

# Numurkah Secondary College Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 6 2024



## Cate Eddy Principal's Report



It has been a very busy time at NSC with students involved in completing SACS and CATS in the first part of their more formal assessments. It is important that students are given the opportunity to demonstrate their learning, and this becomes difficult where attendance is under 90%. Teachers give lots of opportunity for students to catch-up on work, but loss of class time does make it difficult for students as they are missing essential learning and support. It is fantastic to see the large number of our students who have excellent attendance, and we do appreciate when students are unwell, they need to be home but wherever possible we ask families to support the school and our students and encourage them to be at school ready to learn.

Our School Council for 2024 met for the first time on Monday. It was a pleasure to welcome our new members Carolynne, Phillip, Hollye and Kaylene and welcome back Peter, Kathleen, Rachel, Rachel and Peta. Kathleen Newby is once again the President and Rachel Bonham is Vice-President. Thank you to all our parents and community members who give their time and support to the council.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some terrific activities taking place. The pictures in the last newsletter of our students at the Pioneer Lodge with some of our elderly citizens were heart-warming. The 'Joining Generations' project is a great initiative from our VCE-VM team in

building community connections.

On Tuesday our Intro to Farming class headed across to Lake Mulwala as part of their work on building an understanding of the Murray-Darling Basin and irrigation in our local area. The feedback from students and staff has been really positive and the understanding of something so vital in our community is really valuable.

Congratulations to Bayden Parkinson who has been selected to be part of the Rural Youth Ambassador program. This is part of the Country education Partnership NSC is connected with and will give Bayden some wonderful opportunities to build his leadership skills as well as meet other rural students from across the State. Bayden's first event includes attending a 2 day Forum in Melbourne from Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. I know Bayden will be an outstanding representative of our school and I look forward to his report back after the Forum.

### Dates To Remember

#### March

11th—Labour Day Public Holiday  
26th—Cross Country  
28th—Term 1 ends  
29th—Good Friday

#### April

15th—Term 2 begins

**School Council President:** Kathleen Newby, **Vice President:** Rachel Bonham, **Executive Officer:** Cate Eddy

**Committee Members:** Deanne Dewar, Peter Smyth, Peta Russo, Rachel Bonham, Carolynne Parkinson, Hollye Duggan, Kaylene Hampson, Phillip De Lai and Rachel Newham

Next School Council Meeting held: 12th Feb

On Wednesday next week a small group of students are taking place in the trade tasters program run by GMLLEN. This is a great program for our students to engage in as it gives an opportunity to look at different trades and opportunities supporting them in making informed choices for their future pathways.

The Resilience Project family webinar is coming up on March 16th, Information has been in the newsletter and we will continue to promote this valuable opportunity. Families can join us at school or attend online from home. The information will continue to be shared on Compass regarding this event.

Our school review onsite process will be taking place next week. This is an exciting time as we recognize our growth and set goals for the next 4 years. Several parents will be participating in a small discussion forum on Thursday morning at 9.15 for an hour. If you haven't yet registered your interest and would like to, please contact the office. Our students will also be involved in meeting with the panel to ensure a strong student voice is included in our planning for the future.

Our term end is coming up quickly and given that this has been such a short term you will see we have scheduled Parent Teacher Interviews for week 2 of term 2 on the evening of April 24th and

during the day on April 26th. Please note the only classes running on April 26th are Unit 3 and 4 VCE classes. Appointments are made on Compass, and you will be notified when these have opened up.

I hope you have a lovely weekend; the forecast is for a warm one so a good opportunity to spend some time in the water and in our lovely, shaded park areas.

## Thankyou

Thankyou to Jeff Buzza from Numurkah Home Hardware and past NSC student Emily Cardwell from Numurkah Vet Clinic for volunteering their time to speak to our Year 10 students during Focus about their careers and to share some career advice.



Numurkah Secondary College acknowledges the Bangerang and Yorta Yorta people, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which our great school is built. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

# WELLBEING NEWS



THE  
RESILIENCE  
PROJECT

## The Resilience Project is coming to Numurkah Secondary College (sort of...)

Do not miss this chance to hear from the team from The Resilience Project providing an online webinar to support our school community with Digital Wellbeing.

This 60 minute presentation will discuss practical tips and strategies to help support students and families in managing the challenges of screen time and online life!

