



Northside Christian College

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NEWSLETTER

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SPORT TAKES US FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Sport and Physical Education at Northside Christian College is going from strength to strength. This is particularly encouraging as our theme for 2017 is 'STRONGER'.

Notably our Swim Squad competed at state level last week performing at a very high standard, achieving outstanding individual and group success. Our Year 9 and 10 girls took out the flag against several other Christian schools at the VCE Volleyball Rally Day.

The House Athletics Carnival took place on Monday the 1st of May and was a wonderful success, with outstanding competition both on the track and in the field events. It was great to have the whole school involved in this exciting and community-building carnival.

I take this opportunity to give credit where it's due and congratulate Mrs Anna Venegas, our outstanding PE Coordinator. Her excellent leadership is taking our PE and sports programs to a whole new level. Mrs Venegas has maximized the use of our new facilities to deliver high quality learning experiences for our students. Recently, she was successful in securing additional funding to run a hockey program at the College. Details of the program were published as the lead article in the Government's online Sports Magazine (link below).

<https://www.sportingschools.gov.au/news/Northside-Christian-College-students-hookin-into-twenty-seventeen>

How does sport/physical education and competition fit into God's big picture?

Jeremy Treat* states: 'Competition literally means "to strive together," rendering sport a "mutually acceptable quest for excellence." As iron sharpens iron, competition enhances play.' Treat goes on to conclude: 'In sum, God's image bearers are called to develop God's creation for the good of others and to delight in God's creation because of its intrinsic good. Within this context of playfully developing and delighting in God's creation we can say that sports are part of God's intention and design for creation.'

I appreciate Treat's thoughts and thank God for the gift of play that enables all of us to enjoy the delights of sport and competition.

* Themelios 40.3 (2015): 392-403

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

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 30th May:

Middle School Parenting Seminar
6.30 - 8.30pm

Monday 5th June:

Year 7 Immunisations
Winter Music Recital

Monday 12th June:

Queen's Birthday - no classes

Friday 16th June:

Report Writing Day - no classes

Thursday 29th June:

Prep - Year 10 Showcase

Friday 30th June

Last day of Term Two
2.30pm finish

TERM DATES 2017

Term Two:

Wednesday 19th April -
Friday 30th June

Term Three:

Wednesday 19th July -
Friday 22nd September

Term Four:

Tuesday 10th October -
Friday 8th December

WINTER MUSIC RECITAL

The annual NCC Winter Music Recital is fast approaching with many students eager to perform and showcase their musical skill. The Winter Music Recital will be held on Monday 5th of June, 7pm at the Banyule Theatre, Heidelberg.

Students who are selected to perform will receive a letter home informing you of this. Tickets will be available for purchase from the Accounts office for this event. I look forward to seeing many families attend and enjoy a fantastic night of entertainment.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB



This year Northside Christian College is partnering with Scholastic to bring Book Club to our Primary students. Parents are given the opportunity to purchase new books and stationery for their children. A portion of the money spent goes back into the College to purchase classroom supplies. Not only are you encouraging your child to read, but you are helping us to improve the resources that we have available in classrooms. Above is a picture of what we have been able to purchase so far.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTING SEMINAR

Please note that we are hosting a parenting seminar aimed at Primary parents, run by Parentzone and Whittlesea Council.

Presented by: Pauline Camilleri, Parentzone

Date: Tuesday 30th of May

Time: 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Location: Northside Christian College
31 McLeans Road, Bundoora

Register Online:

<https://www.trybooking.com/257129>

This is a FREE event but bookings are essential. Seats tend to book out quickly. If you plan to just turn up on the night you may miss out. BOOKING IS NOT VIA NCC BUT WHITTLESEA COUNCIL. We're hosting this in response to high parent request.

FIJI BOOK DRIVE

The annual Fiji Book Drive is now collecting books and kindergarten supplies which will be given to children in Fiji schools.

Any good quality books ranging from picture to early high school level are welcome along with kindergarten stationery supplies. Please ensure that you give all donations to the Reception before the cut off date, Friday the 9th of June.



SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

END OF SEMESTER I EXAMINATIONS

During Week 9 of this term, students in Years 10 and 11 will be sitting examinations. The Year 10 students will be completing midyear examinations for Mathematics, Science and some elective subjects. Year 11 students will be completing Unit 1 midyear examinations in most subjects. Please note that some Year 10 students are also accelerating in some VCE subjects at Northside Christian College, which means they will also complete these examinations.

Year 11 and 12 students who are studying a Unit 3 subject will be scheduled to complete Unit 3 midyear examinations. Some of these examinations will also serve as a SAC. Subject teachers will notify students if this is the case. For other subjects, this assessment will serve as a practice examination in preparation for the end of year examinations. Please note that Unit 3 examinations will be held in either Week 9 of Term 2 or during the first week of the holidays. Any practice examination held during the holidays will be an optional examination for students.

