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## Welcome!

Mr Damian Higgins, Principal



As we embark on the final week of a Term like no other, I am sure I speak for all of us in the Northside Community when I say that the 2 week break ahead of us will be warmly welcomed. Hopefully this will be a time in which children and their families can take a break from the demands and challenges of remote learning and truly relax together. I have no doubt we are all praying that school can resume on-site learning at some point early next Term.

I would like to also remind families that if you are experiencing significant financial hardship at this time, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the College finance team. As a Christ-centred community, we should not lose sight of what that really means and continue to take our inspiration from the early followers of Jesus as they found their way in the world under incredibly challenging circumstances. As it says in the Bible in the book of Acts, **"With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all<sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them."** Acts 3:33-34

As a way of saying thank you to all our Community and ending the Term on a positive note, we have an exciting event coming up on Friday of this week with Colin Buchanan performing a live concert especially for Northside Christian College. This will be live streamed on the NCC Facebook page, but for all those who do not have access to Facebook, you will be able to attend the event via Zoom.

Thank you again for your unwavering support over the last few months. I pray that you will find rest over the holidays and that Term 4 will signal the beginning of a return to a more familiar Northside experience.

Grace & Peace

Colin will be  
**LIVE** online  
on Friday!



# SEQTA ENGAGE

## 2020 Term Dates

### Term 4

Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday  
8th December



## Diary Dates

### Term 3

Friday 18th September

Colin Buchanan LIVE online  
concert

Last day of Term 3

2021 Academic Scholarships close

### Term 4

Tuesday 6th October

Term 4 Begins - All students  
remain in Remote Learning

Wednesday 7th October

VCE Unit 3/4 GAT Examination  
(CHANGED DATE)

Monday 12th October

Prep - Year 2 + VCE/VCAL  
students return on-site

Monday 19th October

Book Week Launch

Friday 23rd October

Grand Final Public Holiday

## 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.



SEQTA Engage (4)  
SEQTA Software  
4.8 in Education  
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## 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](mailto: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.



## ALLWELL TESTING

Please note, Allwell Testing scheduled in October has been cancelled for all students. Students that have applied for a 2021 Secondary Academic Scholarship are invited to provide the College with any additional information or documents to support their Scholarship application. Interviews will be offered to students based on the quality of the Scholarship application.

## 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](mailto:enrol@ncc.vic.edu.au). Families that do not give the required notice will be required to pay one term's fees.



# Wellbeing: *The 3 Rs*

**Mrs Fiona Dumitrache, Head of Student Wellbeing**

*I am sharing with you a post one of my high school friends penned recently. Let us not lose hope - things will continue to change and this lockdown and its effects will not last forever! Be kind to yourself; remember that our bodies are currently managing in survival mode. This is not a time when you "have to" finish all of those hobby projects or tidy that space, just because we're in lockdown and have more time at home. The cumulative effect of stress and change is tiring. Focus on the 3 Rs!*

## 3 DS TO 3 RS

"As I watch and listen, I can't help but think we are being bombarded by the 3 D's: Death (COVID-19), Drama (need I even try to explain), and Deception (if you've missed the conspiracy theories you must be the only one)... I could easily write an entire book about the 3 Ds, notably about why we relate to them. The reality is that, if the human nervous system is not given the time it needs to process and adjust, it will



look for options; for excuses; for explanations.

I wonder whether we could as individuals focus on a shift from the 3 Ds to the 3 Rs? That is: Routine, Rest, and Reconnection.

I implore those of you who are the survivors; who want to be resilient - to stick to routine - for yourself and for your children. Stop the dislocation. It's actually a choice.

Set your alarm as usual; get up and do exercise as usual (the location might look different but it's still exercise); get dressed and show up as usual; don't defer to the media distractions - set a time to check in and leave it at that; write a task list; break it down and re-write it

in smaller achievable chunks; tick those off as you achieve them and give your brain some visual feedback. Allow yourself to FEEL a sense of achievement on a daily basis through ROUTINE.

When you're feeling distracted, agitated or flat - REST. That may look like a quiet walk on the beach or in the park. Rest is about time-out without distraction. I didn't say sleep! Incorporate rest into your daily routine. After all, we usually encourage our kids some play time after school and before homework, don't we?

And lastly RECONNECT and REJOICE in what you have. I have found it so easy to connect on a more personal level with business colleagues; we are in the same boat and have common ground. Use that to build your personal and business social relationships, and in that process FEEL a sense of giving back."

