



Numurkah Secondary College

Newsletter

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Term 4
Week 1

Principal's Report

Welcome back to our final term for the 2023! Term 3 finished with our year 10 students out on work experience. It has been wonderful to hear their feedback and to have communication from employers about the great work ethic of our students. Several year 9 students have asked about taking up work experience opportunities. This is a possibility and can be approved from the end of November. Students are welcome to speak with their Year Level Leader Hellen Harman and the careers team of Cathy, Lisa and Mal.

Our year 9 students had the opportunity to be at camp over this last week and it has been fantastic to see the photos of them enjoying the outdoor adventures on offer at Rubicon. Some wet weather was an extra challenge but added to the adventure. High water levels prevented the final rafting activity from taking place but gave an opportunity to go and play in the snow at Lake Mountain. Thanks to Hellen Harman and Andrew Nicolls for spending the week away with our students.

Our school review process is underway and the first step of ensuring all policies and procedures is up to date has been approved. Our current policies are on the school website, and I encourage parents and guardians to view these and provide feedback. There will be further information over the next term and in term 1 next year regarding the review and all members of our school community will have the opportunity to contribute to the future planning for our school.

The process of electing our 2024 School Captains is underway and 7 students have submitted their applications. It is fantastic to have this number of senior students demonstrating their willingness to take on leadership positions. We will continue the process with interviews, speeches and voting over the next 3 weeks. Well done to Sofia Gazzola, Grace Jones, Caitrin Harrison, Ben Norman, Jesse Wakeman, Devlin Duncan and Jesse Powlesland.

The Live, Life Whole Project will conclude on Wednesday with the final presentation from Megan Dickinson. This program has been a wonderful opportunity for our students to expand their understanding of their health and reflect on how they can look after themselves and their friends. There is an opportunity for families to access the home program and if you are interested, please contact me at the school.

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

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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

Next meeting: 9th October 2023

Next Friday October 13th is the junior sports day. All students in year 7 and 8 will have the opportunity to sign up for a variety of sports to take part in. This is always a fun day and focuses on participation above everything else. Tennis, table tennis, lawn bowls and clay target shooting are options to sign-up for.

Subject selection for 2024 is underway for all students. It is important to have conversations with your child about these choices. Counselling is taking place at school to guide students. Our program gives great choices for students from year 8 upwards and it is important that there is good understanding of thinking about the future pathways when making these selections.

The Numurkah community is looking forward to hosting the Show Us Ya Wheels on October 15th. Students have been asked to support this and volunteer to help on the BBQ run by the Lion's club. Names can be submitted in at the office, thanks to those who have already done this. This a great opportunity to be involved in one of the biggest events in our town.

Make sure you place your order and pay for our 2023 School magazine. These are a great record of the year to look back over in years to come. Kylie Hicks has been building this over the year and I have no doubt it will once again be a great keepsake.

The latest CATS will be released next week. These will give an opportunity for students and families to review progress in subjects this semester and set some goals to strive to achieve a good finish to the year. Please contact teachers if you have concerns regarding this work and how we can work together to achieve the best results for each of our students.

Finally for this week I like to raise some concerns regarding attendance. Academic success and future employment opportunities are closely linked to attendance at school. Letters are being sent out where we are concerned that attendance is well below that expected by the Department of Education. I appreciate that illness is unavoidable but where possible please try and make shopping trips and social events outside of school times and days so we are able to reduce pressure on students who find they are falling behind with their schooling.

It was great to have 3 of our students take up the challenge to compete at the Hume region athletics on Thursday. Well done to Tom Mohr, Morgann Harris and Chris Bosworth. Congratulations to Tom who won the under 16 boys javelin and will now progress to compete in the state finals on October 16th, what a fantastic achievement!

Take the time to look through our newsletter and review all the wonderful activities and events taking place at NSC!

Cate Eddy

R.E.A.P

Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING

As the year goes on, sometimes getting up and getting to school can become more of a challenge, but every minute and every day counts! Attendance at school is so important for building social connections, building life skills and ultimately for the best possible outcomes for education, employment and life satisfaction.

If a student misses a class, the work and learning does not stop for those still at school. Absent students miss valuable learning, and lose connection with the tasks being completed. This can build anxiety in students when they return as they are not sure what has happened, what they need to do to catch up or exactly what is next. Obviously we will help as much as we can with that, but consistency is key to success!

We know that missing school due to illnesses and emergencies can happen. Notifying the school through Compass or a phone call is incredibly important. This allows us to support ongoing connection to work as appropriate and to properly support learning. As such, if a student misses 2 or more consecutive days without the school being notified, Homeroom Teachers will call to touch base to ensure everything is ok, and to see what support we can offer.

Do you know how quickly absences minute by minute or day by day can add up? Our friends in the NSW Education Department have summarised this really well! **How much more could you learn and do with an extra 2.5 years!?**

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days



30 mins
per day



=

18 days



Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.

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Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



=

4 weeks



=

Over 1 year missed

1 day per week



=

8 weeks



=

Over 2.5 years missed

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

Term 3 Positives Draw Winner!



