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# NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE

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## Principal's Report

I have been very impressed by the way students have settled into the business of learning this year. The academic side of the school is obviously a big part of what we do, and we are lucky to have dedicated, high capacity teachers to support our students in this area. We do, however, also have a focus on other areas of development for the student body; critical and creative thinking, ethical growth and social and emotional development. These aspects of the curriculum are covered both in the classroom and through the multitude of extra-curricular activities that are conducted through the college, such as the recent Year 7 Camp, swimming sports, Outdoor Education surfing camp and Queen's Baton relay.

## Year 7 Camp

I have been thrilled to hear how much fun was had on the Year 7 Camp to Billabong Ranch. This trip is one that students remember throughout their schooling and it is a fantastic opportunity for our students from a range of different primary schools to get to know each other as they begin their secondary journey as a group.



## Reading and Writing Focus

I'm sure that I'm not surprising anyone when I say that we have a strong focus on developing the reading and writing skills of our students; it's core business! However, the degree to which this focus has spread across all learning areas, not just in English, may be news to some. All of our teachers know the importance of strong literacy skills for student learning, but also for life beyond secondary school.

This week, we have introduced targeted reading comprehension strategy lessons into our daily reading sessions and staff will continue to learn more about how they can support students in this work.

We have also developed a generic writing assessment rubric that all staff will use for their classes. Students will receive tuition on effective writing strategies in all subjects, allowing them to see the difference in effective writing for different audiences and purposes.

Reading and writing at home will support the work being done at school and consolidate the learning that is occurring in classes. Students should be developing a home study routine. If your child says that they have no homework, encourage them to do some reading and then discuss what has been read with them. Alternatively, they may write summaries, or paraphrase the work they have covered at school for the day.

## College Council Elections

We are fortunate to have a College parent body who wish to be involved in the greater life of the College which has resulted in an election for College Council. We have seven nominees for the five places on Council. All families will be sent an envelope containing the nominees' statements, the ballot paper and an envelope for the voting slip to be returned by Tuesday 13th March to the General Office. Votes can either be submitted by post or hand-delivered. We wish to thank the seven nominees, for their interest and willingness to further the work of the College.

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mick Holding (President), Jacqui Martin (Vice President), Paul Tozer, Jennifer Attard, Peter Smyth, Christine Sigley, Pam McPherson, Graeme Sprunt, Roger Jones, Andrea Holmes, and Donna Grandell.

Next Meeting - AGM— 26th March 2018 6.30pm

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

28<sup>th</sup> VCE Parent Meetings 1-5pm by appointment.

### March

6-8<sup>th</sup> Unit 3—Outdoor Ed Wilsons Prom Bush Walk

8<sup>th</sup> Senior Summer Sports

9<sup>th</sup> NSC International Women's Day activities

12<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday

## College Council Elections continued

The outcome of the ballot will be declared on Monday 18th March and this will be conveyed by Newsletter. Please note the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the College will be held on Monday 26th March at 6.30pm. The new College Council will convene after that meeting.

## VCE Parent Conferences

We will be conducting conferences for Year 12 VCE students and their parents on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, from 1pm to 5pm. This is an excellent opportunity to meet with Ms Sam Gierveld, the VCE Leader and myself to discuss your child's goals and progress towards them. The final year of school can be a stressful one for both students and families, so working together is the key to supporting students through this demanding time.

**PAUL TOZER**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## From the Assistant Principal's Desk

### Drumbeat Sessions 2018

It was fantastic to hear that our morning Taiko Drumbeat Sessions have been well attended by our students. Stan, along with our wonderful music teacher Caitlyn Noone, have hosted the sessions, and say that participants are really enjoying learning this form of Japanese drumming. The purpose of the sessions is to create a positive start to the day. We have found that in recent years, the drumbeat sessions have had a very positive effect on student focus and concentration, and also help to build teamwork and listening skills. Drumbeat sessions are held in the College Hall from 8.45am Tuesday to Friday. All are welcome!!



### International Women's Day 2018

International Women's Day is celebrated annually to recognise the contributions that women make to society. This year's theme is 'Leave no woman behind', and examines the vital role that women play in humanitarian and disaster planning and response. We look forward to honoring and acknowledging the wonderful contribution of women in our own community through a range of events. Engagement and Wellbeing Leading Teacher Cassie Willis has organised the following activities for our wonderful students and teachers to participate in:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March**—Year 12 students to attend the Baulkamaugh CWA Tai Chi sessions in Newman Square, followed by a delicious breakfast back at school. This will be an early start – 7.30am but I have no doubt we will thoroughly enjoy it!

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**— a range of activities will be on offer during recess and lunchtime, including a Careers Expo, celebrating female authors, promoting women in STEM activities, and girls sports sessions.

