



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

THE VINE



NEWSLETTER



Heavenly Food

Doug Holtam
Principal

Can you imagine what our world would be like if every single person truly looked out for the needs and interests of others as well as their own?

In Philippians 2:3-4, Paul exhorts the Church... 'Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.'

The allegory of The Long Spoons really illustrates the value and need of service to others and the danger of selfishly focusing solely on personal needs. The allegory contrasts heaven and hell. In hell the people are seated around a table with a delicious bowl of food in the middle; they are able to dip their very long spoons into the food bowl and scoop out a tasty morsel.

However, the spoons are so long that they cannot actually feed themselves. In heaven an identical bowl of lovely food sits on the table, but there's one crucial difference; the people are feeding each other with their long spoons.

Those in heaven are a well-fed and happy community, those in hell are lonely and starving to death.

The themes for Term Two, based on our core values, are COMMUNITY, SERVICE and GRACE. College devotions, assemblies and chapels are focused on these important values, as we continue to actively teach and encourage our students to live their lives focused on employing their God given gifts, talents and abilities not just to serve their own needs, but, in harmony with a heavenly Kingdom of God culture, to also serve the needs of others.



NOTICES

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE 2016

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

Diary Dates

Tue 7 June
GAT Exam

Mon 13 June
Queens Birthday- No classes

Fri 17 June
Report Writing Day- No classes

Thurs 23 June
Science Day
P-10 Showcase Evening- 3:45pm

Fri 24 June
Term 2 Finishes- 2:30pm dismissal

Term Dates

Term 2
13 April - 24 June

Term 3
13 July - 16 September

Term 4
4 October - 7 December

ICAS is one of the most highly regarded schools based competition and assessment programs in the world with over 30 years of experience in Australia.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.

If you would like your child to participate in ICAS this year, please follow this link to the NCC website:

ncc.vic.edu.au/co-curricular/icas/

Cost: \$8.80 per test

*Please put exact money in a sealed envelope labelled with your child's name and "Mrs Horneman ICAS" and hand it into Reception.

Register by: Tuesday 21st June

Test Dates:

English: Tuesday 2nd August, 2016

Mathematics: Tuesday 16th August, 2016

Location of test:

Northside Christian College

The Primary School will once again be participating in the Victorian Premiers Reading Challenge.

This year, all students will be enrolled by the school but your permission is needed if you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll in 'The Age' newspaper at the end of the Challenge.

Reading for the Challenge can start now, and will continue until Book Week Dress Up Day (August 26th).

Information and permission forms are in the process of being sent home. Any queries can be directed to Mrs Marsh.





Mentoring

Each of our Year 12 students, as well as students in Year 11 completing VCE subjects, has access to individual academic mentoring. The value of mentoring, or personal coaching, has been recognised in our day and age as an essential input mechanism for individuals in finding motivation and strategies to achieve their absolute best.

We cannot underestimate the power of showing students that someone believes in them enough to help them make the contribution to society that they were born to make. As 'Magic' Johnson, the famous basketball player, put it, *"All kids need is a little help, a little hope, and someone who believes in them."* Mentoring is proving to be worthwhile for our senior students:

"It helps kids in Yr 11 and Yr 12 to develop different skills that they usually wouldn't be able to achieve on their own, such as time management" - Joseph, Yr 11

"It lets you have the opportunity to express challenges that you might be facing and then find ways of overcoming"
- Claire, Yr 12

"It's been very helpful. It helps me study by working on my challenges and helping me overcome them, like David and Goliath" - Nathan, Yr 12

"It helps you to guide yourself because it gives you that extra push and helps you gain momentum"
- Nathan, Yr 12

Maths Talent Quest

Our budding mathematicians are working enthusiastically on their Maths Talent Quest projects and have come up with a range of very creative ideas for their investigations. Students are developing projects that deal with everything from family budgets to scale models, swimming time records, teaching puzzles and decoding barcodes.

Projects will be completed at the beginning of Term 3.

Amy Horneman

Singing in the Rain



On Wednesday 18th May the Secondary Vocal Group went on an excursion to Her Majesty's Theatre to see 'Singin' in the Rain'.

We experienced a lot of talent throughout the whole production which was really exciting. Some of us had never been to real live musical theatre at such a high level before: we had really good seats in the front row of the grand dress circle, right up the top!

