



Northside Christian College

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NEWSLETTER





Principal's Report

Damian Higgins



With holidays just around the corner, I am sure most of us are looking forward to taking a break from busy routines and slowing down for some well deserved rest and relaxation. Rest is an important discipline and one which we can often neglect. The concept of rest is first mentioned very early on in the Bible.

Genesis 2: 1-2 says, 'Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.'

Something I have realised over the years is that the Sabbath is more than just a day off work to rest and prepare for more work on Monday morning. We can often fall into that trap and just get as much down time as possible in order to get our energy back for the week that lies ahead. But this is really missing the point of the gift of Sabbath. This ceasing of work is designed to be a special time for us. Yes, it is of course a chance to rest and 'recharge our batteries', but this doesn't simply mean an absence of activity. I am sure you all agree that we are re-energised when we enter into the gifts and blessings that God has given us: Spending time with our families, getting out and about to appreciate God's marvellous creation, coming together as the body of Christ to support and fellowship with one another and, of course, spending time quietly in the presence of God.

Although our traditional understanding of Sabbath usually means a day a week, I think we can understand the gift of Sabbath more broadly. The Christmas holidays are certainly an opportunity to engage in activity that can bring us closer to God and also to our friends and family as we make the most of the decrease in busyness to invest in these important things. God Himself took part in Sabbath after creating all things. And since we are all made in the image of God, it is built into our DNA to do the same.

Grace & Peace

2018 Term Dates

Term 4:

Tuesday 9th October - Tuesday 11th December

Diary Dates

Term 4

Wednesday 28th November

2019 Prep - Year 10 Orientation Day

Thursday 29th November

Year 6 Graduation

Friday 30th November

Volunteers Morning Tea

Primary & Secondary Awards Assemblies

Wednesday 5th December

Semester 2 Learning Showcase

Tuesday 11th December

Last Day of Term 4 - 2:30pm Finish
Celebration Evening (P. 7)



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!

End of Term Changes to Uniform

To allow you to have clean and fresh uniforms for your child/ren to wear to Celebration Evening, the following uniform changes have been made:

~ Monday 10th December - your child is required to be in the College sports uniform

~ Tuesday 11th December - your child is asked to wear casual clothes to school. A gold coin donation is required for this casual clothes day. Money raised will go towards the Year 6 Garden.



The dress code for Celebration Evening is full and correct Summer uniform, including blazers for Secondary students. Please ensure your child's shoes are polished and their hair is tied up if it is shoulder length or longer.

We hope this decision is helpful for you. We look forward to celebrating the year with your family at Celebration Evening!

Safe Devices

Stephen Nelson

As we prepare for 2019, please ensure you check that your student's device is in good working order. We strive to provide a safe College for all our students and need your help to ensure they have a safe device. If your student brings a device onsite we ask that you assist by following these steps:



~ Whenever possible charge the device at home

~ All devices must be in good working order (including a long lasting battery)

~ All devices must be free of any cracked screens

~ All devices must be free of damaged cords or chargers

Please take the time over the holidays to repair any devices that require it.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

Reminder of Savings through Early Bird Payment in Full

For a limited time only, Parents and Guardians will receive an additional discount off their Tuition Fees component when their Annual 2019 Tuition Fees and Other Levies and Charges are paid in full.

Please telephone the Accounts Office to organise your Fee savings.

This offer expires on Saturday 15th December 2018.



INSPIRE News

Amy Horneman

Stories of the Gifted

Jacob Z (Year 5) and Shemara K (Year 10) were invited by the Victorian Association of Gifted and Talented Children (VAGTC) to participate in the launch of a brand new initiative, Stories of the Gifted, a student forum hosted by Mentone Grammar School, where students of high ability were invited to participate in sharing their personal narratives. Jacob and Shemara participated in the 'Human Library', which according to the VAGTC, is a concept of 'a library that lends people rather than books.' The Stories of the Gifted is a short seminar designed to display the 'books' of our gifted and talented students through their 'storying' of the student journey. This is an unique opportunity for audiences to learn about the lived experiences of gifted students, the challenges they face, and the lives they lead. The idea is simple and intuitive, and is based on the idea that one-to-one conversations provide a platform to share, question, and reflect.

