



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning

The Vine



NEWSLETTER





Principal's Report

Damian Higgins



We are now at a stage in the College calendar where things can get seriously busy. The latter part of Term 4 is always packed full of tasks for teachers and students, along with numerous celebratory events: Exams, graduation dinners, Celebration Evening, end of year academic reports, to name but a few.

It is often at this time of year that we look back and reflect on the good things that have occurred during the year. We celebrate our successes together and look back and smile as we think of the times when things didn't go too well but, thankfully, we made it through to the other side.

Over the last few newsletters, I have been looking at some of the keys to building community as the Body of Christ. We have looked at our identity as God's image bearers and the power of positive words and communication. Another really important idea is to focus on the good and not find the flaws.

Philippians 4 verse 8 says, "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

Although it is often tempting to criticize when another member of the community doesn't do things the way we think they should be done, it's always better to look for the good in each other. It not only helps us as individuals to be more positive in our outlook but, furthermore, it can create opportunities for us to encourage and build each other up. There is no doubt that a community, whose members feel supported, encouraged and validated, will be more effective in playing their part in the Body of Christ.

Personally, I can remember key moments in my own life when a colleague, friend or fellow community member has told me something that they admire about me. Looking back, I see these moments as key points where my life changed for the better. I am sure you all have similar stories and I would like to encourage you to continue to make this a practice in your own lives, to speak words of affirmation and support and to always look for the good in each other. I pray that, as we enter this busy season, despite the pressures that numerous events and work commitments bring, that we will all work together to build an ever stronger community and be a bright light shining for all to see.

Grace & Peace

2018 Term Dates

Term 4:

Tuesday 9th October- Tuesday 11th December

Diary Dates

Term 4

Thursday 15th November

Hoop Time Regionals

Friday 23rd November

Yr 12 Graduation

Wednesday 28th November

2019 Prep - Year 10 Orientation Day

Thursday 29th November

Yr 6 Graduation

Friday 30th November

Volunteers Morning Tea

Awards Assembly



Wednesday 5th December

Semester 2 Learning Showcase

Tuesday 11th December

Last Day of Term 4 - 2:30pm Finish

Celebration Evening (P. 6)

2019 Term Dates

Term 1:

Preps, Years 7, 10, 12 Start Thursday 31st January

Friday 1st February - Friday 5th April

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 28th June

Term 3

Wednesday 17th July - Friday 20th September

Term 4

*Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December

(*NOTE Change in Date)

Parents & Friends News:



The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective

James 5:16

Please join us every Thursday for prayer.

Meet in the foyer at 2:15pm.

ALL WELCOME.

You are welcome to sms prayer requests to Jenny Masino on 0425 769 829.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Library Borrowing

Friday 16th November will be the last day to borrow items from The Hive and The Reading Room. Please ensure all items borrowed are returned the following week to allow time to get all our borrowed books back, send out overdue notices, shelf read and stocktake the collection. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Chris Marsh



INSPIRE News

Amy Horneman

Science Talent Search - Success in 2018

Our young scientists again achieved outstanding results in the Science Talent Search this year.

Christian G in Year 7 won a Minor Bursary for his Arduino + Raspberry Pi weather station 'The Weather Box', sparking interest from the professor of Life Sciences at Latrobe University, as well as having his project entered into the 2019 National BHP Billiton Future Science and Engineering Awards. This is an outstanding achievement and we congratulate Christian on his hard work in preparing his project for the competition.



Christian G

Other high achievements included:

Major Bursary

Timothy H (Year 7) - scientific poster 'The Polymer Bank Note'

Sahil M and Amos H (Year 2) - picture storybook 'This Changes Everything'

Minor Bursary

Natshali F and Genesis W (Year 4) - scientific poster 'The Black Box'

Michelle W and Neriya N (Year 6) - scientific poster 'How Have Drones Changed the Lives of Australians?'

