



Northside Christian College

Transforming Lives Through Christ and
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The Wine

NEWSLETTER

THE GREATEST STORY OF ALL

We all love good stories, they 'live' in books, movies, plays, songs, poems, opera, dance and in many other formats. The Bible is packed with stories; collectively they tell the greatest story ever told, The Gospel! This is sometimes referred to as the Biblical Meta Narrative, loosely translated as 'Bible Big Story'.

The plot for this 'Big Story' is framed around four main themes: Creation, Fall, Redemption and the Restoration. Here's a very concise summary of the Biblical Meta Narrative: God created a beautiful world and gave Adam and Eve the responsibility to look after it. Adam and Eve were deceived by the Devil and disobeyed God; as a consequence of their disobedience, sin entered the world and was passed down from generation to generation. God, motivated by his great love, intervened; which is summed up in the following verse:

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.' John 3:16.

Jesus overcame the power of sin and death through his crucifixion and subsequent resurrection, he then ascended to Heaven and heralded the releasing of the Holy Spirit, to live within those who acknowledge Jesus as Lord.

Where are we up to in the Big Story? The eternal Kingdom of God has been established for over two thousand years and we are now living in the days of restoration. Empowered by God's Spirit, Christians are called to work in harmony with Him and each other to build the Kingdom of God.

We dearly want our young people to live in harmony with God's plan and find their place in his Kingdom, the place of abundant life that Jesus has for all who look to, and follow him. One way in which we seek to achieve this is through the curriculum we teach. Our curriculum is intentionally designed through a Christian Worldview lens, via the 'Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration' meta-narrative framework. If you would like more information on how we design our curriculum from a Christ centred perspective, please follow the link below, it will take you to a resource that Christian Schools Australia (CSA) have developed to help their member schools to write curriculum from a Christian Worldview perspective.

<https://www.csa.edu.au/documents/item/454>

This Easter we remember Jesus' life sacrificially poured out on the cross for each and every human being. We acknowledge his grace and embrace the life he has made available to us through his Holy Spirit. May we all continue to build his kingdom with courage, determination, faith, hope and most of all love.

Here's wishing you a wonderfully peaceful and safe Easter Holiday with your family and friends

Doug Holtam

NCC Principal



STRONGER

Those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles,
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



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FAITH

HOPE

LOVE

NOTICES

DIARY DATES

Monday 27- Friday 31 March

Year 10 Work Experience

Thursday 30 March

Prep-Year 2 Swimming Carnival

Friday 31 March

End of Term One - 2.30pm finish
Casual Clothes Day- Gold Coin
Donation

Wednesday 19 April

Term 2 Commences
Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews 3:45pm-7:15pm

Monday 24 April

Whole School Photos
Parent/Teacher/Student
Interviews 3:45pm-7:15pm

Tuesday 25 April

ANZAC Day- No classes

Wednesday 26- Friday 28 April

Year 7/8 Camp

TERM DATES 2017

Term One:

Monday 30th January -
Friday 31st March

Term Two:

Wednesday 19th April -
Friday 30th June

Term Three:

Wednesday 19th July -
Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Tuesday 10th October -
Friday 8th December

CELEBRATION EVENING - CHANGE OF DATE

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change the date for Celebration Evening in December.

Please be advised that Celebration Evening will now be held on Wednesday 6th December, not Thursday 7th December as previously advertised. Prep - Year Two students will be allowed to arrive at school at 10am on the following day.

We hope that by informing you of this change with so much notice, that you will not be inconvenienced in any way.

RAISING RESILIENT TEENAGERS

This is a FREE workshop for parents and carers of teenagers who live in the City of Whittlesea.

Date: Wednesday 26 April 2017

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Edge Services for Young People

Shop MMI, Westfield Plenty Valley
415 McDonalds Road, Mill Park

This session will be facilitated by Anglicare Victoria Parent Zone and supported by Baseline for Young People. Bookings essential- contact Sally on 9404 8800 or email baseline@whittlesea.vic.gov.au

STAFF BABIES

Leigh Adcock and his wife, Joy, had their baby boy Jerome on Feb 18th.

Michael Bond and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their baby girl Eliana on Feb 28th.

Annelie Zuccolo and her husband, Kane, had baby girl Georgia on March 10th.

Parents and babies all doing well. There are more staff expecting babies in the next term. Please pray for safe deliveries.