The costumes were extravagant and the sets were really imaginative. The dancing and vocals were outstanding and the real rain on stage was definitely a highlight!

Hanna, Eriayo, Darlene

Parents & Friends




**Monday 20th
June 2016
9.00 am
All College
families welcome**



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.

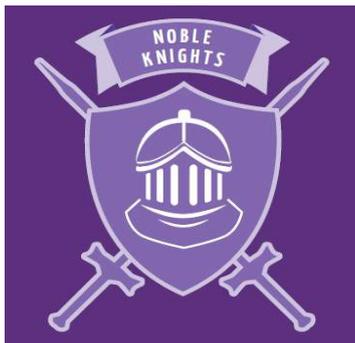
Ticket prices:

Individual -	\$5.00
Family (3-5 people) -	\$15.00 - immediate family (parents and siblings)
Family (6 people +) -	\$20.00 - immediate family (parents and siblings)

Andrew Horneman

House Points

**NOBLE
KNIGHTS**



1360

**COURAGEOUS
CONQUERORS**



1322

**WORTHY
WARRIORS**



994

Year 7 Geography



On Wednesday 18th of May, the Year 7 Geography class undertook field work in Norris Bank Reserve (the parklands to the west of the school grounds). The class has been studying the water basin drainage systems that cover Australia, and are now focussed on our local water ways.

Ms Angela Foley of the Merri Creek Catchment Management Committee joined us on the day to help instruct students in the techniques of measuring various water quality indicators. The data collected on the day is being used back in class by the students as they develop the skill of writing a formal field report.

The skills and knowledge being developed during this unit of work provides students with real world experience and academic skills that will underpin future studies in geography and environmental science. Field work also provides us the opportunity to move out of the classroom, and into the sunshine!

Teresa Connelly

Year 8 Science

This term the Year 8's have been learning about organs and their systems in Biology. Students had the opportunity to dissect the organs of a sheep.

In science class we dissected some sheep organs to help learn about body systems. We put on lab coats, safety glasses and gloves and then we felt the sheep's heart, lungs, liver and kidney. After that we cut open the organs. My favourite organ was the lungs because it was really squishy and we could see all the bronchi and bronchioles. ~Laura

I learned the left side of the heart is stronger with lots of muscles because it pumps blood to the whole body. The right side is less strong because it pumps blood just to the lungs. ~Boris

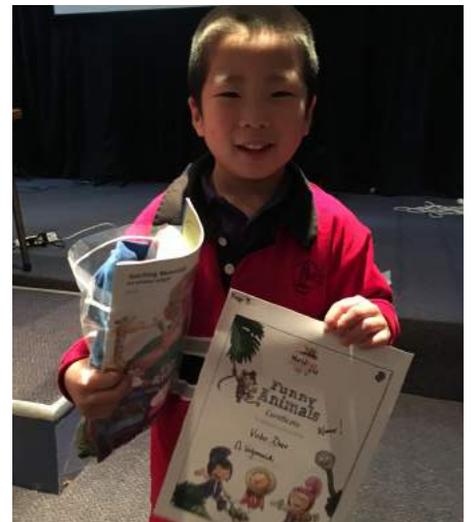
It was a great experience but a bit stomach turning. Once I could look inside the parts, I realised that it's a lot more all over the place than looking at it on paper as a diagram. ~Jasmine

Susan Varghese

World Kids Colouring Day

Students from Prep to Year 6 celebrated World Kids Colouring Day, raising money for Save the Children Fund. Students created colourful drawings in Art, based on Funny Animals. Drawings were laminated and sent home for students to sell to their family. All Primary grades were given money boxes to collect their class donations. The class with the most money raised was given a FREE TIME Art lesson of their choice.

Students voted for the best drawings from each class. The winners were awarded World Kids Colouring Day certificates and prizes during Primary Assembly.



Donations collected from primary classes:

Prep A:	\$35	Year 3/4 A:	\$55:00
Prep B:	\$44:95	*Year 3/4 B:	\$129:60 (winning class!)
Year 1/2 A:	\$61:00	Year 4/5:	\$32:00
Year 1/2 B:	\$47:40	Year 6:	\$19:70
Grand total:	\$424:65		

Congratulations to you all! Your amazing masterpieces helped raise money for the great work of Save the Children Australia.