





Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



In Week 5, we buried a time capsule on the College site. This was the final part of our 40th Anniversary Celebrations and was timed to coincide with the date on which the College first received its official certificate of registration: 28th May 1979. All of our classes had the opportunity to design and create an item to place inside the time capsule prior to it being sealed and buried. It will be unearthed and opened again in 10 years, when we commemorate the 50th birthday of Northside Christian College.

As we buried the time capsule, with all its contents safely hidden for the next 10 years, we reflected on how important it is that we listen to voices from the past, to learn and understand what our predecessors went through and also to take the opportunities to use our voices to speak forward into the future, to our community of 2029 who can, hopefully, learn from what we are going through in the present day.

In Romans 15:4, Paul tells us that, "...everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope". In this passage, we are taught the importance of reading the Bible to learn about how to find our way forward into the future.

When we read scripture, we should think of it as a little bit like opening a time capsule from the past containing the inspired words from many important people who were walking with and encountering God. We can learn so much from these inspired voices because many of the challenges and issues we face today were also a big thing back then.

The good news is that we don't have to wait 10 years before we encounter God's Word again. It is available to us right now, so let's take every opportunity to listen to His voice.

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

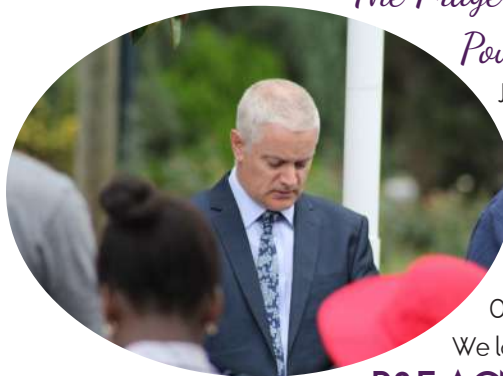
James 5:16

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

Thursday 13th - Friday 14th June

Year 10/11 Midyear Examinations

Monday 17th June

Mini Music Recital 1

Tuesday 18th June

Passion Project Casual Clothes Day & Bake Sale

Years 3-6 Science Flexiday

Mini Music Recital 2

Wednesday 19th June

Parent Session 4 - Living with Autism

Monday 24th June

Curriculum Day

Student-Free Day

Wednesday 26th June

Whole School Showcase

Friday 28th June

Operation Christmas Child Dress Up Day

Last Day of Term 2

2:30pm Finish

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



Whittlesea Council - Free Flu Vaccine

It's not too late to have your flu shot and Council are still offering FREE flu vaccine for all children up until the age of 18 years. The vaccine is available at all public sessions and no appointments are necessary. Check out their website to find a convenient session for you to attend. www.whittlesea.vic.gov.au/immunisation



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DRESS UP DAY

Friday 28th June

Students are invited to dress up in Christmas colours to raise money to send Christmas gift boxes to children in Cambodia.

They will also have the opportunity to participate in packing the boxes on this day. If your child is dressed up they need to bring a gold coin donation and hand it in to their classroom teacher.



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.



Men of NCC

B.Y.O (Buy Your Own) Coffee

Saturday 22nd June, 9-10:30am

@ Epping Plaza Food Court

Your kids are welcome to attend this event with you.

Please note: There will be NO childcare provided.



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



2019 VICTORIAN PREMIERS' READING CHALLENGE

Mrs Chris Marsh, Librarian

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

The Challenge is open to all students from Prep through to Year 10. All Primary students have been registered to participate in the Challenge, but if Secondary students would like to register please see Mrs Marsh in the Library to obtain a username and password.

Prep - Year 2 students need to read a total of 30 books, 20 of those being from the booklist provided and 10 own choice books. Years 3 - 10 students are required to read 15 books with 10 being from the booklist.

Additional information can be found on the PRC website: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

The Challenge began on Monday 3rd June and will end on Friday 23rd August, which is our Book Week Dress Up Day.

Information sheets including usernames and passwords have been sent home.



Wellbeing - Year 9 Resiliency Day

Ms Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing

Year 9 Resiliency Day this year had the focus of "Understanding". Pete, from Tritactics, helped the students to think about how they use their time, with the aim to encourage them to make each moment count. Students recognised that a lot of their time is taken up by checking social media and were encouraged to embrace the NOW, which has the power to create greater possibilities for their future and open doors of opportunity. Through personal story, Pete expressed that even if students are going through difficult life issues, they still have a purpose and can use this to help others.

