



Numurkah Secondary College

Newsletter

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Term 2

Week 2

Welcome back to term 2 which has had a busy start. Our student captains Rhiannon and Oliver emceed the ANZAC parade along with vice captains Michelle and Chelsea and I could not have been prouder of the way they presented themselves and represented our school.

It was also terrific to have Kobi Hipwell, Samara Barnes, Ebony Giddens and Charlee Dailey volunteering to be flagbearers, while a number of students attended in uniform and assisted with the collection for the RSL. Well done to all of you. I would also like to congratulate and thank the amazing local RSL for ensuring this significant day is so respectfully acknowledged in our community and providing the opportunity for our young people to participate in the day.

Parent teacher interviews were well attended, and we appreciate families coming in to meet teachers and work with us to ensure our students are aspiring to be their best. Students are currently working on the second round of CATs and I have been impressed by the effort being made to demonstrate understanding in each subject.

Our Grade 6 Discovery Evening was a wonderful opportunity to meet families and grade 6 students who are ready to take that next step in their education. As well as hearing from Nicky Pyszkowski. The evening included presentations from our school captains as well as year 7 students. We are proud that our school is the school for our community, and it was great to meet and speak with families about what our school offers.

Term Dates

April

25th Anzac Day

May

5th Yrs 7—10 course counselling

16th Senior Winter sports

19th Practice GAT

31st Junior Winter sports

June

6th-9th Yr 11/12 exams

7th-8th Yr 10 Core exams

12th King's birthday public holiday

15th GAT

23rd Last day Term 2

July

10th Term 3 begins

10th Student free day—Staff onsite

11th Students return

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:** Rachel Bonham

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

Next meeting: Monday 8th May 2023

The job camp program has continued for several of our senior school students. This has been a great opportunity to gain certificates in hospitality which will give them skills to access part-time and full-time employment in this field. We were very fortunate to get this funding through the efforts of Cathy O'Sullivan our careers leader, well done to Cathy and the students who took up this opportunity.

The year 8, 9 and 10 students have been selecting their subjects for semester 2. This process ensures our students have choice in their subjects while still covering the Vic curriculum. If parents or guardians have questions about this process, please feel free to contact year level leaders or the principal team.

Numurkah Mensland is well stocked with winter uniform items, and I encourage families to make your purchases as the cool weather starts. For extra warmth a long sleeved black, navy or white t-shirt may be worn under the uniform. Hoodies should not be worn. School beanies can be ordered from the office to prepare for those particularly chilly days. A reminder that school shoes need to be black leather. There are some good options available in runner styles at all stores. Rebel sports store let me know that they have a good supply of a New Balance black leather runners in stock. We encourage students to be in uniform and be proud of our school. Please let us know if you need financial support to purchase these items.

Numurkah is going to be lively place this weekend with Numurkah Love Our Lifestyles running the Baala Creek Festival. The program looks amazing, and I encourage our local families to head along to join in the celebrations. We are very fortunate to have such and active and vibrant group providing events such as this. Let's all get out and support them!

Cate Eddy

As the colder weather starts to set in, here is a quick and easy winter warmer meal.

Easy fried rice with egg

Lightly whisk 4 eggs in a bowl. Heat a large wok or non-stick frying pan over high heat and spray with oil. Add 290g (2 cups) frozen mixed vegetables and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes or until just cooked through. Add 405g (3 cups) cooked, cooled brown rice and stir-fry until hot. Move vegetables and rice to 1 side of the wok and add egg mixture to other side. Stir-fry eggs until just cooked then fold egg through rice mixture.

Tip: Drizzle over soy sauce, chilli or oyster sauce to serve.

<https://www.taste.com.au/>



R.E.A.P

Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride



NSE BEANIES 2023

**We are now taking order for our 2023
Beanies!!**

Cost—\$20

**Pay at the school office
Order by 19th May 2023**

**Only Beanies that have been paid for
will be ordered.**

**Get in quick and order your Beanie.
There will only be ONE order placed!**

Anzac Day

On the 25th of April 2023, the Numurkah Secondary College school captains came together alongside the Numurkah RSL to host and emcee the Anzac Day ceremony. For four weeks prior, Chelsea, Michelle, Oliver, and I worked together with Don Kilgour to ensure the service ran smoothly. For four sessions we worked on projecting our voices, pronunciation, and became familiar with Don's famous quote; "Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance". The day came together beautifully, even after the nerves and deep breaths taken by the school captains; it was a day of celebration and a day of remembrance. I can strongly say, we will remember this day for the rest of our lives, as it was an experience of a lifetime.

Lest we forget,

Rhiannon José



'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars' -

Les Brown

NSC DISCOVERY NIGHT

Wednesday 4th May, NSC held their Discovery night for future 2024 Year 7 students. The night provided an insight into all that NSC can offer potential students! The night included a tour of the facilities, collecting an information and enrolment pack and finished with an opportunity for families to meet some of our current Year 7 and 8 students, school captains and staff to ask questions, discuss concerns and just chat over some amazing refreshments provided by our food tech department. Thank you to all who attended and helped make it a great night! If you missed out on attending but would like an information/enrolment pack please contact Nicky (transition coordinator) at nicky.pyszkowski@education.vic.gov.au or the office on 03 5862 1088 so we can arrange one to be sent out to you!



