



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

The Vine

NEWSLETTER



Principal's Report

Damian Higgins

I can't speak for anyone else, but I suspect many of you may have the same story as me in terms of how we understand life in the context of our walk of faith. As a modern-day middle-aged adult who has grown from a teenager who thought he had the mysteries of God figured out into the person I am today - who has nowhere near the comprehensive understanding of God that I would like - I do have one thing that I am more than certain about ... that LOVE matters most.

In a Christian Community such as ours, we should all be acutely aware of this. Moreover, we should be actively working out ways we can love one another better. We often fall in the trap of trying to explain our understanding of God to others without remembering the greatest commandment which Jesus tells us about in the Gospel of Matthew:

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

It is only recently that I have properly noticed that last sentence. That 'All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments'.

Effectively, Jesus is saying that everything we do in our lives and everything we teach and learn in our schools should be done with love at its core. Sometimes we work so hard to get our point across or to defend our opinion that we forget to love.

I am encouraged daily here at Northside as I walk through the classrooms and see love in action through our staff as they model this in their teaching and in our students themselves as they grow in their awareness of the importance of compassion and love in our Christian Community.

I pray that we can all continue to play our part in teaching each other how we can love one another better.



Diary Dates

28-30 May

Yr 9 City Challenge

Tuesday 29 May

Yr I Breakfast

Wednesday 30 May

Please note: The Yr 2 Breakfast has been postponed to a date later in Term 4

Friday 1 June

Primary Chapel

Yr 9 Resiliency Day

Monday 4 June

Free Parent Session: Education Around Dealing with Pornography

12-15 June

Yr 10 + Yr 11 Exam Week

Wednesday 13 June

GAT Exam

Monday 18 June

Report Writing Day - Student Free

Thursday 21 June

P&F Hot Food Day

Wednesday 27 June

Learning Showcase - 3:30-6:30pm

Friday 29 June

Last Day of Term 2

2:30pm Finish

2018 Term Dates

Term 2:

Tuesday 17 April- Friday 29 June

Term 3:

Wednesday 18 July- Friday 21 September

Term 4:

Tuesday 9 October- Tuesday 11 December



PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Northside Christian College will once again participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge.

The Challenge is open to all students from Prep through to Year 10. All Primary students will be registered to participate in the Challenge, but if secondary students would like to register please see Mrs Marsh in the library to obtain a user name and password.

Prep - Year 2 students need to read a total of 30 books, 15 of those being from the booklist provided and 15 own choice books. Years 3 - 10 students are required to read 15 books with 10 being from the booklist. Additional information can be found on the PRC website at

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

We will start the Challenge on 1 June and end on 24 August, which is our Book Week Dress Up Day. Usernames, passwords and permission forms for students who complete the Challenge to have their names listed on an online Honour Roll will be sent home later in the month.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

P&F meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month unless it falls during the school holidays then the meeting will be held on the first Thursday of the new term. The next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday 7th June.

All welcome!



RUNNING CLUB CHANGE OF DAY

The Running Club will take place on Wednesdays instead of Fridays from Week 7 (Wednesday 30th May). Anyone wanting to participate in Running Club needs to meet on the new basketball courts at 8.15am.

The Running Club will go back to Friday mornings in the second week of Term 3.

Cross Country Squad training begins in Week 7. Any students interested in joining can get more information from Mrs Venegas or Mr Simmons.



PRAYER CHANGES EVERYTHING

Please join us every Thursday for prayer.

Meet at the foyer at 2:15pm.

ALL WELCOME.

You are welcome to email prayer requests to Jenny - 0425 769 829.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Aalsmeer Florist

Aalsmeer Florist has generously offered to donate a floral arrangement to the College once a month. It will be in the foyer. Next time you're in reception, take the time to stop and smell the roses (or lilies or carnations). Aalsmeer has been the College "florist of choice" for many, many years. If you need to send flowers why not visit their website?

www.bundoor florist.com.au



University Open Days

Michael Bond

Senior School students are encouraged to consider participating in a University Open Day during August.