Suhanayan P (Year 6) - scientific poster 'The Bionic Ear'

Distinction

Ava and Amalie W (Year 4) - scientific poster 'The Hill's Hoist'

Alex F (Year 5) - video 'WiFi'

Sachin S and Marshal K (Year 6) - video 'Chemical and Physical Changes'

Jacob A (Year 6) - scientific poster 'How Does WiFi Work?'



Inspiring Student Award

Congratulations to Shemara K in Year 10, who was nominated by Northside teachers for the Australian Mathematics Trust's new award 'The AMT Inspiring Student Award'. This award recognises a Secondary student who participated in the 2018 Australian Mathematics Competition, who inspires and supports their peers in the learning and enjoyment of mathematics and/or algorithmics.

Shemara's nomination was accepted, along with students from Scotch College and Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School, and, at a special awards ceremony at the University of Melbourne Boat House at Southbank, Shemara was announced as the state winner!

Shemara was awarded with a trophy and an AMT publications voucher to the value of \$100.

Congratulations, Shemara, on such an outstanding achievement! We are grateful for the enthusiasm and excellence you have brought to the learning of Mathematics at Northside!



Shemara K

Inspiring Teacher Award

Michael Bond

Northside Christian College is delighted to announce that Mrs Amy Horneman has recently been awarded the Victorian runner-up in the Australian Maths Trust 2018 Inspiring Teacher Awards. This award recognises a person who has shaped and influenced the teaching environment so students can enjoy Mathematics and pursue interests in this field through engaging in a variety of activities and programs. Under the leadership of Mrs Horneman, the INSPIRE Maths program at Northside has certainly provided an environment for our students to challenge themselves and participate in a wide range of enrichment activities. Thank you, Mrs Horneman, for your efforts to assist our students in experiencing the 'wonder of learning' in the field of Mathematics.

May we also acknowledge and thank our INSPIRE Maths teachers for all their efforts to challenge our students throughout the year. Likewise, our Mathematics teachers are doing a great job challenging and supporting our students from Prep to Year 12.

The Australian Mathematics Trust is a national not-for-profit organisation whose purpose is to enrich the teaching and learning of



Mrs Amy Horneman

mathematics and algorithmics for students of all standards. They hold mathematics and algorithmics competitions, administer enrichment activities, conduct workshops for students and teachers, and publish books on mathematical enrichment for Australian and international students. The Australian Mathematics Trust selects and supports Australia's international mathematics and informatics Olympiad teams. The Australian Mathematics Trust are celebrating the achievements of students and teachers for 2018 at the annual state award ceremonies across October and November 2018.



Spring Recital

Andrew Horneman

This week we saw over 70 of our College students take part in the newly named Ensembles Extravaganza Spring Recital held at Encompass Church Main Auditorium. The majority of students attending performed in various ensembles ranging from concert bands to rock bands and vocal choirs of various sizes. This concert saw the debut performance from our Year 6 Concert Band, which was very exciting. This group of young students have been working hard learning their instrument for the first time this year and performed well to a delighted audience of parents, grandparents and friends.

This year we decided to change the program from previous years and provide opportunity for our 7 school ensembles to perform what they have been working on throughout the school year in their respective groups. This concert also allowed us to provide performance practice to our individual students who will be taking music exams in November.

I would like to congratulate our students on presenting an entertaining concert and also thank our Community of parents and staff for getting behind this event. I encourage everyone in the Community to consider coming along to future recitals as it's a great way to show support for our students and also enjoy the gift of music!



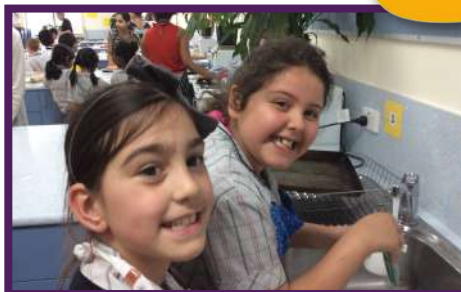
Year I/2 in the Kitchen

Sarah Mellow

The Year I & 2 students had the opportunity to make scrumptious scones!

On Friday of Week 4, Mrs Waters opened her kitchen to the students. Everyone got to practice their cooking skills. With the help of the amazing parents, every student made and took home some delicious scones!

