Friday was 'Footy Colours Day', it was also the last day of Term Three, and marks ‘Three Quarter Time’. So, how is the team doing? To begin to answer this question we should refer back to what God called us to at the beginning of the year; our key verse, from John 15: 5 exhorts us to remain in God!

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

The outworking of this ‘remaining in God’—the bearing of fruit—represents God’s promise to us for 2016; specifically, that this year the College Community would experience a significant season of fruit bearing and growth, hence our theme for the year…INCREASE!

As I sat watching the Shakespeare Festival performances last week, I was struck by the confidence of the performances of the young people involved and their emerging skill, poise, creativity, leadership and resilience; the INCREASE was obvious for all to see.

Our 2016 NAPLAN results were, once again, outstanding! Based on my preliminary analysis of the data, it is evident that our middle to higher performing students have made significant progress; our Year 7 and 9 results were the best we’ve ever had. NAPLAN tests provide a limited measure of learning performance, but it is clear that the improvements we’ve made to our Middle School English and Mathematics Programs, as well as the physical learning environments, are bearing really good fruit.

The INSPIRE Talent Development Program is having a profoundly positive effect on raising the academic ‘bar’ across the College. Our Mathematics Talent Quest Competition (MTQC) results were excellent! Our students achieved one high distinction, three distinctions and three credits. Northside is competing at the highest level with many of the large ‘elite’ independent schools and doing exceptionally well. The achievements of the students involved will be recognised at the MTQC Awards Ceremony at La Trobe University next month.

A strong school is always a strong community and it is in this area that I believe we have seen the most significant INCREASE this year. The newly launched House Program has helped us to develop social cohesion across the year levels; healthy competition between the house teams provides motivation for our young people to represent their houses with determination in a variety of activities.

The weekly whole school assemblies unite the College Community at the beginning of the week to celebrate achievement, highlight core values (this term we have focussed on integrity, perseverance and humility) and share a message from the scripture.

I believe the most important outworking of our mission in the lives of our students cannot be measured with tests, assessments and assignments. The most significant measure of our success very much hinges on how well we lead our students to live lives inspired by faith, hope and love. I pray that this will continue to be the greatest INCREASE we see in the lives of all within our community.
NOTICES

Diary Dates

Tuesday 4 October
Start of Term 4

Thursday 6-Friday 7 October
Year 3/4 Marysville Camp

Friday 7 October
Rose Latimer’s Garden Dedication
Prayer at the Pole-8am

Monday 17 October
Summer Uniform Compulsory

Friday 21 October
Art show

Wednesday 26 October
VCE Exams Begin

SPRING MUSIC RECITAL

The annual NCC Spring Recital is fast approaching with a whole bunch of students eager to perform and showcase their musical skills. The Spring Recital will be held on Monday evening the 7th of November at the Banyule Theatre.

Students who are selected to perform will receive a letter home informing you of this. Tickets will be available for purchase from the school office at the commencement of Term 4.

HATS

Northside is a Sun Smart School. This means during Terms 1 and 4, uniform hats are compulsory for all students everyday. This applies during change over period.

UNIFORMS

A reminder that as Term 4 approaches there will be a change to Summer Uniform to commence on Tuesday 04/10/2016. There will be a 2 week changeover period where either Summer OR Winter can be worn (not interchanged).

As of Monday 17/10/2016 ALL students must be in full and correct Summer Uniform.

With the change of seasons, parents often find their children have had a growth spurt over the winter months. If this is the case, the friendly staff at Academy Uniform will be able to assist you in purchasing uniform for your child.

UNIFORM SALES

Located at: 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown
OPEN Mon to Fri 9am - 5pm & Sat 9am - 12pm

HOW TO ORDER

Telephone Orders: 9460-8011

Online Ordering is available at www.academyuniforms.com.au
Select School Login: Northside Christian College
Password: BUNDOORA

Free delivery to the College during Term (NOT AVAILABLE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS) $10 Home delivery.

