



# Numurkah Secondary College Newsletter

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Term 4  
Week 11



## Bumper Christmas Edition



### Principal Report

At a time of the year when we are supposedly slowing down I find we are just as busy at school with one foot in 2023 and the other in 2024 as we plan to ensure we are ready to make every day count.

It was exciting to meet our enthusiastic 2024 year 7 students who stepped into a day of secondary school on Tuesday. For a number of students this was the final of other transition days, and they showed a great willingness to engage in the classwork and program. Watching them interact with each other, make new friends and participate in the different classes was terrific insight into what a wonderful year group this will be next year.

On Wednesday we held our awards evening. This was a very special night with students being recognised for their achievements in many areas ranging from the more traditional academic awards to technology, music and community engagement. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge students who have demonstrated the school values of respect, excellence, aspiration and pride. Adam Cleary spoke as our Alumni this year. Adam was school captain in 1995. Adam spoke of the round about pathway his life has taken him to bring him back to the local area as the Principal at Congupna Primary School. A statement Adam made resonated strongly with what the evening was about.

***"Whatever you have an ability and passion to do, do it to the best of your ability regardless of the task."***

Alongside the acknowledgement of student success this year at the awards was the fantastic performance from the students involved in our instrumental music program. This is a growing program and with extra funding secured for 2024. I am excited to see the increased opportunities for our students involvement in music.

### Term Dates

#### October

**5th** Hume Athletics  
**13th** Junior Summer Sports  
**19th** Year 12 Graduation Assembly  
**23rd** Year 12 exams begin  
**25th** Numurkah Show Day—student free day

#### November

**6th** Curriculum Day—student free day  
**7th** Melbourne Cup Holiday  
**15th—17th** Year 10 and 11 exams  
**17th** Valedictory Dinner  
**20th** Headstart for Year 11 and 12 begins (2 weeks)

#### December

**5th** Year 8 Surf Camp  
**13th** Presentation night  
**20th** End of Term 4

#### 2024

#### January

**29th** Staff return  
**30th** 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](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:** Rachel Bonham  
**Executive Officer:** Cate Eddy **Committee Members:** Deanne Dewar, Chris Barnard, Louise Moss, Peter Smyth, Peta Russo, Morgan McCloskey, Rhiannon Jose, Oliver Masters

Reports are now available to parents. You will have received a Compass notification regarding this. I encourage you to read the feedback provided and discuss this with your children. Our focus at NSC is always on learning growth and for all of our students this is what we ask of them, to be their best and believe in their ability to learn and grow.

We are farewelling a small number of our staff members this year. Two are heading towards retirement, and while they are currently on leave there are many of our past students who have fond memories of being taught by Peter Kam and Keith Ward. I would like to thank them both for their contribution to education and to our school and wish them all the best in the next stage of their life.

Sam Owen is also moving away from teaching. Sam has worked closely with several of our students and families and been a fantastic teacher in PE and Maths. The year 8's on camp this year enjoyed his enthusiasm and lead in activities, perhaps not so much his Dad jokes! Freya Sadler is also leaving and heading to work in Melbourne. Freya has been a driving force in our First Nations program and in supporting diversity. Good luck to both Sam and Freya, I appreciate the energy you have put into your work here with us.

At the moment it seems hard to think about the start of the next school year, but it will come around very quickly. School uniform can be purchased from the local sports store, please check our policy before making purchases.

School booklists are available on our website, <https://www.numurkahsc.vic.edu.au/parent-payments--booklists.html>

Finally, I would like to wish all our families a very happy Christmas and wonderful new year. I am very proud to be the principal of this wonderful school and look forward to continuing to lead our school to achieve our vision of inspiring aspiration and lifelong learning.

