



**Northside Christian College**

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# The Vine



NEWSLETTER



# WIRED FOR COMMUNITY

The Ford Capri, image below, was a popular car back in the 70's and 80's and was similar to my very first car, the classic Cortina Mk 3.

Last week I was driving on the Western Ring Road and noticed three Capris parked on the hard shoulder; their owners leaning casually against their vintage icons, looking rather proud as they chatted away.



It struck me once again, just how wired for community we human beings are; so much so, that we will build community - 'common unity' - around just about anything, including: cricket, cup cakes, cars, bird-watching and even model trains, although this latter, somewhat fringe pastime may be confined to my eccentric 'pommie' brothers and sisters.

The College vision, 'To be an inspirational Christian learning community' is foundational to our calling in God to common-unity. Jesus is central to our lives, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to serve God's purposes - to transform young lives - and live in unity and harmony with God and with each other.

Our theme this year is 'STRONGER', and as we commence another exciting year at Northside Christian College, it is important that we come back to our foundations and remember that Northside belongs to God. Consequently, it is his compelling love, support and infinite life that will motivate, empower and energise us all to work in harmony to build strength into all that we do; I'm very much looking forward to doing the journey with you all this year.

*Doug Holtam*

NCC Principal



# STRONGER

Those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles,  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



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FAITH

HOPE

LOVE

## NOTICES

### DIARY DATES

Thursday 16 February  
Year 7 Parent/Student Dinner

Thursday 23 February  
P&F Pizza Day

Tuesday 28 February- Thursday  
2 March  
Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 3 March  
Yr 3-12 Swimming Carnival

### TERM DATES 2017

Term One: Monday 30th January  
- Friday 31st March

Term Two: Wednesday 19th April  
- Friday 30th June

Term Three: Wednesday 19th July  
- Friday 22nd September

Term Four: Tuesday 10th October  
- Friday 8th December

### UNIFORMS

All students should be in full uniform as there are no items that are out of stock in any size.

Also the red (primary) and black (secondary) wet weather jackets now come in a larger range of sizes to accommodate the shorter/taller students.

### ENROLMENT- WAITING LIST

Parents are advised that due to the number of new enrolments in 2017, we are now introducing waiting lists for a number of year levels.

If you have not yet applied for 2018 and 2019 and wish to secure a place for your child, we recommend that you submit your enrolment application immediately to avoid disappointment.

Please remember that existing families are encouraged to submit applications for younger siblings 2 years in advance to ensure a place is reserved for their child.

2018 Prep interviews will take place in Term 1 holidays. We have already received enough applications to fill one class, and are half way to filling

### PARENTS & FRIENDS UPDATE

Our next meeting will be on Thursday the 2nd of March from 9am. All welcome.

All P&F members who will be handling food in 2017 (on Hot Food Days and Open Day BBQ/Bunnings BBQ etc) will need to complete an online safe food handling course by Friday the 17th of March.

<http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/>

The course will take about 1 hour to complete.

Please email your certificate upon completion to:  
[lkarkaloutsos@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:lkarkaloutsos@ncc.vic.edu.au)

We welcomed our new College families with a delicious morning tea on Friday the 2nd of March.

We have planned two Hot Food Days this term:

PIZZA DAY- Thursday the 23rd of February. Order forms will be sent home on the 14th of February.

PASTA DAY- Thursday the 23rd of March. Order forms will be sent home on the 14th of March.

# WELCOME TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

MICHAEL BOND

“Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun. Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; do not fret ...” Psalm 37:3-7 New (NIV)



I wish to extend a welcome to all our students at the commencement of this new school year. Whether students are in Prep or Year 12, we trust that they will feel valued, respected and optimistic about the great opportunities ahead. We look forward to a year of great learning. It is a pleasure to join the Northside Christian College Community in 2017. I look forward to working with you all throughout the school year to best meet the needs of the students.

The Year 7 students have commenced their important transition from Primary School to Secondary. This year we have welcomed a number of new students into our Year 7 Home Group class. We also warmly welcome back the students who have transitioned from Year 6 into Year 7 at Northside Christian College. Year 7 is a significant milestone year for students. It is a valuable opportunity to build a deeper understanding of a wide range of Australian Curriculum subject areas.

Students in the Middle School (Years 7 - 9) can look forward to engaging in a challenging year of studies across a broad range of subjects. Furthermore, students have an opportunity to develop the skills of critical thinking, creativity and communication as part of the curriculum program at Northside Christian College.

Our Senior School (Years 10 - 12) students commenced their classes at the end of 2016 during the Early Commencement Program. Senior School years will provide students an opportunity to lay a foundation and create pathways to further study as they seek entry into diploma and degree courses or alternatively into the wider world of employment. We pray that our Year 12 students will enjoy this year full of special memories, learning and preparation for future pathways. I wish to encourage our students to approach their Year 12 studies with a deliberate plan to achieve their personal best.

