

The Vine

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Science Week in Art (see page 9)



Northside Christian College
Transforming Lives Through Christ and
the Wonder of Learning



Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



During these times of lock down and remote learning due to the Coronavirus pandemic, I have been encouraged by the incredible resilience of our Northside students. I am sure no one out there would disagree that our precious children need to be at school in person and that the restrictions we are all experiencing are not the best for our children's development - educationally, socially, emotionally and spiritually.

No doubt we will come through this at some point, hopefully in the not too distant future. I wonder what we will remember about these times when we look back and reflect 5 years from now, when we sit around the dinner table and talk about our memories of 2020. Despite the frustration at being stuck and unable to carry on with our normal lives, one thing that I have been reflecting on is that life has not stopped. Our relationships with each other have not been put on hold. These things still continue and, in fact, the removal of much of the peripheral aspects of our daily lives has possibly caused many of us to reflect more acutely on the present and what our lives mean.

I recently had the privilege of interviewing three of our Northside Secondary School students for an episode of our College podcast and I was inspired by the strength that they are showing. They have adapted to new ways of doing things, faced huge challenges, shown great courage to persevere and push on with their learning and their own lives as they continue to walk with God. One student in particular, when asked about what positives they have taken from this time, commented that they had the opportunity to evaluate what was important, the meaning of life and how vital it is to still keep talking to others about God's grace and His love for us.

Listening to this gave me great encouragement about our world today and what it may be like in the future as these children and graduates of Northside Christian College potentially go on to become the future leaders of our communities and partner with God in opening the eyes of others to His wonderful kingdom.

Grace & Peace

SEQTA ENGAGE

2020 Term Dates

Term 3

Wednesday 15th July - Friday 18th September

Term 4

Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday 8th December



Diary Dates

Term 3

Wednesday 5th August - Friday 11th September

Prep-Year 12 Remote Learning

Monday 31st August 8:45am

Live Streamed Whole School Assembly Online

Wednesday 2nd September

Prep-Year 9 Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Thursday 10th September

Prep-Year 9 Parent Student Teacher Interviews

Monday 14th September 8:45am

Live Streamed Whole School Assembly Online

Wednesday 7th October

VCE Unit 3/4 GAT Examination (CHANGED DATE)

NEED HELP?

College families who need a device for Remote Learning, who are having trouble with their technology or need assistance with any other aspect of Remote Learning should contact their class teacher or the friendly office staff on 03 9467 2499.

The College regularly sends out important notifications to families through SEQTA Engage.

If you have not yet downloaded the App, please contact Reception for instructions on how to do so.

If you have already downloaded the App, thank you! Don't forget to turn on your SEQTA Engage Notifications in Settings, to avoid missing any essential information.



2021 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for the 2021 Academic Scholarships are now open, and will close on **Friday 18th September**. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

Applications and further information are available from the College website or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au.

2020 Year 6 and Year 9 students are eligible to apply for scholarships of three-year tenure. 2020 Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students are eligible to apply for scholarships of one-year tenure.



PREP 2022

Applications for Prep 2022 are open. All current families that have children who will turn 5 by 30th April 2022 are eligible to apply. Please do not leave submitting your enrolment applications too late as the College may not be able to accommodate late enrolments for siblings. This year, the College received over 80 applications for Prep 2021.



LEAVING NORTHSIDE?

Families are reminded that one term's notice must be given if their child/ren are leaving Northside Christian College. If your child/ren are not returning to Northside in 2021, families must complete and submit the Withdrawal Notice form by **Friday 18th September 2020**. The Withdrawal Notice is available at the College Reception, or by sending an email to enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au. Families that do not give the required notice will be required to pay one term's fees.

CHAPPY CHAT: *What is Hope?*

Mr Jared Stocks, Chaplain

Hope can be defined as 'a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen' or 'a feeling of trust.' There are many famous quotes out there that use the word hope. Christopher Reeve, the American actor best known for his role as Superman, who became a quadriplegic at the age of 43 after being thrown from a horse said, "Once you choose hope, anything is possible." Nobel Prize winner Desmond Tutu, the South African Anglican Archbishop known for his opposition to apartheid in South Africa said "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

You may have heard the phrase, "Hope springs eternal", which is a quote from the Alexander Pope poem entitled, "An Essay of Man". This particular phrase centres around the idea that our human nature is to always find fresh cause for optimism. What about the phrase "Hope against



Hope"? This is quoted in many books and movies including Lord of the Rings, The Two Towers. The idea of this saying is clinging to hope even when there is only a mere possibility, and is loosely based on Romans 4:18 (below).

So what does the Bible say about hope? Here are just a few verses:

Romans 4:18 - "In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told." (reference to Abraham)

Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to

harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Hebrews 6:19a - We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.

Let me leave you with two more pieces of Hope for the journey. Nelson Mandela said, "Let your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears." This is so important in the current climate, especially here in Melbourne. Wherever possible, we need to allow our hopes to govern our decision making, and not allow our fears to change our actions or our confession. And this to close from Ephesians 1:18, which I also use as a prayer for today: "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people."

