



Northside
Christian College

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Principal's Message: Flourish



Mr Michael Bond
Principal

Our theme for 2022 at Northside Christian College is FLOURISH. Our theme verse for this year comes from Colossians 2:6-7, which encourages us:

*So then,
just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord,
continue to live your lives in him,
rooted and built up in him,
strengthened in the faith as you were taught,
and overflowing with thankfulness.*

These verses encourage us to build a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are reminded to be rooted in Christ. We can do this through reading and reflecting on God's Word. We can also connect daily with God through prayer. Colossians 2:6-7 is a reminder that our connection with Christ supports us to FLOURISH.

A devotion I read recently highlighted how God's word can renew our mind and supports us to develop a Biblical worldview. At Northside, we are grateful to be in a Christian community that supports our students to FLOURISH. Our daily devotions, Bible studies classes, Christian Life Studies classes, Chapel services and the integration of a Biblical worldview into our curriculum all contribute to our flourishing as a College community.

In the Bible, John 15:4 says, *Remain in me, as I also remain in you.
No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine.
Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

Likewise, Matthew 6:33 in the Amplified Bible we are reminded about remaining rooted in Christ:

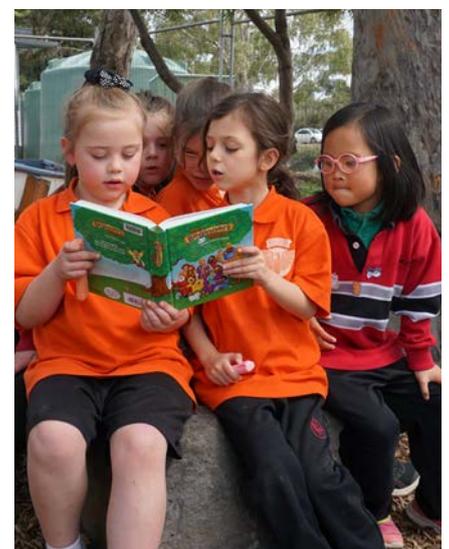
But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right — the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.

It is special to be part of a Christian school community supporting flourishing. I pray we can continue to find moments throughout each day to learn more about the character of God and to draw closer to Him.

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Northside Chaplain, Jared praying for the College community.



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Term Dates:

Term 3 - 13/07/2022 - 15/09/2022

Term 4 - 03/10/2022 - 06/12/2022

Diary Dates:

WEEK 10B:

- Thursday 15th September:
Rubbish Free Lunch
Last Day of Term 3 – Normal finish time
Last day for College enrolment withdrawals
- Friday 16th September:
Student Free Day (OSHC available for onsite care)

HOLIDAYS WEEK 1 :

- Monday 19th September:
Year 10 Food Safety Handling Course

TERM 4

WEEK 1A:

- Monday 3rd October:
Term 4 Commences
Whole School Assembly
- Wednesday 5th October:
Year 7/8 Fortnightly CSEN
- Thursday 6th October:
Open Evening & Art Show
- Friday 7th October:
Primary Life Education Incursion
Primary Chapel

WEEK 2B:

- Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th October:
Year 3 Burnside Camp
- Wednesday 12th October:
Prep - Year 2 Swimming Lessons
Primary Life Education Incursion
Year 9/10 Fortnightly CSEN
AAS Years 2, 4, 5 & 6 Standardised Assessments
- Thursday 13th October:
Year 1 Zoo Excursion
Primary Life Education Incursion
- Friday 14th October:
Primary Life Education Incursion
AAS Years 3, 7, 8 & 9 Standardised Assessments

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Whole School Online Assembly

Parents are welcome to join our Whole School Assembly every fortnight on Monday mornings (Week A) from 8:40am. Please click on the link provided in the Primary, Middle or Senior School weekly email.



Construction Update

Update 34: 16th August 2022

Soil was delivered for the new garden beds around the new building. The College has also installed a sprinkler system to assist with watering the new garden beds in this area of the College.



Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee program.



Soil being delivered for the new garden beds.