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

MICHAEL BOND

HOUSE SYSTEM

All students at Northside Christian College have been allocated to a House for academic, sporting, cultural and service events. This allows recognition of effort and achievement in academic pursuits, College and community service, the demonstration of College values, and participation in the life of the College on top of sporting pursuits. The House System will assist the College in continuing to foster a family-like atmosphere within the school community. Furthermore, the House System provides an opportunity for students to form greater connections with their school community.

I wish to acknowledge the students who applied and interviewed for House Captain positions for 2017 at Northside Christian College. We are delighted to announce the appointment of the House Captains for the 2017 academic school year.

Courageous Conquerors

Michael Hadj
Ryan Bland

Noble Knights

Alex Houareau
Ruth Vaiano

Worthy Warriors

Sam Arter
Ivy Liew

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE

We look forward to hearing how the Year 10 students went on their work experience placements between the 20th - 31st March. We pray this experience has been beneficial for them and assists them in making decisions regarding their future pathways. Thank you once again to Mrs Lenna Waters for overseeing this program.

YEAR 9 CITY CHALLENGE

The Year 9 students are participating in a 'Year of Challenge' as part of our Middle School program at Northside Christian College. As part of our commitment to increase the awareness and exposure of our students to the world around us, our Year 9 students commence their Year of Challenge by participating in the City Challenge in the City of Melbourne during the last week of Term 1. We pray this is a safe and highly engaging experience for our students. We thank Ms Jo Westland for organising this program for our Year 9 students and look forward to hearing about their experience during Term 2.

STEP ON CAMPUS AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Senior School students are invited to experience Deakin University through their Step on Campus program during the Term 1 holidays. You'll be taken on a 45 minute tour of your chosen campus, where you'll find out more about university life, study areas and be able to gain a feel for the campus from your tour guide, a current Deakin student! Please refer to: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/step-on-campus>
Melbourne Burwood Campus: 3, 6, 10 & 13 April 2017 at 10.00am, 12.00pm & 3.00pm daily.

EXPERIENCE LA TROBE UNIVERSITY EVENT

Attention Year 10, 11 and 12 students: Attend workshops, lectures and seminars of your choice to find out about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life. Chat with the student ambassadors about studying at La Trobe and what to expect. Experience La Trobe is a free event - with lunch and entertainment! For more information, please visit: www.latrobe.edu.au/experience. La Trobe Melbourne Campus: 7th April and 6th July.



AMY HORNEMAN

INFORMATION ABOUT ICAS:

ICAS is one of the most highly regarded schools based competition and assessment programs in the world with over 30 years of experience in Australia. ICAS provides an opportunity for all Years 2-12 students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation.

If you would like your child to participate in ICAS this year, please follow this link to the NCC website where you register your interest and pay online:

<http://ncc.vic.edu.au/co-curricular/icas/>

TEST DATES:

Science: Tuesday 30th May

Writing: Week beginning Monday 12th June

English: Tuesday 1st August

Mathematics: Tuesday 15th August

LOCATION OF TESTS: Northside Christian College

COST:

Prices go up by \$1 per student per test on 1st April. We are offering an early bird rate of the 2016 cost, which is \$8.80 per test for registrations before 30th March.

REGISTER BY: Thursday 30th March for early bird discount or by Thursday 27th April for increased price

CONGRATULATIONS, LAURA

Laura (Year 8), a talented writer and enthusiastic participant in many opportunities offered through the INSPIRE program, entered and won a 'write a story in a sentence' competition through the Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

She is now the proud owner of a brand new camera and has her photo displayed on the YPRL website. Congratulations, Laura!





WELFARE

FIONA DUMITRACHE

God has given us a wonderful resource...time. But life is filled with more distractions than ever.

To slow down and put distractions aside so that we can notice or see, and to be inquisitive about what we see is one way to build relationship. By being available and present we show we are invested and interested in what is important in our children's lives as well as what's happened in their day.

We begin to notice changes in mood, physical energy, motivation and attitude. We provide opportunity to celebrate achievements and to safely allow them to process and resolve challenges, both large and small. Even a young person, whose growing desire is for privacy and independence, wants to be noticed and understood and to know that someone is available.

Put down the phone, turn off the TV, put work away, prioritise commitment, and start a conversation about the little things you notice with your child or teen. This is one of the best investments that can be made.

