





Welcome!



Mr Damian Higgins, Principal

As you read this newsletter, I will be over in Perth at the CSA (Christian Schools Australia) National Leadership summit. This is an annual gathering of leaders within Christian Schools and is a really important event in helping Christian Schools to maintain their connections to each other and provide valuable support for each other as we continue the work of providing Christian Education. Northside Christian College has been an active member of CSA for many years and has always enjoyed the support of this overarching Christian organisation.

At the Leadership Summit this week, we will be exploring the idea of Biblical Literacy within Christian Education. This is such an important theme in our community today, especially as recent research data from The Bible Society indicates that only 9% of young Christian men and women read the Bible regularly and the majority (around 51%) engage with the Bible only a few times per year. Why is this? Do our young people feel the Bible is not relevant to their Christian walk? My feeling is that the majority of young people don't realise or fully understand how incredible and relevant this collection of 66 books we call the Bible really is.

This week at the conference in Perth, I am looking forward to discussing how we might break this trend throughout our Christian Schools and hopefully see our young people continuing to engage with scripture long after they have graduated from our College. Other exciting developments to be unveiled at the CSA Summit include an updated CSA Christian Studies Program along with three NEW companion documents which include: Christian Formation for Students; Mission and Service Programs; and Indigenous Faith and Relationship Building.

The Summit will also feature keynote addresses by international speaker, Dr Chris Browne who will speak about measuring student faith development through data collection tools and unpack the research collected from CSA member schools earlier in the year. Over the coming months, I will be sharing more about some of the perspectives explored at the Summit along with other themes that we as a CSA school explore together as Christian Educators every week in our conversations, meetings and networks.

Grace & Peace

2019 Term Dates

Term 3

Wednesday 17th July - Friday 20th September

Term 4

Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December



Diary Dates

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd August

Book Week

Wednesday 21st - Thursday 22nd August

Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 22nd August

CSEN Western Rally Day

Friday 23rd August

Book Week Dress Up Day

Monday 26th August

CSEN Secondary Masterminds

Wednesday 28th August

CSEN Primary Masterminds

Thursday 29th August

Amazing Father's Day Race

Friday 30th August

P&F Father's Day Stall

Wednesday 4th September:

Prep - Year 9 PSTI (4:00pm-8:30pm)

Thursday 5th September:

1:15pm Student Dismissal

Prep - Year 9 PSTI (2:00pm-5:00pm)

Wednesday 11th September

Art Show Registration Day

8:30-9:00am and 3:30-4:00pm

Friday 20th September:

Last day of Term 3 - 2:30pm finish

Monday 1st-Wednesday 3rd October

VCE Unit 3/4 Practice Exams

Monday 7th October

Term 4 Begins

Wednesday 9th October

Dress Up as an ART/ist Day

Thursday 10th October

NCC Annual Art Show

Parents & Friends News

The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective

James 5:16



Please join us every Tuesday 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!

Next Parents and Friends Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th September 2019, 9:00am until 10:00am.

Please meet at Reception. All parents are welcome to attend.



Parents & Friends FATHER'S DAY STALL

Friday 30th August

Each Primary class will be taken to the Father's Day Stall and given an opportunity to purchase gifts. Secondary students are welcome to come and purchase gifts from the Stall at Recess.

Gifts range from \$2-\$10

ENROLMENT WITHDRAWAL POLICY 2019

Just a friendly reminder to all families regarding NCC's withdrawal policy.

Any families who make the decision to leave Northside Christian College are required to give a minimum of one (1) term's written notice prior to leaving. If notice is not received in advance the family is liable for the equivalent of one (1) term fees as outlined in the fee payment agreement.

Families who are enrolling at another school for Term 1 2020 are required to give this notice by the end of Term 3 2019.

When giving notice, this needs to be addressed to 'The Principal' in the form of a written letter or via email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. The letter should be written by the student's parent or guardian stating the reason for this decision and new school.

As some of our classes are at capacity, with waiting lists, once a family has withdrawn from the College this place may be offered to other applying families. We are unable to guarantee re-enrolment should a family's circumstance change or there be a change of heart.

For more information please contact the Enrolments Team

Walking Across McLeans Road

Students are reminded to please exercise caution when crossing McLeans Road during the day.

Please avoid crossing McLeans Road before the pedestrian crossing as it is difficult for drivers to see pedestrians crossing in other areas on this road.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



E-waste recycling

From July 2019 any old electrical items can not be put in general rubbish bins. To assist families to dispose of this waste, we have partnered with City of Whittlesea to host an e-waste recycling skip from Monday 5 August to Friday 23 August. The bin will be located behind the Music Room for families to access. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

BOOK WEEK 2019

"Reading Is My Secret Power"

Mrs Chris Marsh, Librarian

August 19th - 23rd is Book Week, and Friday 23rd August 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.