Update 35: 18th August 2022

Trees were delivered to the College to assist with landscaping some of the new areas outside the new building. We are grateful for a grant as part of the Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee program, which assisted significantly with this aspect of the landscaping at Northside. The community-based tree planting events will be held across Australia to commemorate the Jubilee (70 years of service) of the late, Queen Elizabeth II.

Update 36: 27th August 2022

The site fencing was moved during late August opening up much more of the central courtyard area of the College grounds. Students have been excited exploring some of the new areas of the College any looking into the windows of the new building. We look forward to the installation of a new playground in late November 2022.



Installation of new seating.



Fencing has been repositioned.

Update 37: 9th September 2022

New seating was installed around the central courtyard area outside the new building. This will assist in creating spaces for our College community to gather together.

Enrolments

Prep 2024

Applications for 2024 Prep are now open. Families with children due to commence Prep in 2024 are encouraged to submit their online enrolment applications as soon as possible. Children born between 1st January 2018 to 30th April 2019 are eligible to apply. Applications for all families will close on **Friday, 24th February 2023**.

Enrolment applications should be made **online via our website**. Paper applications are no longer accepted.

Are you leaving Northside?

If your child is not returning to Northside next year, please ensure you complete and return a Withdrawal Notice Form and return it to the College no later than **Thursday, 15th September 2022 (last day of Term 3)**. Families are reminded that one term's notice must be given if your child is leaving Northside.

Withdrawal forms are available at the College Reception or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. Families that do not submit the Withdrawal Notice Form by the end of Term 3 will be required to pay one term's fees.

Alumni

Join the Northside Alumni by completing the **online form** to be notified of upcoming events.

Principal's Tours

Did you know we hold Principal's Tours? The Principal's Tours are a fantastic way to experience the community at Northside Christian College and to also get a better sense as to whether Northside is the right fit for your family.

If you have a friend or family member that is interested in checking out Northside, please let them know to check for tours on the Northside Enrolments page on our website.

<https://ncc.vic.edu.au/book-a-tour>

Media Permissions Forms

Media Permissions Forms give permission for students to appear in the Northside Christian College Yearbook in 2022. If you would like your child to appear in the Yearbook, please ensure you complete and return the Media Permissions Forms that were sent home with your children this week. Extra forms are available at Reception.

If you want your child to be given the opportunity to appear on the College social media and/or College publications including the Yearbook, then these forms must be returned. **Students that do not have their forms returned will not be given the opportunity to be photographed.**

Administration

Absences

Please remember to email any absences to:

attendance@ncc.vic.edu.au

If you're picking up your student early or dropping them off late please remember to email or fill in one of our green Student Absence form at reception.

VISA Changes

If your Visa status has changed in the last 12 months, including, you have been granted a new Visa, or have since become an Australian Citizen, please advise the College by email at enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. If you have not yet returned your signed VEVO form to the College, please do so as soon as possible. Extra forms are available by contacting the Enrolments team at the College, or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au.

Update your details

Have you recently...

- Moved house?
- Got a new phone number?
- Need to change you child's emergency contact ...

Please email the office to update your details buy emailing ncc@ncc.vic.edu.au.



Follow Northside on Facebook and/or Instagram

If your on Instagram of Facebook please follow the Northside Christian College pages.

[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



New Uniforms to Buy

College families can purchase new uniforms from Academy Uniforms. Please keep in mind they can get very busy over the holiday period.



238 Wolseley Place,
Thomastown VIC 3074
Phone: 03 9460 8011
Opening Hours:
Saturday 9am-12pm

Please allow 2 business days for in-store collection of online orders



Second Hand Uniforms to Buy and Sell



NCC Second Hand Uniform & Textbooks - Buy, Sell & Swap

Private group · 190 members



College families have the opportunity to sell their second hand uniforms directly to other families via the Facebook group; **[NCC Second Hand Uniforms and Textbooks Buy, Swap Sell.](#)**

Please ensure you read the group rules; only Northside uniforms and textbooks may be sold in this group. All sales and purchases are directly between families, not with Northside.

