



# Numurkah Secondary College

## Newsletter

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Term 1

Week 2

### Principal's Report

Welcome back to all our families and a special welcome to new families joining us. Our start to the term has been busy but calm, and students have settled quickly into the routine of a school day. We have had several new staff join us this year and are very fortunate not be experiencing the staff shortages occurring across other school. We have a few new to the teaching profession, as well as some very experienced staff. Our students have been enjoying working with the new staff and are quickly getting to know them. Over the next few weeks, the newsletter will have some staff profiles to make sure we introduce teachers to our school community.

We will continue to work on our school program to support students build their resilience through the Resilience Project, particularly in Homerooms and Focus sessions. We aim to help our students recognise the positives in their lives and build their skills through gratefulness, empathy, mindfulness and emotional literacy. If you would like to find out more about this program the website <https://theresilienceproject.com.au> provides lots of information. It does also include a program to use in the home.

Once again, we have had the forces of nature challenge us with unseasonal cold weather hitting us for the swimming sports and last weekend. It was fantastic to see the numbers of students who braved the cold to compete, some told me it was much warmer in the water than out. Well done to Hunkin for being the winning house, only 2 points ahead of Christie so it really came down to the relay events to decide the outcome. Congratulations to the age group champions and top participants who are acknowledged later in the newsletter.

Tuesday was our welcome BBQ for year 7 students and any new families. It was fantastic to have some time to meet and respond to questions about our school and the year ahead. Thank you to Nicky Pyszkowski who organised this and has been working closely with our Year 7's to make their transition to secondary school an enjoyable one.

Our Outdoor Education and Camps Program is a valuable part of the curriculum. Having support staff for these trips is challenging for us, so I am reaching out to see if there are people in our wider community who would be interested in volunteering to come along on these trips. This term we have a Wilson's Prom walk and surf camp. For more information please contact me at the school.

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#### Term Dates

##### February

**23/2** Curriculum Day  
(Student Free)

**13/3** Labour Day Public  
Holiday

**15/3 - 25/3** NAPLAN  
testing

**5/4** Last day of Term 1  
classes

**5/4** Parent teacher even-  
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**6/4** Parent teacher day  
(no classes)

**7/4** Good Friday

**Term 2 begins 24/4**

**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.**

#### NSC Online details

Email: [numurkahsc@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:numurkahsc@education.vic.gov.au)

Website: [www.numurkahsc.vic.gov.au](http://www.numurkahsc.vic.gov.au)

Facebook: Numurkah Secondary College

#### School Council

**President:** Kathleen Newby **Vice President:** Kelly Bloomfield

**Executive Officer:** Cate Eddy **Committee Members:** Deanne Dewar, Chris Barnard, Louise Moss, Peter Smyth, Peta Russo, Angela Joy, Rachel Bonham

**Next meeting:** TBA

*Principal's Report continued....*

Each year Numurkah Secondary College parents show positive support for the school through parent payments and fundraising efforts. This support has led to considerable improvements being carried out, especially in the areas of computer technology, numeracy and literacy, and through the provision of outstanding resources. It also allows us to continue with upgrades and minor maintenance to school buildings and grounds and ensure that classroom technology is made available for the benefit and enjoyment of all children. We welcome your contribution for the 2023 school year. Department of Education and Training guidelines now mandate that schools are unable to provide parents with a statement of fees. Parents are asked to please review the recommended voluntary financial contributions schedule below for an indication of contributions for your child/ren and how to make payments. Please feel free to contact the office if you would like to make staged payments or have questions.

The link to year level payments is <https://www.numurkahsc.vic.edu.au/parent-payments--booklists.html>

I encourage you to go through the newsletter to check what is happening at NSC!

Cate Eddy

## ***Meet the staff at NSC!***

***Over the coming weeks, we will be introducing our staff to our NSC Community.***

**Name: Samuel Bliss**



This year I will be teaching English and VCE VM Literacy. I have recently moved from Melbourne to the local area to start teaching at NSC. I use to teach music and piano lessons at a number of schools back in Melbourne's North-East. I am looking forward to getting to know all the students and becoming a part of the Numurkah community! My hobbies are playing music, darkroom photography and reading. My vision for 2023 is to share my love for literature and the arts with Numurkah students, inspire a passion of their own and always lead a fun, productive and safe classroom.