These challenges are not exclusive to school life, and impact at school, home, work and socially. Families, community and the school working together ensures we can support our young people in navigating these tricky issues.

We would love for you to join us on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30pm for this one hour webinar! We will display it on our big screen in the hall with light refreshments available!

**But, if you cannot make it to the school, you can still join the webinar on Zoom at the following link! <https://tinyurl.com/TRPDW24>**

**DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE!**

## Week 5—6 Positives Compass Chronicles

10 Positives Ivy Henderson

9 Positives Chase Adams  
Zeke Milczarek  
Ashton Van Taarling  
Hayley Newby

8 Positives Olivia Hanley  
Oliver Grinter

7 Positives Marli Salter  
Zavier Moon  
Charlotte Allison  
Daniel Callander  
Keira Dekker  
Grace Johnson  
Matilda Jones



## RACE– GOULBURN ("Raising Aspirations in Careers and Education - Goulburn")

### Description/Educative Purpose:

NSC delivered this agri-tech education session to our Year 8 students again in 2024, to support curriculum in Science and Humanities (Introduction to Farming) and with the goal of encouraging future agricultural pathways for interested students. On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February NSC **students learnt about coding tractors to make them run autonomously and livestock locating devices (GPS, collars, trackers).**

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Funded through the Victorian Secondary Schools Agriculture Fund, this incursion was the first step for Numurkah SC as part of the Food and Fibre School to Industry Partnership Programs. Numurkah SC entered into this partnership with CQ University Australia, Agriculture Victoria, and GM LLEN to create ongoing future agricultural educational experiences and encourage potential employment opportunities for our students.

This is because the agricultural industry needs, more than ever:

- People who are communicators, investigators, entrepreneurs, and problem solvers.
- People who want to get out in the field, into the office, into the lab, and into the ag classroom.
- People who want to work with ideas and people who can make these ideas a reality.
- People who can see the bigger picture and people who delve into the details.

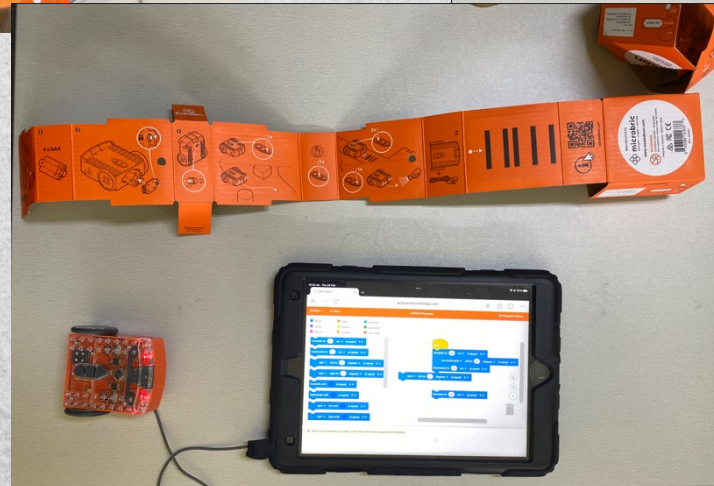
The Food and Fibre School Industry Partnership Program is free for participating schools. It pairs industry and schools together to create a tailored program for students to explore the exciting world of agricultural work in this region. As Numurkah SC develops its connection with this partnership over time, we will be looking to link with industry representatives to visit our school to share their agricultural industry journey. This aims to create valuable and unique learning opportunities for students to then step outside of the school environment and immerse themselves in the industry partner's workplaces as they get into the senior year levels. Industry visits will be facilitated by RACE Goulburn. Transport costs are included in this fully funded program.



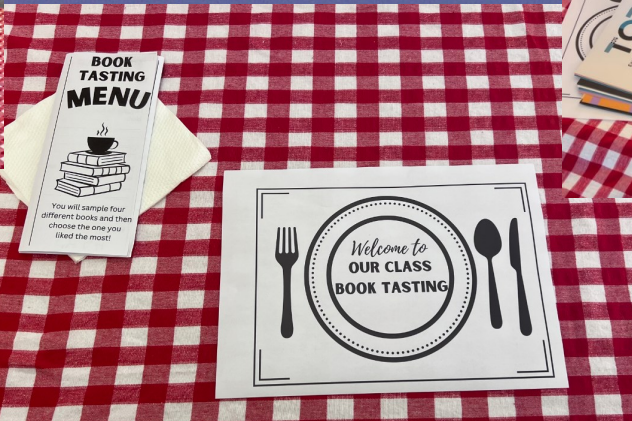
For more information check out the RACE – Goulburn website:  
[www.racegoulburn.com](http://www.racegoulburn.com)  
Or contact Lachie Heard at Numurkah SC.

