2016 has seen the introduction of an innovative Elective Program in the Middle School.

We offer 20 different electives in three blocks across the week. On offer are electives covering 3 major areas: outdoor/sport, creative arts and computer science/media which give opportunity for students to develop and explore their God-given gifts and talents, while others are pathways to VCE subjects.

This semester, the Grade 6s are also involved as part of their transition into Secondary School. Ms Shevchuk is teaching the Healthier Life Elective. The older Middle School students are able to demonstrate leadership and pastoral care by assisting the Year 6s in their electives.

By allowing students to choose their own electives, they take responsibility for their own learning and develop the ability making self-directed, positive choices. Years 7, 8 and 9 are able to collaborate in some electives, making this program integral in teaching students the qualities necessary to thrive in the workplace, future study pathways and life in general.

Student feedback about the Elective Program has been overwhelmingly positive. Students are able to spend blocks of time doing things they enjoy which enriches their educational experience. The opportunity to try 3D printing, Innovations and Vis Com has been appreciated.

The Performance Elective Group wrote and performed a play at the Showcase and to the Primary School. The Primary School were a great audience, enthralled by the acting skills of the group and mesmerised by the engaging performance. The Elective Program adds breadth and depth to the core subjects already offered at Northside, extending the learning opportunities for your children.
NOTICES

Dairy Dates

Friday 29 July  
Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews

Friday 26 August  
Book Week Dress Up Day

Wednesday 31 August  
Athletics Carnival

Friday 2 September  
Peter Pan Jr.- School Musical

Saturday 3 September  
Peter Pan Jr.- School Musical

Term Dates

Term 3  
13 July-16 September

Term 4  
4 October- 7 December

BOOK WEEK 2016

August 22nd - 26th is Book Week and Friday 26th August is our Dress Up Day. All students and staff are invited to dress up as a book character and bring a copy of the book with them on the day.

When choosing a costume, please be sensitive to the ethos of the College and choose a character that reflects this attitude.

If you are having trouble deciding on a costume, pop into the Library and maybe we can help you. Costumes don’t have to be elaborate - this is a fun day.

Students not in costume MUST wear school uniform.

A parade of costumes will be held during assembly in period one in the Middle School Area. Parents are most welcome to join us.

PARENT/STUDENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Interviews will be held between 10:00am - 8:00pm on Friday 29th July

BOOKINGS OPEN
10:30am Thursday 14th July

BOOKINGS CLOSE
2:00pm Thursday 28th July

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For further information on how to book, see the back page of the newsletter.
UNIFORM NEWS

In Term 3 all students continue to wear full winter uniform.

NEW UNIFORM SHOP ARRANGEMENT:

Just a reminder that uniforms are no longer stocked at the College. The friendly staff at Academy Uniforms will be able to assist you in purchasing uniform for your child.

Academy Uniforms are OPEN
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & Sat 9am-12pm.

They are located at 238 Wolseley Pl, Thomastown.

Telephone orders can be made by calling 9460-8011.

Online ordering is available at www.academyuniforms.com.au

Select School Login: Northside Christian College
Password: BUNDOORA

Delivery options: Free delivery directly to the College every Friday or next day $10 home delivery available.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Following our AGM on 20/06/16 the new expanded P&F committee for 2016 into 2017 consists of:

President: Liz Karkaloutsos
Vice President: Rose Mann (6 months)
Assistant VP: Maria Phemister
Treasurer: Yoanna Forster-Pratt
Secretary: Kat Smith
Assistant S: Liliana Caldwell

The next Parents & Friends meeting will be in Monday 18/07/16 at 9am. Meet at the foyer. All welcome.
MATHS TALENT QUEST

Term 3 kicks off with students involved in the Maths Talent Quest having completed their projects which are now on display on the INSPiRE wall in Reception. Make sure you come in and have a look at the creative investigative work our students have done in Maths this year! External judging will occur at LaTrobe University from 11-16th August.

DEBATING CLUB

Debating club is starting up for students from Years 7-9 this term. We have a group of very enthusiastic debaters meeting on Monday lunchtimes to hone their persuasive language and public speaking skills. At the end of the debating course we will hold a debate which parents will be invited to attend to watch their children showcasing their debating skills. Keep your eyes open for the announcement of date and time.
On our Year 9 Pastoral Care Day we learnt many useful things about how to be authentic and the real you. I really enjoyed thinking about what makes everyone unique and special.

Pete, one of our guest speakers, told us about how we should focus on getting ourselves into a better place and setting goals. Instead of just thinking about how you can improve he encouraged us to act on these thoughts purposefully.

We did activities that helped us to link our emotions to our actions and the way we think. He also taught us some self-defence moves with key reminder words so that we can remember how to keep ourselves safe. It was a really positive day!
- Eremide

‘...be authentic and the real you.’

Other students also learnt:

- Live in the moment
- Being sorry shouldn’t just be spoken but it should be acted on
- Don’t hold onto things like regrets
- Everyday is a new day
- Be a strong and confident person and things people say won’t affect you as much
This week a group of our students went against other schools in cross country running. All of our students did very well. Congratulations to all of them on their results!

Results:

Martika 1st division 11th overall
Madison 6th overall 1st division
Gisele 4th overall 2nd division
Alin 2nd division
Carey 6th overall
Hanna 10th overall 2nd division
Laura 2nd division
U/9 boy 3rd division
Tim 1st division
SHOWCASE EVENING

On Thursday 23rd of June we held our end of semester Showcase Evening. The afternoon consisted of demonstrations and displays from Prep- Year 10 students presenting what had been occurring in their classroom activities. The new Middle School building was open to parents and other family members for tours. The Arts program was highlighted through dance, song and presentations of movie trailers produced by the students. The Year 10’s also presented the ‘Horizons’ program in engaging ways to showcase the social justice focus of the program.

Thank you to all families and members of the public who came to support their children and our students.

SCIENCE DAY

Nearing the end of last term the whole school wrapped up by coming together for Science Day! Students participated by doing a round robin of science activities and experiments. Past teacher, Sam Vaiano, came and presented some exciting science demonstrations through interaction with the students. The end of the day was topped off with the excitement of a few rocket launches- much to the students surprise!
GUEST SPEAKER: TIM CONOLAN

Tim was awarded Australian Local Hero in 2014. He is the Founder and CEO of TLC for Kids. He presented the SRC with a certificate for organising TRACKY DACK Day last term that raised money for TLC.

‘HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS’

The Preps and Year Sixes love being Buddies!

To introduce the Prep Geography unit, “Home Is Where The Heart Is”, the Buddies made 3D homes together. The Preps will present their creations at Primary Assembly next week.
Dear Parents/Guardians

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Enter THIS school event code: ➔
Then follow the 3 simple steps: ↓

When you click **finish**, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.
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