I can't think of a better way to celebrate International Women's Day!!!

**JENNIFER ATTARD**  
**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

# Literacy Hub News

With a revamped physical space it is now time to continue to inspire a reading culture at Numurkah Secondary College.

The best way for reluctant readers to become enthusiastic about reading is for these students to find what interests them and read about it. In the below Recommended Reads you will see our Sports teacher reading about.....sports! What a great example to our students.

Many new books and magazines are being purchased, with suggestions by students a priority. Encourage your student to request what interests them, if it is not already here.

For information on new books, competitions and all things Literacy Hub follow us on Instagram.

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TEACHER LIBRARIAN

## Recommended Reads



**Book:** The Cricket War

**Author:** Gideon Haigh

It was the end of cricket as we knew it - and the beginning of cricket as we know it. In May 1977, the cricket world woke to discover that a businessman called Kerry Packer had signed 35 international players for his own televised World Series Cricket.

**Recommended by:** Mr Nicholls

**Book:** Defy The Stars

**Author:** Claudia Gray

She's a soldier -- Noemi Vidal is willing to risk anything to protect her planet, Genesis, including her own life. To their enemies on Earth, she's a rebel.

He's a machine -- Abandoned in space for years, utterly alone, Abel's advanced programming has begun to evolve. He wants only to protect his creator, and to be free. To the people of Genesis, he's an abomination.

An epic and romantic adventure, perfect for fans of *The Lunar Chronicles* and *Illuminae*.



**Recommended by:** Riley Dixon (Year 9)

# Year 7 Camp

## Billabong Ranch Echuca 14th-16th February 2018

The Year 7 students attended a fantastic three-day camp at Billabong Ranch near Echuca. The students particularly loved the horse riding, high and low ropes and initiative course. They also enjoyed archery, mini golf and exploring a lake in paddleboats. On the final day, students attended an excursion to Echuca for a paddle steamer and wharf tour.

The camp provided an intensive transition program, enabling students get to know to each other and staff.



# Outdoor Education Unit 1— Surf Trip 22&23 Feb 2018



The first camp of 2018 for our Outdoor Education classes at NSC was the Unit 1 Surf Trip to Torquay on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of Feb. Fourteen enthusiastic students made the journey to Torquay where our first stop was to the famous Bells Beach, where students explored the environment and imagined what it would be like to be a famous surfer heading into the awesome swell. We then headed to Angelsea for our 2 hour surf lesson which the students all embraced with great gusto. All of the students did a fantastic job in the surf, with everyone managing to ride in a wave or 2 and stand up at least once each!! After a great session we headed back to camp where we set up tents before an evening checking out the esplanade and sampling some of the beautiful seafood at the fish and chip stores. After a good night's sleep we then packed up and headed down to check out the Torquay main beach to start our morning. The conditions were extremely peaceful and it was great to see a couple of surfers showing off their skills as we watched. 9 am then meant we started our surf museum tour which was a fantastic session on the history of surfing in Australia and lots of information on the creation of the surf board. After this wrapped up we explored the surf shops and outlets and hunted for a bargain or 2 along the way! The trip home was a quiet but satisfying one, and all of the students should be congratulated for the way they represented the school.



Andrew Nicholls

*Outdoor Education Teacher*

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Follow the Numurkah Secondary College facebook page for action shots of our students attending excursions, updates, and sometimes the fun activities your child is having at school!



The leadership group from Numurkah Secondary College were invited by the Moira Shire to attend the Queens Baton Relay on the foreshore at Yarrowonga. We set off at 10am on Thursday and arrived after lots of detours at the foreshore just before 11am!

As soon as we arrived we realised what kind of day it was to be, lots of free stations that included a jumping castle and free snow cones provide by Tiara Kelly and her Mum and Dad, a sausage sizzle provided by Yarrowonga/Mulwala Rotary, free fruit and a number of other pavilions including a Bluearth tent that set up a bunch of hula hoops that Ella Holding was able to navigate her way through. There was a crazy presenter all dressed in green with a large sombrero. He invited students to participate in dance offs. Brooke Millen and Kate Kelly were able to overcome their insecurities and perform with enthusiasm and style, both winning a prize! The crazy presenter then asked for more volunteers to come up and pretend to be the Queens Guards guarding the Queen's Baton without being distracted. Kate Kelly volunteered to be the guard and Jade Wayman volunteered to attempt to distract her without success. We all enjoyed the number of giveaways that included drink bottles, sunglasses, sun visors and lanyards.

We thoroughly enjoyed the day, particularly Maccas on the way home!