The examination schedule for Year 10 - 12 examinations will be finalised shortly and will be communicated to students and families.

The purpose of the examinations is to start preparing students for the Unit 3/4 end of year examination experience. Students are encouraged to use a range of revision tools and techniques when studying.

The idea of examinations can be anxiety-provoking for many students. While a little anxiety can be helpful, too much can be detrimental. One way of minimising anxiety is to be well prepared and well informed.

During the next few weeks, students will be provided with more specific information about the structure and requirements of each examinations by their teachers. In terms of being prepared, students are encouraged to spend some time over the next fortnight checking that their classwork is up to date and is organised in a logical manner.

Year 10 and 11 students are reminded that examinations are compulsory and that a medical certificate must be provided in the case of absence. Examination results for Years 10 - 12 will be reported on Schoology.

GAT

The GAT is an essential part of the VCE assessment procedures. All students enrolled in one or more VCE or scored VCE VET Unit 3 and 4 sequences 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 Tuesday, 14th June as the GAT is a 3 hour test.

Please continue to pray for our Senior School students during this very busy time of the year.

Michael Bond
Deputy Principal





RELEASING POTENTIAL TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

MERCI AND FAREWELL, DR GALATI!

Please join me in extending sincere gratitude to Dr John Galati for the extraordinary work he has done in founding, developing and strategising for the future of our INSPIRE Maths program. Dr Galati has developed the program and materials for enrichment classes in Mathematics from Year 3 to Year 10, with the aim of extending the program towards working with students studying higher level Mathematics in VCE in the future.

His professionalism and passion for the development of mathematical understanding in our high achieving students and increasing the rigor across the school has been greatly appreciated and the work that follows in the INSPIRE Maths program will owe its success to his expertise and efforts.

Dr Galati finished his time at Northside early in Term 2, and filling his shoes will be:

Mrs Judy Fieldew (working with Primary INSPIRE Maths classes - Year 3-6): Mrs Fieldew is an experienced and passionate Primary teacher with a love for Mathematics, and also a new parent to our school this year! Thank you, Mrs Fieldew for stepping in to continue to build strength into our Primary program.

Mr Colin Bland will be working with Secondary INSPIRE Maths classes (Year 7-10) until we secure a permanent Secondary INSPIRE Maths tutor. Mr Bland currently teaches Physics and Maths Methods at VCE level and is highly experienced teacher of Mathematics. Thank you, Mr Bland, for giving your time to work with our Secondary students.

We look forward to the contributions Mrs Fieldew and Mr Bland will make to the strength of our INSPIRE Maths program.

CONGRATULATIONS, SOPHIE!

Sophie (Year 11) was awarded a Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars' Program Scholarship through the University of Melbourne at the end of Year 10. This program offers academic enrichment to support high-achieving students and offers students who are involved access to opportunities to develop their academic, leadership and personal development skills both during their VCE studies and into the future as tertiary students.

We wish Sophie well as she continues on her VCE journey and look forward to hearing about the benefits she is experiencing through her involvement in the Young Scholars' Program.

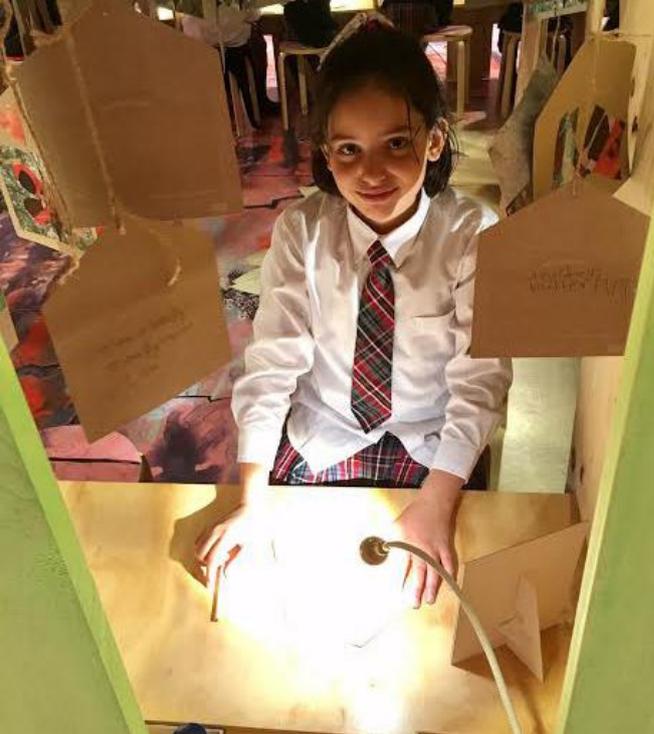
MATHS TALENT QUEST

Expressions of interest in entering the 2017 Maths Talent Quest are now due in to Mrs Horneman. If your child would like to enter this year's competition and has not brought a note home for you to sign, please collect one from Reception. The competition is open for students from Years 3-10.