At NSC we are ready to learn when we leave our phones and hoodies in our lockers.









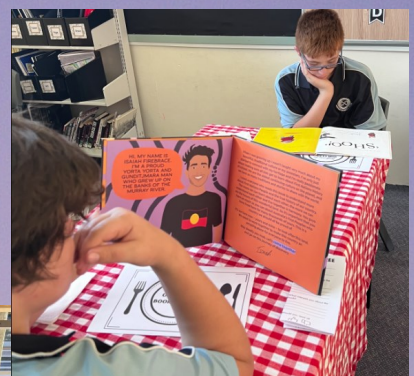
## Miss P's English Restaurant

Students in Year 7 attended Miss P's English restaurant, where they were able to 'taste' several courses of books from various genres.

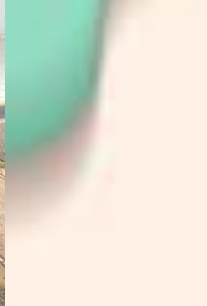
Students are learning how stories from various genres give us insight into different perspectives and life experiences. They are also learning to recognize the different characteristics and conventions of each genre.

And of course, what is a restaurant with no food. Happy nibbling!!

Well done Year 7's







## Year 9 English—Shared Writing Experience

During a recent, stinking hot, period 5 English class (was 38 degrees) students in Ms Harman's Year 9 English class enjoyed a treat of vanilla ice cream in cones, generously topped with chocolate Ice Magic. We connected this to our senses (sight, sound, taste, touch and smell).

Students have written some fantastic pieces detailing this shared experience.

Check out the descriptive pieces created by our super talented Year 9 students on the following page!



This ice cream was very cold while also being very crunchy at the same time. At first it looked neat and yummy, but it soon melted and turned into a sticky mess. I could taste the chocolate topping and the vanilla ice-cream mixing together to create heaven, the ice cream cone was hard at the start then slowly turned soggy.

By Charlotte Allison

I was eating my cold and creamy ice-cream while the chocolate was dripping down my arm, it was delicious with a sweet vanilla flavour and a bland but crunchy cone. The cone felt bumpy and looked like a light beige colour, the ice cream was white but mixed in with the chocolate syrup. It turned into a light brown colour and started infusing with each other and made a delicious ice cream.

By Daniel Ginter

As the chocolate syrup poured over the heavenly white layers of frozen milk, it runs down my fingers and splatters on the ground below. I adjust my grip, realizing my hands are sticky from the pure fat and sugar of the chocolate. Although I couldn't smell it, I can already tell it was going to be sweet. It was.

The vanilla mingled well with the sticky chocolate, making the dry bland cone taste sweeter than it was. The cone crunched dramatically (and a little too loudly) under the pressure of my teeth. Although I cringed as it snapped, the icecream was well worth it on a hot day. For once I was thankful for the hot weather, because without it, icecream wouldn't be as good as it is. But is it worth the mess?

By Lilly – Amber Grover

As the cold sweet vanilla ice cream touched my tongue, I slurped to get the euphoric melting ice cream. The sticky bright white ice cream dripped down the crunchy textured cone, drip, drip.....drip as the sugary chocolate touched my lips, I got a sigh of relief in comfort.

By Noah Johnson

The ice cream looked like a white pile of goo, slowly melting away onto my fingers, it was held by a beige grate patterned cone, finished with a chocolate drizzle that dripped down the cone staining it and my finger. As it dripped I felt an uneasy feeling, finger movement impaired by the gooey chocolate drizzle, I always hated the stickiness involved with ice cream and it's chocolatey component, but as I took the first anticipated bite, the cool creamy vanilla taste washed all over my lips and teeth, but as I take more and more of the ice cream I feel a sense of euphoria, and a warm fuzzy feeling in my core, despite the cool nature of the treat. It was especially nice after a day's work at school. But no matter how much I try to savor the cool creamy chocolate flavour, it dissipates in a matter of seconds, and as soon as I took the first euphoric bite, the ice cream is gone. Leaving a crunchy shell behind. As I took the bite of the cone, it crunches satisfyingly being the perfect ending, to a perfect treat, at the end of the day.