Cate Eddy

## First Nations—Campfire Conversations

Thursday night was our final First Nations families and carers "Campfire Conversations" meeting. Ms Eddy, Mr Bliss, Freya and some of our First Nations families and students came together to celebrate all that their students have achieved as part of our cultural engagement program at NSC. Daemyn created a thoughtful artistic gift for Ms Freya Sadler as she departs NSC at the end of 2023. The group is so grateful for her countless hours of work towards creating this wonderful space within NSC, being a constant advocate for the cohort and her steadfast leadership in our community's reconciliation journey.

Thank you Freya and all families who attended.



**R.E.A.P**

**Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride**





# ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



Our Wellbeing Team of Chelsea, Rachel and Steve, together with our fantastic teachers and support staff provide amazing wellbeing support for our students. Together we strive to create a safe and supportive space for learning, and provide the interventions, care and support students need if things aren't quite going right for them.

It is important to remember though that while it is ok to not be ok, and our staff will always do what we can to offer support, the holiday period can present significant challenges. School staff will not be available and help or support may still be needed. The Department of Education provides fact sheets for students, and for families which we have included in our newsletter. Hopefully they will not be needed, but knowing that help is still available and how to access it is important.

Moving in to 2024 our Engagement and Wellbeing Team is looking forward to continuing their great work in a number of ways:

- We welcome Mark Glover into the Year 9 Year Level Leader Role
- Hellen Harman takes on Year 7 and 8 Year Level Leading
- Micah Collie will continue her amazing work as our Senior School Leader
- Chris Barnard will look after our Year 10s
- The Wellbeing Team will continue running the highly successful group sessions to support students on a range of issues
- Student Forum will meet more regularly and provide more opportunities for Student Voice
- NSC will look to improve cyber safety and reduce online bullying by collaborating with eSmart Schools and our entire school community
- The Resilience Project will continue to be a pillar of our student wellbeing efforts, with increased opportunities for families to be involved and support our students further
- New reforms will support students more with classroom adjustments and initiatives so that learning can continue to be a major focus for us all

Thank you to our students for a fantastic 2023, and for the ongoing support from our families. Our school community is vibrant, engaged and great to be a part of and we look forward to an even better 2024. Have a fantastic Christmas and safe start to the new year and we will see you back in January.

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

# FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

## Wellbeing support for students over school holidays

It's been a big year and this guide provides tips and resources for parents, carers and families to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in their care over the school holidays. This includes services to reach out to if more support is needed.

### Actions that support positive mental health

Encourage your young person to:

- Exercise and eat healthily to boost their mood
- Prioritise sleep to support mental and emotional wellbeing
- Explore relaxation techniques and coping strategies
- Stay in touch and catch up with friends and loved ones
- Make time to do things they enjoy
- Practice positive self-talk, and remind them they are not alone
- Seek professional help if needed.<sup>1</sup>

The Department have developed wellbeing activities and conversation starters for parents and carers of [primary school-aged children](#) and [secondary school-aged children](#).

**Feeling it:** [mindfulness resources and activities for senior secondary students](#). Smiling Mind gives tips on self-care, understanding and managing emotions, being mindful, being kind to yourself, navigating uncertainty and preparing for change.



### Signs a child or young person may need mental health support

In some cases, these actions will not be enough to support positive mental health.

Keep an eye out and seek professional help for changes that last two or more weeks such as:

- Loss of interest or involvement in activities normally enjoyed
- Feeling 'low', unusually stressed or worried
- Ordinary things get harder
- Being easily irritated or angry
- Taking more dangerous risks, like using alcohol or drugs
- Withdrawal or feeling overwhelmed
- Difficulties with concentration and motivation
- Having a lot of negative thoughts
- Changing in sleeping and eating.<sup>2 3</sup>

### Young people supporting each other

Young people are **most likely to turn to each other for support** before seeking out an adult or service provider.

Young people can support each other by:

- contacting 000 if a friend needs urgent assistance or is at risk of harming themselves or others
- reaching out to a friend, offering support and letting them know you care
- letting their friend know they may need to tell a trusted adult about their concerns.

