



Numurkah Secondary College

Newsletter

104 Tocumwal Road Numurkah

(03) 58621088

Term 4
Week 7

Principal's Report

Over the last 2 weeks it has been wonderful to see our students step up and participate in community events. On Remembrance Day our 2024 school captains, Sofia, Ben, Grace and Jesse placed a wreath from our school at the cenotaph. On Friday evening Grace Jones was one of the MCs at the Ganbina awards evening. Grace did a wonderful job presenting information about the awards and introducing each of the recipients. The added highlight of the evening was to see Declan Jones receive an education award for a year 9 student and Charlie Payne education award for a year 10 student. I am very proud of each of these students who were great representatives of Numurkah Secondary College.

Toward the end of this newsletter, you will find information for our students to volunteer in a program running over the holidays through NCN Health. This provides an opportunity for students to spend time with some of the senior citizens in our aged care facilities playing cards/games. Anyone who has watched the ABC series of Old People's Home for Teenagers would realise the benefits for young people spending time with older people who can offer so much wisdom as well as enable an appreciation of the challenges that exist across generations. To express interest, call 68620598 by Friday December 1st. I would love to hear of some of our students participating in this program.

Dr Ashlea Doery and Nurse Megan Chick were at the school last Thursday as the Doctors in School Program returned to being face-to-face. Students were quick to connect with this program and I encourage families to support them by making their own appointments at the office or to call to arrange these. Parents and guardians are welcome to attend these appointments.

Our year 10 and 11 students have completed their exams. It was impressive to see them focused and striving to do their best. Students who will be going into VCE-VM programs next year are encouraged to seek work experience now classes have finished for them, this will support them in finding work placements for 2024. All students undertaking VCE courses are expected to be at school for the next 2 weeks during the HeadStart program. This is an excellent preparation for the year ahead and coursework will start in all subjects.

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

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, Morgan McCloskey, Rhiannon Jose, Oliver Masters

Next meeting: 11th Dec 2023

Attendance at school is important and a legal requirement. What might seem to be just a day here or there very quickly adds up. Students who miss the equivalent of 1 day a week have attendance figures below 80% and by the time they are in year 12 this absence will equate to missing more than to 2 ½ years. This not only impacts on their education but is also very poor preparation for moving into the workforce. I would like to encourage all families to contact the school to discuss any concerns and if you need support with regards to attendance. I have been impressed to see the number of students being celebrated in year level meetings for attendance above 95%.

This time of the year is always busy for everyone. Please make sure you keep December 13th free for our presentation evening. We look forward to seeing you there.

Cate Eddy



On Saturday 11th November our 2024 NSC College Captains Sofia Gazzola and Ben Norman along with Vice Captains Grace Jones and Jesse Wakeman represented NSC at the Remembrance Day ceremony which is held at the Memorial Park in Numurkah each year. This was the first of their official duties as College leaders and they certainly excelled. We look forward to seeing them representing the college throughout 2024.

R.E.A.P

Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING



This year we relaunched The Resilience Project, and have talked about the science behind the power of GEM. GEM stands for gratitude, empathy and mindfulness and simple reflections every day related to GEM can have a powerful impact on mental health and wellbeing.

Evidence tells us that one in four adolescents are likely to experience clinical levels of depression or anxiety before the age of 18, and scarily 2/3 of them will not seek help. Taking a few simple preventative steps will not completely prevent this from happening, and does not replace professional help but it DOES make a difference.

At NSC we are seeking to make the language of GEM and the simple practices related to The Resilience Project a part of our culture. Something we are, not just something we do. This can be greatly enhanced if GEM becomes part of the language at home too.

It is not hard either! Simply asking each day “What went well for you?” is enough to get started! The Resilience Project has put together a Parent and Carer Hub- full of background information, hints and activities with video explainers. Take 5 minutes and check it out! <https://theresilienceproject.com.au/2023-parent-carer-hub-engage/> and if we can help you on your GEM journey, let us know!

Mobile Phones and Social Media

Just another quick reminder of NSC expectations around use of mobile phones and social media. Problems linked to social media conversations continue to flow into schools, even though they do not occur at school usually. However recently we have seen the negative impacts phone use while at school can have and continue to seek family support in tackling these concerns as a team effort.

As such we are reminding everyone that phones are **banned at school between 9am and 3:20pm**. If a student has a phone it must be **in their locker** between those times and cannot be used, **even at recess or lunchtime**. **If you need to contact your student you can do so via the School Office on 5862 1088.**

The incidents related to phones are significant and serious. They are not unique to our school, which is why the ban on mobile phones is statewide throughout Victoria. We treat the safety of our students incredibly seriously and as such we are tightening up expectations and consequences around breaches of this rule.

