In this year of INCREASE, our major theme for 2016 - we have introduced many new programs and initiatives to engage, challenge and extend the learning of our students. Over the next few weeks we will be showcasing some of the new programs in the College Newsletter. This week’s focus is INSPIRE, a talent development program led by Mrs Amy Horneman.

Doug Holtam

Science Talent Search entries displayed on the Inspire wall in the foyer.
In Genesis in the Bible, God said He made man in His own image, “reflecting His nature”. God formed him out of the dust and then breathed His own breath of life into him. Fast forward some thousands of years, and Jesus was speaking to His disciples about why God made us in the first place. He said, “I am the light of the world,” and then a bit later He said, “You are the light of the world.”

So what does it mean for us to be “the light of the world”? The INSPiRE program has been conceptualised and developed in response to this question. The program is a talent development program, or in other words, a program that exists to develop and release the talent our students have been given by God to reflect His nature and to be light in our world.

The program has been developed around the idea that students need to be given strategic input and opportunities to develop their talents. This includes, in 2016, the following facets:

**Specialised classes:** INSPiRE Maths classes are run by Dr John Galati for high achievers in Maths across Years 3-9.

**Mentoring:** All students completing VCE/VCAL subjects are mentored one on one to help them achieve their best academically.

**Academic competitions:** Science Talent Search (check out the INSPiRE display wall in Reception for some incredibly inspiring work!) and Maths Talent Quest have been offered in Semester 1. Next semester will focus on collaborative creative writing projects.

**Passion Projects:** in Semester 2 selected students will be given the opportunity to run their own project in an area they are passionate about.

The program will be expanding in 2017 with many more exciting opportunities offered to our students. It is exciting to work with our students in helping them to realise their God-given potential to reflect His nature and to make our world a better place.

Amy Horneman
NOTICES

CAR PARK SAFETY
Please follow the guidelines below, designed to ensure that students, drivers and pedestrians remain safe in the car park.

- The car parking spaces near the oval are “reverse in” only.

- Do not drive on the new basketball court.

- The new car parking spaces are for lower primary parents who want to park their car and collect their child from the classroom.

- The Western Gate is EXIT ONLY, do not enter through this gate to access the main car park by driving behind the Church building.

- The main car park will still operate as a drop off/pick up zone. Alternatively, parents are able to park their car in the main car park and walk through the College grounds to their child/rens’ classroom to collect them.

APPEAL FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child again this year. Please take note of what we need each week:

Weeks 6 & 7: Toys (eg. cars/trucks/boats, balls, blocks/lego, dolls/puppets)

Weeks 8 & 9: Hygiene products (eg. face washers, soaps, combs, brushes-teeth & hair)

Weeks 10 & 11: Clothing (eg. hats/caps/beanies, socks, scarves)

LOST PROPERTY
The lost property basket is being inundated with lost lunch boxes and containers! Please remember to label your containers and to check that your child’s lunch box has come home. Unlabelled containers are washed and then donated if not claimed, and rotten containers are binned.

If a uniform or other item cannot be found in your child’s bag, classroom or the lost property basket, please check with their Classroom Teacher.

Term Dates
Term 2
13 April - 24 June

Term 3
13 July - 16 September

Term 4
4 October - 7 December

Diary Dates
Thur 26 May
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Fri 27 May
Principal’s Tour

Wed 1 June-Fri 3 June
Year 5/6 Camp
VCE Outdoor Ed Camp

Thurs 2 June
Yr 3/4 Sleepover

Tue 7 June
GAT Exam
LOST AND FOUND

Have you ever lost something? I’m sure you have. In fact, I would only need to come to your house and look between the couch cushions, behind the desk in the office, or under the bed and I’m sure I would discover many lost treasures. We all lose things, it’s a fact of life, and of course…. death.

Last week I lost my bracelet. I looked everywhere, I retraced my steps and even emailed all the staff to ask them to keep a look out for it as I wanted it back. I was worried that I may have lost it when my arm was resting on the car window driving to work, or at the petrol station, or even that it might have been eaten by a crow. I was sure it was gone forever. I was very sad.

Was it worth much? No not really (maybe a little bit), but it was a special gift from my previous pastors in Tasmania, so it had some sentimental value. Luckily, Mr Waters discovered it in the playground and now I have been reunited with it, my search is over.