Jacob and Shemara each prepared a 10 minute oral presentation about their own journeys as individuals of high ability, and did a superb job of engaging the audience with their clearly articulated ideas about the value of targeted programming (the INSPIRE program) to cater for their unique learning needs and their insights into the value of open-ended learning tasks, working with like-minded peers, mixing



with students from other schools, and having the opportunity to be involved in a diversity of engaging, new and unusual learning experiences to 'tingle the edges' of their intellects and to provide a 'bottomless pit' of learning and exploration.

Both students spoke proudly of our College and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of both preparing and delivering their speeches, as well as mingling with a variety of audience members who were very interested in their perspectives. Shemara made a contribution during the student panel at the end of the evening which is profound and inspiring; in response to a question about what it means to her to know that she might be considered 'gifted',

her response was: "The gift is in the attitude and the approach you take to your life, rather than the ability you have." May we each have an attitude of gratitude and worship to our God who gives gifts to each of us to use in His service for the blessing of those around us.

Further information about the VAGTC (of which Northside is a member school) can be found at www.vagtc.org.au/ or www.facebook.com/vagtc/.



Young Engineers STEM Program - Motorised Lego



In Week 3, a small group of keen emerging engineers from Years 2-4 were invited to participate in a hands-on demonstration of motorised Lego through the Young Engineers STEM Program, North Melbourne. Students had to follow instructions to build a motorised conveyor belt and were invited to make their own modifications as a self-driven differentiated task. The students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and Mr Gatt captured a few moments of action on camera.

"It was great to come to this Lego mechanical workshop. It was cool making machines out of Lego." - Amos, Year 2

"I think it was great because I modified mine to be a car version of a conveyor belt." - Jonathan, Year 3

"I liked making the car because it could move on its own. It was fun making the conveyor belt as well." - William, Year 3

Year 12 Graduation



Michael Bond

Graduation from Secondary School is a time of celebration, a time when parents and teachers acknowledge the accomplishments of our graduating students and share in the joy of their success. On Friday 23rd November, the Northside Christian College Community gathered together to celebrate the Year 12 class of 2018 at a Graduation Ceremony at Encompass Church. During the Ceremony, each student was presented to the audience by a staff member. This provided a special opportunity to reflect on the gifts and talents of each of our students and honour their contribution to our College Community.

The 2018 College Captain, Olivia Ryan, shared her final speech with the College Community during the Graduation Ceremony. Olivia encouraged the Prep to Year 11 students to work hard during 2019. She noted, "It doesn't matter what your scores are if you can be proud of the work you've done and the effort you've made."

A number of special awards were presented at this Ceremony, including those outlined below. The Unit 3/4 Subject Awards were also presented. We congratulate the recipients on their outstanding achievements.

Congratulations to our Year 12 Graduating Class of 2018



We wish to announce to the College Community that the Year 12 Dux for 2018 will be decided by the highest ATAR. As a result, this significant award will be announced at the beginning of the 2019 academic school year.

This Year 12 Graduation Dinner was held on Friday evening at Bell City and was a special time to recognise and celebrate the achievements of the Year 12 students. The Dinner provided an opportunity to formally farewell the Year 12 students as they came

to the end of their Secondary School journey. At the Dinner, we acknowledged the support of the parents and guardians of the Year 12 students who have supported them throughout a challenging albeit rewarding school year. Likewise, we were able to thank the staff at the College for their important contribution towards supporting each Year 12 student.

Thank you to everyone who supported these special events for our Year 12 students.

Perseverance Award:
Angelina Nieuwhof

Caltex Best All Rounder Award:
Danielle Hardi

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership &
Teamwork Award: Ivy Liew

Excellence Award: Ruth Viano

Principal's Award: Olivia Ryan



ADF Award Winner, Ivy, & PTE Millward



Excellence Award Winner, Ruth, & parents



Our Year 12 Graduating Students at the Graduation Dinner





Missions News



Lenna Waters

Shoes & Christmas Wrapping Paper ...

What do these have in Common?

They have both been donated to Northside to sell for the 2019 Philippines Ventures Missions Project!