Students were reminded of their own value and identity in Christ and their capacity to understand self and others better was part of this. Developmentally, young people around this age tend to be quite self focused; Pete challenged the students to look outside of themselves to see how they are also contributors.

Students loved the blessing of special food for the day! Thank you to parent contributors as well as to Mrs Tucker for organising this aspect of the day.



"Pete encouraged me to think about the impact of my own choices on my life direction and how I may influence and have an impact on others." Lily I

"Pete helped me to realise I am wasting my time on things that don't matter. He helped me to get better perspective on my life goals and what is actually important. He helped us to understand the importance of respect with our relationships in our families." Olivia

WELFARE NOTICEBOARD

Please note that there is a pinboard outside the Prep rooms, which Fiona keeps up to date with local support groups, training and support for families. You are welcome to take any resources that are there.

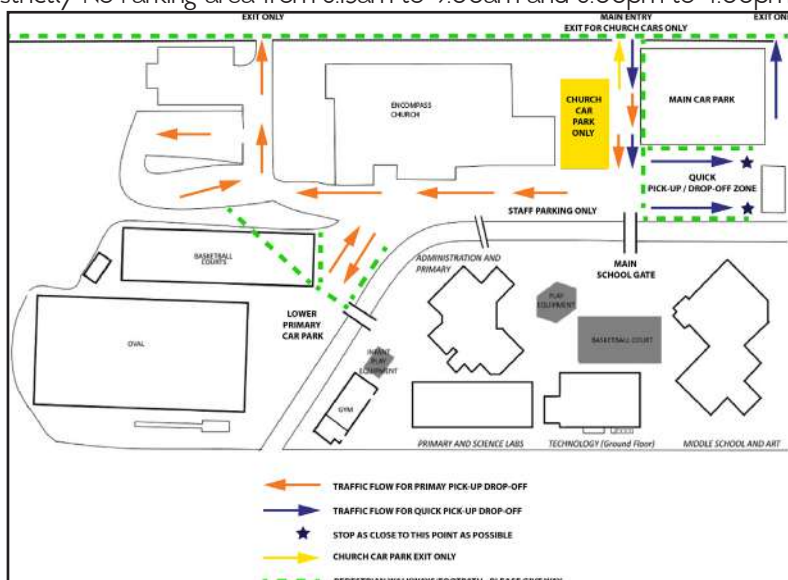
Car Park Safety

Mr Stephen Nelson, Property Manager

This term we have continued to implement strategies to ensure the car park is as safe as possible, including increasing the amount of staff on car park duty. We need everyone's help to do this.

A few reminders to help keep our children safe in the car park:

- ~ Once you enter the car park, all areas are strictly 10km/h. Please be mindful that pedestrians could be anywhere in the car parks and drive slowly according to the conditions.
- ~ The Quick Pick Up/Drop Off Zone near the main gate is a strictly No Parking area from 8:15am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 4:00pm. Cars must not be left unattended and you must stay with your car until your student/s enter or exit. Please exit from this area as soon as possible.
- ~ When using the Quick Pick Up/Drop Off Zone, please drive as close to the green shed or as close to the car in front of you as possible. Cars can quickly bank up and can block access to the car park. Please try to avoid reversing in this area and wait till the car in front leaves if possible. If pulling out to the centre please check carefully before exiting.
- ~ When using the Quick Pick Up/Drop Off Zone along the retaining wall, students are asked to walk alongside the wall to/from the staff member on duty, who will assist them to safely cross this shared zone.
- ~ Please follow all instructions from car park duty staff and wait until prompted to cross. There are times when cars are given priority to ensure clear flow of traffic. Please ask at the office for more details if needed.



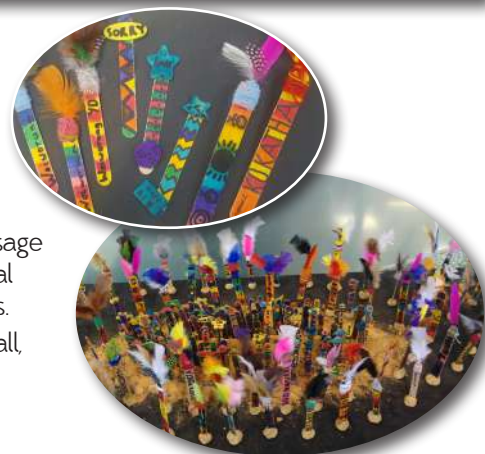
Primary School Report

National Sorry Day Art

Mrs Antonietta Veljanovski, Art Teacher

Northside was invited to participate in the Whittlesea Council's Sorry Day event, which was held at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre on Monday 27th May.