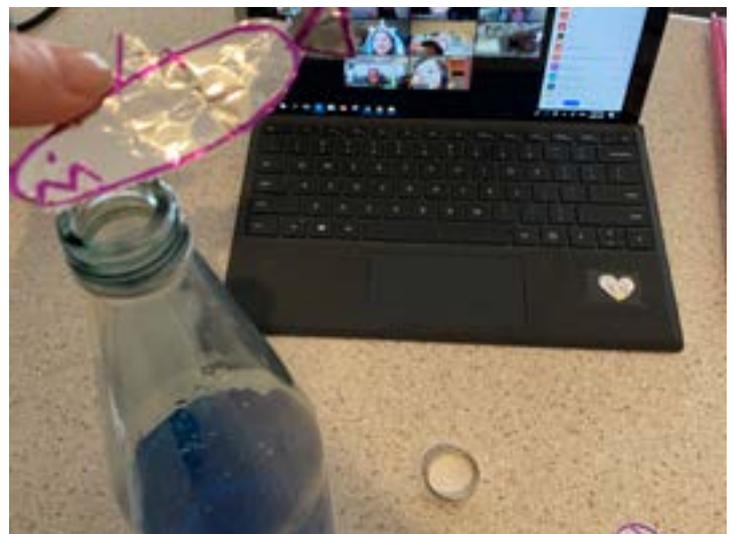
Prep Science Week Activities

Ms Olivia Natoli, Prep Teacher



Water density zoom experiment

The Preps discovered that eggs sink in fresh water but they float in salt water!



Ocean in a bottle

The Preps helped make an ocean in a bottle. They INSISTED that there had to be a spider-crab!

INSPIRE DURING REMOTE LEARNING

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator



Debating

Debating usually happens face to face with a live audience and with the ability to interact with the opposing team. Due to COVID restrictions, we have had to make the unusual move to online debating this term, with our valiant Middle School team preparing and then presenting their debates over Zoom. Congratulations to our team of Andee, Sarah H, Tim H and Madison for their outstanding efforts and their impressive win in the last round. The topic was 'that we should lift the ban on Russian athletes competing in international sporting events'. A special mention goes to Madison for her excellent rebuttal, which won her 'Best Speaker' in that debate. Keep up the great work despite the lockdown, Debaters!

(Pictured below: 2019 Debating Team)



Maths Talent Quest

Despite the challenges and isolation of the second remote learning phase we're in, 12 students managed to valiantly complete and submit a Maths Talent project in the Victorian State competition. The Maths Talent Quest is put on annually by the Mathematical Association of Victoria and is a rigorous mathematical investigation project where students work their way through designing and answering a mathematical question. Each student is required to produce a full investigation report to communicate their findings. This year's competition has brought us some very impressive and interesting projects, on topics such as 'Victoria's Bushfire Disaster', 'Contagion and COVID-19', 'Lego Me' and 'How many Skittles would it take to build the tallest tree in our reserve?'. I look forward to the results of this year's competition, but I am so impressed with the growth and learning of our students!

(Pictured below: 2019 Maths Talent Quest Awards; Julian, 2020 Maths Talent Quest)



NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE IS PROUD TO INTRODUCE...

SCHOOL OF THOUGHTS

A PODCAST PRESENTED BY PRINCIPAL DAMIAN HIGGINS
damianhiggins.podbean.com

EPISODE 3 - REMOTE LEARNING
Journey with Damian into the experiences of three students who share their ups and downs during Remote Learning along with some of their strategies for overcoming the challenges of learning from home.

CALLING ALL NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE STUDENTS ...

Be part of the 2020 Yearbook!

*What has been your experience of 2020?
What have you been learning at home?
Have you been involved in an interesting activity?
Have you produced a piece of work you are proud of?*

Share your reflections on 2020, including Remote Learning. Send photos of you with your work or in your home learning space to yearbook@ncc.vic.edu.au

For more information on how you can contribute or to be part of the 2020 Yearbook, send your questions and content to yearbook@ncc.vic.edu.au

2020 Yearbook

The story of 2020 is a much different one than any year to date. The COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting restrictions and Remote Learning are a big part of this year's story, and much of the daily action has taken place in our homes.

We want you, our College Community, to share your story of 2020. We're looking for students' reflections on 2020, in whatever form they choose, to tell our story in the 2020 Yearbook.