Thirty-five pairs of new runners from brands including Adidas, Sucony, Asics & Merrell in a variety of colours, textures & styles, and rolls and rolls of beautiful Christmas wrapping paper will be on sale in the Home Economics Room on Friday 30th November from 3:20pm - 4:30pm and Wednesday 5th December from 3:20pm - 8:00 pm.

The cost of shoes starts at \$50/pair but donations upwards gladly accepted.

Take the time to grab a beautiful new pair of runners. Most shoes are for males in sizes 9 - 13. There are some for females as well starting at size 8/9.

Photos will be posted on the Home Economics window closer to sale time, so have a look to see if you are interested.



Rolls of Christmas wrapping paper are also available to purchase for \$2/roll.

Contact Mrs Lenna Waters for further information.



Year 9 in the Kitchen



Jo Westland

On Friday 16th November, I was drawn to the Home Economics Room by the delightful smells wafting from within. When I went to investigate, I discovered our Year 9 students in the process of baking gingerbread houses with Mrs Waters, Mrs Kokoris and Mrs Wilson.

Thank you to these lovely ladies for assisting our students with this ambitious project!





Anna Venegas

Primary House Round Robin

The Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students excitedly joined their House members to kick off the House Round Robin on Friday 9th November at the Action Indoor Sports Centre.

Four teams representing each House - 12 teams in total - led by Year 6 team captains, enjoyed a busy and active day of competition and fun.

All teams played 8 games of European Handball, Soccer, Newcombe Ball and Dodgeball. The students exhibited skills, talent and teamwork. They encouraged each other and nominated their peers for spot prizes throughout the day. The points were extremely close in the end, with the Conquerors winning by 5 points. The champion mini team who didn't lose a game were the Chipmunks, representing the Courageous Conquerors.

Well done to everyone for an AWESOME day of competition and fun!



Remembrance Day



On Sunday 11th November, Emma R & Ethan G went to the Watsonia RSL Remembrance Day Service to lay a wreath. This year's Remembrance Day is particularly significant because it marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Michelle W also attended the service with her family, to receive a special Remembrance Day Scholarship. The College nominated Michelle for this award because of her service to others in the College, which is often behind the scenes and goes unnoticed. Michelle's service to others exhibits the College values of humility and integrity.



Melbourne Planetarium



Years 7 & 8 Students with Mrs Furlong

James Eynaoud

On Wednesday 14th November the Years 7 and 8 students attended a fascinating session at the Melbourne Planetarium, where they consolidated their scientific knowledge about the structure of stars, and the nature of stellar objects. The students also had the opportunity to apply their mathematical measuring skills in the Scienceworks 'beyond perception' exhibition.

It was a great day, and the students had a fun and very educational time.

Primary Art News



Meet our Junior Graphic Artists!

Antonieta Valjanovski

Students in the Year 1, 1/2 and 2 classes designed front covers for our invented 'MoMA Garden' Magazine: Spring Edition.

Our budding young graphic artists cut out colourful organic shapes and then arranged them creatively in the style of Henri Matisse.

Congratulations to Kyra, Zoe and Yuki who received 'Best Magazine Cover' awards.

Celebration Evening

Tuesday 11th December 2018

We are looking forward to celebrating how our students shine at Celebration Evening. Please note that Ticket Bookings have now closed.

Here are some things to be aware of that will make your experience on the night much more enjoyable:



~ Every person entering the venue on this night will have their bags checked for prohibited items and security wand will be used. There is a list of prohibited items below. Please don't bring them with you on the night as they will be confiscated by venue staff and will slow down your entry to the venue.

~ Allow plenty of time to get into the City and go through security. Parking at the venue will be limited. There is no free parking at the venue. We highly recommend using public transport to the venue. Catching a train to Southern Cross Station and walking to MCEC will be the quickest and easiest way for your family to come from the College to MCEC.

~ Our event will start at 7pm SHARP with a Music Item. We are unable to delay the start of Celebration Evening, so please ensure a prompt arrival.

~ You may like to consider coming into the City early, eating at one of the restaurants in the area and then bringing your children into the venue. You will find a voucher for 10% off the cost of food at selected eateries near the venue in the Information Pack that was emailed to you. The food discount is only valid if you also present your entry ticket.