Students in Years Prep - 4 decorated colourful message sticks in Art classes to acknowledge the Aboriginal community and reflect on the Stolen Generations. The message sticks were showcased in the Great Hall, amongst the stunning Aboriginal paintings and Reconciliation Tree.



The SEAL Program

Ms Rebekah Cogger & Ms Hannah Rowse, Primary Teachers

In Term 1, our Year Prep and 1 students were able to participate in the The Drama Toolbox, or SEAL program.

The SEAL program involved 5 sessions in which students learned about resiliency, settling in to school, making friends and choosing strategies to help cope with difficult situations.

The program was delivered through drama and music, with students using puppets and getting involved in the performances.

The students had a wonderful time while learning important life skills. It was definitely a highlight for the students in Term 1!



Capital Building Improvements - Tax Deductible Donations

Facilities play a role in the delivery of learning experiences. Inspiring learning spaces, multi-purpose communal areas, arts and sporting facilities need to be created, maintained and improved.

We seek to engage with alumni, current

families, friends and corporate donors who wish to help us implement our Capital Projects Plan. If you are considering a tax deductible gift to Northside Christian College's building program before 30 June, please contact the Accounts Office.



All voluntary school buildings donations are tax deductible. Thank you.

INSPIRE

Mrs Amy Horneman, INSPIRE Coordinator

Public Speaking: an essential 21st century skill

Public speaking is an incredibly valuable skill for young Christians in the 21st century: the ability to think, form opinions, research and articulate ideas powerfully and effectively is essential for young people as they become leaders who will partner with God in building His kingdom in our society. As such, we are prioritising development of a public speaking program at Northside, with competitive teams from Year 5 up.

We have had two public speaking competitions this week, with our Year 5/6 students participating in the Christian Schools Events Network (CSEN) competition for the first time ever, and our VCE students participating in the PESA (Plain English Speaking Award) regional finals hosted by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA).

Our Primary students spoke extremely well in their first attempt at public speaking at Maranatha (Officer) on Monday 27th May, missing out on the CSEN shield by 1 point (out of 612!), and taking out the highest scores for the impromptu speeches across the competition. Lyvia, Jacob and Sharun each won a certificate for best speaker in their session, and each student should be very proud of their efforts.

Aryan: I learned how to write a persuasive text in an engaging manner. I loved preparing and researching for, as well as presenting, the prepared speech, and I loved listening to the other speeches. This has helped me with my public speaking classes outside of school.

Lyvia: I Learned about Manner and Matter in public speaking. I also learned that I really like public speaking! I could see the importance of not speaking too quickly, too quietly or not long enough. I loved the prepared speech because I liked listening to everyone else's speeches and learning from them, and presenting my prepared speech: I had been working on preparing and fixing it and by the end it was much better than at the start.

Sharun: I am so happy I decided to go to public speaking; I like persuasive texts more than narratives and I like talking in front of audiences. I never thought I would get the award, but I did and I am grateful for it! I like the impromptu: I like having to think and write in 5 minutes and then the feeling of saying what I have to say in a short amount of time.



Jacob: I learned that being concise is better than rattling on. Posture is really important. I'm happy that I got the impromptu award. I loved the impromptu because you use general knowledge and it differentiates people who read a lot and listen to the news from people who just play games. I really like that the topic could be anything random and I have to use my general knowledge. I also really like the impromptu because it's less formal than the prepared round and I generally do better when I'm more relaxed and not under so much pressure.

Mrs Halden: I was really impressed with the quality of speeches from such young students. It was really good to hear our students be able to reflect on and critique other students' speeches so that they can learn from each other and apply this to their own speaking skills. It's such a valuable learning experience both for presenting as well as listening to other speeches.

In the VCAA PESA competition at St Monica's Epping on Friday 31st May, Gabrielle and Abigail enjoyed presenting their speeches on the topics of 'failing forward' and including 'outgroups' in our conversations about life. They mixed with students from a variety of schools and received excellent feedback from the adjudicators about how to grow the communication gifts God has given them.

Gabrielle: I love participating in these kinds of events because they help me push past the nerves and find comfort in them to then engage in intelligent conversation. It gives me the opportunity to practise the life skill of public speaking, which I will use many times in the future. If you had asked me three years ago if I would enter a public speaking competition, I would have said 'absolutely not' but because I have been given this opportunity through INSPIRE, I have grown in my ability to speak in front of others and in my confidence in everyday conversation.