David Kelly  
*Literacy Support*



NKR has kicked off in the kitchen headquarters for 2018. With 25 contestants participating, each week two outstanding junior chefs are chosen to work in the commercial kitchen. The many privileges, including full use of the dishwasher and unlimited cordial is a huge incentive to strive for excellence. Congratulations

Week 3- Ainsleigh Banner & Cooper Graham  
Week 4- Emily Boschetti & Taihla Harris

*Anna Corazza*  
Numurkah Secondary College





**VCAL students** are currently working on a Boomerang Bag project whereby they are experiencing a mass manufacturing situation with the aim to produce 110 bags. Boomerang Bags work to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities in the making of Boomerang Bags – community made, using recycled materials. Boomerang Bags provide a free, fun, sustainable alternative to plastic bags. If anyone wishes to get involved, the Numurkah Community Learning Centre is looking for further participants in this community based initiative. Contact them at 99 Melville St or on 5862 2249.

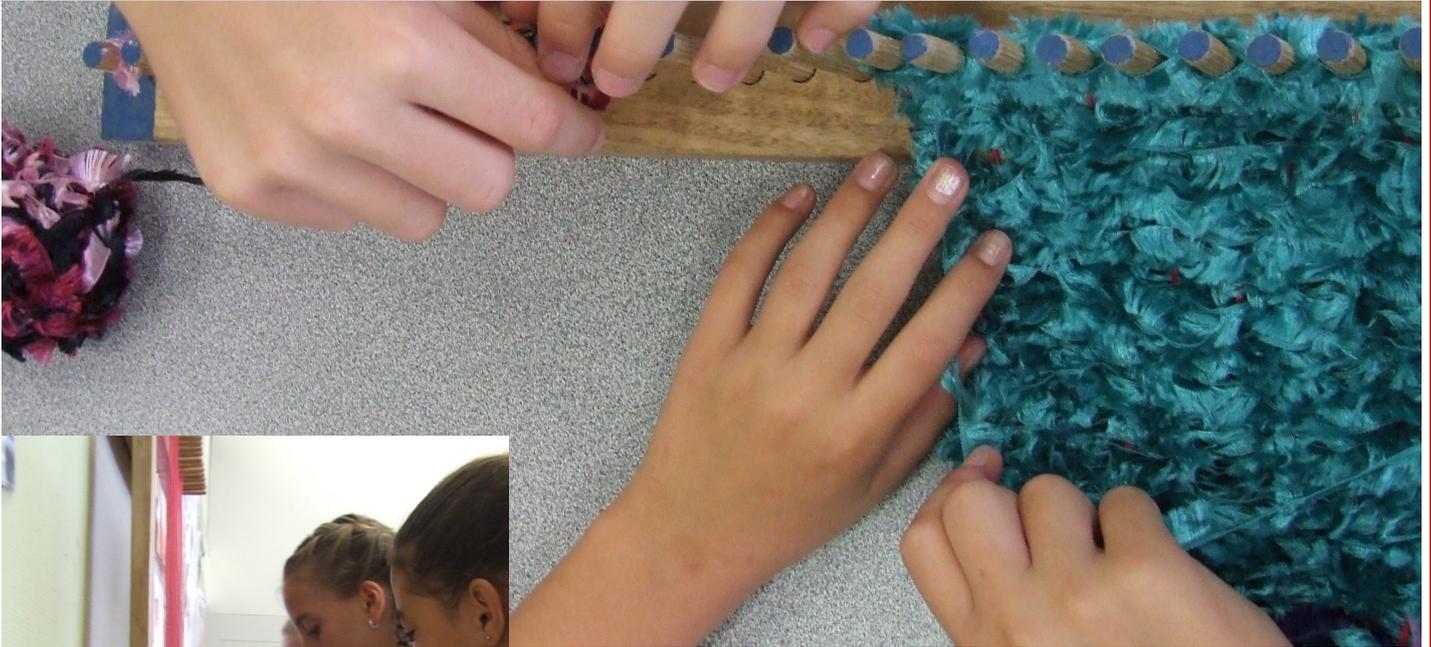
*Claire Reid*

VCAL Technology Teacher



# YEAR 8 TEXTILES

## SPINNING AND WEAVING



Year 8 Textiles students have been busy experimenting with and learning about spinning, knitting, crochet and weaving. Their weaving has been most engaging with the opportunity to experience weaving in a number of different forms including using the rug loom, peg looms, tapestry frame looms as well as constructing their own pin loom out of cardboard and then upgrading it to create a laser cut loom of their own out of acrylic. New to the school this year the peg looms have been a hit with two students per loom, giving them the opportunity to have a quiet chat with the person opposite as they worked away.

*Claire Reid*  
Textiles Technology Teacher



## quicksmart in 2018

QuickSmart is a numeracy intervention program that is offered to Year 8 students at Numurkah Secondary College. We are about to start our 4<sup>th</sup> year running this successful program. Testing for student eligibility is currently underway. Some students have been given permission forms regarding the program, so if these can be signed and returned asap.