Having these types of conversations can be difficult for young people. Information for young people on how to support a friend is available on the headspace website: [How to help a friend going through a tough time](#)

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## Mental health support

- **Your local GP**
- **headspace Counselling:** Victorian Government secondary school students, including those who have just finished schooling, can access counselling services from headspace. During the holidays, students can self-refer by calling their [local headspace centre](#).
- **ehedspace:** 1800 650 890  
[www.headspace.org.au/ehedspace](http://www.headspace.org.au/ehedspace)
- **Kids Helpline:** 1800 551 800  
[www.kidshelpline.com.au](http://www.kidshelpline.com.au)
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14  
[www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au)
- **Beyond Blue:** 1300 224 636  
[www.beyondblue.org.au](http://www.beyondblue.org.au)
- **Head to Help:** 1800 595 212  
[www.headtohelp.org.au](http://www.headtohelp.org.au)
- **Suicide Call Back Service:** 1300 659 467  
[www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au](http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au)
- [Family violence information and support services](#)
- **Contacting 000** for urgent assistance

## Family violence support and resources

- **Safe Steps:** 1800 015 188  
[www.safesteps.org.au](http://www.safesteps.org.au)
- **1800RESPECT:** 1800 737 732  
[www.1800respect.org.au](http://www.1800respect.org.au)
- **What's okay at home:**  
[www.woah.org.au](http://www.woah.org.au)
- [Family violence support](#)

## Eastern Victoria bushfires: first anniversary

We are also approaching the first anniversary for some communities who experienced last Summer's Eastern Victoria bushfires. The anniversary may trigger worry or anxiety levels in children and young people that are similar to what they experienced during the event.

For more information on supporting children and young people during this time:

- **Emerging Minds:** [Traumatic events: anniversaries and other triggers](#)
- **Trauma and Grief Network:** [Understanding and managing anniversary reactions](#)

## Self-harm and suicide prevention resources

- [Getting a mental health care plan](#) (ReachOut)
- [What you need to know about self-harm](#) (headspace)
- [How to help when someone is suicidal](#) (SANE Australia)

## headspace parent seminars on understanding mental health

- Local headspace centres are running seminars over the school holidays to strengthen parents understanding of mental health and build skills and strategies to support mental health. For further information about dates contact: [headspaceschools@headspace.org.au](mailto:headspaceschools@headspace.org.au)
- headspace National has partnered with the Department of Education and Training to deliver two parent and carer twilight webinars to discuss:
  - o supporting young people – Notice, Ask, Connect (Thursday 10 December 2020. [Information and registration here](#))
  - o supporting young people transitioning from primary to secondary school (Tuesday 15 December 2020. [Information and registration here](#)).

## Mental health resources

- **Mental Health Toolkit:** contains resources for students, parents and carers to support the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in their care including:
  - o [Raising Learners Podcast Series:](#) providing expert advice/information to parents/carers on topics including how to keep your child safe online
  - o [Understanding mental health – fact sheet](#) (Orygen)
  - o [Learn how to handle tough times](#) (headspace)
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- [Supporting your young person during the holidays](#) (headspace)

# FOR STUDENTS

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# Total Positive Compass Chronicles for 2023