Abigail: It's not as stressful as it seems because it's a friendly and supportive environment. I've learned through this process not to be self-deprecating and to be OK with 'failing forward', which is the topic of my speech!

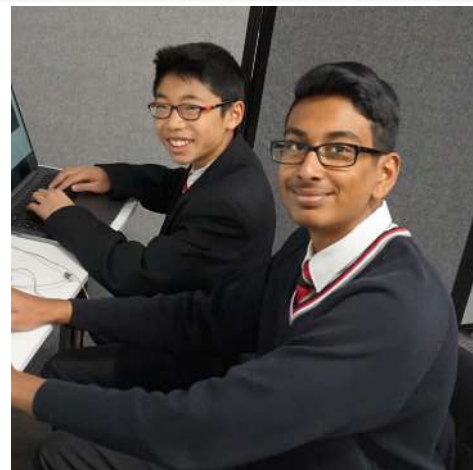


Middle School Report

<Hl> Digital Technologies Flexiday </Hl>

Mr Micheal Bond, Digital Technologies Teacher

The Year 7 and 8 students dedicated their time on further developing their HyperText Markup Language (HTML) skills during the recent Flexiday on Monday 27th May. They commenced the day analysing a page of HTML code, which provided them with a chance to demonstrate their ability to identify parts of an HTML document, recognise common tags, and predict how an HTML document will display in a browser. Students then commenced developing a resume webpage customising and improving the HTML code from a basic template. Students created and edited their own resume HTML documents, editing some of the existing content and improving the page format using a wide range of tags. They incorporated a variety of formatting tools including headings, bold, italics, coloured fonts, hyperlinks and more. The class further developed their HTML coding skills throughout the day managing multiple digital projects and benefiting from the opportunity to spend a whole day developing these skills.



Year 9 City Challenge

Ms Jo Westland, Director of Middle School Learning

From Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th May, our Year 9 students took part in the City Challenge. It was a time of adventures, as students experienced new environments and tried new things. Each day the students made their way with travel buddies to meet staff at Federation Square for Homeroom, some taking the opportunity to meet earlier for breakfast.

Just some of the highlights included a visit to Collins Street Baptist and participating in their empathy program that was aimed at bringing awareness of the homeless in our city streets. While spending time at Scot's Church, we had an impromptu music recital with the Director of Music showing us the magnificent pipe organ. Jabez was invited to play the organ and showed us a glimpse of his musical ability as he filled the church with beautiful music. The week ended

with a visit to the Immigration Museum to investigate what life has been like for those who have left their homelands to settle in Australia.

A huge thank you to the staff who helped make the week successful - Mrs Metcalfe, Ms Connelly, Mr Waters, Mr Devine, Ms Dumitrache, Mr Stocks and Miss Skerry.



New Chickens!

Mrs Serene Eng, Upper Primary Coordinator

Guess who are the latest residents at Northside?

On Wednesday 29th May, we warmly welcomed five Hyline Brown chickens, who will reside in the chicken coop situated in the Seed of Life garden. Together with Mrs Waters, the Year 5 students will be taking good care of these chickens, feeding them, cleaning the coop and providing them with much tender loving care.

These young Hyline Brown Commercial pullets were gifted to us by The Royal Agricultural Society of Victoria (RASV).

Out of these five chickens, three of them will be selected to enter the 2019 Royal Melbourne Show Schools Poultry Competition between late September and early October. The competition criteria includes the presentation of the chickens, egg judging and a poster.

We are so glad to provide a hands-on experience to our students, raising and caring for young poultry.



STEM Club

This year at the College, students from Years 5 - 8 have had the opportunity to extend their curiosity and interest in science and technology by participating in the STEM Club. The Club began mid-way through Term 1, and runs every Wednesday through lunch time. SRC representatives Dimi K, Max C and Kian L have generously given up their lunch break to support this program. Without student support, this wouldn't be possible.

Let's hear what the STEM Club students are saying:

Reuben (Year 5)

In STEM, we made a cool robot. When you turn it on it goes crazy. I want to give some credit to our teacher Mrs Varghese, who helped us to put this together. STEM Club is very fun, please join!

Joshua (Year 5)

We made a robot that can move when the bristles vibrate. We used a battery, toothbrush, googly eyes and a vibration motor. I enjoyed it a lot and it was fun and I am looking forward to every Wednesday at lunch to do this.

Amos (Year 7)

I enjoy going to STEM Club because I get to make different robots and mechanical contraptions every week.



Success in Mandarin!