University Open Days can help students make informed decisions about further education and career pathways. They provide students with a good opportunity to tour facilities, speak with staff and gather additional course information, and usually include live entertainment, free activities, food trucks, competitions and fun giveaways. Some universities have multiple campuses with Open Days on different dates at their regional or smaller campuses.

Now is a good time to plan your dates for visiting universities later in the year. Additional University Open Days are promoted in the Weekly Senior School email. Please note that there is additional information published on the individual university websites.

Please continue to pray for our Senior School students as they begin to plan their pathways beyond school.



LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Shepparton Campus - Friday 3rd August

Melbourne Campus (Bundoora) - Sunday 5th August

Albury-Wodonga Campus - Sunday 12th August

Mildura Campus - Wednesday 15th August

Bendigo Campus - Sunday 26th August

<https://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday>

RMIT

Bundoora Campus - Sunday 5th August

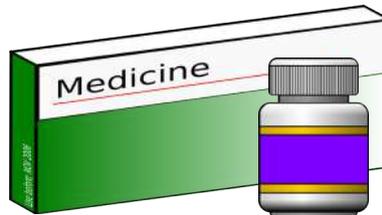
City and Brunswick Campus - Sunday 12th August

<http://openday.rmit.edu.au>

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Sunday 19th August

<http://openday.unimelb.edu.au>



Medication and Your Child at School

Our Medications Policy has changed. Now that the cold winter months have hit, these changes may affect your child(ren) at school.

A key aspect of the Policy revision is around the administration of medication. College staff are often asked by families to administer student medication during the school day. It is important that such requests are managed in a way that ensures the safety of both students and staff.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR FAMILY

- Families of students who require medication while at school (including over the counter medications such as Panadol and Claratyne, as well as prescribed medicine such as antibiotics) need to have the doctor who prescribed the medicine complete a Medication Plan, which is available from Reception. Please pick one up BEFORE you go to the doctors appointment so that you have it ready for them to sign.

- Without an NCC Medication Plan, we can not give your child Panadol, no matter the circumstance.

- Families are required to provide the College with any relevant health information that is needed to support students while at school and when participating in school-related activities including camps, excursions and sleep-overs.

Thank you for your support and understanding in helping the College maintain a safe learning environment. Northside is committed to supporting the health and wellbeing of our students. If you need help implementing the above strategies, please contact the College on 03 9467 2499.

Year 9 Science

Susan Varghese

This term our Year 9s have been focusing on Biology in Science. In Week 5, they had an opportunity to examine various sheep organs through dissection. The students appreciated the experience and learnt a lot from being able to see the workings of the body. Below is the reflection of two of our students, Michael and Sofia.

'Monday the 14th of May was a very blood-filled day! We had the opportunity to dissect the organs of a sheep. The organs we dissected were the heart, liver, lungs, brains and kidneys. For safety reasons we had to wear glasses as well as lab coats. We learnt that the liver is the biggest internal organ, the brain is the most fragile and so needs a lot of protection, the kidneys cleanse the blood and the lungs have many tubes for the exchange of gases. Overall, it was an interesting practical experience to see the intricate structure of the various organs within the body and learn their functions.'



Junk Art Creations

In Art, Primary students have been learning about sustainability and how artists around the world are turning trash into art. Students re-used unwanted materials to create amazing works of art. Here are some of their creations.



Year 5/6 Netball Rally

On Friday 18 May the Year 5/6 Mixed Netball Team competed at the CSEN Rally Day in Pakenham. Our Team of superstars only lost one game in the round robin and made it to the semi finals. A fun day was had by all.



Amy Horneman

MATHS TALENT QUEST

Maths Talent Quest (MTQ) 2018 has now begun in earnest at Northside Christian College. Students from Prep to Year 12 are invited each year to participate in the rigorous academic competition which, according to the host of the competition, the Mathematical Association of Victoria, "aim[s] at promoting interest in mathematics and fostering positive attitudes amongst students, teachers and parents. The focus of the MTQ is on the process of mathematical investigations and relating mathematics to everyday life." This Competition requires students to work autonomously on a topic of their choice, using maths to solve real world problems.

