



Numurkah Secondary College

Newsletter

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Term 1

Week 8

Principal's Report

As we come to the last 2 weeks of term, and I look back over our calendar I feel very grateful to our staff who are constantly looking for opportunities for our students across all year levels. Our last 2 weeks have seen several events and excursions offered to students, providing them with information about future pathways, an understanding of our local farming industry and access to extra certificate training. I will mention just a few of these below but encourage you to look through the rest of the newsletter to see what has been going on at NSC.

The presentation from Latrobe University provided our year 10 students with an opportunity to start thinking carefully about their pathways and the potential they all have of considering tertiary options in the local area. Latrobe runs a program fortnightly for our VCE students and their engagement at NSC provides our students with great opportunities to access tertiary studies.

As our school sits in an agricultural area it has been great to see the introduction of more agricultural learning being available to our students. Agricultural studies, including scholarship opportunities, have grown significantly over recent years. The presentations from the Agri-Tech team provided our year 8 students with an opportunity to experience the role of technology in farming. The Intro to Farming class has spent time investigating our irrigation systems, water sources and the Murray-Darling Basin plan. This included a trip to Yarrawonga Weir and Lake Mulwala. Thank you to Lachlan Heard who successfully applied for these programs to be delivered to our students.

Job Camp commenced this week. A group of year 10, 11 and 12 students have been able to access hospitality training on Thursdays and Fridays over several weeks which will give them the skills to work in the hospitality industry. We have been very fortunate to gain full funding for this through the Industry Hub. Cathy O'Sullivan has been instrumental in applying for and ensuring this program can be delivered to our students.

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Term Dates

February

7/2 School Photos

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-
ing

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

Website: 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: AGM 27th March 2023

Continuation of Principal's report....

Bullying is constantly being discussed in schools, the workplace, online and the community. We are concerned that our young people are vulnerable to the impact of this behaviour in and out of school. Our school has zero tolerance to bullying behaviour. I am not suggesting it doesn't happen at NSC but we are committed to ensuring we address and support our students to understand the impact this can have on others. Helping our students understand how their behaviour and comments can affect others as well as building resilience to this are important to us. The Courage to Care Upstander program presented this week to our year 9 and 10 students is an important program in educating our students about the dangers of racism, prejudice, discrimination and bystander behaviour. I encourage families to discuss the session with your children and the messages they took from the presentation.

Year 7 and 9 students have been undertaking NAPLAN testing over the last 2 weeks and the focus of our students in these sessions has been a credit to them. This data is valuable in supporting our student learning plans and is important in some of the planning of our programs. Well done to these students for their efforts.

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday evening April 5th and in the morning on Thursday April 6th. It is wonderful to see the number of bookings already made. We look forward to your attendance to meet with teachers and discuss the progress of students. SPA reports and CATS are available on Compass for parents to view and discuss in these interviews.

Well done to our students who aspire to do their best and make the most of the opportunities being offered at NSC.

Cate Eddy

Meet the staff at NSC!

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



Name: Lea Rahilly

Area you are working in: Librarian, Literacy Support, in class support

Hobbies: Travelling, camping, kayaking—anything outside in the sun!!

Before coming to NSC I worked in Early Childhood Intervention at Shepparton City Council and also Numurkah Pre School, so I am fortunate to have worked with some of our students in Kindergarten as well as high school.

My vision for 2023 is to keep building on the Literacy Hub including the library and Literacy program.



Name: Peter Kam

Subjects you will be teaching: Year 7 Humanities and Danger Zone

Hobbies: Gardening and lawn bowls

I have been teaching at Numurkah Secondary College for 30 years and still love coming to school everyday. I am married and have 3 children, 2 dogs and 1 cat.

My vision for 2023 is to visit 14 European countries in Term 3.



Name: Samantha Gierveld

Subjects you will be teaching: Year 8, 9, 10 Science & Year 12 Biology

Hobbies: Looking after all of the animals on my farm. I have dogs, cats, horses, pigs, cows, goats, chickens, ducks and of course turtles.

I have been teaching for 12 years and at NSC for 6 years. I love Science, the environment and animals.

My vision for 2023 is to teach my classes, have them hopefully enjoy science, and not burn myself out.

R.E.A.P

Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



THE MAN CAVE
DECONSTRUCT. CHALLENGE. REDEFINE

What is The Man Cave?

A preventative mental health and emotional intelligence charity that empowers boys to become great men. Our workshops provide boys with the critical emotional and social skills they need to lead flourishing lives for themselves, their relationships and their communities.

