





Welcome!

Damian Higgins, Principal

In the last edition of the Vine, we explored what 'Harvest work' might look like for us as a Christian Community and how it could involve reaching out to others both inside and outside our community. In the New Testament of the Bible, there is a phrase that comes up quite a lot, and often in the Apostle Paul's letters. It contains a single word in the original Greek language. That word is *allelon*, and it is translated into English as 'one another'. There are almost 100 occurrences of this phrase, for example in Romans 12:6: 'Be of the same mind as one another'.

There are a few common themes that can be seen throughout these verses. One third of them speak about unity within the community, another third teach us that we are to love each other. Half of the remainder speak about humility among believers and the rest address a wide range of other issues, including refraining from judging each other, bearing one another's burdens, encouraging each other and being hospitable to one another.

I find it quite exciting that in our College Community, we have the opportunity to do all of these things. There are many relationships within our Northside family through which we can apply the multitude of 'one another' commands. They do not often come easily and we need to work hard daily to challenge ourselves and each other to love, to be humble and to be in unity.

My encouragement is that, despite our imperfections and our mistakes, we continue to press on together to forge a strong Christian community based on these practical verses from the Bible. I encourage you to have a look through the letters from Paul in the New Testament and explore these verses so that we can all become familiar with what *Harvest* looks like for us all at Northside.

Grace & Peace

2019 Term Dates

Term 2

Monday 29th April - Friday 28th June

Term 3

Wednesday 17th July - Friday 20th September

Term 4

Monday 7th October - Wednesday 11th December

Parents & Friends News

The Prayer of a Righteous Person is Powerful & Effective

James 5:16

Please join us every Wednesday 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!

P&F AGM

We are holding our Parents & Friends AGM on Thursday 27th June from 9am. Meet in the foyer. All welcome!

WOOL WORTHS EARN & LEARN STICKERS

If you already shop at Woolworths, our Primary students would appreciate it if you could collect their stickers and donate them to our school so that we can use them to procure some new equipment. There is a collection point at Reception.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th May

Year 9 City Challenge

Wednesday 22nd May

Parent Zone Living with Autism Parent Session 1

Friday 24th May

P&F Hot Food Day

Monday 27th May

Year 9 Resiliency Day

Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30th May

Year 10 'Horizons' Poetry Intensive

Wednesday 29th May

Parent Zone Living with Autism Parent Session 2

Wednesday 29th - Friday 31st May

Year 7/8 Camp

Monday 3rd June

Write a Song in a Day

Wednesday 5th June

Parent Zone Living with Autism Parent Session 3

Monday 10th June

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Mini Recitals

The mini music recitals are fast approaching! Students from the College will be showcasing their music performance skills across two intimate concerts held in the Encompass Church multi-purpose room. There is limited seating for these events, so please hand in your signed permission forms and book tickets at the Business Office as soon as possible. Limited tickets will also be available for cash purchase at the door.

Mini Recital 1 - Strings, Piano and Voice

- Monday 17th June @ 7pm

Mini Recital 2 - Drums, Guitar, Brass and Woodwinds

- Tuesday 18th June @ 7pm



WRITE A SONG IN A DAY

Monday 3rd June 2019

10.30am-3.15pm

This year is our 40th year as a school community. We would like to write a new school song so we can continue to celebrate this special time. We need your help to do it!

We can only accept 25 people, so get in quick! Open to students in Yr 5-12. Collect information from Mr Horneman or Mr Devine.



Acclaimed singer songwriter Levi McGrath will be joining us to teach us how to write a song and put together the ideas for a new school song.



Athletics Carnival



Term 2 = Winter Uniform

All students should now be in full Winter Uniform!



Opening Hours:

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Address: 238 Wolseley Place, Thomastown

Online orders: www.academyuniforms.com.au

School login: Northside Christian College

Password: BUNDOORA

WINTER SCARVES

NEW NCC Scarves have been added to the Winter Uniform range available at Academy Uniforms priced at \$15. No other scarves allowed.



Second Hand School Uniform

There is a noticeboard outside Ms Natoli's Prep Room in the foyer with ads for second hand uniform for sale. If you are looking for a uniform item, you may find it here. Please contact sellers directly.



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.bundooraflorist.com.au



Men of NCC

① Men's Breakfast @ NCC
Saturday 25th May
9:00-10:30am
@ Northside Christian College
RSVP to Reception by: Friday 24th May

② B.Y.O. (Buy Your Own) Coffee
Saturday 22nd June, 9-10:30am
@ Epping Plaza Food Court

Our second event is more laid back, but your kids are welcome to attend either event with you. Please note: There will be NO childcare provided.