If a student chooses not to place their phone in their locker, or to hand over their phone during Homeroom and are caught with it between 9am and 3:20pm, it will be confiscated and kept in the safe within the office until a parent or guardian picks it up for them. If they break this rule more than once, consequences may include external suspension.

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

Term 4 Week 5 & 6 Positive Compass Chronicles

5 Positives— Diesel Barclay Kimberely, Sol Frost, Kale Lewis, Charlie Patten, Toby Newbery, Daniel Grinter, Dakota Salter

4 Positives— Liam Young, Havanah Gardner, Rylee Bullock, Ash Parry, Kaiah Boyden, Bella Shayne, Max Dudley, Billy Elsegood, Ryley Hampson, Amy Wyatt, Tanner Bonham

3 Positives— Charlotte Codiga, Austin Webb, Morgann Harris, Dallas Hurle, Sienna Kubeil, Declan Crisp, Lucas Stedman, Ashton Van Taarling, Olivia Tervit, Ebony Paige Grover, Christopher Boschetti, Ellina Grasso, Kyron Cook, Emilia Gazzola, Lilly Amber Grover, Bonnie Russo, Chase Adams, Anna Newham, Odin Minotti-Watson, Tegan Stevenson, Bobby Hall, Toby Griffiths, Ryder Dezwart, Violet Mongan, Corban Morton, Aleesha Johnstone, Dakota Jones, Andrew Fealy, Helena Schrapel, Tobie Lomax Davie, Holly Piacentini, Jacob Church, Annabella Boschetti

Top Staff Positive Compass Chronicles given over weeks 5 & 6

Nicky Pyszkowski	59	Mark Hansford	11
Hellen Harman	39	Andrew Nicholls	10
Mark Glover	36	Lea Rahilly	10
Janice Matthews	19	Sam Bliss	9
David Kelly	19	Lachlan Heard	9
Sam Pattie	16	Chris Barnard	8
Micah Collie	15	Katelyn Walsh	6
Rachel Connell	12	Freya Sadler	5
Zach McKeown	12	Aldrin Rore	4
Sam Gierveld	11	Matt Puchala	1
Kylie Hicks	11		

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

Technology



Year 8 students Ella Parkinson and Hayley Newby tested our new Milwaukee dust extractor systems this week. Both units were upgraded to include dual suction hoses so we can utilise our extensive range of Milwaukee tools.



Jesse Powlesland proudly presents his prize winning Longboard. Jesse designed this product by following the Product Design Process and applied his well-developed practical skills to produce it. Jesse has participated in many learning experiences this year, epoxy resins, laminating and glaze coating to name a few. Well done Jesse.



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

Project Ready

Students from the year 10 Project Ready class had their final session on Thursday the 16th of November, receiving certificates of completion from GMLLEN mentors Abbey Monk and Morgan Marx. It was a nice morning to acknowledge the efforts of the students across the year. Some of the highlights were the industry tours and the Red cross day held in term 3, where students helped to raise over \$300 as well as donations of used clothes for the Numurkah Red Cross. Thanks to the parents who came in to celebrate, and well done to all students on your great efforts across the year.



Café Culture

Café Culture students have been exploring the chemistry of chocolate. Their final assessment task was to design and produce a food which complemented a chocolate fountain. FUN FUN FUN!!!



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

— C.S. Lewis

Year 7 Physical Education – Bike Education

Recently in PE the year 7's have been completing a Bike Education unit. This week we have been learning about how to safely stop and give way at intersections.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Great work Cooper Tetley and Cooper Newberry and thanks for volunteering to be part of the Meals On Wheels Program.



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

GANBINA AWARDS NIGHT

The pride of Numurkah Secondary College soared high at the 2023 Ganbina Youth Achievement Awards on Friday night. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our outstanding students who secured top honours at this prestigious event.

Year 9 - Declan Jones and Year 10 - Charlie Payne demonstrated exceptional dedication and talent, claiming the 2023 Ganbina Youth Achievement Awards for their accomplishments this year.

Additionally, we celebrate Grace Jones, a graduate of the Ganbina Youth Leadership Program, whose extraordinary leadership skills were acknowledged and celebrated at this esteemed event.

Well done to the winners and all those who applied we hope to have even more winners in the years to come!!



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



Help us raise funds for Beyond Housing

BeyondHousing is a not for profit organisation
providing people with a pathway to home.