The primary aim of the *QuickSmart* intervention is to develop [automaticity](#). *QuickSmart* lessons emphasize the development of conceptual understanding. Conceptual understanding is ensured by explicitly teaching strategies that emphasize the key concepts underpinning the academic skills being taught.

In the *QuickSmart* mathematics classes, for example, students are explicitly taught strategies that develop their understanding of key concepts. *QuickSmart* mathematics sessions aim to develop students' general number sense - their ability to identify and use number patterns, their understanding of the meanings of and relationships between the different operations, etcetera. These strategies are discussed explicitly and inform all the practice exercises completed by the learners.

If you have any questions about the QuickSmart program please contact the college on 5862 1088.



Numurkah and District Soccer Club will be holding their come and try soccer session on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** at 4.30pm and registration session on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 4.30pm at Numurkah Showgrounds.

Numurkah and District Soccer Club train locally on Wednesday afternoons at the Numurkah Showgrounds and play against other district teams on Saturdays at the Shepparton Sports Precinct. Teams include under 6s, under 7s, under 8s, under 10s, under 12s, under 15s and mixed girls.

New and past players welcome.

Coaches are also welcome to enquire.

*Rachel Newham ph 0401509888*  
*Karyn Oswald ph 0458732112*  
*Darren Barnden ph 0410302151*

**Numurkah and District Soccer Club**  
Email: [numurkahjuniorsoccer@gmail.com](mailto:numurkahjuniorsoccer@gmail.com)

Cost: \$105.00 for under 12s, under 15s and mixed girls teams and \$100 for all other teams for 15-week season together with \$40.00 (approx.) for your own personalized shirt.



## Katamatite Netball Club

*is seeking players for all junior netball grades U/11's, U/13's, U/15's & U/17's.*

*Junior training starts on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March from 4.30pm for U/11's and 5.30pm for U/13's, U/15's & U/17's.*

*NetSetGo will commence on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 4.30pm.*

*Everyone is welcome to join our family friendly club.*

*For any further information or questions please contact*

**Sandra Kennedy** on 0488722404 or **Briana Barnes** on 0400805862.





## Could you be a permanent care parent?

There are a number of children supported by the Department of Health & Human Services who require a *family for life* as they are unable to live with their birth families. We are seeking committed and motivated people who would be interested in learning more about providing a permanent family for a child.

Assistance payments are made to the Permanent Care family to assist with the day to day expenses of caring for a child/young person. Assistance payments are considered to be a reimbursement for expenses and not an earned income.

We are also keen to speak with families who are particularly interested in caring for children aged between 5 and 10 years.

*An **Information session** will be held on:*

*Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 6:00pm*  
Department of Health & Human Services  
163-167 Welsford Street, **Shepparton**

**Bookings not essential. For further information please contact:**  
**Adoption & Permanent Care Program**  
**(: 5832 1552**



## KATUNGA FNC - Training Dates / Registration Nights

The Katunga Football Netball Club invites all new and past players to participate in our 2018 season. Training is currently running on the below nights. Please note football will change to Tuesday / Thursday at the conclusion of the cricket season. Dates and times will continually be updated on our website. Please check [www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net](http://www.katungafnc.sportingpulse.net) for further information.

### Football

Seniors – currently Mondays and Wednesdays, 6pm start  
Thirds – currently Mondays and Wednesdays, 6pm start  
Fourths – Commencing Wednesday 28 February, 5pm start  
Fifths – Commencing Thursday 22 March, 5pm start

### Netball

Seniors – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00pm start  
17/Unders - Commencing Thursday 22 February at 5:30pm  
15/Unders - Commencing Thursday 1 March at 5:30pm  
13/Unders - Commencing Thursday 1 March at 5pm  
11/Unders – Commencing Thursday 1 March at 5pm

### \*\*Registration Nights\*\*

Registration Nights will be held from 5-7:30pm each Thursday evening between the 1 March and 22 March.

Please come along and help our journey to success.

For further information please contact Rachael Howden on 0400 877 409 or [katungafnc@outlook.com](mailto:katungafnc@outlook.com).



**BE THERE FOR YOUR TOWN**

# SAVE THE DATE

**8pm - 1st March 2018**

**Stop this happening to Numurkah again!**



## Be at the town meeting

**to support the Numurkah Flood Mitigation Project**

8pm - 1st March 2018 Numurkah Town Hall.

### Why you need to be there?

Without an overwhelming show of community support at this meeting –  
*(that is a gathering of the community like we see at Anzac Day)*

- flood mitigation for Numurkah **will not proceed!**

So please give a small amount of your time to this project and...

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