Ella PARKINSON	120	Brianna BOYDEN	68	Daemyn KOLLOSCHE-	54
Marli SALTER	117	Kale LEWIS	68	Annabella BOSCHETTI	54
Hayley NEWBY	111	Ocean FROST	67	Nadia RUGGI	52
Lucas HENDY	104	Summer GERITY	66	Kayla GERITY	51
Violet MONGAN	102	Degan RYAN	66	Aiden WOOLLEY	50
Ivy HENDERSON	98	Amy WYATT	65	Matthew LOURENS	50
Liam WOOLLEY	97	Charlotte CODIGA	65	William SRISOI	50
Aleesha JOHNSTONE	93	Daniel CALLANDER	65	Declan JONES	50
Lilly-Amber GROVER	92	Travis DECKER	65	Noah JOHNSON	50
Holly PIACENTINI	89	Sol FROST	64	Dakota KELLY	49
Ryley HAMPSON	88	Wyatt HENDY-SMITH	64	Kyron COOK	49
Charles HODGE	87	Matthew KOELEMEN	63	Toby NEWBERY	49
Hunter KUBEIL	86	Teleisha BEVERLEY	63	Renae RUSSO	49
Tegan STEVENSON	85	Izaac KOELEMEN	63	Cooper TETLEY	49
Olivia HANLEY	85	Corey COOK	62	Taleisha MANZONE	49
Ellina GRASSO	84	Havanah GARDNER	62	Jayden MCNAMARA	48
Connie HARRIS	83	Christopher BOSCHETTI	61	Corban MORTON	48
Bonnie RUSSO	82	Paige HAMPSON	61	Charlie PAYNE	48
Kaiah BOYDEN	81	Jaxson STONEHOUSE	61	Caitrin HARRISON	47
Charlie PATTEN	81	Asha PARRY	60	Jake SALTER	47
Elise KIRBY	81	Odin MINOTTI-WATSON	60	Jacob CHURCH	47
Lachlan CARTLEDGE	80	Olivia TERVIT	60	Mitchel BLIGHT	47
Anna NEWHAM	80	Tyler COOK	59	Amelia-Jean BEVERLEY	47
Declan CRISP	79	Blake LAWSON	59	Hayden DEAK	46
Helena SCHRAPEL	78	Cooper NEWBERY	59	Bronte MOYLAN	45
Bailey BONHAM	78	Owen WILLIAMS-MOSS	59	Patrick CARLISLE	45
Laylla TYRRELL	77	Bayden PARKINSON	58	Kade SOUTHCOTT	44
Ashton KIRBY	73	Leila THORNELL	58	Lukas LAWN	44
Baelan SAXTON	73	Bridget BROWN	58	Chianne BURNETT-MILLER	44
Tobie LOMAX-DAVIE	73	Sienna KUBEIL	57	Karli GERDTZ-SUFFERN	44
Diesel BARCLAY-KIMBERLEY	71	Jade HOLMES	57	Hannah STEDMAN	43
Robert WEBB	70	Ryder DEZWART	57	Thomas MOHR	43
Bella SHAYNE	70	Tanner BONHAM	56	Damiano GRASSO	43
Emilia GAZZOLA	70	Toby GRIFFITHS	56	Christopher BODSWORTH	43
Bethany GRIGG	70	Eleanor ROURKE	56	Marshall DUNCAN	43
Keira DEKKER	70	Tyler BODSWORTH	56	Jhett EDDY	43
Daniel GRINTER	69	Demii MCKELLAR	55	Liam YOUNG	42
Ashton VAN TAARLING	69	Holly PHILPOTT	55	Holly THOMPSON	42
Rylee BULLOCK	69	Robert HALL	55	Hayley-Anne MCGILL	41
Elisha MCCOOMBES	69	Heather MICHELMORE	55	Ebony GIDDENS	41
Lucas STEDMAN	69	Heidi WEBB	55	Jacob JETTEN	41
Chase ADAMS	68	Joshua MOODY	55	Max DUDLEY	40
			54	Dallas HURLE	40