Footy Colours Day

Our Secondary SRC and VCAL students are excited to let you know about an exciting project they worked on this month, Footy Colours Day!

Students were able to come to school dressed in their favourite football team's colours. They were required to contribute a gold coin donation for a coin line. Each gold coin was placed in front of the team logo, it was really exciting to see which team would come out as the favourite amongst our students!

All money raised is to go to supporting Casino Christian School in New South Wales. Casino Christian School was recently affected by severe flooding which hit New South Wales earlier this year.

**Ms Christie Vaughn
SRC**



Students in their Football colours,

Year 2 in the Kitchen

The Year 2 classes went to the Home Economics kitchen to bake cookies with the help of some parents and grandparents. We looked at the recipe (procedural text) and measured our ingredients using kitchen scales - it is important to be accurate! Other ingredients we measured using the ½ cup. We used the electric beater to mix it all together. The last thing we added was the chocolate chips. Yum! Then we rolled the mixture into balls with our hands and placed them on the tray. The cookies were delicious - some students shared their creations with their families when they got home.

Mrs Sharon Halden
Primary Teacher



Students and parents measured, mixed, rolled and baked cookies.



Year 2 Sleepover



On Thursday 1st September, the Year 2 students had their first sleepover at school.

After excitedly setting up our beds for the night, we headed over to our classrooms for some games, a Kahoot quiz, and even a Lego challenge! Making choices is an important part of school camps, so we had to decide which ice-cream we wanted for dessert, from 5 different options.



Ms Natoli read us a funny story about having pet spiders, then we settled in to watch Charlotte's Web while munching on yummy popcorn.

In a blink of an eye, it was time to brush our teeth and get ready for bed.

The next morning we had cereal and toast for breakfast, prepared for us by our awesome parent helpers.



We came to our sleepover a little unsure and nervous. We woke up the next day with a newfound sense of confidence and independence.

Students enjoyed playing with Lego, watching Charlotte's Web and eating breakfast together.

Ms Kristina Collin
Primary Teacher



Book Week

Book Week this year was held at Northside Christian College from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th August. Established in 1919, Children's Book Week celebrates literature and reading through a week of fun activities and learning experiences. At Northside, students had the opportunity to participate in lunch time activities run by the Student Representative Council and staff, including quizzes, a debate, hide and seek and book-making. This year's debate saw students and staff contesting which is better – books or movies. Thankfully the students won the debate, and books came out on top!

The jewel in Book Week's crown was, as usual, the dress-up day and annual parade on the Friday. Students and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters and showed off their costumes during a virtual parade. Thank you to Mr Sam Gorfine for hosting and Jared Stocks for lending his technical skills. Thank you also to the parents for their amazing creativity and skills in costume-making!

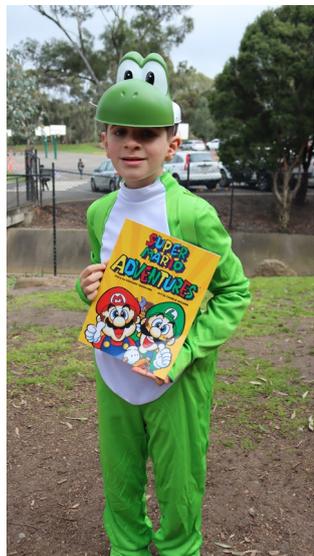
Ms Laura Bovey
Librarian



Students and staff from all across the school went to great effort to dress up.



Book Week continued...



During the week we also had the Scholastic Book Fair which was enjoyed by parents and students alike.



It was lovely to see groups come together to create themes.

Science Week



Science Week dress up day was enjoyed by all our Primary Students



Students experimenting with marble runs.

After two years of celebrating science week in lockdown, this year we had the opportunity to celebrate it face-to-face from the 15th to the 19th of August. The theme for this year was Glass: More than meets the eye! Being onsite allowed us to organise a fun incursion run by Perform Education for students from Years 5-8, where students got to enjoy themselves and make some loud noises with their friends.