Students not in costume **MUST** wear school uniform.

This year, if weather permits, our parade of costumes will be held early in the day on the basketball court. In the case of inclement weather, the primary school will hold its parade in the Encompass multipurpose room, and secondaries in the Middle School.

A final decision on time and venue will be made on Thursday afternoon and communicated to all families via sms/email.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Wednesday 21st August and
Thursday 22nd August

Once again, the College is holding a Scholastic Book Fair to coincide with Book Week.

It will be open for business in the foyer on Wednesday 21st August and Thursday 22nd August from 3.30 - 4.15pm.

All commission will be used to buy new stock for the library.

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

We have a record number of students registered in the Premiers Reading Challenge this year, and our total so far is 3695 books read - a fantastic result.

Only two days of reading time remains for the Challenge, with Friday 23rd August being the last day any books can be added to your total.

Prep and Year I students will read their books in class but it is the responsibility of all other students to read and record their own titles.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Marsh in the library or via email cmarsh@ncc.vic.edu.au.



Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Prep - Year 9 from 4pm - 8:30pm
Wednesday 4th September

Prep - Year 9 from 2pm - 5pm
Thursday 5th September

Students will be dismissed at 1:15pm on Thursday 5th September.



Primary School Banking

Just a reminder that 2019 School Banking takes place every **Friday**.

Thank you for supporting our School Banking Program.

Happy savings!



Wellbeing

Year 10 Resiliency Day

Ms Fiona Dumitrache,
Head of Wellbeing

Resiliency Day was really encouraging. It was great to hear from others older than us that have experienced life differently. We all learnt heaps of things about how to manage life - from always trusting God and living for Him to cyber safety.

We listened to a testimony from a family with 3 boys who inherited cystic fibrosis and how to have hope in times of crisis.

We had a fun session with a Martial Arts Therapy trainer. Some of the tips the trainer gave us to build resilience were: control what you can control, multitasking is overrated, attitude more than aptitude will determine your altitude.

We really enjoyed learning interactively as a class, and eating good food!

~ Leila, Kari and Barbod



PARENTING TEENS

Wednesday 28th August

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Middle School Learning Centre

As a response to parents requesting how to understand their teen better and to employ more effective ways of communicating with teenagers, NCC is hosting this parenting workshop. Come along to learn and share together regarding these challenges with our young people. Come to understand more about the developmental stage of a teen brain. We hope you will walk away feeling more equipped in understanding and supporting your teen.



The Gratefulness Family Challenge has arrived! See the attached flyer for more information!

NCC AMAZING FATHER'S DAY RACE

Thursday 29th August

4.00pm - 6.00pm

To honour the special men in our families, Northside is holding an Amazing Race with a picnic dinner to follow.

Please see the attached flyer and registration form for more details.



Primary School Update

Preps learn about Materials!

Ms Olivia Tucci, Prep Teacher

The Preps are studying a unit about materials in Science. Materials can be hard or soft, strong or weak, heavy or light, thick or thin. In the context of *The Three Little Pigs*, they are learning that materials serve different purposes and that we need to choose suitable materials when we are making things.

Last week the Preps looked at non-living materials. They sorted them into natural (how God made it) and man-made groups then classified the man-made collection according to what they were made of. The Preps found that they had wood, metal and plastic groups.

It was a delight to see the Preps working so well with their friends to figure out the best way to classify the materials in front of them.



Preps explore Nature!

Mrs Antonietta Veljanovski

In Art, the Preps explored natural science and thought about why leaves change their colour. They then made their own leaf prints.



INSPIRE - Write a Book in a Day 2019

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

This year's Write a Book in a Day was the biggest yet for Northside, with almost 50 students participating, making up 10 teams from Year 4 to Year 8. 10 books were published, printed and bound by the end of the night, and there was a lot of relief in the air after a long, exhausting and high-energy day. Copies of the published books are on display on the INSPIRE wall in Reception, so please make sure you go and check them out!

We have raised over \$3000 already this year, and half of the teams have still not met their target; it looks as though we may double last year's fundraising efforts, which is incredible! All funds raised through this competition go to the Kids' Cancer Project, and all books eligible for judging are distributed to children in hospitals around Australia.

If you would like to support this project, donations are open until 31st August.

Please go online to:

writeabookinaday.com/sponsor-a-student/

and search for our school's name. You can then sponsor an individual student. Thank you for your support, and well done, book writers and illustrators, on an excellent 2019 WABIAD!