2020 Secondary Academic Scholarships

Applications Close
Friday 20th September

APPLY NOW

SCHOLARSHIP EXAM - THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER, 2019

Application Forms available from the College office

Scholarship Information

We have now released our 2020 Secondary Academic Scholarship Information. Spare copies of the Application Form can be collected from Reception.

Families are welcome to apply straight away. Applications will close on Friday 20th September 2019. Please ensure that you supply all supporting documents required with your Scholarship Application.

The Scholarship Exam will be held on Thursday 17th October 2019 at the College. There is only one date for this exam; we are unable to reschedule for individual students.

High achieving candidates will be asked to attend an interview with the Principal on Thursday 7th or Friday 8th November and results will be communicated with families shortly after.

Chappy Chat

Jared Stocks, Chaplain

PRAY FOR OUR LEADERS

Elections always bring about strong emotions, passionate opinions and fervent debate. If you're reading this right now, then you know whether we have a new Prime Minister or the same Prime Minister. At the writing of this article, the Federal Election is set to occur tomorrow. Whatever the result, whoever is now leading the country, we have a God-given responsibility to pray for our leaders.

In 1 Timothy 2:2, Paul says the following to us: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." As Christians, I'm sure we want to live in a country where we are free to live our lives in godliness and holiness; this verse urges us to petition and pray for, intercede for and give thanks to God for those in authority, in order that this might happen.

Back in April, Margaret Court, through the Canberra Declaration, announced 21 days of prayer and fasting in the leadup to this



election. I, with many others, participated in this fast to seek God for an awakening in our nation, to ask God to place Godly leaders at the centre of parliament, and for God to bless all parliamentarians, their families and those candidates standing in the election.

Now that the elections are over, I will continue to pray for our leaders and I urge you to do the same.

Dear God, thank you for our Prime Minister. May he lead with integrity, with courage and with strength. Bless all parliamentarians. I pray that they, and their families, would find hope in Jesus Christ, that He would govern their hearts as they govern our nation. In Jesus name, Amen.

Year 5 Wildlife Sanctuary Excursion

Mrs Serene Eng, Year 5/6 Teacher

On Thursday 9th May, the Year 5 students went on an excursion to the La Trobe Wildlife Sanctuary to learn about native animals and plants. As the school was awarded the Victorian Junior Landcare and Biodiversity Grant in 2018, the excursion was an opportunity for the students to learn more about the conservation of native animals that reside in the school vicinity. The highlight of this excursion was the assembling of nest boxes, which will be installed on the trees surrounding the College Oval. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to work in teams as they applied adhesive, drilled holes and positioned the pieces together, with assistance from the teachers and staff from the Sanctuary.

Part of the grant was allocated to the purchase of native plants and these will be planted in a designated area at the Oval. To ensure the native plants in this Bush Tucker Garden continue to thrive, the Year 5 students will be immensely involved in weeding and watering on a regular basis. Once the garden is established, this space may be made available to the local council, communities and even other schools near us. We look forward to the completion of the garden, installation of the nest boxes and doing our part for the community.



INSPIRE

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

Philosophy forms an important part of the quest to understand ourselves, our world and the universe God has created. As Christians it is essential that we can engage deeply with complex ideas in a complex world and ask big and profound questions about what we see, experience and believe. In the tradition of Socrates, arguably the most famous and influential philosopher of all time, Shemara (Yr 11), Gabrielle (Yr 12), Ms Eichwald and I had a discussion, something akin to a Socratic dialogue, about what philosophy is and the value it adds to our lives as learners and as Christians. This dialogue happened before and after the most recent Julie Arliss Academy Senior Philosophy Conference at Camberwell Grammar School on Friday 18th May. Topics included The Psychology of Outstanding Achievement (presented by Dr Christopher O'Neill, Oxford University); Knowing what you Know and What you Don't Know (Ontology and Epistemology); Politics of Tolerance and Freedom; Plato, Love and Relationships; and The Big Debate (that students should not be allowed mobile phones at school).

The discussion brought about the following ideas:

Ms Eichwald: "Philosophy is the love of wisdom. This is what we do: we attempt to become wiser by using reason to ponder big questions and different consequences of various actions. The Bible encourages us to be thinkers and to be able to respond to the hope that we profess and philosophy supports and guides our natural capacities to that end. The philosophical discussion allows us to ask and ponder the uncomfortable and difficult and complex questions that might otherwise go unasked in the course of the regular curriculum and the busyness of the modern classroom. Julie Arliss' conferences are terrific. They are so well prepared and students get to mix and interact with other students and schools."