We're looking forward to having [The Man Cave](https://academy.themancave.life/pre-workshop) come work with our Year 8 and 9 male students on 30 March 2023.

The best way we can support our students is by also ensuring the community around them is supported too. To get the most out of the workshop, we recommend working through the information at the link below together. Please visit the link below as preparation for you to support the students during this time.

<https://academy.themancave.life/pre-workshop>

Anzac Day poppies, pins, pens and wrist bands.

Our school captains Rhiannon, Oliver, Chelsea and Michelle will be visiting homerooms selling Anzac Day badges and other merchandise. Prices range from \$2 - \$5.



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

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: Kaiah

Nickname: Kai

Likes: Playing soccer for the Numurkah Knights, swimming and loves to talk!!

Strengths: Talking, making new friends and being a good friend.

Goals: To become a radiologist or a Marine Biologist

Best thing about NSC: Meeting all the new teachers and making lots and lots of new friends

This year I am looking forward to finishing my box in woodwork.



Name: Kale

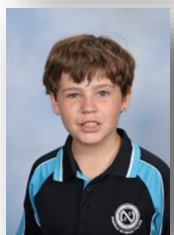
Likes: Racing motorbikes and helping Dad re-build motorbikes.

Strengths: Good at building things and being a good mate.

Goals: Probably an engineer of some sort.

Best thing about NSC: All the different tech subjects.

This year I am looking forward to woodwork and metalwork soon.



Name: Kade

Nickname: K

Likes: Gaming, riding my motorbike and seeing my friends.

Strengths: Good at gaming, a good listener and a good friend.

Goals: To be a painter like my Dad.

Best thing about NSC: Seeing my friends and getting to do P.E.

This year I am looking forward to doing woodwork and making all the things.



Name: Laylla

Nickname: Lay Lay

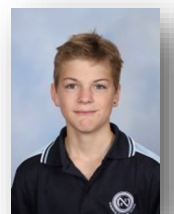
Likes: Netball and reading! Go Katandra Kats!!

Strengths: Making new friends and art.

Goals: I want to grow up and be something like my Mum (Politician) and Nan (Nurse).

Best thing about NSC: Multiple subjects.

This year I am looking forward to making it through to the end!!



Name: Liam W

Nickname: Leo

Likes: Playing video games and making things out of wood.

Strengths: I am good at being a good friend, being caring and kind.

Goals: To become a Meteorologist.

Best thing about NSC: Woodwork and all the classes.

This year I am looking forward to doing food with Miss Hannan.



Name: Lukas

Nickname: Lukey

Likes: Cars, gaming, wrestling and playing rugby.

Strengths: Pretty good at English and doing extra math with Kylie.

Goals: To become a pro wrestler or rugby player.

Best thing about NSC: Helps me to learn more and the canteen is pretty good!

This year I am excited for cooking!

‘The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.’ - B.B. King

Hop into a mystery book for Easter!



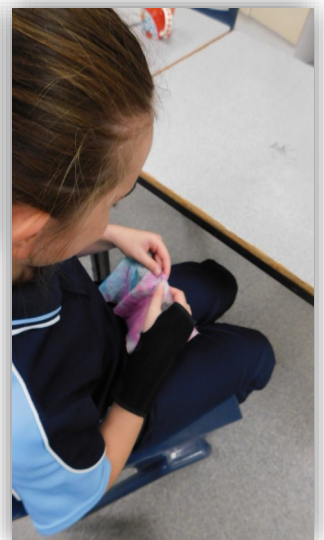
All too often we choose a book to read by what we see on the cover or what is written in the blurb. Librarian Lea is setting a challenge for students to step out of their comfort zone and stumble across something new. The idea of wrapping a book is to add mystery and intrigue when selecting something to read. Each book has a basic prompt about the book written on the plain, brown paper wrapping to give the reader a quick glimpse into what the story is about. The book will be scanned out to the student before they can unwrap it.



Head into the library and grab a mystery book to read over the Easter holidays!!

Year 7 Textiles

Year 7's have been working on the design and construction of their bucket hats with the first two completed.



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

Year 12 VCE VM Literacy

Throughout 2023, you will notice some new regular writers featured in our NSC newsletter. As part of their work in Year 12 VCE - VM Literacy, our year 12 students will be putting together a folio of writing. Some of the key skills within VCE VM Units 3 & 4 are concerned with language conventions, professional writing and using appropriate language choices for a specific audience, organisation or context. In the process of assessing their command of the English language and their editing skills, Kylie and I have decided the purpose of their writing would be twofold. Not only will this writing form part of their VM coursework but it can also be featured in the NSC newsletter. Please enjoy the articles written below.