Middle School Update

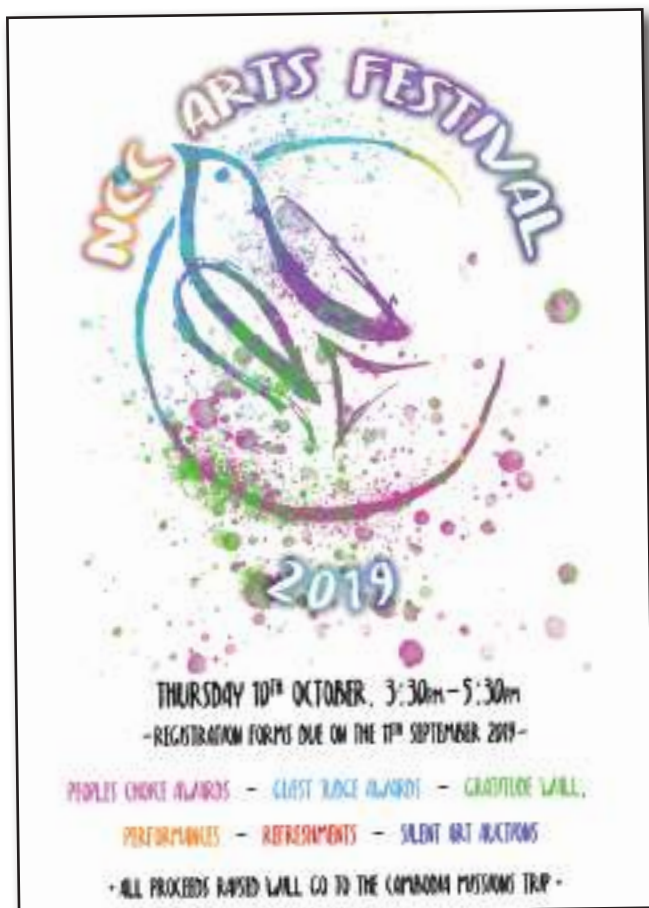
Year 7/8 Digital Technologies

Mr Michael Bond, Digital Technologies Teacher

The Year 7/8 Digital Technologies class enjoyed the opportunity to 'Design an App in a Day' during the recent Term 3 Flexiday.

Students had an opportunity to design a mobile phone application with the goal of making our lives easier or solving a common problem. Students gained additional insight into how to design an application with consideration of good design principles for the graphical user interface. The class developed wireframe sketches of their apps before commencing work on digital prototypes of their applications using a range of online design and prototype resources.

The Flexiday program provided students with a greater opportunity to develop skills and complete a project in one day. Students benefited from having additional class time to complete this activity.



Register your art work!

Parents, Staff and Students who would like to enter artworks in the Art Show need to fill in a Registration Form and return it to the College with their art work on Registration Day: Wednesday 11th September from 8:30am-9am or 3:30-4pm in the Art Room.

Hard copies of the Art Show Registration Forms are available at the College Reception

Science & Maths Week

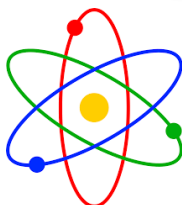
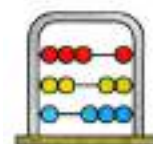
Mrs Susan Varghese,
Science Coordinator

In Week 4 we celebrated Science and Maths Week. We started the fun first thing on Monday morning during staff devotions, with a Maths and Science quiz. Some of the questions were pretty tricky!

Our Year 9 students enjoyed an entire day of maths and science themed activities on the Monday, as part of their Flexiday program. A huge thank you to Mrs Wang for organising these activities!

During the week, the staff of the Science and Maths faculties ran a range of activities for Primary and Secondary students during lunchtimes. The activities gave students opportunities to explore the fun side of both subjects. It also gave Primary and Secondary students a chance to mix together while enjoying subjects they love. Some of the students who attended asked whether they could do more of these activities every week!

The week ended with a fun dress up day for Primaries.



What some of our student scientists had to say:

"Science and Mathematics week was very good. We really enjoyed Kahoot. We like how the questions went from easy to hard and harder. The next highlight was Fun with Chemistry! We mixed ingredients. There were a lot of activities in it and they were all great! The activities included mixing water and pepper, turning copper into silver, making steel wool burn with a battery, making elephant toothpaste and making a volcano with Coca-cola and Mentos."

~ Matthew, Year 2 & Larry, Year 3

"It was interesting to see all the different structural design choices for Build a Tower and Build a Bridge and how they were tested for structural integrity. Thank you, Ms Varghese, for organising the Science Week activities."

