

NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

# THE VINE



NEWSLETTER







# '...prompted by love'

Doug Holtam  
Principal

In the opening address of his first letter to the Church at Thessalonica, Paul writes: 'We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.' (1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3)

I feel this could have been written to our staff as an exhortation of the amazing work that they do every day in response to their God given calling, summed up in our Mission Statement: 'Transforming lives through Christ and the wonder of learning'. Our staff are a very gifted and hardworking team of dedicated professionals and I am truly blessed to lead such an amazing group of people.

The key words in Paul's exhortation text are faith, hope and love. These represent the College's central eternal core values, taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

It is our love of God, others and our calling that motivates us. In their book 'The Leadership Challenge' Kouzes & Posner state: 'Of all the things that sustain a leader over time, love is the most lasting'. It's hard to imagine our teachers getting up day after day, putting in the long hours and hard work it takes to get extraordinary things done, without having their hearts in it.

Working in partnership with families and God in His great plan to redeem society and empower human beings to work as agents of positive change in community, is a very exciting calling. In our students we see with 'future-eyes', the potential leaders and reformers of our society, and seek to ensure, through excellent Christian education, that they are free and empowered to use their gifts, talents and creativity to shape the world through His power and strength.

The College's second tier of core values - grace, community and service - are our focus through Term 2. As we learn more about these values and their importance in our lives and to our society, we will all be more equipped to build God's Kingdom and our school.

Here's looking forward to another wonderful term of life and progress as we move forward together in unity.





## Dairy Dates

Fri 22 April  
Parents & Friends Hot Food Day

Mon 25 April  
Public Holiday

Tues 29 April  
House Day

Tues 3 May  
Principal's Tour

World Kids Colouring Day

Fri 6 May  
Mother's Day Morning Tea

Tracky Dack Day

## Term Dates

- Term 2 13 April - 24 June
- Term 3 13 July - 16 September
- Term 4 4 October - 7 December



# NOTICES

### WHOLE SCHOOL TRACKY DACK DAY

The SRCs will be raising money for TLC for Kids (Supporting Sick children across Australia). If you would like more information, head to: [www.trackydackday.com.au](http://www.trackydackday.com.au)

Gold coin donations will be collected.

### COPING WITH STRESS OF VCE

April 27th, 7-9pm  
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre  
\$20 per person

Come along to this seminar to learn about the positive elements of stress in academic performance as well as the risks of anxiety. Jules Haddock will teach you strategies on how to manage your stress levels and the importance of self-care.

Secure your place but emailing [rick@criticalagendas.com.au](mailto:rick@criticalagendas.com.au) with your name, the venue and number of tickets required.  
For any further inquiries: 0433 616 771

### AALSMEER FLORIST

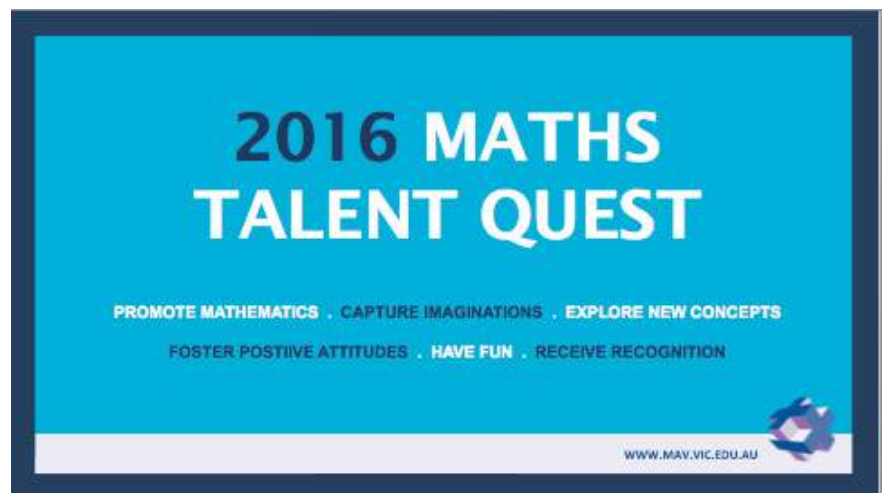
Aalsmeer Florist has offered to donate a floral arrangement to the College once a month. It will be in the foyer. Next time you're in reception, take the time to stop and admire the beautiful arrangements. Aalsmeer has been the College "florist of choice" for many, many years.