As well as the incursion, we had lunchtime activities and a dress as a scientist day for primary students. The students thoroughly enjoyed all the activities, and it was good to see the excitement and curiosity during lunchtime as students prepared for their chosen activities.

On behalf of the Science Department, I would like to thank all the staff who supported this event, especially Mrs Ravida, Mrs Thomas and Mr O' Leary who organised the activities. I would also like to send a special thank you to Ms Cellini (Lab technician) for making sure that we had all the materials ready for the week. Thank you, Northside community, for supporting this event!

Mrs Susan Varghese
Science Co-ordinator



Years 5 & 6 enjoying the Perform Education performance.

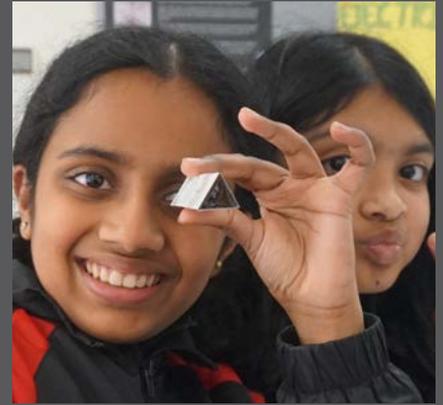


Students enjoying some lunch time activities.

The science week activities were really fun and engaging. I enjoyed doing the glass painting and trying them out at home. The marble runs were also fun, especially the magnet ones. The kaleidoscopes were also nice looking.

Rachel G, Year 6

Science Week continued...



Students experimented with different materials and mediums each lunch time during Science Week. Some even made kaleidoscopes!



Thank you for organizing the science incursion, as I know that my friends and I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was educational and interesting at the same time, and I enjoyed learning about glass and how it was made. I also know now what the strongest glass is.

Aneeqa G, Year 7

I think the incursion on glass was very educational and also made me learn new things such as how we can use glass to make energy or help make energy. I would definitely think that we could have more of these incursions in the future as well.

Nathan G, Year 7

Science week dress up day was enjoyed by all our Primary Students



During Science Week, Mrs Varghese conducted many activities for students to participate in that were glass themed as the theme for this year's Science Week was glass, "more than meets the eye". I participated in the marble run activity, where we played with various marble runs, and then make a kaleidoscope activity. I enjoyed the kaleidoscope activity the most because we got to take home a fun reflective kaleidoscope through which you could see many reflections of the world around you.

Students made stained glass windows as one of the lunch time activities.

Lawton Y, Year 7



Year 7G Biology

Year 7G Biology students have been studying ecosystems in Science this term. We have investigated what organisms need to survive and thrive in their specific habitats, including their specific feeding relationships in food chains and food webs. Students had the opportunity to put this knowledge into practice with an excursion to our local ecosystem located behind our school. Mr Peter Grenfell, an Education Officer from the Darebin Creek Management Committee spoke to us about water bugs and their importance to the health of a waterway. We got up and close with them and identified many species and looked at whether they might be producers, consumers or decomposers in a food web. We also were fortunate to bring some creek water and bugs back to our science laboratory to further investigate the following day with microscopes.

Mrs Roshel Ravida
Secondary Teacher



Students listening to a presentation by Mr Peter Grenfell. Students then took it in turn to investigate the health of the waterway.



Students found some interesting creatures.



Year 12 Biology - Medical Biotechnology in Focus Scientific investigation at Whittlesea Tech

Recently, our Year 12 Biology students had the opportunity to visit Whittlesea Tech School in Epping. As part of the AOS 3 Research Investigation, the students had the opportunity to conduct an experiment researched in class about the antimicrobial properties of natural products. We also had an opportunity to explore the facilities, hosted by experts in the facility.

Mrs Susan Varghese
Science Co-ordinator



Senior students at Whittlesea Tech School

Our experience at Whittlesea Tech School allowed us to further our understanding of our current AOS3 within Biology and conduct our investigation with the help of their qualified staff. We thoroughly enjoyed our experience as we were able to apply our knowledge to practical investigations researched in our world today. We would like to thank the staff at Whittlesea Tech for providing us with an amazing practical experience.