Send your contributions and questions to yearbook@ncc.vic.edu.au

The Kindness Challenge



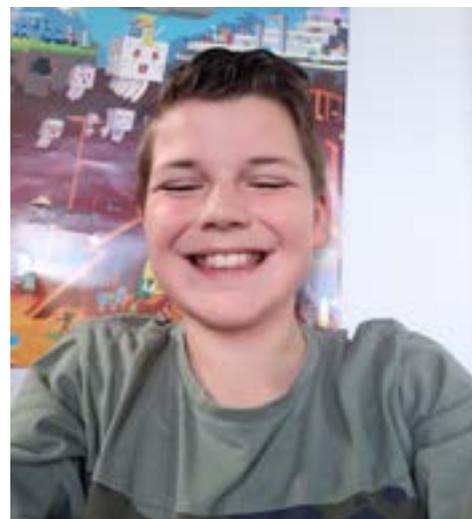
Mrs Christie Vaughn, Primary School Teacher

It has been wonderful to see so many Primary students and families participate in the Kindness Challenge so far. The Primary SRC and student leaders continue to work hard each week at setting new challenges. Stay tuned for more challenges to follow. Remember that every weekly submission earns 10 points for your House!

Week 1: Rainbows of Hope

Week 2: Smiles of Kindness

Week 3: Be Kind to the Environment



Ms Bianca Basile, Camp Australia General Manager

From Wednesday 5th August, families need to obtain one of two permits, signed by their employer, in order to attend Outside School Hours Care:

If required to attend work onsite, they will need a Permitted Worker Permit

(including childcare).

If working from home, and needing access to childcare, they will need an Access to Onsite Childcare/ Kindergarten Permit.

Families in Stage Four lockdown in Melbourne will receive an additional 30 days of allowable absences from

childcare. This is to allow families the opportunity to keep their children at home without withdrawing from the system. In addition to this, Camp Australia will be waiving the gap fee for all absences during this time.

Wishing you safety and happiness at this challenging time.

Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

Mrs Chris Marsh, Librarian

We are well into the Premier's Reading Challenge now, and several of our students have already completed the Challenge! Primary classes have been reading Challenge listed books via video during Remote Learning. Class teachers will be sending a list of books that we have already read out to students so that they can be added to their records. Prep students will have books read at school entered by staff, but Years 1 - 6 must enter any titles on to their own records.

Prep - Year 2 students need to read 20 Challenge and 10 Choice books, and Years 3 - 6 students should read 10 Challenge and 5 Choice books to meet the Challenge. A list of recommended books for all age groups can be found on the first page of the Premier's Reading Challenge website. Information sent home earlier in the year will help you to navigate the site, and also includes student usernames and passwords.



*Due to Remote Learning, the Challenge has been extended, so the last day for entering books is now
Friday 4th September 2020.*

Any questions can be directed to Chris Marsh at cmars@ncc.vic.edu.au



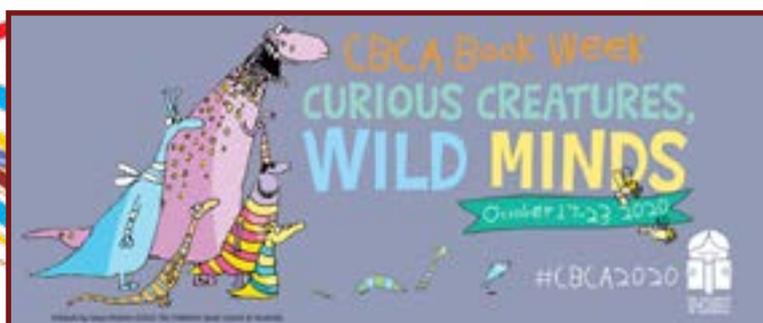
LIBRARY NEWS *Book Week - Change of Date*

We have been advised by the Children's Book Council of Australia that Book Week this year has been postponed until 17th-23rd October.

Because of this, the College has decided to move our Dress Up Day to Friday 23rd October.

How Book Week will be celebrated is yet to be determined, but we will definitely be dressing up as our favourite book characters on this day.

Please disregard the August dates on the College calendar.

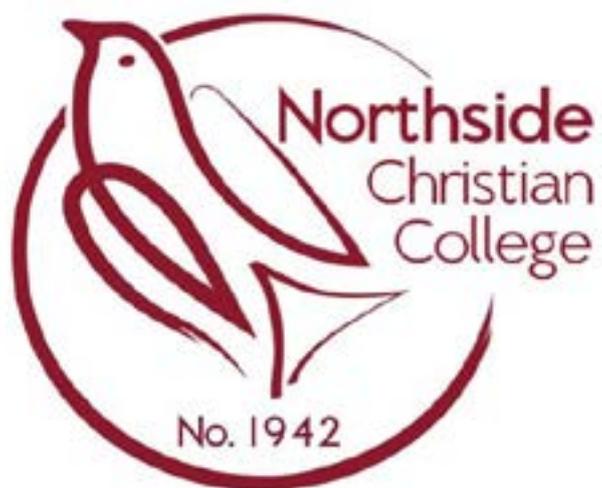


SCIENCE WEEK IN ART!



Mrs Antonietta Veljanovski, Visual Arts Primary Teacher Students from Prep to Year 4 classes took up the 2020 National Science Week 'Deep Blue' challenge to create their own marine creatures. Students were encouraged to use recycled materials for their marvelous creations.





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