Congratulations goes to Jacob Woolley for winning the Term 3 Positives draw!

Jacob is pictured here (from 2 years ago) experimenting with duct tape... it is fair to say he did not get the positive recognition for this particular effort.

Well done to Jacob who wins a \$50 voucher of his choice.

Hume Region Athletics

The Hume Region Athletics sports were held yesterday. Chris Bodsworth, Morgann Harris and Tom Mohr made the trek across to the Albury Athletics Track to compete. Chris finished in 4th place in the Shot Put, Morgann secured 3rd place in the 100m and 5th place in the 200m, and Tom came first in the Javelin with a throw of 27.66m. Tom is looking forward to competing at the State Championships to be held in Melbourne on October 16th. Well done Morgann, Chris and Tom, and thank-you to the parents who drove the team across on the day.



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



Year 12 VCEVM Community Project

2023 VCE VM students have worked closely with the Numurkah Local Historical Society and the RSL to design and produce a timeline for the front of the school. The timeline depicts the house leaders, the changes in location and logos of the College and some interesting facts about its contribution within the community. As you drive around the roundabout at the front of the school take the time to have a look at their fantastic work.



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

Well done Taleisha!

Whilst away from school on the Year 9 leadership camp, Taleisha was working on a short-story for the annual Furphy Literary Award. Taleisha submitted a story and was officially recognised last week for her participation in the competition. Well done Taleisha for sharing your love of writing with the judges and participating in the competition!



Meals on Wheels

Great work Charlie, Declan, Summer and Dakota for volunteering your time and for your patience in helping the Meals On Wheels Program.



Reap 2 Read

Kale Lewis has been working hard to reach his 100 book milestone. With a lot of home reading with his dad in the mornings as well as quiet reading on his own, Kale reached his goal in the last week of Term 3.

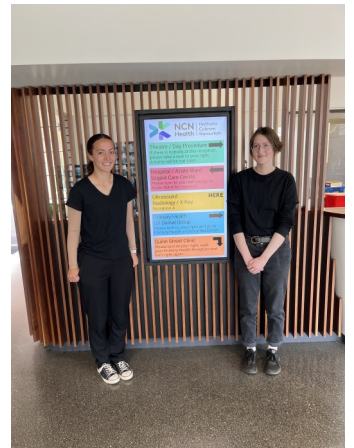


'You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream'

— C.S. Lewis

NSC Careers News

Year 10 work experience took place week beginning Monday 11.09.2023.



NSC would like to thank families for supporting their children with this and the wonderful businesses' that support NSC in offering available placements.

The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra'

— Jimmy Johnson

NSC Careers News

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

Tocumwal Pre School	Brereton's Bakery
St Joseph's Primary School	Dan Harris Mechanical Repairs
Shepparton Villages	Salter Furniture Creations
Bonnetts Electrical	Numurkah Timber & Hardware
Triple Bean Café	G.V. Dairy
Wunghnu Café	Computer Tech Support
Numurkah Pre School	Numurkah Primary School
Saputo Dairy Australia	CED Electrical
Peter Hill Power	O'Connors Case IH
NCN Health	Strathmerton Kindergarten
Sargent's Electrical	Trans Tank International
Shamrock Hotel	Talk of the Town Barber Shop
Goulburn Murray LLEN	Cactus Country
Harris Scarfe	Peppermill Inn
AFL Victoria	Crowbar Demolitions
Pet Stock Shepparton	A & MJ Denittis
LPM Automotive	Total Tools Shepparton
Moira Shire	Congupna Primary School
Numurakah Aquatic and Fitness Centres	

NSC Careers News

Whether you dream of becoming a plumber, makeup artist, chef or carpenter, a VET subject has you covered.

What are VET subjects? Short for **V**ocational **E**ducation and **T**raining, VET subjects develop the theoretical knowledge and practical skills required for various careers.

HOW DO I KNOW IF A VET SUBJECT IS FOR ME?

Are you a hands-on person who learns best through doing?

Is there something practical you're really into, that isn't covered by your usual subjects?

For example, animals, fashion, cars, technology, etc.

Are you interested in studying at TAFE and would you like to get a sense of it before making pathway decisions?

Have you thought about doing an apprenticeship or traineeship when you leave school?

Do you have consistent school attendance? As VET is competency-based, you need to be present to learn and demonstrate the skills.

Just like a TAFE course, school VET subjects lead to nationally recognised Certificate II or III qualifications to enhance your credentials.

Some courses offer industry exposure and structured workplace learning opportunities giving you a taste of what it's like to work in your chosen field. VET learning and assessment is competency based which means it's about getting hands-on with real-world tasks and developing practical skills.

In a VET subject, what matters most is your ability to perform a skill to a required standard. It's not about comparing yourself to others. It's about honing your own skills, strengths, and talents.

<https://www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/study-and-training/other-study-options>

If you need any career advice, drop in and see Cathy O'Sullivan Tuesdays – Fridays
Send an email cathy.osullivan@education.vic.gov.au or **M:0476496352**

The Numurkah SC careers website is a great source for all student year levels.