As always, I asked myself, what is the lesson in this? My prized possession was lost, it was of little material value, but valuable non-the-less. I looked everywhere for it and wasn’t going to rest easy until I knew where it was. I then felt this questions come to mind: “If I cared so much about a $75 bracelet, how must God feel about his lost people? How must he feel about those that even the world wouldn’t consider valuable?”

Three Parables come to mind, the parable of the lost sheep (Luke 15:1-7), the parable of the lost coin (Luke 15:8-10) and the parable of the lost son (Luke 15:11-32). In all these stories, as in my own story, the searcher rejoices at finding their “lost” item. How much MORE does our heavenly Father rejoice when we who are lost, are found by or returned to Him. If only we knew how truly valuable we are to Him.

Jared Stocks

P&F Bunnings BBQ

NCC Parents & Friends will be running a Bunnings BBQ and Cake Stall on Saturday 28/05/2016.

We are seeking help with cakes, slice or biscuits and we will send home a disposal plate, bag and label on Monday 23/05/2016 with a note seeking volunteers to help out with the stalls at Bunnings, Thomastown on the day.

As part of the food regulations all food items must list all ingredients, be homemade and not contain nuts, cream, cheese or any other ingredients requiring refrigeration.

Items must be returned to the foyer on Thursday 26th or Friday 27th May.

This can count towards your Parent Participation, if you are interested in volunteering, please email: nccparentsandfriends@gmail.com

Liz Karkaloutsos
Tracky Dack Day

Last Friday, the SRC organised a casual clothes day raising $218.10 for TLC for Kids.

Students and staff were asked to wear tracksuit pants ('trackies') as an act of solidarity with hospitalised children, who are encouraged to change into trackies to lift their mood and create a more normal day-to-day routine.

Thank you to all who donated.

A most enjoyable day for all!
Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Thursday 26/05/2016 at Degani, Uni Hill from 9am. As well as enjoying the atmosphere and company we will be taking a collection and donating it to the Cancer Council. Cancer has affected most of us and we would love your support for this worthy cause.

RSVP by 24/05/2016 by E:nccparentsandfriends@gmail.com OR call the College on 9467-2499

Liz Karkaloutsos

House Points

**NOBLE KNIGHTS**  **COURAGEOUS CONQUERORS**  **WORTHY WARRIORS**

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On Tuesday the 10th of May, students, staff and parents enjoyed a day of creativity with Dr. Max Darby, our artist in residence.

Max will be working with the school community to create a large vibrant mural consisting of recycled CDs. Parents students and staff were invited to paint CDs with decorative designs. The mural will be completed in
‘Meet The Artist’ Day

There will be more opportunities for students, staff and parents to paint CDs in Term 3. Stay tuned for upcoming workshops!

Congratulations NCC community for a brilliant day!

Antonietta Veljanovski
UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Friday. Appointments can be made by calling the College on 94672499. Alternatively Order Forms can be submitted to the Accounts office on any day, (including payment) and items picked up on the following day.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Notices are displayed in the foyer, just outside the Prep A room. You can advertise items for sale or contact families directly if you wish to buy second hand. Please refer to the Second Hand Uniform Price Guide pinned under the notices if you are unsure of prices.

Liz Karkaloutsos

Winter Music Recital

This year I am excited to announce that the NCC Winter Music Recital will be held at the Bunyule Theatre on Tuesday evening the 7th of June starting at 7pm sharp.

If your child has returned their permission note to perform on this night, please avoid disappointment and purchase your tickets from the Accounts Office as soon as possible. Limited seats will be available on the night to purchase.

All NCC families, extended families and friends are welcome to attend.

Ticket prices:

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Andrew Horneman
Rehearsals for Peter Pan began this week. The announcement of the cast generated a lot of excitement and enthusiasm.

Mrs Fleur Tucker contributed to the excitement by baking a celebratory Peter Pan cake for the first rehearsal.

Here, Tommy Tran (Peter Pan) and Olivia Ryan (Wendy) cut the cake.

The performances for Peter Pan will be on Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd of September. Mark these dates in your calendar now.

Angela Eynaud

Eight students and two teachers attended this year's CSA Prayer Breakfast. The delicious breakfast buffet was a big hit despite rigorous debate over whether bacon should be served crispy or soft. On a more profound level, speaker, Sharon Witt encouraged students to be courageous and confident in pursuing their dreams. The morning was a great opportunity for our students to meet students from other schools and to pray with them.

Angela Eynaud