-Mr Bliss (Year 12 VM Literacy Teacher)

Courtney Ciccone—update on vet placement



My VET placement is taking place at SBAT warehousing, GRE8 in Shepparton. One of my tasks is to clean food products. There are boxes of pallets that come on a truck and then I have to clean it, check to see if the food is out of date and then throw it out if it is out of date. Next, I put it on the table to be cleaned, then on a different table to be packed for the people in need of food. I have also done soaps, which means I pack them into boxes and then they either go to Aldi or prisons. I've packed fruit cups from SPC, and also bricks which are used for houses. I also do theory work on an iPad.

There's 2 groups, one goes out into the warehouse and one group stays in the training room to do theory work. I've learnt that with the soaps you need to do the right colour packaging, so it goes one colour then the next one, and also the same with the fruit cups. I've learnt how to work well with other people, I've learnt about safety in the warehouse and manual handling skills.

Mitchell Boschetti— VET Engineering



I am attending VET Engineering currently on site at Numurkah Secondary College as well as attending Numurkah Secondary College VCE VM classes every Monday, Tuesday and Friday as a part of my year 12 VCE VM course. Currently in Engineering I am making a vice, but I have previously made the following; a G clamp, a drill gauge, a toolbox to go into the back of a ute, and a soft headed hammer, all of which needed their own time spent on them and different tools. These tools being a lathe, welder, grinders, bandsaw, hydraulic pan brake, guillotine and numerous other tools. I enjoy watching a pile of metal pieces turn into something that I can use in the long run. I have a vintage singer sewing machine frame table with a beautiful Vic Ash wooden top that I made in year 9 here at Numurkah Secondary College. This is my second year doing Engineering along with Joseph Crisara, as well as some year 11s. I enjoy teaching the Year 11 students little tips and tricks that I have either learnt from Mr Ian Tilley or my father Dennis Boschetti, who was a fitter and turner for many years at Ardmona and Bega cheese. Thank you for reading.

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

Outdoor Ed—Wilson's Prom trip



From the 8th to the 10th of March the Year 11 OED class headed to Wilson's Prom for the annual bushwalk trip. We had some mixed weather over the 3 days, but thanks to some fantastic new school rain jackets we recently purchased, no one was too wet at any stage. The walk was at times a challenge but all of the students did a great job getting through with minimal complaining. We had an education session on the second day, where we learnt about all of the past uses of the prom, then got the chance to watch the movie Blueback at the outdoor cinema. The longest part of the trip was the drive, but we had a great time listening to music and enjoying each other's company. Thanks to Zac for coming along, and thanks to the students who made this one of the most enjoyable trips I have had the pleasure of leading.



‘The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams’

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Meals on Wheels

Several of our students have had the opportunity to participate in the Meals on Wheels program delivering meals to the elderly in our community. Students have the responsibility to sort through meals and make sure the correct meals were delivered to the correct person. Students get to chat with elderly members in the community making positive social connections.

Well done to these students:

Matilda Jones
Toby Griffiths
Bobby Hall
Patrick Carlisle
Daemyn Kollosche-Beaton
Dallas Hurle
Darby Salter
Blake Mackenzie
Lucas Spokes
Lena Schrapel

Chianne Burnett-Miller
Lee Decker
Nadia Ruggi
Tyler Cook
Holly Thompson
Jayden McNamara
Tommi Wallace
Declan Crisp
Ashton Van Taarling
Elisha McCoombes

Thanks for taking part.



‘Minds are like parachutes, they only function when they are open’

■ James Dewar

Introduction to Farming

Agri—Tech Incursion—RACE Goulburn ("Raising Aspirations in Careers and Education Goulburn")

This is a new program that we have offered to our Year 8 students in 2023, to support curriculum in Science and Humanities and with the goal of encouraging future agricultural pathways for interested students. On Wednesday 15th March NSC students learnt about coding tractors to make them run autonomously and also investigated alternatives to wasting fruit peels with a cooking experiment. Funded through the Victorian Secondary Schools Agriculture Fund, this incursion was the first step for Numurkah SC to be a part of the Food and Fibre School to Industry Partnership Programs. The Food and Fibre Industry Partnership Program pairs industry and schools together to create a tailored program for students to explore the exciting world of agricultural work in this region.