Author: Sanja Zeman - Thought Leader / Occupational Therapist  
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## LIBRARY NEWS *Book Week 2020*

**Book Week this year will look very different to previous years.**

How Book Week will be celebrated is yet to be determined, but

**we will definitely be dressing up as our favourite book characters in the first part of next term!**

The coming holidays would be a good time to plan your costume and book in readiness for a fun event next term.

*The Scholastic Book Fair that was to be held in conjunction with Book Week has been postponed until early next year.*



# Learning Support Update

Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

## Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week

The 31st August to the 4th September 2020 was Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. At Northside Christian College, we are grateful for the amazing support our Learning Support Assistants provide to our College community. May I take this opportunity to thank our Learning Support staff for their dedication and work in supporting our students at Northside.

Northside Christian College is committed to supporting all students in experiencing the wonder of learning. It is important that we continue to acknowledge the diverse learning needs within our College community and cater for these as appropriate. The College has developed an Inclusive Education Policy (Policy No. 27), which outlines our commitment to ensuring all students have an opportunity to access and participate in the learning program at the College.

*THANK YOU!*



Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week  
31 August - 4 September 2020



*Celebrating teacher aides*



## Disability Standards Review

The Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment, on behalf of the Minister for Education, is undertaking a review of the Disability Standards through a consultation process. According to law, the Standards need to be reviewed every five years. The Review is asking whether the Standards are doing their job and, if not, how they could be improved. The public consultation process will take place until 25th September. There is an opportunity to either make a submission or answer a questionnaire. Anyone with an interest in making sure students with disability can access and participate in education is invited to participate.

If you are interested in making a submission, further information about the review can be found at: <https://disabilitystandardsreview.education.gov.au/>

*Colin Buchanan LIVE!  
9:30am Friday 18th  
September*

# SCIENCE WEEK

# SCIENCE POSTERS

Mrs Susan Varghese, Science Co-ordinator

During National Science Week, 15th - 23rd August 2020, the Year 9 and 10 students were tasked with creating posters for Science. This was their task:

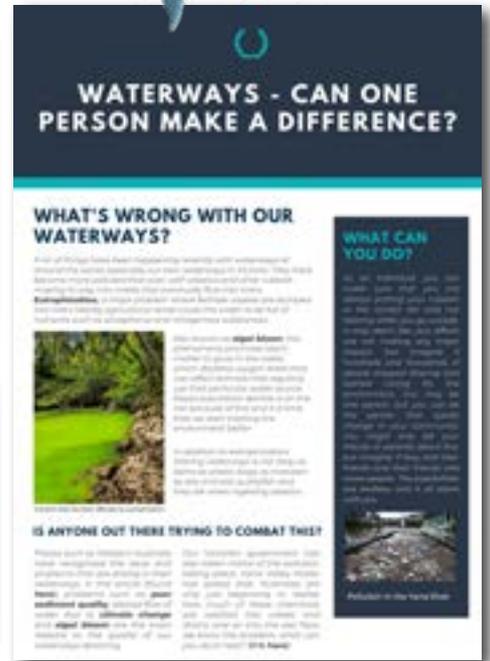
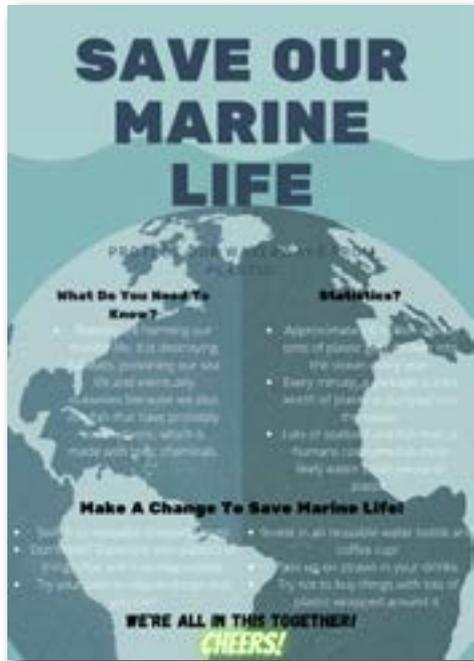
With the ocean playing such an important part in life on this planet, it needs our help.

Can one person make a difference?

'How might we educate our community to use less plastic so that ocean health can improve?'

Your task is to create a poster with a strong message reminding people to protect waterways.

Here we have a sampling of the work that the students came up with!