Amy Horneman

VCE Coordinator





ARTS

ARTS DAY OUT AT THE NGV

The Year 4 students took part in this year's Independent Schools Victoria Arts Learning Festival. Students worked together to weave a colourful flying carpet, directed by a team of Italian Educators from the Department of Castello di Rivoli. They participated in a Visual Thinking Strategies guided tour, studying selected paintings up close, and discussing them at a deeper level.

Students concluded their gallery visit by creating their own mini beast collages inside Fiona Hall's very own "Uneasy Seasons" Installation Room. Well done to all our Year 4 students, for demonstrating excellent behaviour, and a positive attitude towards art making and appreciation activities.

PREP ART DISPLAY



Antonietta Veljanovski

Primary Art





SPORTS

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

For the first time the Worthy Warriors have finally secured an elusive victory. It was through sweeping participation and reinvigorated leadership that the Worthy Warriors claimed victory at the recent Athletics Carnival. The competing Houses put up a strong and scary fight; the possibility of loss was indeed very near. However when the scores were announced half way through the Carnival, the word quickly spread that the Worthy Warriors were leading.

During the second half of the Carnival, the competition from the Courageous Conquerors and the Noble Knights was even more fierce. The Courageous Conquerors saw many victories, but alas it was not enough as the Worthy Warriors had already secured victory.

On a serious note however this first victory of the Worthy Warriors couldn't have happened without the participation of all the members of the Worthy Warriors, the organisation the teachers, and the competitiveness of the Conquerors and the Knights.

Thank you to all staff, students and especially parent helpers for your contribution and participation in this event.

Sam Vaiano

Secondary Sport



CSEN VOLLEYBALL

The CSEN VCE volleyball competition last Thursday ended with a great result. The Year 9/10 volleyball team finished in first place in division 2, beating the runners up by 3 points in a close and intense grand final.

The VCE team, competing in division 1, played a great game but unfortunately lost the grand final, and came in second place. Overall it was a great day with good competition. Congratulations to the Yr 9/10 girls volleyball team for an awesome result.

Ruth, Yr 11



Division 1 (VCE Girls)

1. Maranatha 1
2. Northside 1
3. Chairo Pakenham
4. Belgrave Heights 1
5. St Andrews

Division 2 (9/10 Girls)

1. Northside
2. Maranatha 5
3. Maranatha 2
4. Maranatha 6
5. Belgrave 2

Anna Venegas

PE Coordinator



THE VCE INVASION CONTINUES!

These past two weeks we have had the privilege of having Mr Simmons' Year 5/6 class come and visit us during homegroup on Thursday mornings.

The exciting thing about this class is that these students are the Prep buddies of our current Year 11 and 12 students, and many students have had fun connecting with their buddies from years ago. They have been writing and illustrating little storybooks to read to the current Prep buddies around the theme of 'Love'.



Amy Horneman

VCE Coordinator



FREE Mobile Influenza Vaccination Service



Protecting those most vulnerable

The City of Whittlesea has partnered with the Eastern Melbourne PHN to deliver a free mobile influenza service to vulnerable residents living in the City of Whittlesea.

About:

- In 2016, 90,861 Australian's suffered from laboratory confirmed influenza, with many more cases going undiagnosed.
- Influenza is a viral disease that causes widespread illness every year.
- Immunising people who are at risk of complications from the flu is the most important way we have to reduce the number of flu infections and deaths.
- Influenza immunisation is recommended for people in known high-risk groups.
- People who work or live with people who are at risk of serious complications should be immunised to avoid spreading the flu.
- The vaccine cannot give you a dose of flu because it does not contain any live virus.

Who:

- The elderly;
- The young;
- People aged 6months + with medical conditions that can lead to complications from influenza;
- Pregnant women at any gestation;
- People with at risk behaviours;
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
- People from a Refugee or Asylum Seeker background;
- People from a Culturally and Linguistically Diverse background.

Bookings:

- We come to you at a convenient time for your clients.
- It's a free service for eligible groups.
- We will supply all resources for you to coordinate.
- An experienced Nurse Vaccinator and Immunisation Officer will attend your location.
- Contact Council's Immunisation team on 9217 2276 or email teamimmunisation@whittlesea.vic.gov.au to make a booking.
- Bookings will be taken up until 14 July 2017, but get in early to avoid missing out!



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