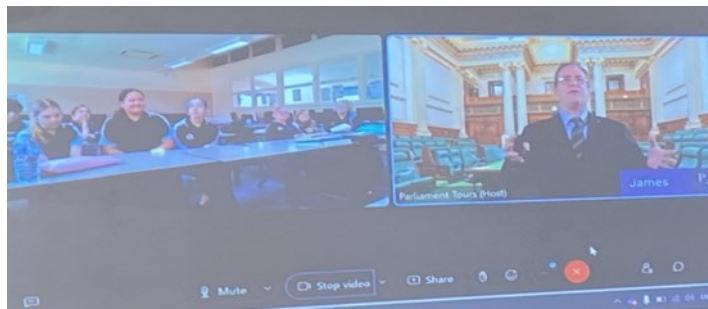
'You're braver than you believe, stronger than you seem and smarter than you think' - Christopher Robin

Power & Politics

On Thursday 30th of March, the students in the Power and Politics class attended an online incursion with Parliament of Victoria. Our host James, ran the session which involved a tour around the parliament house, taking part in a role play and a quiz to learn about the parliamentary process. Students also explored some of the internal and external influences on decision- making powers of Parliament.

The students felt that the incursion helped gain a better understanding of how the parliament system works and embedded the content knowledge learnt over the term.

By Taleisha and Mrs. Robertson



‘Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude’ - Ralph Marston

Garden Group

Students have completed and planted out our fourth large raised garden bed. We have had a lot of our broad beans shoot strongly and have planted some string and French beans. The snow peas we planted last term have started producing and we had our first lot to eat on Monday. They were delicious. Our next cooking session will be making use of the mixed greens that are growing strongly as well as the in season Lilly Pilly fruit.

Versatile vegetable soup

Try a basic soup recipe that can be adapted for whatever veg you've got in the fridge.

Ingredients

- 200g chopped vegetables such as onions, celery and carrots
- 300g potatoes, cubed
- 1 tbsp oil
- 700ml stock



Method

1. Fry vegetables and potatoes in a pan with oil for a few minutes to soften
2. Cover with the Stock and simmer for 10-15 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Blend until smooth, then season with salt and pepper.
3. Serve with a dollop sour cream, cream or crème fraîche and some fresh herbs.

** This soup will freeze for up to one month

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/versatile-veg->

‘Good things come to those who wait, but better things come to those who go out and get them’ - Unknown

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, 8-day program

Students have enjoyed 6 days of learning different types of employability skills to be Hospitality job ready. Students are yet to complete their First Aid, SWL job search, VET pathways & Graduation.



Year 9

MORRISBY PROGRAM FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

PARENT INFORMATION:

PROFILING FOR ALL STUDENTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN JUNE

Year 10


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

All year 10 students will have a one-on-one consultation on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May to encourage students to think about the industry they would be best suited to so we can support them in gaining a positive week of work experience.

Please discuss this with your child! It is compulsory for all year 10 students to participate in work experience week.

My Career Insights

Information for parents



What is My Career Insights?

My Career Insights is a program for all Year 9 students in Victorian Government secondary schools. It was designed to help your child to make informed choices about subject selection, vocational education and training, senior secondary school certificates and further study. This program recognises the importance of developing career planning skills including an awareness of individual strengths and preferences as part of the overall career planning process for young people. This program is designed to support current career education programs within the school and to be a lifelong career tool that can be revisited and updated.

My Career Insights Journey

01

Parent Consent

Consent is required for your child to participate in this program, this will be organised through your school.

02

Profiling

Your child will need to complete an online profiling session which includes a series of questionnaires and quizzes accessed via the Morrisby website. On completion, they will have access to an online interactive profile and can download a printable report. Access to their Morrisby account is available for life if they log in at least once within 5 years. This will allow students to continue to develop their career action plan.

03

Interviewing

Your child will then participate in a one-on-one interview conducted by an independent Career Consultant (engaged by the CEAV). They will "unpack" their Morrisby Profile Report and demonstrate system functionality for ongoing use. Parents/guardians are welcome to join.

04

Next Steps

The My Career Portfolio initiative, has been designed to support students with resources to capture career goals and plans. Your child can download a copy of their Morrisby Report and add it to their Career Portfolio.

'The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra'

– Jimmy Johnson

Victorian 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-experience/information-for-students>

Parks Australia Work Experience



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

Send an email cathy.osullivan@education.vic.gov.au

Or phone M:0476496352

The Numurkah SC careers website is a great source for all student year levels. Check it out!

www.numurkahcareers.com

Sticky chicken serves 2

Ingredients

- Chicken thigh fillets
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup sweet chilli sauce
- 1/4 cup crunchy peanut butter



Method

- Mix all ingredients, except chicken, in a saucepan over low heat
- Pour over chicken and marinate for a few hours
- Place chicken onto a tray lined with baking paper and bake at 180 degrees Celsius for approximately 30 minutes.