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



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Skye YOUNG	39	Ebony ORZEGOWSKI	28	Cooper GRAHAM	17
Jorga WAKEFIELD	39	Savannah SHANAHAN	27	Taihla HARRIS	16
Jacob SIMMONS	39	Emily CAHOON	27	Kobi HIPWELL	15
Caitlyn BROWN	39	Shianne WAKEFIELD	27	Kayla LYNCH	15
Declan CAVALLARO	39	Chloe LAWSON	26	William SHERIDAN	15
Matthew MOHR	38	Inika CULTON	26	Lory DEVINE	15
Shaely EDDY	38	Charlee DAILEY	26	Aadyn HICKS	15
Xavier DIXON	38	Pippa MCCAMLEY	25	Mitchell BOSCHETTI	15
Keely MCCLUSKEY	37	Sofia GAZZOLA	25	Lachlan MCCLUSKEY	15
Darby SALTER	37	Jesse WAKEMAN	25	Monique GRECO	15
Lee DECKER	37	Curtis MCKELLAR	25	Riley MAY	15
Blake MCKENZIE	37	Jacob WOOLLEY	25	Holden GUNN	14
Andrew FEALY	37	Rhiannon JOSE	25	Mariana TURVEY	14
Bree Anna BYRA	37	Tyeisha BOSTANCIOGLU	25	Nicholas TICKELL	14
Matt HIBBERSON	36	Oliver MASTERS	25	Jesse POWLESLAND	13
Tamieka STEVENSON	36	Benjamin NORMAN	25	Alayah PARKER	13
Cheyenne CALLANDER	36	Bailey BROOKER	24	Ryan RUSSO	13
Zephariah BARTLETT	36	Nathan JOHNSTONE	24	Toby BROWN	13
Max TILLE	35	Grace JONES	23		
Shelby WARRINER	35	Taylor-Jade CLARKE	23	Michael VAN DEN	12
Jacinta HOLMES	35	Kaitlynn LAIRD	23	Courtney CICCONE	12
Jorjiah MOODY	34	Kassidy DI - GIACOMO	22	Ella CARLISLE	12
Clifford MCNALLY	34	Dakota EVERETT	22	Amelia LEVY	11
Billy ELSEGOOD	34	Mia RUGGI	22	Ebony-Paige GROVER	10
Tahlia REUSS	33	Peyton DUGGAN	22	Dakota JONES	10
Connor PHILPOTT	33	Katelyn BARLOW	22	Talia LAIRD	10
Hannah GRIGG	33	Imogen JEANES	21	Viv RUSSO	9
Chelsea GUNN	32	Devlin DUNCAN	21	Matthew TICKELL	8
Noah GOOD	32	Owen PERRY	21	River VEARING	8
Phoebe ZAMMIT	32	Noah PRICE	20	Skyla DAILEY	7
Sapphire BROWN	32	Amy HIBBERSON	20	Mia DUGGAN	5
Myah GUNDRILL	31	Matilda JONES	20	Joseph CRISARA	5
Zac NEWBY	31	Connor CICCONE	20	Isabelle ASH	5
Indianna ASHCROFT	31	Summer STORER	20	Charles WAITES	5
Akaysia FITZGERALD	31	Molly HARRIS	20	Anza WILSON	4
Sherv Vaughn CHARLTON	31	Cooper HAMPTON ARCHER	20	Karleisha BRAMWELL	4
Michelle RORE	31	Samara BARNES	19	Dakota MORAN	4
Will SIMPSON	30	Annabell HUGHES	19	Bella WAYMAN	3
Tyson SIMPSON	29	Judah MOODY	19	Chase DELLAR	3
Jacob LEVY	29	Sian LOMAX-DAVIE	19	Joshua STRIBBLING	2
Jacinda BLIGHT	29	Hannah O'BRIEN	19	Bailey STEVENSON	1
Lucas SPOKES	29	Savannah PAYNE	19	Natalie CICCONE	1
Marshall WILSON	29	William ROBIN	19	Jacob LINDBERG	1
Jack TREMELLEN	28	Chase DIXON	19	Kiya LAIRD	1
Savina D'AGOSTINO	28	Angus CLARK	18	Alexi KANE	1
Morgann HARRIS	28	Seiona MILLER	18		
Charlotte ALLISON	28	Tommi WALLACE	17		
Cooper THORNELL	28				

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

*Les Brown*

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# NUMURKAH SECONDARY COLLEGE 2023 DUX

CONGRATULATIONS



*Mia Ruggi*

**'Success doesn't rush. The greatest reward is the journey'**

- Oscar Wilde



# 2023 NSC Awards Evening



Acknowledgement to Country delivered by our 2024 First Nations Captains Savannah Payne and Daemyn Kollosche Beaton.