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**Name: Lisa Eddy**



I am the new Business Manager at NSC. I have been working in schools since 2019 as a Business Manager in local primary schools. For 15 years previous to that, I ran an organic garlic farm in Katamatite, which was also an eco tourism farm. My hobbies are hiking, beach swimming, reading, sewing and gardening. My vision for 2023 is to settle into high school life, walk an ultra marathon and have an adventure in the desert.

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**Name: Stephanie Down**



This year I will be teaching Year 7 and Year 10 Science. I am also a nurse/midwife and have been working in Melbourne as a fetal death nurse since 2016. My hobbies are camping, gym, fishing and watching TV and movies. My vision for 2023 is to have our house built and complete my Masters.

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**R.E.A.P**

**Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride**

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# Engagement and Wellbeing

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### Congratulations to Cynthia Philpot for winning the (half) Yearly Positives Draw!

In the second half of last year, our students were seen displaying our values of respect, excellent, aspiration and pride over 4,500 times. It is amazing to be able to see the positives and celebrate this with our students. Each time a student received a positive report in Compass, they were entered into a draw which was held during the first assembly of the year. Two draws were held. The first draw was for Term 4, with Leila Thornell the lucky winner of a \$50 voucher. The second draw will normally be an annual draw, but with the program starting in the middle of 2022 we only had positives from Semester 2 included. Cynthia Philpot's name came up and was awarded the prize of a UE Wonderboom Speaker! Well done to all of our students on working hard to live our NSC Values every day!



### The Resilience Project @ Home

A great day starts with getting enough rest the night before. Sleep is such an important factor contributing to our wellbeing and unfortunately so many of us are struggling to get the amount and quality of sleep that we need. The **10-3-2-1 method** aims to help you get to sleep on time, sleep better



## Garden Group

Students working in the garden to weed and prepare the beds ready for new crops made a discovery of a crop of potatoes which had been missed last season. Looking forward to turning them into some yummy dishes including gnocchi and potato focaccia.



**'Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child and one teacher can change the world.'** - Malala Yousafzai



# Term 1 Positive Chronicle recipients

**7 positives**— Amy WYATT, Elise KIRBY

**6 positives**— Lucas STEDMAN

**5 positives**— Christopher BOSCHETTI, Ivy HENDERSON, Heidi WEBB, Leila THORNELL, Jesse WAKEMAN, Bonnie RUSSO, Heather MICHELMORE, Ella PARKINSON, Jake SALTER

**4 positives**— Katelyn BARLOW, Matt HIBBERSON, Ashton VAN TAARLING, Blake LAWSON, Summer STORER, Blake MCKENZIE, Keira DEKKER, Bridget BROWN, Marli SALTER, Bronte MOYLAN, Ryley HAMPSON, Charles HODGE, Hunter KUBEIL, Daniel CALLANDER, Kayla GERITY, Declan CRISP, Lachlan CARTLEDGE, Demii MCKELLAR, Lucas HENDY, Elisha MCCOOMBES, Matilda JONES, Hannah GRIGG, Olivia HANLEY, Hayley NEWBY Savannah PAYNE, Helena SCHRAPEL, Tegan STEVENSON, Holly PHILPOTT, Joshua MOODY

**3 positives**— Lilly-Amber GROVER, Skyla DAILEY, Matthew KOELEMAN, Corey COOK, Toby GRIFFITHS, Damiano GRASSO, Baelan SAXTON, Daniel GRINTER, Mitchel BLIGHT, Devlin DUNCAN, Connie HARRIS, Brianna BOYDEN, Xavier DIXON, Hayden DEAK, Chelsea GUNN, Bethany GRIGG, Chianne BURNETT-MILLER, Caitrin HARRISON, Matthew LOURENS, Indianna ASHCROFT, Noah JOHNSON, Izaac KOELEMAN, Sol FROST, Jayden MCNAMARA, Tobie LOMAX-DAVIE, Judah MOODY, Viv RUSSO, Kassidy DI - GIACOMO, Charlee DAILEY, Chase DIXON

