You may have noticed that this year we have a new logo; our tagline has also changed. As we enter a new season in the life of the College, it is appropriate that we refresh and give new meaning to the symbols and images that have served us so well for so long.

The new logo features an ascending dove which is partially outside the circle to symbolise freedom and our God given mandate to reach out to those around us, in faith, empowered by God’s love. The open circle has a brush-stroke look, to emphasise the personal touch of God upon His creation. The circle speaks of Christian Community and inclusion.

The new logo also features a triangle and flames representing the Trinity and the Holy Spirit’s work in empowering us to live and speak the ‘Good News’ of the gospel. The name flows out of the circle, emphasising faith, vision and growth.

The tagline, “Transforming Lives Through Christ and the Wonder of Learning” is the College Mission Statement; Christ is central to all we strive to achieve in providing Christian Education, where relationship with God and the joy and wonder of finding Him through learning about His creation, is encouraged and cherished.

You will see the new logo appearing on signage, stationery and on College publications. Parents will be happy to learn that the uniform carrying the previous logo can still be worn with no changes. There is no “phasing out” period planned. However, all new uniform items will feature the new logo.

I hope that you like the new logo; it represents a new season in the life of the College, a season of increase and growth for us all.

- Mr Doug Holtam
Principal

Diary Dates

11 March
School Photos

14 March
Labour Day - Public Holiday

19 March
Open Day (10:00am-1:00pm)

24 March
Principal’s Tour

Thursday 24 March
Last day of Term 1
(Students finish at 2.30pm)

Mon 11 April
Student Free Day - Teacher Planning

Tues 12 April
Student Free Day - Teacher Planning

Wed 13 April
Term 2 Begins

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This year at Northside I have had an awesome start to the year. After getting invited to the G.A.T.E.W.A.Y.S science program at Mill Park Heights Primary school I finally found out what quarks are made of. In the INSPiRE program, Mr Galati has been teaching us different problems and how to solve them. In our spare time, Isabelle and I have been researching for the Science Talent Search. Learning is awesome!

- Aaron Evans, Year 6

I have been a part of the INSPIRE Maths program and it's been really helpful. Mr Galati gave us some maths problems and taught us systematic ways we can tackle them. We have been working on a number of things including magic squares and problem solving. It's been really fun and interesting.

- Shemara Karunaratne, Year 8

The Seeds of Life Garden is in full swing.... tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant, silverbeet, onions, rhubarb and herbs are being harvested. Some of the larger zucchini (one weighed 3.7 kg!) have been made into Zucchini Relish which is excellent with meat, on burgers, on canapés, etc.

Find the relish or other fresh items either at Reception or upon request from the Home Eco room. Primaries will be putting in the winter veggies soon and the seven new hens are starting to lay small eggs. Stay tuned for more goodies for sale from Seeds of Life!
**STUDENT WELFARE**

**Motivation**

All of us have different levels of motivation. When your child is one of those with less motivation it can be a source of frustration, worry, powerlessness and also fear. These feelings then prompt behaviours within ourselves that can create even more resistance within our child.

Instead, remember that self-motivation is exactly that. You know your child the best so work out what it is that inspires him or her the most. Endeavouring to control will not bring about an internal motivation. So stand back far enough for him/her to make some of these decisions for himself/herself, ask yourself what motivates him/her, and get alongside him/her and find out what the stumbling blocks to his/her motivation is. Then you can try to flip this into a stepping stone. For example, “I can see you quickly get onto your English but Math is often left until the last minute.”

To be understood and given stepping stones is a far better way to promote motivation than to see a lack and fight and push until they complete a task.

If you would like to read more, please see the following article.

http://www.parents.com/kids/development/behavioral/motivate-your-kids/

- Mrs Dumitrache
  Student Welfare Officer

**GARAGE SALE**

Mrs Waters is hosting a garage sale in support of the 2016 Operation Christmas Child Program and 2017 Missions Trip during the school holidays.

She is looking for good, clean, saleable items - preferably not clothing items but household, books, children's toys, furniture, tools, etc.

Items can be left in the Home Economics Room prior to the end of the Term. (no tv's or computer screens, please).

For any inquiries, please send them to; lwaters@ncc.vic.edu.au or see Mrs Waters on campus.

**COLLEGE BANKING**

School Banking occurs every Friday. It is a great way to teach and encourage Primary School children to save.