Masters of Ceremony—  
College Captains  
Rhiannon Jose and  
Oliver Masters, College  
Vice Captains Chelsea  
Gunn and Michelle Rore.

- Special Guests:
- Mr David Olsson, Worshipful Master, Rupertswood Numurkah Freemasons Lodge
  - Baulkamaugh CWA President Anita Seiter & Secretary Bridget Goulding
  - Numurkah Rotary Club President Julie Andrew
  - NSC Alumni Mr. Adam Cleary
  - Ms. Hollie Barnes, Manager of Community with Moira Shire
  - Ms. Lisa Kerr
  - Mrs. Virginia Woodgate
  - Mrs. Marie Martin & Mr Ron Martin
  - Ms. Abbey Monk, Project Support Officer GMLLEN
  - Mr. Stuart Hipwell, President Numurkah RSL
  - College Council President Mrs. Kathleen Newby
  - College Council members
  - Mrs. Cate Eddy, Principal of the College

## Year 7 Awards—Year Level Leader Nicky Pyszkowski



**Max Dudley**

*Academic Endeavour: Maths*

*Academic Endeavour: Textiles*



**Sol Frost**

*Academic Endeavour: Humanities*

*Academic Endeavour: Food*



**Violet Mongan**

*Academic Endeavour: Art*



**Olivia Tervit**

*Academic Endeavour: English*



**Bella Shayne**

*Academic Endeavour: PE/Health*

*Academic Endeavour: Science*

*Academic Endeavour: Wood*

Highest Overall SPA in Year 7

## Year 8 Awards - Year Level Leader Sam Owen



**Chase Adams**

*Academic Endeavour: Metal*



**Tobie Lomax-Davie**

*Academic Endeavour: Art*



**Hayley Newby**

*Academic Endeavour: English*

*Academic Endeavour: Maths*

*Academic Endeavour: Science*

*Academic Endeavour: Humanities*



**Ella Parkinson**

*Academic Endeavour: Food*

*Academic Endeavour: PE/Health*

*Highest Overall SP*

## Year 9 Awards - Year Level Leader Hellen Harman



**Patrick Carlisle**

*Academic Endeavour: Metal*



**Keira Dekker**

*Academic Endeavour: Humanities*



**Lucas Hendy**

*Academic Endeavour: Science*



**Jade Holmes**

*Academic Endeavour: Maths*

*Academic Endeavour: Wood*



**B Hughes**

*Academic Endeavour: Art*



**Taleisha Manzone**

*Academic Endeavour: English*



**Bonnie Russo**

*Academic Endeavour: Food*



**Amelia-Jean Beverley**

*Highest Overall SPA*



## Year 10 Awards - Year Level Leader Sam Owen



**Caitlyn Brown**

*Academic Endeavour: English*



**Jhett Eddy**

*Academic Endeavour: Humanities*



**Dakota Kelly**

*Academic Endeavour: Outdoor*



**Jorjiah Moody**

*Academic Endeavour: PE*

*Academic Endeavour: Food*



**Charlie Payne**

*Academic Endeavour: Human Movement and Performance*



**Dakota Salter**

*Academic Endeavour: Art*

**William Sheridan**

*Academic Endeavour: Metal*



**Ashton VanTaarling**

*Academic Endeavour: Wood*



**Phoebe Zammit**

*Academic Endeavour: Science*



**Renae Russo**

*Academic Endeavour: Math*

Highest Overall SPA for Year 10

## Year 11 Awards - Year Level Leader Micah Collie



**Savannah Payne**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE Outdoor Ed*



**Michael Van Den Goor**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE Product & Design*



**Daemyn Kollosche Beaton**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE VM Literacy*



**Holly Thompson**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE VM Numeracy*



**Riley May**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE Maths*



**Hannah Grigg**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE English*  
Highest Overall SPA for Year 11