Check it out! www.numurkahcareers.com

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



Harry Ferguson Tractor Club of Australia

7th October

The story of this Ferguson tractor serial number TED 377442 began when it left the factory in Coventry, England & was loaded onto a ship bound for Australia in February 1954.

The tractor was purchased as a new one by the Tallyho Boys Home in Melbourne. It was then purchased by Mr. Matthew Brogan who generously donated the tractor in a disassembled state to the HFTC to be restored as part of their Fergy School program. The HFTC is coordinating the restoration with students at Numurkah Secondary College.

As part of their technical studies, year 9 & 10 students spend 2 afternoons per week working on the tractor under the supervision of local HFTC members & Numurkah Rotary members. Parts have been generously supplied by Sparex, Numurkah Secondary College & Repco Shepparton.



The students involved are pleased to have this experience & wish to thank the Numurkah Secondary College staff & all those volunteers involved in the organisation & implementation of this Ferguson tractor restoration.

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

The restoration story has begun.
The work completed by the students includes the following;

Sort all the parts & bolts, clean & identify boxes of parts,

Fabricate a tractor stand to safely support the tractor,

Remove & clean the many rusted & seized bolts, [not very appealing]

Clean, re-seal, grease & adjust the front hubs,

Check kingpins & assemble in axle,

Repair & bush axle carrier housing & fit new pivot pin,

Clean & assemble steering rods & radius arms,



Clean engine block. Pressure wash & blow clean all oil galls.

Finish the crankshaft, measure the bearing journals & order bearings & rear main seal,

Assemble the main bearings in the block & check the clearance,

Fit the crankshaft & the rear main seal, tighten main bearing bolts with tension wrench,

Assemble the conrod bearings & check the clearance,

Fit the liners into the block, check with a feeler gauge the height above the engine block,

Orientate the rings, then using the ring compressor, fit the piston & rod assemblies into the liners,

Tighten the conrod bearings bolts with a tension wrench,

Tighten the 10 head nuts in sequence with the tension wrench,

Assemble the valve rocker shaft & tighten the retaining nuts with a tension wrench,

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



Fit seal & gasket to timing cover, bolt timing cover to the engine block,

Assemble the valves into the cylinder head using a valve spring compressor,

Install head gasket & cylinder head.

Drain oil from transmission & remove the PTO shaft,

Remove the steering box, clean, reseal & assemble,

Re-machine the manifold bolt up faces.



‘Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do ’ -

John Wooden

Matilda Jones – Head Start School Based Apprenticeship

Earlier this year our year 10 Numurkah Secondary College student Matilda Jones participated in work experience at O’Connors in Shepparton. After the success of the work experience, O’Connors have since welcomed Matilda into their team via a Head Start School Based Apprenticeship.

Guided by our Careers team, and utilising the GMLLEN work experience/SWL portal, Matilda took a keen interest in engaging in a work placement at O’Connor’s as this aligned with Matildas interests and career pathway.

Matilda is currently working 2 days a week at O’Connors and has commenced qualification, Certificate III Agricultural Mechanical Technology. Matilda will complete her VET studies alongside her school studies here at Numurkah over the next few years, all whilst earning money and gaining real life skills in the workplace.

We are especially proud of Matilda taking on a qualification that is traditionally a male dominated field and we thank O’Connors for being a welcoming and inclusive work environment for Matilda and other students who undertake work experience.

For information on School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT’s), please contact Head Start Coordinator, Lisa Kerr.

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‘The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary’

- Vidal Sassoon

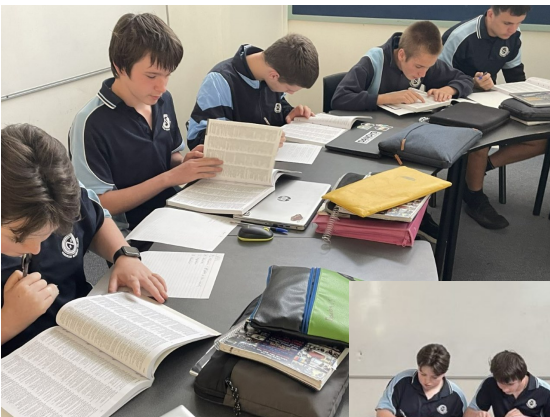
ART SKILLS

In this week's Art Skills class, students took to the great outdoors to practice their watercolour techniques en plein air, which translates to 'in open air'. Captured in the attached photos, you'll see our young artists fully immersed in their landscapes, painting the natural world around them with vibrant watercolours. It was a wonderful experience that allowed students to connect with nature while honing their artistic abilities.



YEAR 8 DICTIONARY RACE

NSC's Year 8 Humanities (War 1) students putting their research skills to the test with a "dictionary race" in class. Students are learning about the build-up to WWI and expanding their historical vocabulary. Keep up the great work Year 8s.



'Children must be taught how to think, not what to think' -

Margaret Mead

ATTENTION

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