It has been a cold, wintery start to the term, but with the many bright smiles and warm greetings both in the morning and afternoon by students and parents alike, God's sunshine of love radiates through the Primary School.

Events like CSEN Cross Country and an excursion to Scienceworks by Years One and Two have already taken place and many more exciting events will occur in the weeks to come.

ACADEMIC CHALLENGES – Students in the Inspire program have just completed the Australian Mathematics Competition last Thursday on 28th July 2016. Two other internationally recognised tests; ICAS English and ICAS Maths will take place on Tuesday 2nd August and 16th August respectively. A long and challenging day awaits our budding young writers in “Write a Book in a Day” on Monday 22nd August.

PHYSICAL CHALLENGES – As a Primary School, we look forward to celebrating this year’s Olympics in Rio with our own mini version. Our Games will take place on Friday, 12th August where students will be allocated to 18 different country groups. It will be an entire day of fun and games as students come dressed like an athlete. There will be an opening ceremony in the morning and a closing ceremony will be held the following week on Friday 19th August in the Church Multipurpose Room. This term, students in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to compete with other schools in Hoop Time. The entire school will also gather together at Meadowglen Stadium where students are encouraged to participate in various sporting events at the Athletics Carnival.

UPCOMING EVENTS - We always look forward to celebrating the love of reading with Book Week Dress Up Day on Friday, 26th August. On this day, we will find out how many books we have read as a Primary School in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge, so keep borrowing and do not stop the very hungry bookworm in your home.

Once more, Mrs Eynaud is working tirelessly preparing a cast of talented young actors and actresses for our school musical “Peter Pan Jnr”. So hurry, book your tickets online as you do not want to miss a spectacular production. What more! There will be some very adorable Primary crocodiles and stars in action. See you at the Musical!

To book tickets for Peter Pan Jr. head to: https://www.trybooking.com/MGKM
BOOK WEEK 2016

August 22nd-26th is Book Week, and Friday that week 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.

WRITE A BOOK IN A DAY

In preparation for our book writing day on Monday 22nd August, our students are fundraising in teams towards children's cancer research.

You can go online at any time and sponsor a team by visiting: www.writeabookinaday.com
-> Sponsor a team
-> Find a team.

All of our teams are listed under 'Northside Christian College'.
One of the three values of our school is focusing on this term is HUMILITY. But what is humility and why is it important? Humility is the quality or condition of being humble; modest opinion or estimate of one's own importance. The antonym of humility is pride.

Basically, humility is the act of considering others as better than yourselves. It’s important that we live humble lives because the Bible tells us that whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted (Matthew 23:12). In God’s kingdom, it’s considered greater to serve than to be served, to give rather than to receive, to be the last and not the first. So humility positions us for his blessings and his purpose in our lives. But it’s equally important that our humility is authentic, because the only thing worse than pride is false humility.

In the words of a Mac Davis song:

"Oh Lord it’s hard to be humble
When you’re perfect in every way.
I can’t wait to look in the mirror.
Cause I get better looking each day.
To know me is to love me.
I must be a hell of a man.
Oh Lord It’s hard to be humble,
But I’m doing the best that I can."

Mac’s song provides us with a comedic look at humility, but Jesus gave us the ultimate example of humility, and this is described in Philippians 2:3-8:

‘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. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!’

Jesus lived a humble life, putting God’s will above his own and putting the salvation of all humanity before his own life. We should live as Christ; in authentic humility.
Semester 2 is underway. It’s the time of year that the annual Australian Mathematics Competition (AMC) is held. In preparation, our INSPIRE Maths students have been tackling a range of problems in their weekly problem solving classes, similar to those encountered in the AMC, the Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads and comparable international competitions. The problems range in difficulty from the relatively straight-forward through to the very challenging. On the morning of Thursday 28th July our INSPIRE Maths students and a small number of Year 10/11 students joined with approximately 400,000 students from over 30 countries to sit their respective AMC papers. Well done! Results are typically available early in term 4.

In other news, our Year 5/6 INSPIRE Maths High Flyers recently completed a series on pentominoes in their weekly enrichment classes. These are geometrical objects created by joining together five unit squares along edges, of which there are twelve (up to equivalence). The students explored a range of tiling problems, as well as some other quite unusual and surprising properties of these geometrical objects.

Our Middle School INSPIRE Maths High Flyers have been busy working on topics in Number Theory, with a particular emphasis on the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic. On the horizon is some modular arithmetic, after which we will be look at some applications in cryptography and coding theory.