Mr Esa Harri, Mandarin Teacher

This term in Mandarin, Year 7 and 8 students have been learning how to read, write, and speak in Mandarin Chinese through an immersive software program called LanguageNut. This professional company gives the students a chance to gain understanding through their individual learning styles. Because of their hard work, as a school we have reached a record of 21st in the World Ranking (out of hundreds of schools).

Go Northside!



Senior School Report

Mr Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

We have almost finished Term 2. It has been a very busy term with students participating in a wide range of learning activities during this time. I wish to thank our students, staff and parents for their support throughout the term. It is only through working in partnership together that we can achieve as much as we do for our students each term. Some highlights this term include the Parent-Student-Teacher Interview Evenings, Whole School Athletics Carnival and the Year 10 Horizons Program. I am sure many students are pleased with the progress they have made with their learning over the past semester. The challenge for our Senior School students is to finish well with a wide range of exams and practice exams scheduled during the next week. Our Senior School students have also just commenced the subject selection process in preparation for 2020, which is always an exciting time.



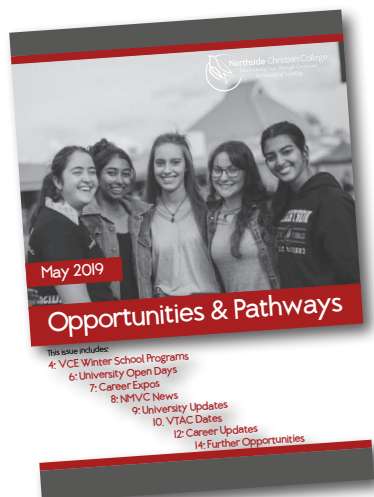
SEMESTER 2 TIMETABLE

Please note that Semester 2 classes will commence on Monday 17th June for Unit 2 and 4 classes at Northside Christian College. A SAC calendar for Units 2 and 4 will be published shortly.

OPPORTUNITIES AND PATHWAYS

The May edition of the Opportunities and Pathways newsletter has just been published. Students and their parents are provided with up-to-date information about tertiary study and post-school opportunities through this publication. Please note that a number of university open days have been published in this edition.

www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/O&P-May-2019-web.pdf



SENIOR SCHOOL INFORMATION EVENING

It was a pleasure to meet with students and families at the Senior School Information Evening last week. The evening provided an opportunity to share information regarding the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL), the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Year 10 studies in 2020. The Senior School Information Evening provided us with a chance to meet to discuss the College policy handbooks, subject options, career pathways and more. 2020 Subject Selection forms were provided at this event for current Year 9 - 11 students.



Poetry Intensive



Mrs Angela Eynaud, Director of Teaching and Learning

As part of the Horizons program in Year 10, students participated in a Poetry Intensive with poet Joel McKerrow, from Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th June.

On the Tuesday he led them on a creative journey exploring who they are and what they believe in; what they stand for and what they want to say to the world.

On Wednesday, students learned techniques for generating ideas for poems, editing and constructing poems.

On Thursday many courageous pupils shared their poems in a moving and inspirational performance. Students spoke their minds about bullying, child abuse, poverty, inequality, racism and religious persecution. The quality of the work was outstanding.



The Giving Tree

Christmas in June for the NCC-OCC Shoebox Collection

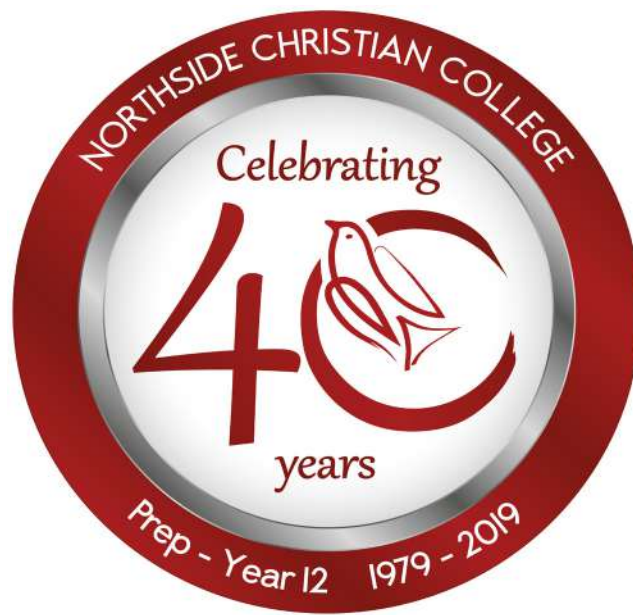
Help NCC and the 2019 Cambodia Missions Team reach our 200 box target by the end of Term 2!

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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