If your child has an existing Dollarmite account with CBA, they can bring their money/deposit book along on Fridays and we will set them up.

**MISSING BLAZER**

A student's blazer has gone missing.

Parents, please check your child's blazer to make sure it belongs to them.

A reminder to label all school clothing items.

Thank you.

**PARENTS & FRIENDS**

Parents & Friends next meet on Monday 18 April from 9.00-10.00am. Venue to be confirmed, so meet in the foyer. All welcome. Any queries; email nccparentsandfriends@gmail.com.au.

BAKERS DELIGHT Bundoora are again partnering with Northside and we are fundraising delicious Hot Cross Buns. Orders must be in by Friday 18/03/2016. An order form has been included with this newsletter.

- Ms Karkaloutsos
  P & F President
2016 STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL
Congratulations to the SRC Team

Amelia Ryan
Year 7

Luana Siqueria
Year 7

Shemara Karunaratne
Year 8

Laura Galati
Year 8

Alex Houareau
Year 10

Aimee Nathan
Year 10

Monique Naumovski
Year 11

Rueben Cohn
Year 11

TOFFEE THE COW

Meet Toffee the Cow.

Part of the 2015 Picasso Cows Program - where students discovered the health and nutritional benefits of dairy foods, and were involved in decorating John McLean’s Toffee for a chance to win cash and prizes.

Toffee has now been selected to be a part of the 2016 Melbourne Food and Wine festival and will join Urban Dairy at Queensbridge Square, Southbank.

For more information about the event, please visit; www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au
Year 9 at Northside is a Year of Challenge for the students. We want our students to be deeply engaged with learning and motivated to explore, discover and grow – academically, socially, physically and spiritually. The Challenge program has been designed to develop students in all of these areas. Curriculum is linked to activities outside the classroom and students’ in-class learning is strengthened by their Challenge experiences. Year 9’s face the challenge of moving from childhood to young adulthood and dealing with their studies and their relationships in a more adult manner. It is also a time when many students find the restrictions of normal classroom life very difficult. We extend and support them through this time by engaging them in a series of challenges outside the classroom.

Year 9’s take part in several programs throughout the year, including City, Community, Coastal and Cultural Challenges. They experience activities such as surfing, snorkelling, kayaking, and they also spend six days using the city as a classroom. These activities lead to a growth in self-esteem; new knowledge about themselves and their class-mates, and a greater confidence in their ability to deal with new and challenging experiences. The program also gives opportunities for achievement and leadership to students who don’t necessarily excel in a conventional classroom.

- Ms Westland
Head of Middle School
**CHURCH CAR PARK**

If you are dropping off your child and leaving again please use the designated school drop off zone. Parents, please note that the car parking area close to Encompass Church, marked in YELLOW, is out of bounds for Northside families, visitors and staff.

College parents are asked NOT TO PARK OR DROP STUDENTS OFF IN THESE SPACES. Even if you attend Encompass Church, you are not permitted to park in the yellow lines.

This has been a problem when the church is holding an event or hosting visitors during the week and their reserved car parks are not available because school parents have parked there. If the staff member on car park duty sees you park or drop off students in the church spaces they will approach you and ask you to move your car.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**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 2017 and 2018 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 Reception.

**YEAR 3 - 12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Congratulations to the **COURAGEOUS CONQUERORS** for winning the 2016 Northside Swimming Carnival!

Thank you to Mr Eynaud for the photos!
NEW HOUSE T-SHIRTS

We have officially launched our new House program and all students should now have received their House t-shirt.

The three teams are:
- Courageous Conquerors (Amber)
- Noble Knights (Amethyst)
- Worthy Warriors (Emerald)

The swimming carnival was the first opportunity for the students to wear their t-shirts with pride.

PARENT CLASSROOM HELPERS

All parents who would like to assist in the classroom, help with swimming or accompany your child on an excursion you will need a valid Working With Children's Check. You can apply for a Working With Children Check online, and when you have been accepted you must add Northside Christian College to the list of workplaces where you are volunteering.

It is free to apply for as a volunteer. Please present your card to Reception or the receipt for your application.

You are prohibited from volunteering at the College without a current Working With Children Check.

HATS - BE SUN SMART

Please ensure your child has their Northside summer hat for Term One. We have a “No Hat, No Play” policy, which means that students without a hat need to stay under the shade cloth area outside the staff room during recess and lunchtime.