Uniform and Seating

Students are to be in full and correct Summer Uniform, including blazers for Secondary students, with polished shoes and long hair tied up. Students sit with their classes and teachers. Families and guests sit separately from students. Parents are responsible for their pre-school aged children.



Library Borrowing

Borrowing for the year has now ended. Could all library books please be returned to the Reading Room

or The Hive during the next week as a stocktake needs to be completed before the end of the year.

If you have any queries about outstanding loans, please contact Mrs Marsh.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Chris Marsh

BLOCK THE SUN,
NOT THE FUN

**WEAR
YOUR
HAT IN
TERMS
1 & 4!**



STUDENTS MUST WEAR HATS EVERYDAY IN TERMS 1 & 4 OR SIT UNDER THE SHADE CLOTH DURING RECESS AND LUNCH. SENIOR SCHOOL STUDENTS CAN STAY IN STUDY ROOM.

Senior School Report

Michael Bond

Our Year 11 and 12 students have concluded their VCE written examinations. We acknowledge the support of our Community with changes to school bells, room changes and restricted access to the VCE building, which have all contributed to a good examination environment for our students. Our Senior students have valued the opportunity to complete their exams on site at Northside and have appreciated the quiet examination setting. Thank you also to the many teachers who prayed for our students prior to each examination.

Students in Years 10 and 11 have also completed end of year examinations between the 12th and 16th November. The exams were a comprehensive assessment of the knowledge and skills students gained over the semester in a wide range of subjects. For many students, this was an opportunity to demonstrate the growth in their learning that has taken place during the semester of learning.

There are a wide range of reasons why exams are an important part of the learning program in Years 10 and 11 at the College:

- ~ Examinations provide authentic opportunities for students to further develop their revision techniques.
- ~ End of Semester examinations provide a chance to prepare students for the Unit 3 and 4 external examinations, which take place during VCE. At this level, many exams make up 40 - 60% of students' overall grades.
- ~ Examinations provide an opportunity for students to gain further insight into their learning progress across a broad range of subjects. Exams are not necessarily a test of short term memory, but of the learning that has taken place over a longer period of time.



~ Midyear examination results in Year 10 can assist students with decisions about subject selection as they prepare for the VCE.

~ Examinations provide a chance for students to demonstrate their learning and growth over the course of the semester. This may be an opportunity to demonstrate a higher level of achievement than previously assessed in a subject for a particular concept.

~ At Northside Christian College, examinations provide an additional opportunity for students to receive feedback on their learning. Teaching staff provide feedback for students via the Continuous Online Reporting Program (CORP) on Schoology. Educational research highlights that 'informative feedback' has one of the greatest effects on student learning.

As a College Community, we recognise our students are more important than a grade or exam result. We also know the importance of preparing our students for a broad range of post school pathways. We continue to pray for wisdom as we nurture

the gifts and talents with which God has blessed our students.

Congratulations once again to the Year 10 - 12 students on their efforts preparing for and completing the examinations during the past few weeks.

Year 12 Results and ATAR Information

VCE study scores, ATAR and VTAC Scaled Study Scores will be available via the Results and ATAR website and the Results and ATAR app. All current VCE Unit 3/4 students will receive a statement of VCE study scores from the VCAA. However, only students who have applied for courses through VTAC this year and have paid their VTAC processing fees will be sent an ATAR statement in the mail.

The VCE results and ATAR Service will be available from 7am on Friday 14th December 2018. To view your results online, log on to resultsandatar.vic.edu.au/ using the instructions provided there. Please note that the Results and ATAR service log in details are different from your VTAC ID and PIN.

Please refer to the VTAC Year 11 and 12 Guide: Researching Courses and Applying, page 47, for further information regarding accessing of results. This document is also available online at: www.vtac.edu.au/files/pdf/publications/2018_year_11_and_12_guide.pdf

Mrs Lenna Waters will be available to students on Friday 14th December, in the VCE Administration Office, from 8:15am until 12:30pm for assistance during results and Change of Preference Time. Each student is entitled to an appointment to assist with decision making regarding pathways, VTAC preference changes, etc. Appointments can be made prior to Friday 14th December as well as on the Friday morning via a telephone call to the College.





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