the rules when conducting a science experiment. Things like tying your hair back were vital as it could ignite.

After practising these rules, we learnt how to use a Bunsen Burner. We don't think anyone in our class has ever been so enthusiastic to learn something! It was exciting to see the difference between a cold flame and a blue flame. The blue flame looked invisible when it was actually there.

We continued to do more experiments with the Bunsen Burner and had a test to see if we could light it correctly. Fortunately, we all passed.

Recently, we regulated how the temperature of water changes over time when heated over a blue flame. It reached boiling point after six or seven minutes. After noting the temperature change, we remeasured the amount of liquid and realised it had gone down by 25mL! The heat had evaporated the water!

Overall, this term of Science has been really exciting. All the experiments have been a lot of fun. We can't wait to see what else we'll be learning in Science!

Belinda and Shemara, Yr 7

The Hip-Hop dancing was fun as! It was so much fun to learn a different type of dance. It was enjoyable, fun and awesome.

Daniela Gonzalez & Martika Phemister, Year 7
### NCC Extra-Curricula Activities

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### STUDENT ABSENCES

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.
Last Wednesday the Outdoor Ed class, and a couple of VCAL students, embarked on a camp to the Otway’s, along the Great Ocean Road, from Wednesday to Friday. Over the course of three days the group as a whole participated in both hiking and fishing activities, exploring and enjoying the estuary campsite and the coastline situated only a kilometre away. God had blessed us with good weather for the majority of the trip, as it tended to rain only after our goals were achieved for the day! The Outdoor Ed trip was not only jam-packed with laughs and good times with friends, but also offered breath-taking experiences for all when hiking along the sandy beaches and heathland ranges, watching the waves crash into rocky cliffs and shoreline from a distance. These experiences were educational, with Mr Leslie explaining to us the importance of the coastal environment and the ways in which humans impact this part of nature. The views were amazing, the experiences were unforgettable and the food was better than usual, so I can’t complain. Thank you to Mr Leslie and Mrs Venegas, as well as Mr Eynaud, for making this trip possible!

Brett Davidson Yr 10
The Year Nine’s have spent the past week at the Breakaway Campsite in Taggerty, on their Community Challenge Camp. They did well to survive the cold nights sleeping out in tents and completed a variety of work around the property. One of the tasks on this camp was to build a gate. The students had supervision from the neighbouring calves who came to check out the situation.

Thank you to Mr Leslie, Mrs Fishwick, Mrs Venegas and Paul Coleman for all their hard work to make this a fun and memorable experience for the students.
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/

On October 7th Mrs Eynaud, Ms Connelly and I will be taking Secondary Music and Drama students to go and see ‘The Lion King’ musical at the Regent Theatre, Melbourne.

Year 8 students can pay for their subsidised ticket at the Accounts Office - $33.50.

All other Secondary Music and Drama students can pay for their full price tickets at the Accounts Office - $65.00

This full price is still a great bargain as these seats would usually cost approximately $100.

We also have room for another 2 adults, so if you’re a parent of a Secondary Music or Drama student and would like to come along, you are more than welcome to purchase one of the full price tickets for $65.00 at the Accounts Office.

Excursion forms for each attending student also need to be handed in to Miss de Haan ASAP.

This is going to be a great opportunity to hear wonderful music, and experience fabulous acting and amazing stage and puppet design.

We only have a limited number of tickets available so get in fast to avoid disappointment!

Miss Elise de Haan

Dear Instrumental Parents,

Please remember that enrolment in music lessons will roll over into Term 4 automatically. If your child needs to cease lessons in Term 4 for any reasons, 4 weeks notice is required — which means I will need written notice by the end of next week so as to avoid any extra fees.

Also, please remember that should your child be away long term for any reason, this also requires prior notice so that our teachers can plan accordingly.

We still have places for Vocal, Piano, Guitar and Drum students to begin lessons in Term 4 so if you haven’t done so already, please collect an Instrumental Enrolment Form from the Front Office and we’ll get the ball rolling.

Happy Music Making!

Miss Elise de Haan

Are you ex Navy, Army or Air Force?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2016, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on 03 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On Victoria assists Secondary Students in Year 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions, etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education, a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 29th October 2015.
CONCERNS have been raised regarding
the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward
item due to the inclusion of four button
batteries that can be accessed by
unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst
this reward has been independently
tested and deemed to meet relevant
product standards the Commonwealth
Bank have made the decision to
proactively withdraw this item from the
School Banking Rewards Program.
Parents/Guardians are requested to
dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam
Torches’ their child may have already
received as part of the Rewards
Program. Students who have previously
received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’
are welcome to redeem an alternative
reward item.

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.

WANTED: BEADS, BUTTONS & BREAD TIES!

This semester, students will be involved in producing a decorative art installation,
incorporating assorted reusable and recyclable materials.
We would greatly appreciate your help by collecting assorted beads (from old/broken
jewellery), buttons and plastic bread ties, and sending them to the Art Room this
term.
Thank you!

Mrs Veljanovski (Primary Art)

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 -

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 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.