# INSPIRE REMOTE LEARNING SUCCESS!

Amy Horneman, INSPIRE (Talent Development) Coordinator

## Maths Talent Quest

Our budding Northside mathematicians have produced outstanding results in this year's Maths Talent Quest, despite the challenges and isolation of remote learning. The results of our students' hard work is as follows:

Julian A - Prep - High Distinction. *This entry has been entered in the National Maths Talent Quest competition as the highest scoring Prep entry from Victoria.*

~ Feivel Y - Prep - High Distinction

~ Aarav B - Yr 1 - High Distinction. *This entry has been entered in the National Maths Talent Quest competition as the highest scoring Prep entry from Victoria.*

~ Shaygan H - Yr 1 - Distinction

~ Amelia N & Joshua G - Yr 2 - Distinction

~ Tomisin F - Yr 3 - High Distinction

~ Atara R & Valarie L - Yr 4 - High Distinction

~ Mikha T - Yr 4 - High Distinction

~ Sahil Mittal - Yr 4 - High Distinction

~ Sarah H - Yr 8 - High Distinction



## Holiday STEAM Program

Any students interested in participating in a holiday STEAM program should follow the link to visit the STEAM Hackers website.

## Future Problem Solving Program

Our dedicated FPS students have faithfully prepared for the Qualifying Round of this rigorous intellectual challenge on the topic Gamification, and congratulations go to our Year 9 team of Maddie K, Sarah H, Tim H and Andee T for progressing through the National competition! This is the first time a Northside team has been invited to the Nationals and we wish our team all the very best at this high level of competition. The Future Problem Solving Program promotes critical and creative thinking, problem solving, futuristic thinking and team work skills and this year's Nationals topic is Living in Poverty.



## STEAMHACKERS

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# Procedures for the Bushfire Season

## Michael Bond, Deputy Principal

Northside Christian College has developed and regularly reviews the College's Bushfire Preparedness Policy (Policy No. 18). Bushfire preparedness is not just a concern for schools listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register. Student transport to and from school, participation in offsite activities (including camps, excursions and sporting activities) and the risk of localised fire events demonstrate the importance of bushfire preparedness for all schools.

The College's Bushfire Preparedness Policy documents procedures designed to ensure that preventative strategies are implemented and to ensure that students and staff are prepared to respond in the event of a bushfire. This response may include pre-emptive planned closures of the College, evacuation or what to do in the event that evacuation is unsafe. The preparation of this plan has been developed in accordance with the Northside Christian College Emergency Management and Critical Incident Plan.

We wish to advise that the College may cancel camps or excursions, or may even be required to close the school when Emergency Services declare a Code Red (Catastrophic) fire danger day, or when the risk of bush fire is heightened. Parents will be advised (by SMS and other means) if the College is to close, or if camps or excursions are to be cancelled, with as much forward notice as may be possible.

It is important that all families, particularly those in bush fire prone or high risk areas, have a family fire safety plan. The plan should include information about alternative care arrangements for children in the event that the College is required to close. Families are encouraged to practise the plan and be familiar with procedures to be followed in the case of a bush fire or house fire.

Northside Christian College is not listed on the Department of Education's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR).

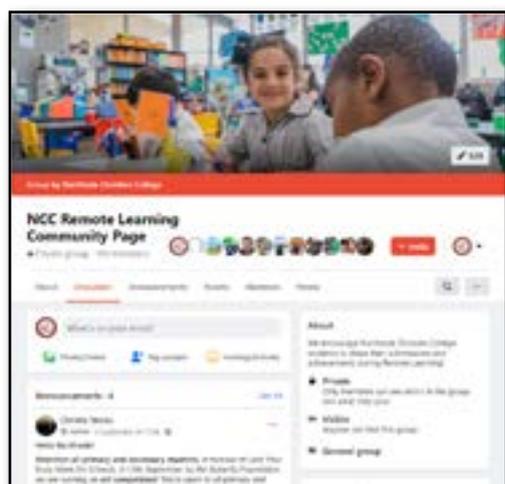
For up-to-date information on this year's fire season please refer to:

- ~ VicEmergency: <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- ~ VicEmergency Hotline: 1800 226 226
- ~ CFA (Country Fire Authority): <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/>
- ~ CFA Facebook: [facebook.com/cfavic](https://facebook.com/cfavic)
- ~ CFA Twitter: [twitter.com/CFA\\_Updates](https://twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ~ ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



## Have you joined the NCC Remote Learning Community Page?

We invite you to join this online Community where Northside Christian College families can share student submissions and achievements during Remote Learning!



## 2020 YEARBOOK

Did your child participate in the Kindness Challenge?

Have they created a work of art?

Did they get involved in a Sports challenge?

Were they part of the Premier's Reading Challenge?

We need you to send us your photos for the 2020 NCC Yearbook!



Please send your photos and any questions to [yearbook@ncc.vic.edu.au](mailto:yearbook@ncc.vic.edu.au)



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