**2 positives**— Tommi WALLACE, Riley MAY, Nathan JOHNSTONE, Hayley-Anne MCGILL, Shelby WARRINER, Daemyn KOLLOSCH-BEATON, Molly HARRIS, Imogen JEANES, Owen WILLIAMS-MOSS, Inika CULTON, Clifford MCNALLY, Dallas HURLE, Grace JONES, Jacinda BLIGHT, Corban MORTON, Jacob JETTEN, Morgann HARRIS, Jacob WOOLLEY, Christopher BODSWORTH, Jhett EDDY, Rhiannon JOSE, Darby SALTER, Ryan RUSSO, Lee DECKER, Savannah SHANAHAN, Connor PHILPOTT, Sofia GAZZOLA, Bayden PARKINSON, Cooper THORNELL, Degan RYAN, Zac NEWBY, Ebony GIDDENS, Michelle RORE

**1 positive**— Tamioka STEVENSON, Sapphire BROWN, Anna NEWHAM, Keely MCCLUSKEY, Bree Anna BYRA, Charlie PATTEN, Travis DECKER, Kobi HIPWELL, Ashton KIRBY, Charlie PAYNE, Shaely EDDY, Lachlan MCCLUSKEY, Ellina GRASSO, Laylla TYRRELL, Toby BROWN, Dakota KELLY, Violet MONGAN, Annabell HUGHES, Renae RUSSO, Liam YOUNG, Benjamin NORMAN, Asha PARRY, Bailey BONHAM, Lory DEVINE, Sian LOMAX-DAVIE, Cooper GRAHAM, Angus CLARK, Amelia-Jean BEVERLEY, Taleisha MANZONE, Cheyenne CALLANDER, Connor CICCONE, Marshall DUNCAN, Toby NEWBERY, Marshall WILSON, Tyler BODSWORTH, Cooper TETLEY, Will SIMPSON, Chloe LAWSON, Pippa MCCAMLEY, Diesel BARCLAY-KIMBERLEY, Cooper HAMPTON ARCHER, Caitlyn BROWN, Robert HALL, Matthew MOHR, Amy HIBBERSON, Michael VAN DEN GOOR, Jorga WAKEFIELD-FISCHER, Jacinta HOLMES, Seiona MILLER, Eleanor ROURKE, Joshua STRIBBLING, Jack TREMELLEN, Sienna KUBEIL, Holly PIACENTINI, Bailey STEVENSON, Nadia RUGGI, Summer GERITY, Natalie CICCONE, Tahlia REUSS, Holly THOMPSON, Talia LAIRD, Noah GOOD, Taylor, Jade CLARKE, Alexi KANE, Kaitlynn LAIRD, Noah PRICE, Kale LEWIS, Odin MINOTTI-WATSON, Cooper NEWBERY, Oliver MASTERS, Tyeisha BOSTANCIOGLU, Zephariah BARTLETT, Tyson SIMPSON, Olivia TERVIT, Hannah O'BRIEN, Owen PERRY, Hannah STEDMAN, Aiden WOOLLEY, Billy ELSEGOOD, Phoebe ZAMMIT, Jaxson

**‘Education is what remains after one has forgotten what one has learned in school.’ - Albert Einstein**

## Welcome to 2023 NSC Careers News.

*'The world is moving at a tremendous rate; going, no one knows where. We must prepare our children, not for the world of the past, not for our world, but for their world – the world of the future.'* -John Dewey, philosopher, psychologist & educational reformer, 1946



### 10 SKILLS NEEDED IN THE FUTURE

Creativity  
Complex problem solving  
Cognitive flexibility  
People Management  
Service Orientation

Emotional intelligence  
Judgement and decision making  
Critical thinking  
Coordinating with others  
Negotiation

### **Year 10, Year 11 & Year 12 students**

**White Card** is a mandatory work card required in Australia, it is being offered to interested NSC students, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February at NSC, at a cost of \$90. Call into the office asap to grab an expression of interest form. Further information can be found on Facebook and Compass

### **Year 10**

Work experience is timetabled for the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Start thinking about where or what you may like to explore as a possible career option! It is compulsory for all year 10 students participate in work experience.