House Points Standings

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There are still plenty more opportunities for students to earn points for their House. Stay tuned!
**COLLEGE VISITORS**

Please note that all visitors to the College are required to report to Reception upon arrival.

**PARENT PARTICIPATION CARDS**

Parents who are completing activities that count towards their Parent Participation can now record this in the booklets outside the Accounts Office.

Please remember that if your work is not recorded we cannot credit this fee back to you. Parents are required to participate for 5 hours each Term to qualify for this reimbursement.

There are many and a great variety of tasks available. We will have some work to be done in preparation for Open Day, in the first two weeks of March.

If you are unsure of how you can help or have not completed 5 hours, please contact Reception before the end of each Term to find out about available opportunities.

**MEMORY VERSE**

And now these three things remain: faith, hope and love but the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13:3

*Photos courtesy of Mr Eynaud*
LUNCHTIME BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP

All Secondary students are invited to join the Bible Discussion Group on Tuesdays at lunchtime in the Middle School Building. Bring your lunch.

Aalsmeer Florist

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

LIBRARY LESSONS

Due to the renovations that have occurred during the school holidays, Library lessons will not take place in Term One. Library will start again in Term Two.

If your child does not have a library bag at school, please send one in before the end of term. Your child can bring a library bag of their choice. Please ensure it is clearly labelled with their name.
The Northside Christian College instrumental programme is seeking expressions of interest so as to expand the instruments which are offered for students to learn in 2016. The College would like to provide these new opportunities from Term 2 onwards (numbers permitting).

Please get in touch with us at music@ncc.vic.edu.au and tell us which of the below instruments you would like your child to learn at NCC. Please send your response as quick as possible to allow us time to implement these new opportunities for the start of Term 2. Please note that these instruments can only be offered if numbers of enrolments are sufficient.

Please specify which instrument and the age or ability level of the child learning. If the instrument you would like is not listed here please let us know what it is in your response.

**Instruments:**

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**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

This term there are a number of extracurricular activities available to students.

Forms can be collected from Reception and need to be returned to Mrs Horneman.

**Percussion Ensemble:**

Monday lunchtime in the Music Room with Mr Horneman. Free of charge. Available to students Yrs 2-12.

**Primary Choir:**

Thursday lunchtimes in the Music Room with Mrs Horneman. Free of charge. Available to students Yrs 2-6.

**Hip-hop Dance Classes:**

Thursday 3.45-4.30pm in the gym with Jordan Holtam (professional dance instructor). $10/class (term paid in advance). Available to students Yrs P-12.

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**TECHNOLOGY NEWS**

Over the 2015-2016 Christmas holidays NCC have invested heavily in a refresh of much of the technology used in the College. These include:

- Multiple trolleys of new laptops for student use during class
- New technology room with fast desktops
- New wireless network which has 10x the capacity of the previous one
- New wired network which has more than 10x the capacity of the previous one
- New internet filter which is much faster and has better protection for students surfing the web.

Soon the College will be upgrading to a fibre internet connection which will be much faster, along with more improvements coming!

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PREP - YEAR 2 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A reminder that the Prep-Year 2 Swimming Carnival is coming up on Thursday 24 March.

As you can see, the Preps are excited about the swimming carnival and have been enjoying their weekly swimming lessons.

- Mrs Tucci
Prep Teacher

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS DAY

The Year 6s and the Year 5 leaders had the amazing privilege to go to the Halogen Foundation, National Young Leaders Day. The first speaker was Nathan 'Dubsy' Want. He encouraged us to ‘master the little’ so then you can achieve great things.

Next up was Dylan Parker. Did you know he was the inspiration for the movie Paper Planes? The main message of his speech was, if it doesn’t seem like you can do something try, try again.

Harry Baker, the International Slam Poetry Champion, dazzled us with his poems. His one-liner was 'Just because it's proven, doesn't mean it's true' - very philosophical.

The last speaker was Kate Austen. She is the founding member of an organisation called Pinchapoo. An organisation that provides toiletries for homeless people, refugee camps, shelters and prisons.

Overall it was a very inspiring day. We came back and put all our ‘one-liners’ on a wall in our classroom.

By Itunu and Richie, Year 6
POP ART TOY ROBOTS!

The Year 1/2 classes constructed toy robots, inspired by Andy Warhol’s “Moon Explorer” print. They practised cutting, joining, gluing and folding paper, as well as coiling with wire to create interesting features.