The value of problem solving as a learning process has been given much press in recent weeks, with the release of the Gonski report into education in Australia in March of this year. According to the report,



"more school leavers will need skills that are not easily replicated by machines, such as problem-solving, interactive and social skills, and critical & creative thinking", and competitions such as the Maths Talent Quest and Science Talent Search (Term 1) give students a fantastic opportunity to have mentoring along the road in their journey of becoming autonomous,

motivated, inquiring learners.

Last year, out of our 9 entries, our students achieved 4 High Distinctions (3 of which went through to Nationals), 1 Distinction and 4 Credits, and we look forward to another round of enthusiastic mathematical learning in the 2018 competition!

Chappy Chat

Jared Stocks

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I have been on a bit of a journey in recent years of re-discovering my spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts are different to natural gifts (or talents) in that they are God-given for the equipping of the church. Talents are God-given for the benefit of others, but can be found in Christians and non-Christians alike. The world is full of talented people, some who use them to serve God and others who use them to serve themselves.

I have worked hard to understand my own spiritual gifts and talents, based on Bible verses about spiritual gifts and by taking a look at my own abilities. For example, although I have a musical ability, and choose to use it to serve the church, or my workplace, this is not a spiritual gift. However, I have the 'pastoral' and 'leadership' gifts that I use to serve the body of Christ and serve the College (in a ministerial capacity).

I have completed various spiritual gift surveys over many years, and I've noticed



that, although my talents have changed over time, my spiritual gifts have remained consistent throughout my life.

Below is a list of scriptures that speak of the God-given spiritual gifts. These gifts are useful for equipping the church, and serving the Lord. I encourage you to read these scriptures and think about these two questions:

What are my spiritual gifts?

Am I using them to serve others or myself?

SCRIPTURES:

1 Peter 4:11

- Speak, as if speaking the very words of God.

- Serve, with the strength that God provides

Ephesians 4:11-13

-Apostles - Prophets

-Evangelists - Pastors

-Teachers

Romans 12:6-8

- Prophecy - Service

- Teaching - Encouraging

- Giving to others - Leadership

- Showing mercy

1 Corinthians 12: 8-10

- Message of Wisdom

- Words of Knowledge

- Faith

- Gifts of healing

- Miracles

- Prophecy

- Distinguishing between Spirits

- Tongues

- Interpretation of Tongues

Yr 10 Horizons Program

U.N. CLIMATE CHANGE ROLE PLAY

Teresa Connelly

On Monday 7 May, as part of the Horizons program, Year 10 students took part in a role play, re-enacting 20 years of negotiations towards the Convention on Climate Change within the United Nations. The event integrated curriculum content, themes and skills from the English, History and Geography disciplines. Students were prepared in the weeks leading up to the day through course work, and a great deal of effort was put in to selecting costumes and props that symbolically represented each UN delegation. Assessment of the students' learning took place during the event, and in the week following. The experience provided a valuable means of integrating the 'Horizons' themes, by immersing students in a case study of how the diverse members of the global community have responded to a global-scale challenge.



Musical News

The 2018 Northside Musical has been announced! This year, the wonderful duo of Mrs Angela Eynaud and Mr Patrick Devine will guide our talented and enthusiastic students in the production of Seussical Jr. Auditions were held in Week 6 and the cast was announced on Thursday 24 May.

WE NEED YOU!

For the Musical to proceed, we will need the help of our College parents & friends. In the coming weeks, we will need an array of willing people to help with props, sets, costumes and more ... Please go to the page about the Musical for more information!



Senior School Report

Michael Bond

We are very quickly coming to the end of Semester 1, particularly for students enrolled in Unit 1 and 3 subjects.

Midyear examinations are only 2 weeks away. Over the next week, students are encouraged to plan their study schedule, pick one of their subjects and begin revising. Revision can take many forms - students should use the method that works best for them. For some students, revision may consist of re-reading an English text, completing additional maths questions, creating a glossary of key science terms or representing key dates in history on a timeline. If students need help planning their study schedule, they are encouraged to speak to their subject teacher(s) or home group teacher.