For more information check out the RACE – Goulburn website: www.racegoulburn.com



Irrigation in the Murray Darling Basin—Yarrawonga Weir/Lake Mulwala Excursion

On Tuesday 21st March, the Introduction to Farming students visited Yarrawonga Weir and Lake Mulwala. There they learnt about the role of the weir and lake for irrigation in the Southern Murray Darling Basin. On the bus ride to and from Yarrawonga, Mr. Findlay and Mr. Heard pointed out and explained various examples of different irrigation systems, crops and variety of farming types. Students have previously learnt about how this irrigated area was established as part of the Post WWII Soldier Settlement Scheme and has been one of the keys to economic wealth and success of this local region for more than 70 years. It was a great opportunity to go and see it in person. This excursion is linked with classroom lessons about the social and economic benefits of irrigation for agriculture and recreation. We will also discuss some of the challenges that water authorities encounter when managing our altered natural freshwater environments.



‘Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time’ - Thomas A Edison

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

Hospitality Job Camp

USI Unique Student Identifier

Anyone undertaking any education and training with a provider outside the school system must have a **Unique Student Identifier (USI)**.

This applies to:

- Vocational Education and Training - eg: study at Certificate or Diploma level through TAFE or other Registered Training Organisation (RTO's)

Higher Education - eg: Degrees etc. through universities and other providers

Note: If you are studying a VET course while still at school you will also need a USI. The Australian Government describes this as being a bit like a "Medicare number for education" and without one you cannot receive your qualification or get any sort of Commonwealth financial assistance.

This USI allows you to login to your training account and see all your VET training records and the results of all your courses. You can also print out all your results to take to an employer when you are applying for a job or to any training provider when you are doing any additional courses.

You must have this Unique Student Identifier before you can commence any courses. If you don't already have one, you can create one at www.usi.gov.au.

Year 10

Work experience is timetabled the week beginning Monday 11th September – Friday 15th September.

We ask students to start thinking about where or what you may like explore as a possible career option! It is compulsory for all year 10 students to participate in work experience week.

Victoria Police work experience

<https://www.police.vic.gov.au/work-experience-traineeships-and-employment-schemes>

Placements

- are available from March until November each year.
- take place for one week only (five consecutive business days).
- cannot be scheduled during a week that contains a public holiday.

intakes are run via a ballot process, the first intake is for Term 1-2, then the second intake is for Term 3-4.

Please come see me if this is something of interest as I will need to register NSC

Australian Government Defence Work Experience placement.

<https://www.defence.gov.au/jobs-careers/student-pathways/work-students>



[experience/information-for-](#)

Parks Australia Work Experience

<https://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/careers/work-experience>

If you need advice, drop in and see Cathy Tuesdays – Fridays

Send an email or phone cathy.osullivan@education.vic.gov.au
M: 0476496352

Also, please check out the Numurkah SC careers website www.numurkahcareers.com

‘I think it’s possible for ordinary people to choose to be extraordinary.’ -
Elon Musk

Student Experience Q & A

Lachlan Mc McCluskey–School Based Apprenticeship

Briefly explain what your School Based Apprenticeship Is (SBAT)

My SBAT is a Certificate III in Light Vehicle Mechanical Technology AUR30620.

I go to placement at Superbalance in Shepparton on Wednesdays and Thursdays and I do block mode TAFE to complete my certificate

Can you tell me 2 things you know now that you didn't know before commencing your SBAT

I know how to service cylinder heads, crack test and pressure test

Can you tell me one or two great things about your SBAT

Everything makes me happy, it's a fun environment and we muck around.



Café Culture

Café Culture class began their Barista journey this week at the Shepparton Brewery. Daina Winch shared her time and experience in the hospitality industry with the students giving them many insights into how to work in individual businesses. She patiently explained all components of the espresso machine and guided each student individually through the process. A big shout out and thank you to Daina and the Shepparton Brewery for their support.



‘Education is the key to unlocking the world, a passport to freedom’

- Oprah Winfrey

NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

**Friday the 31st of March
During Focus!**



**3km: ALL Girls, 12,
13, 14 & 15 year-old
Boys**

**4.5km: 16, 17 &
18-20 year-old
Boys**



‘Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out’

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

The Youth Mental Health First Aid course aims to equip adults with the knowledge and skills to support a young person experiencing mental health problems.

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th April 2023

Times: 9.00am – 5.00pm

Cost: \$30.00 (lunch provided)

Venue: Cobram Community House
43-45 Punt Road Cobram

Bookings can be made online at:
<https://www.trybooking.com/CGQYF>



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Facilitators:
Christine Osborne & Sarah Davies