Students learned how Andy and his friends were part of an exhibition titled “The American Supermarket”. The Year 1/2 students enjoyed using everyday packaging, such as LIPTON TEA, EXPRESSI, VITA WHEAT, plastic milk bottle tops, etc. to design their own Pop Art style robots.

YEAR 12 OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP

- Mrs Veljanovski
Primary Visual Arts

- Mr Leslie
P.E. & Outdoor Education
PRIMARY ASSEMBLY

Thank you to Mrs Komninoglou for the photos!
Social skills for children

By Michael Grose

Here are 7 important social skills to help children to develop:

1. Ask for what you want
Help children ask for what they want. It means they don't throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what's on their minds. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

2. Good manners
Teach kids good manners, in particular the three ‘power words’. These words are very persuasive because they have a way of breaking down barriers and people's defences. These three words are: your name; please; thanks. These terms are the basis of good manners, and, when used, will increase the likelihood of getting what you want.

3. Sharing
Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people's feelings.

4. Holding a conversation
Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

5. Winning and losing well
Kids need to learn to win without rubbing others noses in it, and lose gracefully without throwing tantrums and making excuses. Wanting to win is natural, but they need to do so in a way that they maintain a relationship with other players so they will play again. Losing may make kids feel bad, but kids need to control their negative feelings so that others will play with them again.

6. Approaching and joining a group
The ability to approach strangers in social situations is valuable skill that opens up many doors, both friendship-wise and business-wise. These skills can be learned and practised during childhood, so that it becomes second nature in adulthood.

7. Handling fights and disagreements
Disagreements happen in families and among friends. The key is to make sure disagreements don't lead to the breakdown of friendships. It's important to get across to kids that having an argument or disagreement doesn't mean that a friendship is over. Strong friendships, like strong family relationships, withstand disagreements. In fact, they only serve to strengthen friendships.
Dear Parents

Before School Care

I hope you have had a smooth and calm return to school in 2016. As you would have noticed, there have been many exciting changes to the College grounds and programs over the Christmas holidays. One such change is the addition of Before School Care, run by Camp Australia. Many families have registered for the service.

The College leadership listened to families at our Parent Forums who expressed the need for a morning child-care service and have been very happy to add it to the support we provide to College families.

Before School Care is a safe and caring environment for our students. Breakfast is provided for students by Camp Australia as part of the cost of care. Misha is the Camp Australia staff member who runs the program here. If you would like to meet her before using the service, please enquire at Reception.

Student safety and wellbeing is our priority concern, and, as Staff are not able to supervise students in the playground or in classrooms before 8.15am we need to ensure that alternative arrangements are put in place for children who arrive prior to 8.15am.

Now that Before School Care has begun, we ask that every Primary child who is brought to school before 8.15am be taken directly to Before School Care in the Primary Hive (formerly the Primary Multi-Purpose Room). Secondary students are not to supervise Primary siblings in the school grounds before 8.15am. Any unsupervised Primary students at the College in the morning will be taken to Before School Care and parents will be billed directly by Camp Australia. After School Care will continue unchanged in 2016.

As we continue to increase in many ways across 2016, we ask that you support us in providing the best and safest possible learning environment for your child/ren. This includes registering with Camp Australia – add link – and using their service if you need to bring your child/ren to school early.

Yours sincerely

Doug Holtam
Principal
Easter this year is at the beginning of the school holidays and Bakers Delight is offering Northside Christian College a fundraising opportunity.

Bakers Delight is offering Northside Christian College a fundraising opportunity. They will donate $94 for every 20 dozen Hot Cross Buns we purchase. Orders (with payment) must be received in the Accounts Office by Friday 18 March 2016.

Orders will not be accepted after this date.

Orders will be delivered to the school on Tuesday 22 March 2016.

Bakers Delight will deliver the Hot Cross Buns to us on Tuesday 22 March 2016. Just in time for Easter.

At Bakers Delight they pride themselves in maintaining the highest possible standard by using only quality ingredients. Bakers Delight Traditional Hot Cross Buns are packed with sultanas, currants and spices and no added peel, making them delicious and a traditional favourite with everybody.

Plus, this year they are once again baking their mouth-watering Choc Chip and Mocha Hot Cross Buns.

So let’s make this a major fund raiser for us!

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2016 Northside Christian College - Easter Fundraising Opportunity
Register at

10am - 1pm
Saturday 19th March

OPEN DAY

Christ and the Wonder of Learning
Transforming Lives Together
Northside Christian College