If you need to send flowers why not visit their website: [www.bundooraflorist.com.au](http://www.bundooraflorist.com.au)





Entries for the Science Talent Search are being finalised this week and participants are proud to announce that their projects will be on display on the INSPiRE wall in Reception from Week 3 this term. The students have worked incredibly hard and have produced some outstanding work. Those who have met criteria for the competition will be awarded an INSPiRE 'criteria medal' at a special awards assembly. Details will be published soon. Well done, young NCC scientists!



#### Maths Talent Quest:

While our budding scientists are busy finalising their entries for the Science Talent Search, our mathematicians are invited to join the Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) put on each year by the Mathematical Association of Victoria.

Further information can be found at <http://www.mav.vic.edu.au> under 'Activities'. If your child is interested in participating, please sign and return the MTQ information note to Mrs Horneman and the weekly mentoring sessions will begin!

Amy Horneman

## House Team Points!



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# Chappy Chat

## TWO EARS, ONE MOUTH

Back when I was at school, learning my abc's and my times tables, I was pretty smart. I was able to call out the answers better than anyone. But of course, calling out without raising my hand meant that I got in trouble rather than getting commended. I remember my 4/5 teacher, Mrs Stanfield, giving me the best advice, "You have two ears and one mouth, talk less, listen more."

Although not very restorative, I valued her advice fully, however, sometimes I still need to be reminded of this. Especially when it comes to God. I need to remember that when I speak to God, in prayer, in my daily life, I should spend twice as much time listening as I do speaking. My encouragement to us all is to do just that. Simply, speak to God, praise Him, thank Him, petition Him and then listen for His response.

Jared Stocks

# Clean Up Australia Day

On Friday the 18th of March, the Northside Christian College Primary School Students joined the Clean Up Australia Team and cleaned up! We learnt that more than 100,000 sea creatures and over 1,000,000 sea birds die each year from ocean pollution, so to protect God's creation we picked up rubbish to stop it washing away to the ocean.

We worked hard and collected 2 mini bags full of recycling and 4 mini bags full of landfill. We had a lot of fun and hope as we put more rubbish in the right place there is less rubbish in and around our school.

John Longley



# Tree of Life



“This is the TREE OF LIFE! We got some inspiration from Stephan Wanger (New Orleans Environmental Artist) and his beautiful and sustainable crafted pieces of artwork. It was sustainable because he used old beads and jewellery and so we did the same and asked the school to donate old beads and jewellery. We also used a colour scheme from purple to silver. Some of us came in at lunchtime to finish it and Kailee was the project manager.”

Written by Kailee, Jayde, Madison, Rachael and Anelyse.  
(Year 4/5)

## WANTED: Old CD's & Vinyls



Please donate any old vinyls and CD's to the Art room for our upcoming Artist in Residence Project. The CD's and vinyls will be decorated by students, staff and parents to create a spectacular installation for our school building. A box will be located near the front office for CD and Vinyl collections.

Also, thank you for all the bread ties! Yes...we still need more, so please keep collecting them!

Antonietta Veljanovski



# Hip Hop Classes

Hip hop dance classes have started back again this term!

Jordan Holtam is running classes on Tuesday afternoons (please note the change in day) for all students from P-Yr 12. In Term 2, classes will be split into:

**Beginner (no or minimal previous experience): Tuesdays 3.45-4.30pm**

**Intermediate (some previous experience): Tuesdays 4.45-5.30pm**

Classes are held in the gym and are **\$10/session**, payable in advance for the full term.



# Peter Pan Jr. Auditions



Auditions being held on April 27 - 29 from 4-5pm.

Please sign up in the music room - **no impromptu auditions**

If you would like more information about the musical, rehearsal times or auditions please see Mrs Eynoud.



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