<https://www.bestrecipes.com.au/recipes/sticky-chicken-recipe/l8cbcd49?r=budget/84f2hbt7&h=budget>

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

NUMURKAH LOVE OUR LIFESTYLE
PRESENTS

Baala Creek Festival

LIVE MUSIC
KIDS ENTERTAINMENT
FOOD AND BAR
FIREWORKS

FEATURING

Neale Williams • The Skerricks
Tully Wishart • The Murks

Saturday 6th May

11:30AM - 7:30PM

LOUIS HAMON GARDENS
NUMURKAH

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Baala Creek Festival

What's on!

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

MINIATURE TRAIN RIDES

JUMPING CASTLE

PONY OBSTACLE COURSE

RIDE THE MECHANICAL BUCKING BULL

NORTH EAST SKATE PARK SERIES

FACE PAINTING

FIRE TWIRLER

SKATE BOARD PAINTING

LIVE MUSIC

LICENCED BAR AND MICRO BREWERY

LOCAL FOOD VANS

FIREWORKS

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2023 VICTORIAN EASTERN REGIONAL SERIES

NUMURKAH

SKATE PARK COMPETITION

VIC

REGISTER HERE

TIMES
SCOOT 11:00am
BMX 12:30pm
SKATE 1:30pm

SATURDAY 6 MAY

Melville St &, Tunnock Rd, Numurkah
Free entry, all ages and abilities welcome

REGISTER ON THE DAY OR ONLINE AT [SKATEPARKLEAGUES.COM](https://www.skateparkleagues.com)

MOTORCYCLING AUSTRALIA

MINIKHANA

COME & TRY DAY

The **BEST** Entry Level Motorcycle Activity

Fun, Safe, Skills Based Courses

Ages 4-16 years

No Licence Needed

BYO Minibikes & Gear

Date: Sunday 14th May 2023 at 9.00am

Club: GVMCC - Goulburn Valley Motor Cycle Club

Venue: Undera Speedway Complex 1915 Echuca Rd

Website: All Enquiries - Robert 0439 142 297

FREE

ENTRY & 90-DAY RECREATIONAL LICENCE FOR 1ST TIMERS!

<https://www.ma.org.au/minikhana-come-try/>

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

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER
2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2023 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), that your child is invited to participate in.

About the survey

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school between May 23rd and June 2nd

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file to ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: cate.eddy@education.vic.gov.au. Please do so before May 23rd stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2023 Attitudes to School Survey.

A copy of the survey that we are asking your child to complete is available from your child's school. Please contact the administration office if you would like to see the survey before making your decision about whether you would like your child to participate.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria

Position Vacant—Breretons Bakery & Coffee Lounge

LOCK in a Full Time or Part Time customer service position working inside this fast paced Bakery Cafe. Potential to get hospitality qualified.

School aged weekend/after school positions also available.

CURRENTLY seeking a Casual Delivery Driver to join our team - early starts required and a valid drivers licence.

*Experience Not Essential.

Come join our awesome team; serving delicious coffees, cakes, wraps, rolls, pies, pastries, slices and more...

As a customer service team member your shift will include, but not limited to; Customer service (supplying our customers with our yummy treats, Cash Handling (don't stress we have a great till to help with those tricky additions), Cleaning (BYO positive outlook and willingness to try, we

‘You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream’

— C.S. Lewis




DID YOU KNOW?

Your child's sports fees are an eligible savings goal?

saverplus.org.au 1300 610 355

Saver Plus – Because the best thing money can buy is financial freedom

The Saver Plus community program has helped over 55,000 Australians take the stress out of school costs. It's free for eligible people to join.

At Saver Plus, we pair you with a savings coach while you budget and save over the next 10 months. You attend online workshops to learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and savings skills. Once you reach your agreed savings goal, ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500. You can use that money towards education costs such as uniforms, text books, laptops or extra-curricular activities such as sport or music.

You could be eligible to join Saver Plus if you:

- have a Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work (you or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal (we also accept child support and carer's payment as income)
- have a child at school or attend vocational education yourself.

To find out more, or to apply, go to www.saverplus.org.au or call 1300 610 355



YOU'RE INVITED


We are thrilled to invite you to our **School Tour in Shepparton**.

This is a great opportunity for students to **learn** about the **apprenticeships** we have available.

Lunch and information packs provided for **all** students in attendance.

Date: Wed, 24 May 2023
Time: 10am - 1pm
Location: 218-226 Numurkah Rd, Shepparton

RSVP is essential for catering purposes, please **contact raul@jjoconnor.com.au** by **10 May 2023**.

Furphy Literary Award

Applications now open

Furphy Literary Award annual short story & poetry competition for juniors & youth age writers who live in the Goulburn Valley.

Competition open from March 1 – May 31, 2023.

www.furphyliteraryaward.com.au/junioryouth