By Zeke Milczarek

The ice cream made me feel joyful when I saw it. I took a bite it made me very hungry when I tried it. I went off the chops. The worst thing was when I finished it.

By Tyson Simpson



## Ms Connell's Year 9 Sensory Writing

Each student was provided with one marshmallow and one sour worm. Before being asked to eat each item, the students were asked to use their other senses to describe them. What does each item look like? What do they sound like? What do they smell like? What do they feel like, and, finally, what do they taste like?

Can you guess what lolly was being described?

- ♦ *It looks like a white, pudgy, cylindrical cloud. It tasted sweet and sugary, and the texture is soft and powdery.*



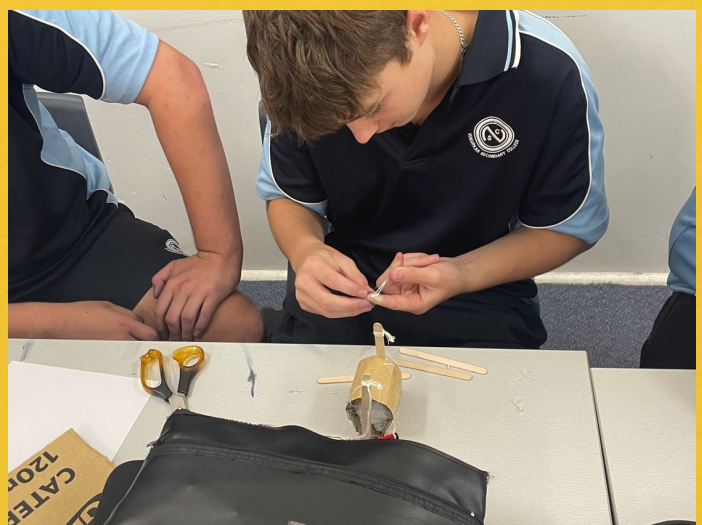
After this, we applied our new and improved sensory writing skills to a food from the country we are researching for our Travel Blog task. Here are a couple of examples:

- ♦ *I feel, the soft pizza dough and the crunchy rough meat, I also feel the sloppy pizza sauce dripping form the pizza.*
- ♦ *I hear, the crunch of the brittle structure of the crust, I hear the child behind me throwing a tantrum about olives on his pizza.*
- ♦ *I taste, the savory dough, the crust, the juicy meat, the stretchy cheese, the soft egg, the sauce as it drips down my chin.*
  - ♦ *I see, the redness of the tomato sauce, the melted cheese, the overcooked meat towering about the dough*
- ♦ *I smell, the juicy meat and sauce, I smell the flour on the dough, and the scent of the rest of the pizza as I leave.*



# YEAR 11 PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SKILLS (PDS)

Our Year 11 VCE-VM Personal Development students put their teamwork skills to the test with the 'egg drop' challenge. With limited time and resources, they were tasked with constructing a device which would protect their egg from a 2 metre drop. Through teamwork and innovation, two of the teams pictured below were successful in protecting their egg from the drop!





# Meals on Wheels

Keira and Mia finish unloading the empty eskys after delivering Meals On Wheels. Bonnie and Briana also volunteered their time delivering meals. Declan and Charlie did an awesome organising meals ready for delivering. Great job and thanks for volunteering!



## Lions Club Public Speaking Charlie Payne

I participated in the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Competition. To participate in this I had to fill out an application that asked me about my initiatives in school and in the community. I competed against two girls from St Mary's of the Angels. We each had to do interviews with a panel of three judges in front of us. Each interview went for 40 minutes and we were asked to elaborate and discuss what we had filled out on our applications. We were also asked 3 general knowledge questions. We then had impromptu questions that we answered in front of the judges and the audience. We had two questions and two minutes per question to answer. We then got into our prepared speeches. We wrote these speeches in our own time before the day of the public speaking. We could speak about anything that we chose to, but focused on issues that youth face. We each had 5 minutes of speaking time. The judges then went away and discussed our results and came back with the winner. I unfortunately was not the winner but I still had lots of fun. The winner of the day goes on to the next stage of the competition which is being held in Tocumwal. It was a great experience that is open every year for students aged 15 and older. I definitely recommend that people take part in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition because it is a worthwhile experience whether you make it to the next stage or not.