I wish to remind all our Secondary students that the staff at Northside Christian College are committed to seeing each student achieve their personal best. We all look forward to working with each student and their families throughout the 2017 academic school year. Parents and guardians are encouraged to be in contact with the team of staff at school if you have any questions or concerns. In particular, the Home Group teachers will be a good point of contact for a range of matters.

We pray that 2017 will be a fulfilling and rewarding year for each of our students, families and staff here at Northside Christian College.



# MEET THE CHAPLAIN

## JARED STOCKS

Hello Northside Christian College!

I trust that you had an awesome Summer holiday break and that you stayed happy and safe throughout. 2016 was the year of "INCREASE" for the College and this year, 2017, is a year for "STRONGER". We will be growing stronger as a community, consolidating all that happened in 2016. As Psalm 84:7 says, "they will go from strength to strength."

I am excited to serve as chaplain again this year. My work days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. I look forward to seeing you all and remember I am available for students and families in our NCC Community.



### FAVOURITES

Food: Lasagna

Music: Worship

Colour: Red

Hobby: Playing Guitar

Season: Autumn

Sport: AFL

### EDUCATION

I grew up in Launceston, Tasmania and attended Summerhill Primary School and then Prospect High School. Upon completion of my Secondary education I went to study at Hillsong College in Sydney. Since that time I have gone on to study a Diploma of Counselling.

### CONTACT

Email: [jstocks@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:jstocks@ncc.vic.edu.au)

College Phone Number : 9467 2499

## CHILD SAFETY OFFICER

Northside Christian College has appointed Fiona Dumitrache as the College's Child Safety Officer. She is a contact person for children, young people, parents, employees and volunteers to seek advice and support regarding the safety and wellbeing of children and young people within our College.

The role requires the officer to take action when child protection concerns are reported, including the provision of support to those within the community who have been affected, with an understanding and respect for cultural diversity.

Additionally, constant review of policies and procedures for responding to allegations and disclosures are required. Teaching and non-teaching staff will continue to be provided with advice and support regarding mandatory reporting obligations and procedures so that effective and safe communication skills can be used when responding to a disclosure.

The Child Safety Officer will also have the ability to identify and respond to child protection risks within the College in order to enhance our child protection culture.

Doug Holtam



## ART ROOM REQUEST

Thank you for the overwhelming support in collecting bread ties for the art room. The hundreds and thousands of bread ties will be used for an exciting sustainable art project later on this year.

We are no longer collecting bread ties but would appreciate your support in collecting plastic squeeze pouch caps for our upcoming art room projects. Please send them to school with your child in a zip lock bag/paper bag, or simply place them in the designated box at the front office.