Thanks, Mrs Waters!



Welfare

Fiona Dumitrache

As we get closer to the end of the year, family life can get pretty hectic. You will be able to help your children to manage - to come to school ready to learn and with a generally positive mindset - by implementing a few simple self care strategies over the following month.

1. Plan. Sit down as a family and plan out the week ahead. There are often recitals, competition finals, work functions, etc. over the next 6 weeks that mean longer days. So highlight these days and list what you can all do to make the nights, and mornings after, less stressful, with clear tasks and expectations expressed. Gentle reminders and promptings will also be important as each day progresses. Write routines up so it is clear and children can refer to them when needed for reassurance and predictability when routines are different.

2. Normalise tiredness. Tiredness will probably factor highly at this time; share ways that you manage when tired so that they can understand and have a go at helpful and productive ways of dealing with it themselves. Drink plenty of water!



3. Prioritise. If a particular week is looking too packed then prioritise what's important and try to be selective. You may also consider a later start the next day, or communicate with the homeroom teacher, or part of the family may attend one function on one night whilst the other part stays home and relaxes and vice versa.

4. Eat well. When possible, plan meals ahead so that nutrition can remain high whilst the body is running harder.

5. Music. Turn the TV off or decrease other noises and introduce some music. Music can add rhythm, unity and joy when life appears to be chaotic. It can help to change and lift grumpy or sad moods that are often related to tiredness.

6. Communicate. This is often affected by busy schedules and tiredness so over-communicate the seemingly obvious.

7. Positivity and gratefulness. When we're tired, it's easy to become critical and to increase expectations. Focus on effort and successes in each day and communicate these to your children. "I can see you're tired but well done for ...sticking to your study plan for exams... getting yourself ready for bed...being kind when your brother was grumpy... following our plan to make the morning easier." Pray and be thankful for life and the abundance it offers through all of the experiences of the day.

8. Rest. God specifically created rest. Make sure this is part of your schedule in the week. Everyone needs it, biologically, and this will help to stabilise mood, coping capacity, and therefore overall enjoyment of the silly season!



Celebration Evening - 11th December

Do you have your tickets yet?

A reminder that school finishes early at 2:15pm on the last day of Term 4 to allow families to travel into the City in time for Celebration Evening. After School Care will run as usual on this day, if you need to use the service. Any child not collected from school by 2:40pm will be taken to After School Care.

Please see the Information Pack that was sent by email and hard copy to all families. If you have not received this Pack, please contact Reception urgently.

You must book tickets to Celebration Evening on Try Booking before 23rd November. Booking Instructions are attached.

Please remember that there is no cost to book and seats are not allocated. You will need a ticket for students, yourselves and guests.

Having a ticket with you will mean having access to the express entry lane.

Not having a ticket with you will mean having to go through extra security processes.

Thank you to families who have already booked.



Sports News

Anna Venegas

Year 9/10 Netball

Well done to the Netball team for winning 9 out of 10 games and finishing second place (out of 11 teams). It came down to percentage in the end and Maranatha took the win. Thanks to Mrs Worrell for coaching the team.

Belgrave Heights 5 v Northside: 1-4

Belgrave Heights 4 v Northside: 1-5

Chairo v Northside: 3-8

Maranatha 3 v Northside: 1-12

Hillcrest 3 v Northside: 4-5

Waverley Wantirna 2 v Northside 2-8

St Andrews 2 v Northside 2-6

Maranatha 2 v Northside 8-2

Waverley Naree Warren 2 v Northside 0-9

Belgrave Heights 6 v Northside 4-10



Yr 9/10 Netball Team

Athletics Champions

Congratulations to our Champions Athletes who competed on Friday the 26th of October at Lakeside Stadium. They all performed outstandingly taking many places throughout the day. A special mention goes to:

Damien F - First place in 100m, 200m & 400m

Grace H - First place in 100m and 200m

Jacob P - First place in Discus, Second place in Shot Put



Damien F - 1st Place

Sofia I - Second place in Shot Put

Anne S - Second place in Shot Put

Michelle W - Third place in Triple jump & Long Jump

Genesis W - 2nd place in the 400m

Amalie W - Second place in Triple Jump

Keira H - Second place in Discus

Connor T - 2nd place in the 400m



Anne S - 2nd Place

CSEN Rally

Well done to the Year 7/8 Soccer and Netball teams for putting in a great performance at the CSEN Rally last Wednesday.