Please find below a number of announcements for our Senior School families at Northside.

TERTIARY INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday 22 May, Year 12 students attended the Tertiary Information Session at La Trobe University in Bundoora. This session provided students with an opportunity to see an interactive presentation outlining the tertiary application process. Thank you to Mrs Lenna Waters for organising this event. We will spend some time with the students during Term 3 to assist them with their VTAC registration, subject preferences and early entry programs.

YEAR 10 AND II MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS - WEEK 9

Midyear examinations are scheduled from the 12 - 15 June 2018. A copy of the Year 10 and II Midyear Examination Timetable has been distributed to students. Copies have also been emailed via the Senior School Weekly Parent Email. Additional copies can be requested from Ms Laura Bovey in the VCE Administration Office at lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au.

GAT - WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE

On Thursday 24 May, Unit 3 and 4 students attended a special assembly to prepare them for the upcoming General Achievement Test (GAT). Students were given additional information about the format of the GAT and were provided with a GAT practice paper. Any student who missed this assembly is encouraged to see Mr Bond.

The GAT is seen as an essential part of the VCE assessment procedure. All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 sequence must sit the GAT. Although GAT results do not count directly towards a student's VCE results, they play an important role in checking that school-based and external assessments have been accurately assessed, and in calculating Derived Examination Scores.

The GAT is a 3 hour test - please note: no Unit 1 or 3 VCE classes will be held at Northside on Wednesday 13 June.

SEMESTER 2 CLASSES BEGINNING WEEK 10

Please note: Semester 2 classes will start on Tuesday 19 June for all Unit 2 and 4 classes.

YEAR 10 VET TASTERS DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

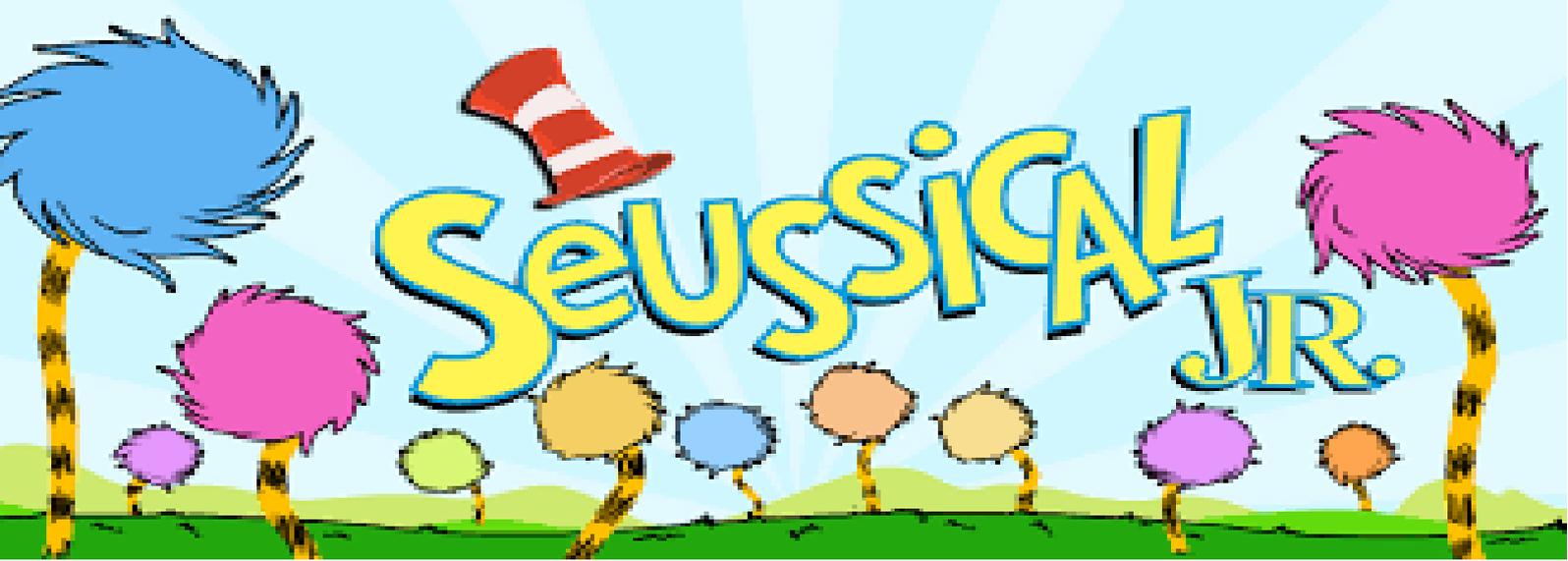
Vocational Education Training in Schools (VETiS), can be an exciting educational pathway for students to pursue in Year 11 and 12. VET courses add 'hands on' experience to a student's VCE program, and can help with future decisions around education and career options.