HEALTHY LIVING SKILLS

Healthy Living Skills (HLS) is a subject area in the Health and Physical Education curriculum. This curriculum teaches personal, social and community health. Being healthy, safe and active is of vital importance in our fast paced society, and therefore it is also crucial students learn how to communicate and interact for health and well being.

Part of this curriculum involves students in Yrs 3 - 6 being in the Home Economics Room with Mrs Waters, as she teaches life skills in the kitchen, this includes nutrition and safety. Both boys and girls enjoy their once a term cooking or gardening session with Mrs Waters. In the last few weeks all this was made possible because of the diligent parent helpers who came to assist and supervise the young students to ensure safety at the highest standard. Thank you parents!

Eleanor Tan





VCE INVASION

While the Yr 3-12 students were out at the swimming carnival on Friday 3rd March, the Prep-Year 2 students invaded the VCE building and wrote notes of encouragement. We have since been visited by the Prep A class with Mrs Tucci to watch the Prep DVD from when our current Year 12s were in Miss Tucci's Prep class. Yr 1/2A with Mr Longley visited to read stories and sing together with us. What a privilege to be able to build community by having our youngest and oldest students interact with each other, share devotions and encouragement!

Amy Horneman

STILL LIFE PAINTING

This term students in Yr 3-6 studied still life painting. We looked at composition, mixing colours, shading and shapes. After a series of sketching and experiment, students sketched their still life onto the canvas and filled them in with paint, finishing with a layer of gloss. Here are just a few for you to admire!

Vanessa Low



Joshua



Lyvia



Justin



NORTHSIDE CSEN SWIMMING RESULTS

Our swim teams did really well this year at the Primary and Secondary CSEN swim meets. Each year Northside Christian College is getting stronger with better results in the pool. On Wednesday mornings our squad of more than 20 students has been meeting at 7:00am, training hard at the LaTrobe University Pool. Special thanks to Chris Simmons and Anthea Komninoglou who have coached the swimming squad on these early mornings. The squad has been very professional and the results are a reflections of their hard work!

PRIMARY

Under 9's

Neriya - 3rd 50m FS, 3rd 50m BK, 2nd 50m BrS

Ezra - 1st 50m FS, 3rd 50m BK, 2nd 100m FS

Under 10's

Sarah - 3rd 50m BK

Suhanayan- 3rd 50m BS, 3rd 50m BrS

Jessa May - 1st 50m FS, 1st 100 FS, 3rd 50m BrS

Emilia- 3rd 50m FS

Emilia, Brydie, Kaitlyn and Sarah - 1st Female FS relay

Under 11's

Madison- 1st 50m FS, 1st 50m BK 1st 100m FS

Sienna- 2nd 50m FS, 1st 50m BrS

Ethan - 2nd 50m BK

Stephen 3rd 50m FS, 2nd 50m BrS

Under 12's

Giselle- 2nd 50m BK, 1st 50m Fly

Jezreel- 3rd 50m FS, 2nd 50m BrS

Timothy - 2nd 50 m BK 2nd 100m FS, 2nd 50m BrS

Giselle, Madison, Jezreel and Sienna- 1st Female Medley

Giselle, Madison, Jezreel and Sienna- 1st Female FS Relay

Ezra, Timothy, Stephen and Ethan- 3rd Male Medley

Jordan, Suhanayan, Stephen and Timothy- 2nd Male FS Relay

SECONDARY

Under 13's

Isabelle -3rd 50m FS

Louie- 3rd 50 m FS , 3rd 50 m BK, 3rd 100m FS

Under 14's

Martika -2nd 50m BK

Elizabeth -2nd 100m FS

Isabelle, Elizabeth, Martika and Bethany- 3rd Female FS Relay

Under 15's

Alin- 3rd 50m FS, 2nd 50m BK, 3rd 100m FS, 3rd 50m BrS

Under 16's

Damien 1st 50m FS, 2nd 50m BK, 1st 100m FS, 1st 50m BrS, 1st 50m Fly

Damien, Troy, Louie and Anthony - 2nd Male FS Relay

Under 21's

Alin, Isabelle, Elizabeth and Martika- 3rd Female FS Relay

Anna Venegas

Abbreviations:

FS- Freestyle

BK- Back stroke

BrS- Breast stroke

Fly- Butterfly