<https://www.beyondhousing.org.au/>



Out of Uniform Day

Theme: Aussie Christmas

Our 2023 School for Student Leadership participants Bridget, Taleisha, Hunter, Skye and Aiden are asking students and families to donate non-perishable foods or a gold coin in support of Beyond Housing.



When: Friday 1st December

Please bring donations to school



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

- Vidal Sassoon

Year 6 Transition Meetings

Over the next coming weeks, transition meetings for our newly enrolled year 6 students will continue. This is a great time for students, guardians and carers to discuss concerns, queries, book list, uniforms, bring your own devices etc. and for Miss P to answer any questions and to get to know our families in preparation for 2024. Please be on the lookout for a call from Miss P and Numurkah Secondary College 03 5862 1088 to schedule your appointment. Thank you to all those who have attended thus far, it has been great meeting you all.



‘The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra’

– Jimmy Johnson

Overdue library books

Can all families please check at home for any NSC library books and return these as soon as possible.



NCN Health | Nathalia | Cobram | Numurkah

School Holiday Opportunity
for secondary school students
to play games/cards and other activities with residents in Aged Care

- ☑ one to two hours a week for 6 weeks
- ☑ Days/Times by arrangement
- ☑ at Banawah Nathalia, Irvin House Cobram or Pioneers Lodge Numurkah.
- ☑ Orientation, Training and Support provided

Enquire today

Any enquiries to Volunteer Coordinator on 58620598
Express your interest in participating by Friday 1st December 2023
<https://ncnhealth.org.au/work-or-volunteer-at-ncn-health/volunteers/>

AGED CARE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

"I look forward to it every week. I play board or card games with the residents."

Belair
stainless steel

Design, Manufacture, Installation of Quality Commercial Kitchens

Address: 24 Station St Numurkah, Victoria 3636

Phone: 0408717298

Postal Address: PO BOX 263, Numurkah, Victoria 3636

Email: wayne_belair@aapt.net.au

Belair is an established commercial kitchen contractor based in Numurkah Victoria.

We offer our customers a full design, build and installation service.

We specialise in building complete stainless-steel kitchens and Bars for pubs and clubs along the Murry.

Belair also manufacture domestic benching and outdoor kitchens.

I am currently a one-man band looking for the right apprentice to join our growing business.

I would like to have any year 11 or 12 students interested in starting a week work experience before the end of the school year with the chance for another week for the right student before Xmas 2023.

Any questions please give me a call.

Kind regards
Wayne Hooker

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
WUNGHNU COMMUNITY

Christmas PARTY

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2023
6PM - 8PM • GEORGE GRAHAM PARK

FREE BBQ • LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • RAFFLES • BYO CHAIR
SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA

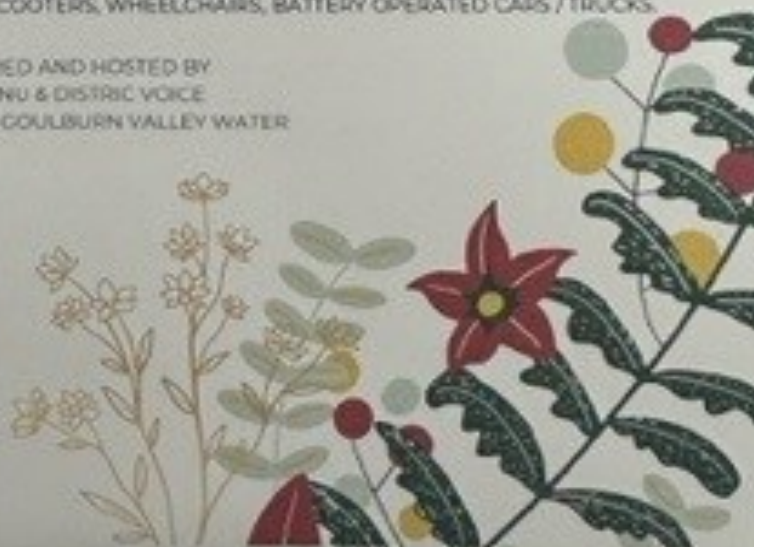
KIDS!

THIS YEAR WE HAVE DECIDED TO HOST
'WUNGHNU WHEELS'

BRING YOUR BEST DECORATED WHEELS
1ST, 2ND, 3RD PRIZES FOR UNDER 7, UNDER 13

ANYTHING YOU CAN RIDE OR DRIVE! BIKES, TRIKES, SCOOTERS, WHEELCHAIRS, BATTERY OPERATED CARS / TRUCKS.

SPONSORED AND HOSTED BY
WUNGHNU & DISTRICT VOICE
SPONSORED BY GOULBURN VALLEY WATER



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

Les Brown