HOUSE POINTS

Noble Knights
Courageous Conquerors
Worthy Warriors

2232 2544 2176
Passion Projects

Hi! It’s Ally and Shania, so you may have heard about a new program running called ‘Passion Projects’. We are showing you our passions for the things we love doing. Our project is about our passion for art. We’re using art to show the real problems in this world. We’d love to tell you about it all but that’s giving the secret away! Let’s just say that it’s going to be something that will make you realise what’s actually going on in the world and be thankful for the life you have. We’re very excited to be chosen for this project and we hope you all will love the result!

-Ally & Shania

Our passion project is about helping refugees in two ways. We want to collect clothes and toys for them and also raise money (for Pioneers) by holding a movie afternoon where we will be watching The Wizard of Oz. We want to help them because we don’t think the way the Australian Government treats them is fair. We want them to feel included and happy.

-Laura and Alin
All Primary Students Grades 3 - 6: Do you enjoy playing soccer? Are you interested in enhancing your skills? Then NCC Soccer Clinic is for you. Gabriel and Carey are holding a free trial on Monday October 10th, from 3:45 - 5:00 pm. If there are enough numbers, we will run the clinic every fortnight on a Monday. The trial run is free but after that there will be a joining fee of only $10, which will cover all of Term 4.

-Carey and Gabriel

Our passion project focuses on the arts with our Music and Arts Festival coming up next term. In preparation for performances we have had our talent show auditions. The top acts from the talent show will be given the chance to perform at the Arts Festival. We are hoping that everyone gets involved and excited. The money we raise from the festival will be donated to the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind, because we feel this is symbolic of what music and the arts bring to people’s lives.

-Gabrielle and Sam

Primary Bookworms Club

Next term, Primary book lovers will have the opportunity to read, discuss, analyse and evaluate a piece of literature as part of the new Primary Bookworms’ Club. We will meet on Friday lunchtimes in the Reading Room (Middle School Library) and Term 4’s novel will be ‘Do You Dare?: 1931’ by Simon Mitchell. Forms are available from Reception.

-Amy Horneman
SHAKESPEARE ACTING MASTERCLASS

On Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th September students in Year 7-9 had the privilege of working with Tim Solly from the Bell Shakespeare Theatre Company, participating in acting masterclasses in preparation for their Twilight Shakespeare Festival performances on Thursday 15th September.

I thought it was very interesting. I liked seeing Tim act out random scenes and I liked all the emotion about the workshop, like being able to scream without getting told off! It’s given me a little bit more confidence in what I’m doing with my scene [for the Shakespeare Festival]. - Laura, Yr 9

The workshop made me feel more confident for my scene for the festival because he put us on the spot and made us participate. Acting out a scene in pairs and changing our direction of movement with emotion was fun and Annalise and I got to act ours out in front of everyone! - Rachel, Yr 9

ROSE LATIMER MEMORIAL GARDEN

Rose was a much loved staff member and parent at Northside for many years. All families are invited to join us as we dedicate the Rose Latimer Memorial Garden.

You are invited

8.00 – 8.35 am
Friday 7th October 2016

Northside Christian College
31 McLeans Rd, Bundoora 3083

RSVP to Front Office: 9467 2499

Dedication Service for the
Rose Latimer Memorial Garden
and Prayer at the Pole
The students from years 3-12 were recently engaged with a cybersafety expert, Brett Lee. Brett’s serious approach with the students helped them to understand the realities of cyber world. Far from fear tactics, he was able to remind students of some very important truths about the cyber world, with the intention to impact on their thoughts and behaviour online.

Brett reiterated that the internet is a public space, not a private space, like we are often led to believe. What is done online is permanent and choices made now about what we do online can affect our future. He reminded students that the physical and cyber world are one, with real consequences, thus the need for students to be as authentic in the cyber world as they are in the physical world. He also affirmed the role of parents and other significant adults as being a resource to discuss anything to be able to gain support, guidance and understanding from them.

It was great to be able to support our parent group who came to hear Brett speak in the evening. They found it very helpful and empowering. Visit www.internetsafefamilies.com for some wonderful resources for parents in managing this amazing technology in a wise, supportive and safe way.

-Fiona Dirmatrache