Bethany D and Isabelle K, Year 12

Art Show

Term 4 Week 1 Oct 3 - 7th

Prize Categories:

Peoples Choice Awards

New 2023 students	Year 1-2	Art Faculty Awards
Prep	Year 5-6	
Year 3-4	Year 9-10	
Year 7-8	Parents & Staff	
	Prep Year 1 Year 2	
	Year 3 Year 4 Year 5	
	Year 6 Year 7 Year 8	
	Year 9 Year 10 VCE	
	Parents & Staff	

Principal's Award

Primary Secondary

Hand in Artworks

Week 8, 9 or 10 of term 3

Prep - Year 4
Ms Annie Paterno

Year 5 - Year 9
Ms Jo Westland

Year 10 -12
Mr Daniel Hemequin

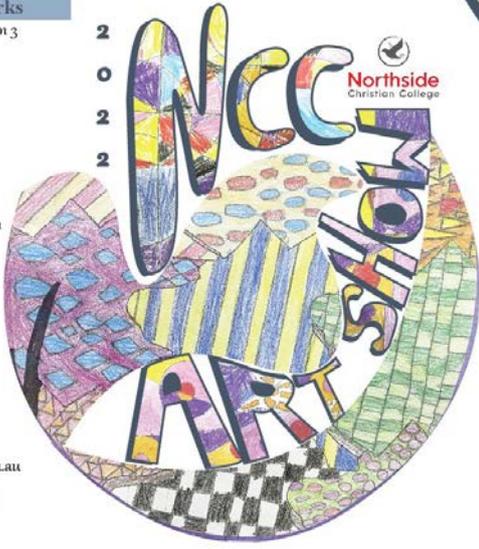
Parents & Staff
Ms Annie Paterno
Ms Jo Westland

Room 502
Art Room

or email:
apaterno@ncc.vic.edu.au

MUST INCLUDE:

Full Name
Year Level
Medium: - Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Photography, Digital Artwork



All artworks submitted will be exhibited in our end of year Art Show which is taking place during the Open Evening on Thursday 6th October.

Artworks are sure to be submitted by **Thursday 15th September.**

Ms Annie Paterno
Art Teacher



Open Evening

The College Open Evening will be held on **Thursday 6 October 2022 from 3.30pm to 7pm.** We invite all members of the Northside community to come along to the Open Evening and to see the College in action, including the Northside Arts Show and the new Middle School building.

Planned Activities

- School Tours
- Food Trucks
- Face Painting
- Bouncy Castle
- Art Show
- Primary School Displays
- Secondary School Specialist Displays
- New Building Open for Inspection

Senior School CSEN Rally Days

Basketball

On the 17th August, some of the Year 10-12 boys and girls participated in a CSEN basketball mixed rally day. We arrived at the Geelong venue at 10:30 and we warmed up for a bit. Our first game was against Melton Christian College. It was tight but we unfortunately lost at the end but special shoutouts to Tim and Seb for putting up some 3s to close the gap. Our second and third games were against Kerang Christian College and Covenant Christian College, which we both ended up winning. We made it to the semi final and versed Melton Christian College once again. They got the better of us and won at the end but it was a fair game overall. The team would like to thank Mr Zammit and Mrs Faltas for supporting us throughout the tournament and making the day fun for us all.

Josh C, Year 11

Netball



On Tuesday the 16th August we went to the senior netball rally day in Dandenong. The day started well with a good win against Belgrave. We ended with four wins, one draw and two loses in our pool, finishing 6th overall out of 16 teams. Well done to Priya in GD who saved a lot of goals through her intercepts. Kayla also did the team proud through her awesome shooting skills. The girls showed great attitude and spirit throughout the day. It was a great team bonding experience for the netball girls.

Mr Mathew Zammit
Secondary Teacher



Senior School mixed basketball team.

Primary CSEN Athletics Championship

On Thursday 8th September the Primary School students competed in the CSEN Athletics Championship. The students had an excellent day and they produced amazing results.