Also, two of our Middle School INSPIRE Math High Flyers have been involved in a pilot weekly STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) class as part of the INSPIRE program. The initial focus of this class is for the students to learn the mathematical typesetting system LaTeX. The students have been busy typesetting a short article on Pythagoras’ Theorem including a short introduction, a statement and proof of the Theorem and a bibliography with appropriate referencing. Beyond this, they will move on to Pythagorean Triples, a classical topic in number theory dating back to antiquity, which addresses the question of which triples of whole numbers can be the side lengths of a right-angled triangle. Looking forward to another semester of INSPIRE Maths!

John Galati
National Christian Schools Sports is a high quality multi-sport carnival that honours God and recognises excellence in student sporting endeavour. The NCSS is held every two years and in 2017 will take place in Sydney, with expected competitor numbers to reach eight hundred athletes from five states. The sports on offer in 2017 include Basketball, Netball, Soccer, Tennis and Volleyball. Students that are enrolled in a CSEN member school are eligible to nominate for selection in these sports.


Nomination Process

Students from Years 6 – 11 in 2016 that wish to be selected to represent Victoria at the National Christian Schools Sports (NCSS) must nominate via the green “NCSS Representative Teams” button on the CSEN website (www.christianschoolssport.com.au) no earlier than Friday 22nd July, 2016 and no later than Thursday 15th September, 2016.

Trial Process

Compulsory trials for Basketball, Soccer and Tennis shall take place on Monday 12th September 2016, with successful athletes invited to a second trial day on Thursday 6th October, 2016. After the second trial the final Victorian teams will be selected.

Expected Costs

Although final figures are not yet available, the cost to athletes shall not exceed $1400 (Uniforms extra).

Further Information

Further information can be found on the CSEN website (www.christianschoolssport.com.au) under the NCSS tab, or by contacting the Victorian Coordinator Karen Davidson, csen@csa.edu.au, or Andrew Leslie.
INDEPENDANT SCHOOLS
VICTORIA ART EXHIBITION

Congratulations to NCC students whose art works were selected for the annual Independent Schools Victoria Art Exhibition.

The exhibition opened on the 25th July and closes on the 26th of August, featuring 179 artworks from 12 member schools.

Curator Anne Smith states, "The art works in this exhibition provide a platform for deep transdisciplinary learning by sharing with us insights not just about their creators but the world they live in with all its complexities and rich experiences."

‘My Cultural City’ - Nathan
‘Rainbow City’ - Elaine
‘Dog’s Street’ - William
‘Mum’s City’ - Rory
‘My Street in Doreen’ - Aria
‘My Garden City’ - Mikayla
‘The Mix’ - Daniel
‘Magical Mind’ - Mattea
‘Bumpy Jumpy Art’ - Beatrix
‘Sunset Paradise’ - Luana
‘The Lorax’ - Miniam
‘Misty Skies’ - Eriayo
‘Sunset in the Rainbow Mountains’ - Amelia
‘Alice in Wonderland’ - Group project.
‘Cubist Portrait with Red Beret’ - Tommy

A most inspiring collection of works from our artists!

Antonietta Veljonovski
"Christmas in July" for the NCC-OCC Shoebox Collection

Help us reach our 200 box target by the end of August!

It is that time of year again! Primaries have been collecting items in assemblies, packing days will start at school the last week of July, and a big packing date is organized for the end of the month.

Please consider packing your own shoeboxes during the month of August or September and bring to school as soon as they are ready. Pre-printed shoe boxes and brochures itemizing items to pack are now available in the foyer or at reception.

Pre-packed shoeboxes will be collected up to the October deadline but no all-school boxes will be prepared after July and early August. Drop off all boxes either at reception or the Home Eco Room. Don’t forget to include the $9/box for shipment if you choose to pack at home.

Drop by the Home Economics Room during your spare time on Friday during Goal Setting Day to pack a box or two. This will help get you excited about packing your own boxes and help with ideas of what to include in your own boxes.

Many thanks to those who have already contributed items for this annual project.

Bless a child in the Pacific Rim with the gift of educational supplies, clothing, toys and special items.
ONLINE SAFETY AND CYBERBULLYING

THIS IS AN EVENT NOT TO BE MISSED – IT WILL CHANGE YOUR THINKING

Delivered by a professional speaker on the topic of digital compliance and internet safety. You will be presented with engaging and powerful information in a way that will bring to life possible online dangers and responsibilities which are a part of your child’s digital world. Strategies of protection and prevention will empower you to reduce online risks within your home. You will be amazed how simple this can be.

Where: Northside Christian College Middle School Hub

When: 6:30-7:30pm Monday, September 5

RSVP ESSENTIAL by August 30  ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au or ph 9467 2499. Cuppa and light supper provided