## Year 12 Awards - Year Level Leader Micah Collie



**Oliver Masters**

*Anne Harris Award for English*

This award is given in memory of an exceptional lady who was a longstanding staff member at Numurkah Secondary College. Anne began teaching in 1997 and became a highly regarded Senior English teacher and held a Leading Teacher position for 8 years. In 2005 Anne decided it was time for a new challenge and stepped into the Assistant Principal role. Anne was a well rounded leader with strengths in teaching and learning, student management and curriculum. She was a dedicated English teacher who retired in 2009. Anne sadly passed away in 2013 after a long and courageous fight with cancer.



**Mia Ruggi**

*Ian Woodgate Memorial Award for Mathematics*

Ian Woodgate, universally known as 'Woody' was a dedicated and highly respected teacher of mathematics over three decades at NSC. Woody first came to Numurkah as a graduate in 1974 and quickly established himself as a pillar of the maths faculty. He also became a well respected member of the local community, particularly through his association with the Strathmerton Football Club. After becoming a coordinator of the maths faculty and a great mentor for Tweddle House in particular, Woody moved to further his career as Vice Principal of Werrimull P-12 College in Western Victoria. After 3 years, he returned to NSC teaching mathematics at the highest level. Despite his gruff manner, Woody was respected and loved by his students and colleagues and sorely missed after his untimely death due to cancer in 2005. The Woodgate award is presented to the mathematics student who excels in the manner in which Woody always wanted his charges to aspire.



**Taihla Harris**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE  
VM Numeracy*



**Amy Hibberson**

*Academic Endeavour: VCE  
VM Literacy*

## Music Workshop Awards instructed by Tricia Baggs



**Ivy Henderson**



**Aaron Newham**



**Lucas Hendy**



**Lucas Spokes**

These awards are given to students who have shown great dedication by always attending Music Workshop rehearsals, been supportive of the other members of the Workshop, and have demonstrated a positive attitude and growth mindset towards their own musical development. This year Marie Martin has sponsored awards for four of NSC's budding musicians.



## Champion House 2023

**Winning House**—Gray House with 5643 points

2nd place—Hunkin House with 5106 points

3rd place—Christie with 5052 points

4th place—Tweddle with 4383 points.

### Sportswoman and Sportsman Awards



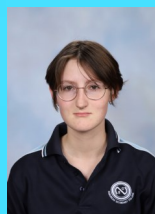
**Michelle Rore Joseph Crisara**

### Numurkah Gift



**Morgann Harris Chris Bodsworth**

### ABCN Highly Commended Award



**Ash Rourke**

### Shelly Scholarships



**Asha Bullock Maddi Brown**

## ADF Awards

### Long Tan Youth Leadership & Teamwork Awards



**Charlie Payne Amy Hibberson**

### Future Innovators Award



**Oliver Masters**

### Kobi Hipwell



#### *RB Mc Gregor Technology Award*

Barry Mc Gregor was promoted to NSC in 1970/71 to facilitate the introductions of a Technical component to the school. Mr Mc Gregor was an inspiring leader who led the effort to have many technical subject included in the curriculum. The Advisory School Council decided to institute this award as a permanent memorial, and has been presented since 1979. Mr Mc Gregor sadly passed away on the 2nd of April 1978.