# Baala Creek Festival

NSC's Year 11 and 12 VCE-VM students have become involved with the annual Baala Creek Festival, supported by the Numurkah Love Our Lifestyle committee. Our students will be volunteering to set up the festivities next Friday as well as working on promotional materials for the festival, which will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March. These fabulous posters made by our VM students will be seen around the school and community next week. Let us know which design you like best!





# Baulkamaugh CWA Morning Tea

The Baulkamaugh CWA annual morning tea to celebrate International Women's Day was held on Friday March 8<sup>th</sup>. Morgann Harris was the recipient of the CWA award in 2023 and attended along with 3 of our school captains, Ben Norman, Grace Jones and Sofia Gazzola.

The morning tea included sharing some delicious homemade scones and listening to a presentation from Primary Care Connect, talking about their work supporting refugees and asylum seekers. It was quite confronting to hear some of the stories which had led to these women to seeking asylum in Australia. Our students also spent some time talking to Zara Alizada who works with Primary connect and is studying at Latrobe University. Zara spoke of the challenges she had with her schooling and how she has managed to work and find pathways to access tertiary studies. Morgann declared the scones were the best she had ever eaten and the students were presented with a tray of scones to bring back to their peers.





# Year 7 & Year 10 Immunisations

Year 7 and Year 10 Immunisations will be held at Numurkah Secondary College on Monday 22nd April 2024 , with a catch up day on Tuesday 15th October.

This year there will be an online consent process for Parents/Guardians to complete.

Parent/Guardian will need to give a consent response whether it is YES or NO to receiving the school immunisation.

Please follow the relevant link below:

Year 7 - <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=6399e019-9ec0-ee11-9079-000d3ae1a813&Year7>

Year 10 - <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=ec44f613-9ec0-ee11-9079-000d3ae1aeaf&Year10>

If you are unable to access the above links there are hard copy consent forms available at the school.

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to call Katrina Kerr, Community and Immunisation Administration Officer at the Moira Shire on 03 5871 9222.



**NUMURKAH & SURROUNDS  
COMMUNITY  
GARAGE SALE**

**Saturday 9th March  
8am - 2pm**

**\$10 to register your garage sale**

**\$2 for map and site list -  
available on the day from  
Numurkah Singers Theatre  
52 Quinn Street, Numurkah**

**Fundraising BBQ and cold drinks available**

**Contact Janelle on 0432 041 531**

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## 1st Baulkamaugh Scouts Cupcake sale

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

**Out the front of the library**



### Flavours:

Red Velvet

Lemon

Vanilla Easter Egg basket

Apple Cinnamon Muffin (GF)



Cost \$2:50 each

\$12 for 6

**CASH ONLY**

Pre order to

Rachel Newham

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At NSC we are ready to learn when we bring our laptop, pens and books to class.

## DREAMS COME TRUE FORMAL WEAR HIRE

**Contact:** Josie Cornish

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February, 2024

**FACEBOOK:** Dreams Can Come True Formal Wear Hire



Dear Sir/Madam,

I have a project which I have been running in Beechworth for 2 years. It is to provide Formal Wear to ladies and gents at an affordable cost.

This makes the Formal and Debutante Balls accessible to all and not just those whose parents can afford it.

The Dresses will be available for Formals, Brides, Bridesmaids, Communions and suits for the men.

**Hire Cost:**

Formal Dress -	\$25.00
Debutante Gown	\$50.00
Bridesmaids Dress -	\$25.00
Wedding Gown -	\$50.00
Men's Suits -	\$30.00

Hire cost is used to pay for the Rent, Cleaning and Repairs of clothing.

I am asking for you to help spread the word throughout your school and your community via your Newsletter or on your Website. This will help those who cannot afford to attend to look their best at affordable costs.

We are also open to donations to our project.

Thanking you for your assistance.

*Josie Cornish*

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