Pictured: Shemara K, Dr Christopher O'Neill (Oxford University), Dr Julie Arliss (Academy Conferences), Gabrielle T, Ms Eichwald

Gabrielle: "Philosophy brings back the wonder of learning because it's asking new questions that spark curiosity; it goes beyond what we can directly see. It's just nice to be able to think for ourselves; so much of the curriculum asks us to memorise and regurgitate. It's nice to be left in 'the questioning', and not be forced to always have an answer for something. It makes it easier to discuss other things when we get back into the classroom: we can go deeper into thinking about things, and can get closer to the core of issues."

"We have to talk about the ideas that come up in these conferences because they're too big to come up naturally in day-to-day conversation. Because our school is so small, we get access to limited perspectives. When we mix with students from other schools, we are forced to open our minds to different points of view and patterns of thinking. These conversations wouldn't happen if it was just us at school; we need higher order thinking and to be in an environment where that thinking is welcome and encouraged. These conferences enable that space. Philosophy breakfasts also give a dedicated space for that conversation to happen, as these topics wouldn't ordinarily arise in regular conversations."

"I particularly enjoyed the lecture from Dr Christopher O'Neill from Oxford University; every day he is surrounded by this high level thinking and we have the honour of spending time with and hearing from such people who have so much to share from experience and expertise that we would not usually get to access."

Shemara: "I love philosophy because of all the new ideas and new concepts. It makes me think of new ways to look at the world. It expands my thinking. I like the new ideas that are presented at these philosophy conferences and the different perspectives that are explored. The philosophy breakfasts are also helpful in building community: they open up new ways of thinking about concepts and ideas and it means that we are all digging deeper together."

My favourite part of today's conference was the lecture on tolerance; I'd never thought about tolerance as a bad thing, but it was really interesting to see a new perspective on it: that tolerance silences debate, discussion and sharing of opinions conversation on a topic, and should be a mechanism not an end or goal. 'People who tolerate everything stand for nothing' - you need to be able to stand for the right things, not just say yes to everything and hope that problems evaporate on their own."



Sports Update

CSEN Swimming

Agam, Year Six

On Friday 3rd May, a group of students who have been participating in the swimming squad on Wednesday and Friday mornings went to the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Center for the Christian Schools Events Network (CSEN) State Competition. These students swam in events in which they have been performing well. We went up against other Christian schools such as Waverly Christian College and Cairo Primary school. Congratulations to Mikha for coming 1st in the 50m freestyle, Ava and Sienna for 2nd place in the 50m breaststroke, Angus and Madison for 3rd place in the 50m backstroke and Damian for 3rd place in the 100m freestyle and 50m butterfly.

We enjoyed the time we had together at the event, cheering on our College.

Well done to all of our swimmers who did well in earning medals and beating our previous personal best times.



Year 7-10 Rally Day

Five teams of selected Year 7-10 students went to Bendigo in Week 2 of this term to play netball against other Christian schools in Victoria.

We are so proud of all of the students who participated.

A big congratulations to the Yr 7/8 Boys Netball team for winning division I



Bundoora Extended Care Visit

Ms Christie Vaughn, Year 5/6 Teacher

Some of the Year 5/6 students visited the residents at the Bundoora Extended Care Centre (BECC) on Friday 17th May. Students talked about their backgrounds and asked the residents about their life experiences. Everyone enjoyed taking part in some therapy games using balloons and a parachute. While talking to residents, some students introduced a game of Snap and Hanna Q played the piano for all to enjoy.

The residents and staff commented on how respectful and lovely students were during their visit. We look forward to continuing our partnership with BECC over the next few weeks.



Do It For Dolly Day



On Friday 10th May, we wore blue for the Do It For Dolly Day. This day is an initiative which hopes to raise awareness about the issue of bullying, provide support and deliver educational resources for parents whose kids may be bullied or bullying.

Read more at dollysdream.org.au/





Bookworms Jnr!



Building Traps to Catch the *The Enormous Crocodile*



Mr John Longley, Curriculum Coordinator, Teacher

Bookworms Jnr. enjoyed reading, discussing and analysing Roald Dahl's classic story of a rebellious reptile *The Enormous Crocodile* throughout Term 1. At the end of the Term, students were given an important assignment; to design a crocodile trap that Mr Nelson could build on the college grounds if a crocodile were to start hunting our students. Pearl, Amelia, Eric, Michael, Joshua, Jermaine, Kenneth, Matthew and William created brilliant traps and were awarded 20 House Points each for their efforts.



Year 10 Excursion to Fare Share

Mrs Lenna Waters, Careers Service Coordinator, VCE HHD and Food Studies

On Thursday 16th May, the Year 10 class took a trip to FareShare in Abbotsford to spend the morning preparing food for those in need. Students were challenged about the reality of food insecurity for many in Melbourne who often go without nutritious food. Students spent several hours in the kitchen preparing quiches and veggie roll filling - making well over 1600 items.

For more information on FareShare visit www.fareshare.net.au/schools-in-the-kitchen/ - you might see a few familiar faces!