Aylaa achieved four first place medals in U10 girls triple jump, long jump, 400m and high jump breaking 2 records.

Jessica came first place in the U10 girls 100m and third in the girls relay.

Arkie came third in U11 boys shot put.

Wilson came third in U/9 boys triple jump

Teresa came third in U9 girls long jump and high jump.

Charlize came second in U10 girls discus and third in relay.

Neva came second in U11 girls 800m and third in long jump.

Lauren came third in the U10 girls relay.

Mikha came third in U12 girls 400m.

Richard in U12 Long Jump.

Thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who dedicated their time to before and after school athletics training. A huge thank you to Mr Paul Burgess for being the most regular and committed running coach. All the hard work and training sessions paid off resulting in the Primary School winning the B division! Well done Team!

Mrs Anna Venegas
Sports Co-ordinator



Year 3 & 4 Hooptime

On Thursday 18 August some of the Year 3 and 4 students went to play basketball at Mill Park Basketball Stadium. There were six teams, one of the teams was called 'Northside Saints', they played with the future stars and were the best team. The other teams had cool names like Northside Nets, Northside Nuggets, Northside Knights, Northside Thunder and Northside Thrashers.

Overall, Northside played very well, sometimes you'd be playing against another school or sometimes against your classmates.

The coaches did their job very well, each time someone got subbed off they'd tell us how we could be better, and on my team's second match we'd won! Even though my team lost a few times, my team and I enjoyed playing each time.

Our Future Stars played very well, and was ranked 4th out of 12 teams! For every 4 games my team played, my friends were kind and encouraging, I wish the Year 4's could go again!

Michael C, Year 4



Chappy Chat

Talk about Values with your kids.

In week 7 this term, the 5/6 students had a full day of conversations around growing up, puberty, safety and friendships. This is our annual "Growing Up Day" and it is always a day of healthy conversation, learning about how the human body changes as we grow. In the afternoon session, students attended 4 rotations covering various subjects, which included one on Personal Safety. In this rotation, myself and Mrs Heather Coottee discussed with the students about their digital footprint and dealing with 'drama' which often occurs when using online chat groups, particularly when the child doesn't have the social skills to deal with these types of situations.

We discussed the importance of strong privacy settings and being careful about what your social media usage indicates about you, that when posting pics, to not give away too much information around where you go to school, where you go after school, where and how you travel, times when you may be home alone or isolated. As you read this, I am hopeful that you, like me, believe it takes a village to raise a child. Parents, grandparents, siblings, family friends, educators & wellbeing staff all working together to support the students as they grow and develop. Obviously as parents, the ultimate onus for this falls on us, and as I was thinking about this I really felt God impressed on me this verse:

"Dedicate your children to God and point them in the way that they should go, and the values they've learned from you will be with them for life." Proverbs 22:6 TPT.

I loved the word "Values" in this translation. As a father, it is my desire that my children will replicate the values I hold to, in the areas of faith, relationships with others and life in general. In this age of online accessibility, its impossible to stay offline entirely, so the focus needs to shift towards how we incorporate our values into this space and manage problems effectively.

The following is a link to a School TV article that talks about the importance of having open communication, but doing it in a way that promotes effective communication, rather than discouraging the use of technology:

<https://ncc.vic.schooltv.me/content/blog/how-talk-your-teen-about-their-online-life>

The best time to have a conversation with your kids around online behaviour and values is TODAY.

Here are some questions you might like ask:

- What apps are they frequently interacting on?
- Are there any apps that they are using that are age inappropriate or may need monitoring?
- Ask about their online interactions with others.
 - Are they having safe conversations?
 - Are they feeling overwhelmed?

Mr Jared Stocks
Chaplain



Jared Stocks: Chaplain

jstocks@ncc.vic.edu.au

Berry Street

Parenting Seminars

Berry Street are offering two free online parenting seminars to parents residing in Banyule, Nillumbik, Darebin, Whittlesea and Yarra: Fear Less Triple P and Parenting with Confidence. Parents are welcome to attend one or both sessions.