### **Baulkamaugh CWA Award**

Morgann Harris



### **GMLLEN Award**

Courtney Ciccone



### **Apprenticeship Factory Award**

Taihla Harris



### **Moiria Shire Award**

Daemyn Kollosche  
Beaton

### **Rotary Academic Excellence Award**



Bayden Parkinson



### **Freemasons Numurkah Aspiration Award**

Mia Ruggi



Michael Van Den Goor



### **Ampol All-Rounder Award**

Rhiannon Jose



### **Lions Club Academic Endeavour Award**

Hayley Newby





## School for Student Leadership Fundraiser

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, NSC staff and students participated in an "Aussie Christmas" fundraiser organised by the School of Student Leadership (SSL) Year 9 students: Taleisha Manzone, Bridget Brown, Hunter Kubeil and Skye Young. This fundraiser was the culmination of the SSL Community Project for these students as part of their camp experience. Staff and students were encouraged to dress up in an "Aussie Christmas" theme and donate a gold coin and a non-perishable food item. The SSL students selected Beyond Housing as the recipient of the donated food items and gold coin donations. Jessica Bardeck, on behalf of Beyond Housing Shepparton, was delighted to receive the much needed food donations and the money that was raised and thanked all staff and students for their compassion and inspiration in this Christmas season.



Ms Harman, pictured here with Vaughan Adams from Beyond Housing—Shepparton, dropping off the food donations.

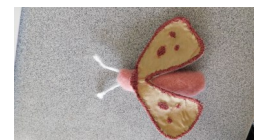
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## Textiles

Year 7 students have finished their textiles term learning the art of needle felting. They have learnt two different methods to create felt ornaments.

Colour exploration students have worked hard to complete their quilts. They have made their own fabrics and followed instructions to construct a series of blocks. These were then stitched together in random designs to create their quilt top. The worked together to complete the tied layers before stitching on the binding.

Activities this week saw students working on designing and creating fabric moths. The inspiration for these was the work by Mr. Finch. Requests have been made for spiders or mushrooms for next years activities!



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

— Jimmy Johnson



# Numurkah RSL Christmas Gathering

On Sunday three of the 2024 NSC Captains represented the college at the Numurkah RSL Christmas gathering. Grace, Ben, and Jesse were great ambassadors for the college and met members of the RSL who they will be working closely with in the lead up to Anzac Day. Jesse was even lucky enough to win one of the raffle prizes!



## Check this out!!

Check out Diesel's handmade 'Newton's cradle' - named after the physicist Isaac Newton, it shows the principles of conservation of energy, momentum and friction. Well done Diesel!!



## Meals on Wheels

Ocean and Will sort out the meals as part of the Meals On Wheels Program.

Thanks for volunteering boys.



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



# Year 8 Surf Trip

## Anglesea

Students and staff had a great time doing stand up paddleboarding, surfing, high ropes, mountain bike riding, body boarding, handstand competitions, seaweed throwing and beach sports. All students showed great resilience and were exhausted by the end of the day.









# Activities Week Gingerbread Houses





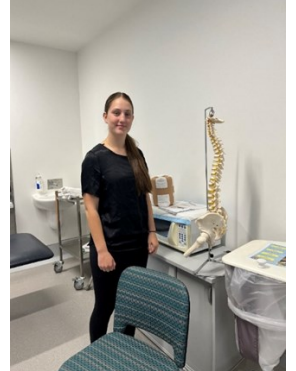
## NSC Careers News.

### Year 9

A few of our Year 9 students organised themselves and participated in a week of work experience.

Thank you to the many businesses that support our NSC students with exposure into their industries. Work Experience helps students make informed decisions about their career pathway.

Frosty's Refrigeration & Airconditioning, Katunga  
Stanyer Engineering, Katunga  
Jorgensens Refrigeration, Waaia  
Congupna Primary School  
Community Kids, Shepparton  
NCN Health



### Leaving school and not sure what's next

School Leavers Information Kit to help you make your next move. You can also check out the school leavers support page for useful information and resources to assist you in making your next move!

[Explore your next move](#)

### Skill up, change up with Fee-Free TAFE

If you're leaving school, looking for work, or wanting to upskill and change your career, you may be eligible for Fee-Free TAFE.

There are a range of study options available.

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**Available Tuesdays – Fridays**

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# Christmas LUNCH

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Learning Centre & Murray Ave'  
Community House;

Invite you to our annual

**Christmas Eve Luncheon**

December 24th at 12pm

Supper Room, Town Hall,  
Numurkah, Vic, 3636

RSVP by 14.12.2023

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