~ Amos, Year 7

Science & Maths Week

Maths Games

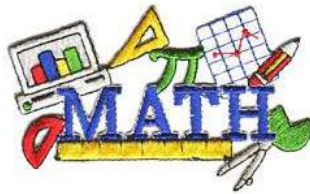
Mrs Margaret Furlong Maths Teacher

Two maths-based activities that were run during the Week were board games and Fun with Symmetry. These activities were attended by Primary and Secondary students with curious minds and a desire to know more about how maths affects the world around them.

Playing board games gave students a chance to explore pattern and order and to test out their logic skills. As well as playing popular games, such as Connect 4 and Monopoly, some students were inventive and made up a game based on Triominoes. Many students tried very hard to outwit Mr Eynaud at Connect 4 but, alas, he proved too strong.

In Fun with Symmetry, students digitally dissected photos of their faces and pasted two right sides together and two left sides. Students laughed at how different they looked as faces became longer or wider and hairstyles changed dramatically. This activity reinforced the concept of symmetry and made students realise just how unsymmetrical our faces are!

A big thank you to Mrs Varghese for getting the initiative off the ground and for her support and organisation.



Crime Scene Investigation

Ms Teresa Connelly, Legal Studies Teacher

'CSI: Forensic Science' ran over two days and introduced students to the concept that science is used in crime scene investigations to provide evidence for the purposes of discovering the truth, and identifying suspects.

A fictitious crime scene was presented to the group and students were instructed in three techniques to help provide the Victoria Police with evidence to identify the criminal responsible for the crime. The three techniques were: chromatography, botanical fragment (plant leaf) analysis, and fingerprint analysis. Students from Year 2 to Year 9 participated in the investigation and carried out the various forensic investigations. Their work paid off, as they correctly identified the criminal; NCC is now indebted to them for their scientific curiosity and investigative skill!



What our CSI participants had to say:

"I thought it would be crazy, but it was awesome. The best part was the fingerprint."

~ Neriah, Year 3

"I enjoyed this because I had a great time."

~ Brydie, Year 3

:CSI was very fun, we loved when we figured it out."

Abbey & Rachel, Year 3

"We liked CSI!"

Detectives Enoch & Cody, Year 3

Senior School Update

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

It has been a pleasure to work with our Senior School students during this very busy time of the year. Students have been busy selecting subjects and planning future pathways while also completing a wide range of assessments. The focus for many students will soon turn to revision and examinations. A wide range of support structures have been promoted to students to assist them in preparing for the challenges of Term 4. Please continue to let us know if we can further support your student during this time.



Science Week



Year 10 Resiliency Day



Science Week

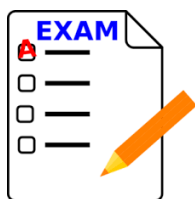
Unit 3 & 4 September Practice Examinations

Year 11 and 12 students who are studying a Unit 3/4 subject will be scheduled to complete Unit 3/4 practice examinations in a range of subjects during the week of the 1st - 3rd October 2019.

The College considers this very important assessment preparation for the 2019 VCE Examinations.

A copy of the practice exam timetable is available on the College website at:

ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Unit-3-4-October-Practice-Examination-Timetable.pdf



2020 Subject Selection Almost Complete

The College is currently reviewing 2020 Subject Selection forms and will confirm individual 2020 subject selections during August.

Year 10 students were required to return their second round subject selection forms on **Friday 16th August 2019**. Please submit any missing forms by the end of the week to avoid missing out on subject preferences.

Thank you once again to our students for their assistance with this process.



CSEN Senior Basketball

Mrs Anna Venegas, PE Coordinator

Chris Simmons, Primary School Director

The VCE boys entered a basketball team into the Senior CSEN Rally in Boronia on Tuesday 13th August.

The boys have been training every recess and lunch in preparation for this day. They won 6 games, losing only one game by a point, with many of the games being very close.

The boys entered the Grand Final and continued to play exceptionally together. The final result was 9-11 to Maranatha Christian College.

Overall, the boys played the best basketball we have ever seen them play and displayed great attitudes throughout the day.





Parenting teens in creative ways

Presented by: Sally Tyrrell, City of Whittlesea

A practical skills workshop for parents with a creative art twist. This is a free workshop for parents and carers who live in the City of Whittlesea, focussing on helping them to understand their teenager emotions and develop practical skills and strategies.

Topics will include:

- Understanding brain development. Why do young people behave the way they do?
- Strategies to talk with your teenager.
- Creative strategies to keep yourself and your teenager calm.