Year 10 students are invited to attend up to a maximum of 3 Taster Days at local VET venues during June, July and August. Taster Days give the students a 'taste' of a course and can help with VCE subject selection.

Students are advised that some sessions can book out quickly and are encouraged to register early. Please speak with Mrs Lenna Waters to find out more about the VET Taster program. We look forward to hearing about the experiences of our Year 10 students!

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There are a number of organisations that offer winter school programs to help Senior School students prepare for Unit 2 and 4 studies. These are optional activities that students may want to investigate to build on their learning at this point in the year. These programs can also assist in preparing for end of year examinations. Additional details have been published in the Senior School Weekly Parent Email.



Monday 28 May 2018

Dear Parents,

I am very happy to announce that we have been granted the rights to produce *Seussical Jr* as our 2018 College Musical. There will be three performances on 31 August (7pm) and 1 September (2pm and 7pm). Pop these dates in your diary now.

The show draws on the Dr Seuss classics *Horton Hatches the Egg*, *Horton Hears a Who*, *McElligot's Pool* and more for the plot of this delightful show, where loyalty and kindness are celebrated and children are encouraged to use their imaginations to create a better world. It's a wholesome, tender story that you and your family will love.

I need your help to get the show on to the stage.

I need people who can

- Sew and glue to help make costumes.
- Drive to pick up costumes, props, and deliver set and props to the theatre – Do you have a truck we could use?
- Draw plans for a building project (the set) and tell us what timber and how much we need to purchase.
- Cut timber and hammer and drill to help construct a set.
- Paint to decorate the set.
- Hunt in Op shops and cheap stores and garage sales to find props and costume pieces. (e.g. I need feather boas – do you have one lying around?)

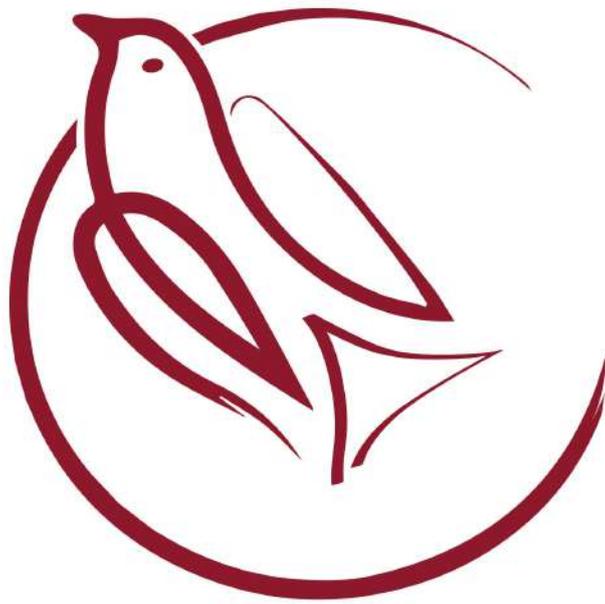
If you are available to help with any of the above please email me at aeynaud@ncc.vic.edu.au and let me know what skills you can bring to the team. I can then contact you about working bee dates and requirements as they arise.

Thank you in anticipation for your support and enthusiasm,

Kind Regards,

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