Throughout 2023, NSC CAREER NEWS will be a platform to showcase student experiences and opportunities.

**Structured Workplace Learning Portal - SWL link**

<https://workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/search/>

Numurkah Secondary College Careers website aims to support students to be job ready.

**Check out the careers' website** [www.numurkahcareers.com](http://www.numurkahcareers.com)

If you need advice, drop in and see Cathy (Tuesday – Friday) who is located in the Library at the College, or feel free to email, text or phone.

Cathy O'Sullivan

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**At NSC, we are ready to learn when we bring a fully charged laptop to class.**

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# 2023 Swimming Sports

Numurkah Secondary College's annual swimming carnival was a little colder this year with weather that resembled the chill of June. With Tweddle, Gray and Christie looking to knock reigning champs Hunkin off their pedestal. Despite the cold, we had many participants who dipped their toes in the water, rumour has it that it was warmer in the pool than out. Fantastic work to all those who swam and to everyone cheering them on. Unfortunately, the other houses couldn't defeat Hunkin who scraped through with the win by a measly 2 points!

## Age Group Champions

	Females	Males
13Yr	Anna Newton	Toby Newbery
14Yr	Ella Parkinson	Tyson Simpson
15Yr	Bridget Brown	Aiden Woolley
16Yr	Shianne Wakefield	Noah Good
17Yr	Lory Devine	Judah Moody
20Yr	Chelsea Gunn	Joseph Crisara

## Participation Awards

	Boys		Girls	
Christie	Junior	Tommi Wallace	Junior	Ivy Henderson
	Senior	Darby Salter	Senior	Indianna Ashcroft
Gray	Junior	Noah Good	Junior	Jade Holmes
	Senior	Oliver Masters	Senior	Jorja Wakefield
Hunkin	Junior	Odin Minotti-Watson	Junior	Charli Codiga
	Senior	Christopher Boschetti	Senior	Samara Barnes
Tweddle	Junior	Lucas Hendy	Junior	Amy Wyatt
	Senior	Michael Van den Goor	Senior	Amy Hibberson

## House Points

Hunkin	1007
Christie	1005
Tweddle	767
Gray	738

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





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



## Getting to know our 2023 Year 7 students

Our Year 7 students will be sharing a little about themselves in our newsletter each fortnight. Welcome all Year 7 students to our NSC community and we hope you enjoy your time with us.



Name: Aleesha                      Nickname: Leesh  
Likes: Dinosaurs, AFL and art.  
Strengths: Making new friends, getting along with everybody and being a good role model.  
Goals: To be a career horse rider or an archaeologist.  
Best thing about NSC: That the gym is HUGE!  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to art next semester.

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Name: Andrew                      Nickname: Nady  
Likes: Anime, being active and gaming.  
Strengths: Noticing details and mountain biking.  
Goals: To become a pilot.  
Best thing about NSC: That it is so much bigger than Primary School and has better classes.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to woodwork.

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Name: Anna                      Nickname: Goanna  
Likes: Reading and drawing  
Strengths: Reading and writing and being my friend group therapist.  
Goals: To become a scientist working in STEM.  
Best thing about NSC: That Miss P is our Year 7 coordinator!!  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to woodwork.

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Name: Anna bella                      Nickname: Bella  
Likes: Playing computer games, listening to music and collecting Frank Green bottles.  
Strengths: Gets along with most people, good at writing and a good babysitter.  
Goals: I don't know yet.  
Best thing about NSC: Getting to see my friends.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to art.

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Name: Asha  
Likes: Horse riding, science, family and animals.  
Strengths: Honesty, creativity and making new friends.  
Goals: To become a Vet nurse.  
Best thing about NSC: All the different subjects you get to do.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to art.