The FareShare visit was followed by an education session on homelessness at the Salvation Army headquarters. The walking tour and stories of people who have slept rough challenged many of us to be thankful for our own blessings.

I had a really fun day, it was rewarding - especially being at Fareshare.

Yr 10 student.



Congratulations Emma!



Emma's winning design

2017 Northside Christian College graduate Emma Panozzo is the winner of the 2019 Prep bag design competition. The theme of this year's competition was 'Read and Grow' to mark the first time free books will be

included in the bags. The bags also include flyers, fridge magnets, booklets, activity sheets and stickers.

Emma's design will be featured on 70,000 Prep bags distributed across Victoria in 2019. Emma is currently studying communications design at RMIT University.

Emma says, 'As Preps enter school and get a taste of independence, reading is a skill that plays a big part in the way they grow to understand the world. In my design, I wanted to show the wonder and opportunity of reading: it's a way in which you can learn about the world and also unlock your imagination and creativeness.'



Senior School Report

Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

We are very quickly approaching the conclusion of Semester 1, particularly for students enrolled in Unit 1 and 3 subjects. Over the next week, students are encouraged to prepare a study schedule to plan their revision. They are encouraged to choose one topic in each subject to start revising. Revision can take many forms and students are encouraged to use the method that works best for them. For some students revision may consist of re-reading an English text, completing additional maths questions in the chosen topic, creating a glossary of key science terms or representing key dates in history on a timeline. If students need any assistance in planning their revision program, they are encouraged to speak to their subject teacher(s) or home group teacher.

Please find below a number of announcements that relate to our Senior School at Northside Christian College.

YEAR 10 AND 11 MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS

Midyear examinations have been scheduled between the 11th - 14th June 2019. A copy of the Year 10 and 11 Midyear Examination timetable has been distributed to students. Copies have also been emailed via the Senior School Weekly Parent Email. If students and families have not received a copy, please email Ms Laura Bovey in the VCE Administration Office at lbovey@ncc.vic.edu.au.

WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

There are a number of organisations that offer winter school programs to assist Senior School students with preparing 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. Furthermore, these programs can assist in preparing for end of year examinations. Additional details have been distributed to students during Senior School Home Group classes.



GAT ASSEMBLY

In order to prepare students for the General Achievement Test (GAT), the College is conducting an assembly with a GAT Briefing for Unit 3/4 students on Tuesday 28th May 2019. During this session, students will be provided with additional information about the format of the GAT. Students will also be provided with a GAT practice paper.



The GAT is 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. No Unit 1 or Unit 3 VCE classes will be scheduled at Northside Christian College on Wednesday 12th June because the GAT is a 3 hour test.

For additional information about the GAT, please refer to the 2019 GAT brochure developed by the VCAA or see Mr Bond.

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/GAT/2019GATBrochure.pdf

SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE

Please note that Semester 2 classes will commence on Monday 17th June 2019 for Unit 2 and 4 classes at Northside Christian College.

VET TASTERS DURING JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

VETiS (Vocational Education Training in Schools) can be an exciting pathway of education for students to pursue for one of their courses during Year 11 and 12. Doing a VET course will often help students make more informed decisions about course selections for VCE and post-secondary education. For this reason, we have invited the Year 9 and 10 students to attend up to a maximum of three Taster Days at the local VET venues during June, July and August. Taster Days give the students an experience of the course and help with decision-making for VCE subject selection. Students are advised that some sessions can book out. As a result, students are encouraged to register early for these sessions. Students are asked to speak with Mrs Lenna Waters to find out additional details about the VET Taster program. We look forward to hearing about the experiences of our Year 9 and 10 students.



The Giving Tree

Christmas in June for the NCC-OCC Shoebox Collection

Help NCC and the 2019 Cambodia Missions Team reach our 200 box target by the end of Term 2!

How can you help?

1. Collect a hang tag from *The Giving Tree* located in the Reception Foyer.
2. Select a child (or 2 or 3) for whom your family will pack a box.
3. Write the age and sex of the child on the provided card and drop it into the Giving Tree Shoe Box.
4. Collect a pack with information on how to pack your shoebox and a preprinted or used shoebox of the correct size.
5. Have fun collecting items to place into your shoebox. **Fill it to the top** with items that a child will need. (See the list of suggestions in your information pack.)
6. Pop \$10 into the top of each box to pay for postage - or go online and purchase a 'Follow the Box' sticker/barcode for the same cost as postage!
<www.samaritanspurse.org.au/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-donations/>
7. Return your filled box to your child's classroom teacher along with the hang tag.
8. Pray for the box as it makes its way to a child in need in the Pacific Rim!



*Bless a child in the Pacific Rim with
the gift of educational supplies,
clothing, toys and special items*



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