Antonietta Veljanovski

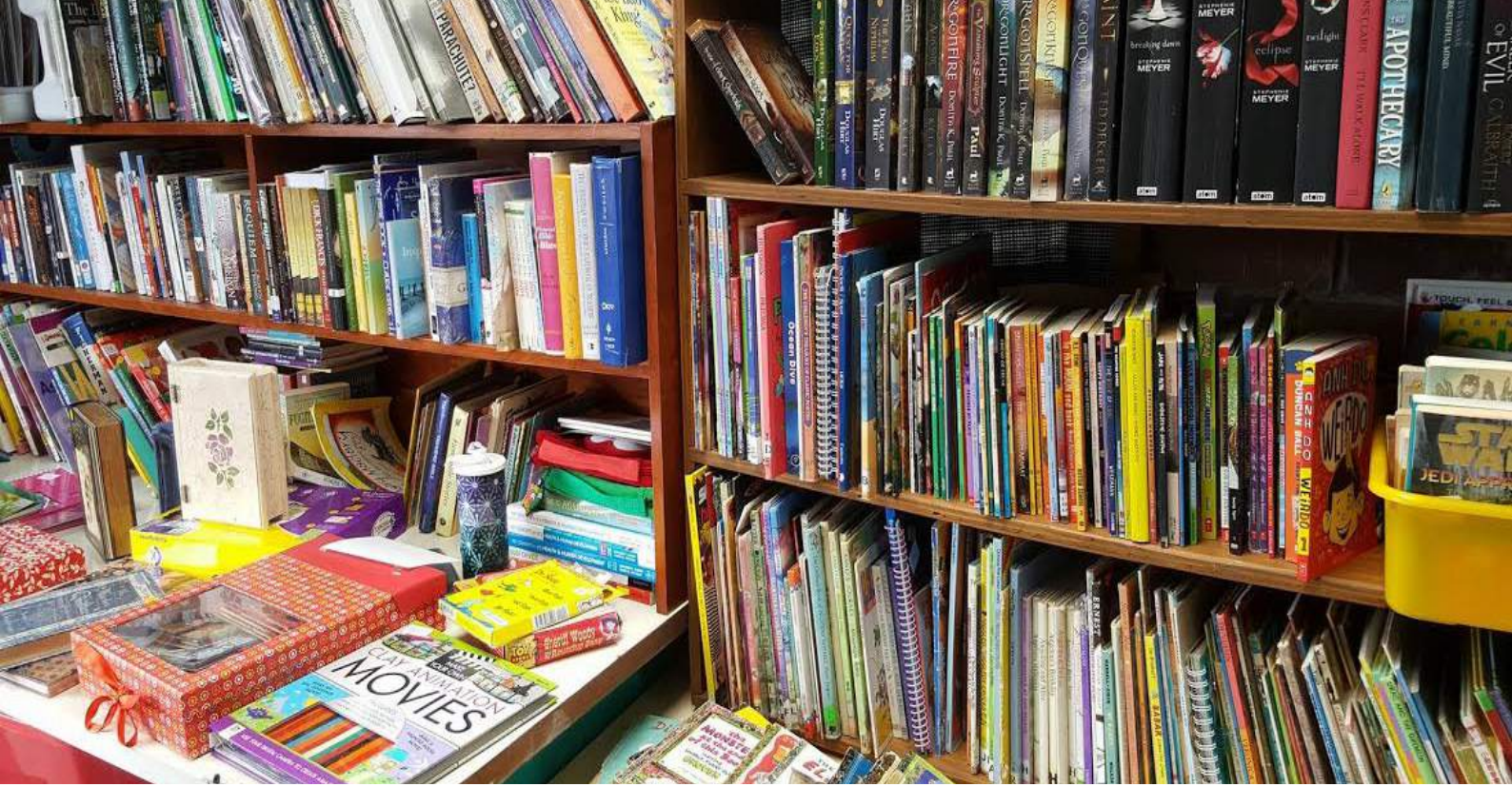
## PARENT PRAYER GROUP

Some history first: The year was 1986 and a group of ladies (parents at NCC) were having fellowship together when the need for parents to pray for the school came up in discussion. There was a desire to uphold the school, teachers, staff, students and their families in prayer. The Parent's Prayer Group has continued gathering ever since to this day. That's 31 years of prayer! Awesome! The Lord says 'those who wait upon Me shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles and they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint' Isaiah 40:31. He has been and is so faithful!

Parent's Prayer Group for Term 1 2017 will be on Tuesdays 2.45 -3.30pm. Grandparents, parents, past students and College friends are all invited. Children are also welcome. Please sign in at the Office. If you can't be there, but would like prayer, please text your prayer request to Lyn Bland 0488 420 542.

Lyn Bland





## VIETNAM MISSIONS TRIP GARAGE SALE

Students and Parents involved in the 2017 Vietnam Missions Team worked diligently to sort, prepare, price and sell donated items to raise money for the Lai Chau Orphanage in Northern Vietnam. The sale raised over \$2,000 with many people coming and purchasing goods as well as hearing about the work the students will be doing this year. The team would like to give a HUGE shout out to everyone who donated items for the sale. We are already gathering goods for the next sale, so donations are always welcome.

Lenna Waters





# School Zone Safety Information

## Understanding the signs around school zones



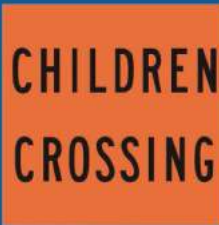
### 40km/h sign

All school speed limits across the State are clearly signposted. Look out for the speed signs near schools and slow down to improve safety for children.



### No parking

It is important that you do not park in any area where this sign is displayed.



### Children crossing

When the flags are displayed at a children's crossing, you must stop for pedestrians who are waiting to cross or who have started crossing. You must remain stopped until the crossing is clear. These rules apply even if there is no crossing supervisor.



### No stopping

No stopping means you must not stop at the kerb for any reason.



### Yellow edge lines

Must not stop or park your vehicle next to a continuous yellow edge line.



## Understanding the rules at school crossings

- Please keep the children's crossing clear.
- Parking is not allowed within 20m before a school crossing or 10m after the crossing (unless otherwise signposted). Parking within this area makes it difficult for children and the crossing supervisor to get a clear view of the road.
- It is illegal to double park your car, ie. you are not allowed to stop next to a parked car.

## What you can do to ensure school zones remain safe

- Supervise children in or near traffic.
- Consider walking or cycling with your child to and from school.
- Respect the road rules and parking signs.
- Wait on the same side of the road as your child, to avoid your child dashing across the road to meet you.
- Get your child into the habit of using the car's kerbside doors, away from the traffic.