A special mention to the Girls' Soccer team who got into the Grand Final but lost 4-3. A great effort from everyone involved.

Thank you to netball coach Jo Davies and Miss Rowse and Mr Simmons for supporting the teams.



Yr 7/8 Netball Team



Yr 7/8 Soccer Team



Tour of Hope

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On Thursday 25th October, we were privileged to have the 'Tour of Hope' visit Northside. The Tour of Hope, which consists of six former Brazilian soccer players, ran drills, skills and games with the Year 5 - Year 9 students throughout the day. They also gave their testimonies of hope and shared their stories with the students.

It was a fun and blessed experience for all involved.

Special thanks to past student Jeremiah for coming in and helping!



Tour of Hope - Jeremiah



Tour of Hope - Drills

Senior School Report

Michael Bond

Our Year 12 students have been busy studying, revising and completing examinations during the past two weeks. We continue to pray for them during this important time. Thank you once again to our VCE staff who have worked closely with our students to support them in preparing for their examinations.

This week, our Year 10 and II students will also be completing end of year examinations across a broad range of subjects. Students have had an opportunity to revise and reflect on their learning. Many students have taken advantage of the opportunity to develop a study plan and refine their study skills. These are important skills to develop as students prepare to transition into Year 12.

We continue to pray for God's blessing on our students during this busy time. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our team of staff at the College.



Year 10 and II Examinations

Year 10 and II examinations have been scheduled between the 12th and 16th November. An examination timetable has been published on the College website at: www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Semester-2-Year-10-II-Student-Examination-Timetable.pdf

Books and Supplies Day

Year 10 and II students will be provided with a day without scheduled classes on Monday 19th November in order to purchase books and supplies in preparation for Early Commencement and the 2019 academic school year. The 2019 Senior School Booklists has been published on the College website at: www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Year-II-and-12-Student-Resource-List-2019.pdf.



Early Commencement Program

Senior School students will experience their first taste of 2019 VCE/VCAL classes during the Early Commencement Program, which will be conducted between the 20th - 27th November. The compulsory week long orientation program provides a valuable opportunity for students to receive study materials, gain information about the subjects they are enrolled in and complete a significant amount of subject content. A timetable will be published in the Senior School newsletter.

Year 10 and II Retreat

Students will be attending a two day retreat as part of their Senior School Early Commencement program on the 28th and 29th November. We trust that this retreat, together with the Early Commencement Program, will assist students in preparing for the 2019 academic school year.

Last Day for Year 10 and II Students

The last day of school for our current Year 10 and II students will be on Friday 30th November 2018. This will provide an opportunity for all our current Prep - Year II students to attend the Awards Assembly on this day.

Distance Education

A letter was emailed to families on the 15th October 2018 in regards to Distance Education in 2018. Students who wish to enrol in Distance Education classes are encouraged to complete this application ASAP. Please see Mr Bond in the VCE Administration Office if you have any questions or need another copy of this letter.

The complete list of subjects being offered by the DECV in 2019 is available on the DECV website at: www.distance.vic.edu.au/subject-information/.

The DECV require that students complete an enrolment form. The DECV enrolment application form is available in the "2019 Students in Schools Enrolment Handbook". This resource is available at: www.distance.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/2019_Students_in_Schools_forms.pdf.

Students may also select to complete the enrolment process online using the form available at: enrolments.distance.vic.edu.au/OnlineEnrolments.aspx.

Year 12 Graduation

We would like to invite members of our College community to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on Friday 23rd November, in the Encompass Church auditorium, commencing at 1:00pm. Please ensure you are on time. We suggest you arrive at 12:45pm to be seated, as we will start promptly at 1:00pm.





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