Fear Less Triple P Seminar:

This seminar is for parents that are concerned about their child's anxiety that would like to learn strategies they can put in place to support the wellbeing of their child and the family. For parents or caregivers of children aged from 6 to 14 years.

The topics covered in this seminar include:

- Understanding anxiety
- Role modelling effective ways of managing anxiety
- Becoming effective emotion coaches.
- Managing children's anxiety effectively.
- Using constructive coping.

Date: 12th October Time: 10:30 - 12:30pm

How to book:

To schedule an enrolment into the seminar, contact the Triple P Team by emailing us at triplep@berrystreet.org.au with your full name and contact number.

Enrolments must be completed by the 5th of October.

Parenting with Confidence:

Join the Berry Street Matters Family Therapy team for a friendly discussion about the challenges and opportunities of parenting.

All parents have hopes and fears for their child as they grow. Parenting can feel exhausting, challenging and rewarding.

We hope to reflect on ways we can connect with our children and teens and feel more confident in our parenting.

Date: 19th October Time: 10:30 - 12pm



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“The Triple P parenting program changed my life when my daughter was 3, almost 20 years ago.”

Heather Cootee
Head of Student Wellbeing



The Wellbeing Team



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Northside Prayer Warriors

This Term has been an exciting term for our Parent Prayer Warriors. We have been meeting together since the beginning of the year. Initially at Norris Bank park then at the local cafe and now we are onsite in a spare classroom. Through this time we have been privileged to witness the safe arrival of four staff members' babies, excursions go ahead, mentor programs begun and many staff requests answered for healing and wellbeing. God has been so good and so very gracious. We have also diligently prayed for the new school building which appears to be on track for opening up in Term 4.

We can't praise God enough!

If you would like to be part of this prayer team, please email or just arrive at 8:55am on a Thursday outside the Prep classrooms.

It's exciting to see that God is answering our prayers.

It's exciting to know that God is still in the business of caring for us and that he never ever stops.

Matthew 18:18-20 *"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

Have a wonderful term break. We will be praying over this time and back Week One of Term Four together.

Blessings and Peace,

Northside Prayer Warriors

"Matthew 18:20: For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."



Some of the members of the Northside Prayer Warriors

Fathers Day Stall

On Friday 2nd September Parents and Friends came together to run the annual Fathers Day Stall. The students happily shopped, buying gifts for their dads and granddads!

Thank you to all those who volunteered on the day!

Mrs Fleur Wedding
Parents and Friends President



Students spent time searching for the perfect gift for their dad or granddad!



“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”
Matthew 5:9

One of my favourite movies is Remember the Titans. Maybe it's the American in me that loves to watch a bit of football, maybe it's my interest in the 1960's Civil Rights movement. Whatever it may be, reflecting on this movie, I thought about our PeaceWise program. In the movie, there is a scene where Gerry Bertier tells his mother he would like her to get to know his new friend, who is of a different ethnicity to the Bertier family. The mother responds with something like, 'I have no business with him', with the implication being made that this was due to their differences. In the next sentence, she tells her son to get ready to go to Church. Upon reflection, how often can we be just like this? I have conflict in my heart which at times, I can let out of my mouth, and yet in the next breath praise God!

James 3:9-19 says, *'With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water. Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness'.*

We are called to be ambassadors of Christ who brings light and life, wisdom, and truth into situations. In Psalm 34 David writes, 'I will bless the Lord at all time, His praise will continually be on my lips'. What a challenge! This week, how much praise will come out of your lips in place of slander and gossip? Gossip only tears others down, praise gives God glory. Let's continue to spur each other on, being peacemakers who sow in peace and reap righteousness.

Ms Christie Vaughn
Peacewise Representative



“With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.”

James 3:9

Child Safety Code of Conduct Review

Northside Christian College is making preparations for the new Child Safe Standards, which come into effect on the 1st July 2022. The College is currently reviewing the Child Safety Code of Conduct.

The current document is available online at:

<https://www.ncc.vic.edu.au/pdf/Child-Safety-Code-of-Conduct.pdf>

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