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Name: Ashton  
Likes: Riding my bike, playing the playstation and playing with my Jack Russell named Blue.  
Strengths: I am good at reading and annoying my sister.  
Goals: To become a builder.  
Best thing about NSC: PE with Miss Shannon.  
This year at NSC, I am looking forward to woodwork.

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**‘You don’t have to be great to get started, but you have to get started to be great.’ - Les Brown**

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# YEAR 12 VALENTINE'S DAY FUNDRAISER

**Tuesday February 14th**

Anonymously embarrass your friends or someone special with a serenade from the year 12s

\$5



Buy some delicious homemade goods made especially by your year 12s

\$2-\$5



Bid on some of your favourite teachers as they offer many different types of goods

raffle tickets \$2

\*2nd half of lunch\*



Heart Face paint

\$2

\*Any enquires or wanting to purchase a serenade come see one of the year 12s\*

# My Connect

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for Under-21s.



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## My Connect Account

Available to account holders under 21 years old, the My Connect Account is banking when and where you need it - with no fuss!

This account offers fee-free use of VISA Debit, EFTPOS/ATM, internet banking, phone banking, BPAY, OSKO and branch withdrawals.

## Features and Benefits

- At-call account - access to your funds whenever you need it.
- Full access - transaction-fee free!
- Internet Banking and App access available.
- VISA Debit Card available.
- BPAY available.
- Supports OSKO real-time payments.

## Fees & Charges

Transaction-fee free!

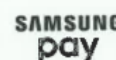
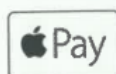
See latest fees and charges schedule or visit [gmcu.com.au](http://gmcu.com.au) for current fees and charges.

## Interest

Variable interest account. Interest on savings is calculated monthly on minimum monthly balance and paid annually on the last day of March. See our current interest rate sheet or visit [gmcu.com.au](http://gmcu.com.au) for applicable interest rates.

## Other ways to access

When you have a VISA Debit card on your My Connect account, you can pay with your phone using your preferred digital wallet - no need to open an app, just hold your compatible device near a card reader wherever contactless payments are accepted.



For more information on how to set up your digital wallet, please visit [gmcu.com.au/products-services/digital-wallet](http://gmcu.com.au/products-services/digital-wallet)

## Terms and Conditions

This account can be opened for youth under 21. If under 13, a parent or legal guardian will be required to instruct on behalf of the child. Upon turning 13, the child can be nominated as an account signatory and we will cease allowing a parent or legal guardian to sign on their behalf.

Upon the account owner turning 21, the account will be transferred to a My Everyday (S1) account.

Terms, conditions, fees & charges and eligibility criteria may apply.

This document must be read together with the gmcu Account & Access Facility Conditions of Use, Summary of Accounts & Availability of Access Facilities and the Schedule of Fees & Charges.

## Katunga Football Netball Club Training and Registrations

The Katunga Football Netball Club wishes to advise that training has commenced, and registrations are open. Unfortunately, due to excessive numbers, registrations to play netball for 2023 are now closed, unless you have just moved to the area.

Please visit our website [www.katungafnc.com.au](http://www.katungafnc.com.au) or FaceBook page 'Katunga Football Netball Club' to stay up to date with training nights/times and to complete your registrations.

### Football Training

**Currently training Monday and Wednesdays**

**Seniors** – 6:15pm start

**Thirds** – commencing Wednesday 1 February, 5:30pm start

**Fourths** – commencing Monday 6 February, 5pm start

**Fifths** – Date to be advised

### Netball Training

**Seniors** - 6:00pm start, Monday and Thursdays

**17/U's & 15/U's** – Monday's only, 5pm start

**13/U's & 11/U's** – Date to be advised

### AusKick and NetSetGo

AusKick and NetSetGo will again run this year during Term 2. Details on registering will be available towards the end of Term 1. Please keep an eye on our website, FaceBook page or TeamApp.

**Anyone interested in coaching our AusKickers or NetSetGoers this year please get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!**

**Sessions are all planned out for you so no qualifications necessary.**

**The best way to predict your future is to create it.' - Abraham Lincoln**