Recommended for: Parents/carers of children (Aged 10 and over)

Date: Wednesday 28 August 2019

Time: 6.30pm-8.30pm

Location: Northside Christian College
31 McLeans Road, Bundoora

Bookings: Family Services Education Officer
familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

Phone: 9404 8865

Cost: Free

Register Online: www.trybooking.com/BCCSO

For more information or to register your booking contact Council's Family Services Education Officer, on 9404 8865 or email familytraining@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

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GRATEFULNESS FAMILY CHALLENGE



You are invited to participate in the FAMILY GRATEFULNESS CHALLENGE for the next month, and hopefully beyond! This way of thinking and living is God-designed, with our wellbeing, community development, and relationship with God being central.

During our Arts Festival we will have a special space for those families who wish to display their month of gratefulness. We'd love to receive your contributions. Our last chapel for the term will be a celebration of our GRATEFULNESS.

What is **GRATITUDE**?

Gratitude is an expression of appreciation or the quality of being thankful. When we experience the emotion of gratitude we are practicing the focus on good and the blessing God has so bountifully given us.



God created us to be reflective beings, unlike any other creation. He wants our relationship with him to be restored. Throughout history when people have shown gratitude God has blessed them well beyond their needs.

Consider the following passages:

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 New Living Translation (NLT)

⁹For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity^[a] in you.¹¹Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. ¹²So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem^[b] will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Living Bible (TLB)

¹⁸No matter what happens, always be thankful, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.



Some ideas for your family

For the younger ones you may like to focus on these main areas:

Thankful to others

How to help others

Appreciate what or whom you have

Notice the blessings you have

Know your gifts and be thankful for them

Serve others with what you have

- Collect 30 rocks and paint things you are grateful for on each one to make a gratefulness rock garden.
- Each person in the family creates their own flowers to make a family garden with one thing to be grateful for written on separate petals for each.
- Do a similar thing for making a tree of gratefulness, cutting out leaves for the trees.
- Make a special book to journal
- Family round table challenge where each one chooses one of the above to chat about.
- Finding a Bible promise and memorise it over the week.



For the 10 + year olds you may like to focus on these main areas:



Grateful for one experience I had today

Learned or discovered one thing today

Accomplished something today

Delighted in something or something that touched your heart

- Create a piece of word art.
- Take photos, draw, or write and hang using pegs and string.
- Keep a journal
- Create a collage using words or pictures.
- Family round table challenge where each one chooses one of the above to chat about.
- Discuss a Bible promise and how this relates practically to a life of gratitude.



Stuck for ideas? Excited to share? Email Fiona at studentwellbeing@ncc.vic.edu.au



The Amazing Father's Day Race!

Thursday 29th August 4.00-6.00pm

Come along and join in the fun competing with your family in the classic
NCC Primary Amazing Race!

You will need:

Team Leader

Father, grandfather, uncle, big brother or a special male you love.

Team members

Primary students

Team Outfits

Create an awesome team outfit and make sure you wear runners.

Prizes will be given for the best family team outfits.

Picnic Dinner

Families are invited to bring a picnic dinner for after the race.

The College will provide an ice cream dessert

Entry Cost

\$5 Per Person (\$20 for 4 or more)

Meet on the Main Basketball Court at 4.00pm sharp to begin.

NCC Primary presents...

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Thurs 17th Oct 2019
5:00pm - 6:30pm

Join us for a picnic
for our 2019 Twilight
Primary Concert

- Food trucks
- Coffee
- Performances by every primary class



Northside Christian College E-waste Collection



Take your E-waste to a better place!

To make recycling e-waste easy, we will be hosting an e-waste recycling skip from **Monday 5 August - Friday 23 August.**



E-waste refers to any household appliance with a battery or cord.

When the skip arrives, you can put any small household electrical items with a cord or battery into it, such as: televisions, computers, laptops, tablets, printers, faxes, scanners, copiers, keyboards, speakers, monitors, gaming consoles, modems, set top boxes, routers, server, vacuum cleaners, toasters, hair dryers, hi-fi equipment, video and DVD players, electronic toys and other household electronic appliances.

✓ **What WILL be accepted:**

Any small household electrical or electronic items with a cord or battery, for example: computers, televisions, vacuum cleaners, printers, toasters, hair dryers, video and DVD players, hi-fi equipment, stereo equipment, digital cameras and video cameras.

✗ **What will NOT be accepted:**

Any whitegoods (refrigerators, freezers, dish washers, washing machines, clothes dryers and microwaves) and solar panels. To dispose of whitegoods book a free collection by calling Kids Off The Kerb on 9982 5600.



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