



Numurkah Secondary College

Newsletter

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Term 3

Week 7

Principal's Report

As we move toward the end of August our term end is approaching with some busy weeks ahead. SPA reports and CAT feedback are now available, and I encourage families to look at these and discuss with their students. Please feel free to contact teachers and year level leaders. There will also be an opportunity to discuss these at parent teacher interviews which will take place at the end of term, in the evening on Thursday September 14th and Friday September 15th. Families will be notified once bookings are open.

Thank you to those who have provided feedback through the parent/caregiver and guardian survey. This feedback will be reviewed as we set our future plans and goals. We really value knowing what we do well and what we can do better. If you have not had an opportunity to complete the survey, please log on using the link on Compass.

Well done to the following students who have been invited to participate in the Victorian High Abilities Program in term 4 based on NAPLAN results. Charli Codiga (Maths), Lilly Grover (English), Noah Johnson (Maths), Sienna Kubeil (Maths), Asha Parry (English), Holly Piacentini (English), Baelan Saxton (English), Olivia Tervit (Maths) and Austin Webb (Maths).

We are very proud to be acknowledged as the top school in the state for students accessing apprenticeships and traineeships. This is not only recognition of what pathways we provide at school but also the quality of our students and the support of local businesses in providing opportunities. Several of our year 12 students already have apprenticeships in place for when they complete their course. The growth of the SBAT opportunities and engagement in VET courses continue to be some of our college strengths. The picture of Judah Moody later in the newsletter is an example of the great work being done in the school technical area, giving our students the skills to access trade apprenticeships.

It has been wonderful to see our year 12 VCE-VM class engage with the local community and contribute to the Murray Ave Community House. The work the class have completed and the future plans are a credit to them and demonstrate their awareness of the importance of being a volunteer.

A position has come up on our school council due to a family no longer being enrolled with us. We would love to have another parent representative join us. If you are interested, please contact the school.

On Monday we start our week with our Book week parade. I'm looking forward to students participating by dressing up for the parade as their favourite book characters.

Cate Eddy

Term Dates

July

10th Student free day

19th Year 10 Careers Pathway evening

August

14th Student Free day

25th Athletics Carnival

28th Book Week parade

September

11th—15th Year 10 work experience

12th Year 6 Transition

14th Parent Teacher interviews from 4.30pm

15th Student free day—parent teacher interviews

15th Last day of Term 3

October

2nd Term 4 begins

2nd Year 9 Rubicon Camp

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

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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, Angela Joy, Morgan McCloskey, Rhiannon Jose, Oliver Masters

Next meeting: 9th October

ENGAGEMENT AND WELLBEING

CYBERBULLYING AND ONLINE SAFETY

Cyberbullying is an ever-increasing problem facing young people today. Some of the statistics are alarming.

- Cyberbullying rates for people under the age of 14 have tripled since 2019
- May 2023 saw the highest level of incidents reported to the e-Safety Commissioner since records began in 2015.
- The reality is online interactions are now a part of a young person's life, so supporting responsible use is essential.

Numurkah Secondary College's community is not immune to these issues. As a school we continue to provide education, guidance and support for students to make good choices when online. We are also currently exploring new options to support our students further, with more detail to follow soon.

We need the entire school community to work together to reduce negative interactions and experiences online, and to support a safe online environment for all our students.

Having discussions with your student(s) about what is happening in their online world, and building a safe space where they can come to you if things go wrong is important. Knowing what apps students are using, risks involved and what to do to support them if something does go wrong is also critical.

It is a tricky space to navigate though, with new apps and sites springing up regularly! The e-Safety Commissioner can help parents and caregivers with information and strategies. Check out the links below to help build a stronger, and importantly safer online community for your students!

General information for parents: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

Information about a HUGE number of social media applications, including minimum age requirements, potential risks around privacy and how to report concerns:
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide>

Chris Barnard

Assistant Principal- Engagement and Wellbeing.

STUDENT FORUM

This term has seen our brand new Student Forum commence. The Student Forum consists of Student Year Level Representatives, who meet to discuss ideas, concerns and improvements from fellow students in their year level. Already some ideas about uniforms, canteen menus and school values have taken place. Student Voice is valued at Numurkah Secondary College, and the Student Forum is an additional way we encourage, and listen to student feedback so that we may continue to improve.



Well done to our Year Level Representatives for 2023!

Year 7- Anna Newham and Austin Webb

Year 10- Darby Salter and Lucas Spokes

Year 8- Ivy Henderson and Tobie Lomax-Davie

Year 11- Sofia Gazzola and Savannah Payne

Year 9- To be confirmed!

Year 12- Rhiannon Jose and Oliver Masters

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

Weeks 3–6 Compass Positives!!

21 positives

Hayley Newby

18 positives

Marli Salter
Ella Parkinson

17 positives

Wyatt Hendy–
Smith

16 positives

Violet Mongan
Ivy Henderson

15 positives

Bailey Bonham
Ocean Frost

14 positives

Aleesha Johnstone

13 positives

Nadia Ruggi
Owen Williams
Moss
Ellina Grasso
Liam Woolley

11 positives

Elise Kirby
Kaiah Boyden
Holly Piacentini
Caitrin Harrison

10 positives

Connie Harris
Chase Adams
Matthew Lourens
Laylla Tryrell
Lilly Amber Grover
Baelan Saxton

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



**Quality workmanship
once again from the
NSC Tech Wing.**

**Judah Moody proudly
displays his lockable
metal toolbox.**

Amazing work Judah!

Meals on Wheels



Matthew, Lucas,
Declan and
Ashton all
volunteered to
assist with the
Meals on Wheels
program.



R.E.A.P

Respect - Excellence - Aspiration - Pride

Food and Fibre Agricultural Excursion

On Friday the 18th of August, the Year 12 VCE VM students and Ms Robertson's Year 10 Business Management class attended a number of local agricultural businesses. Firstly, we visited Ian Goodin's dairy farm in Katunga. We met his cows and learnt all about how he runs his business. Our second visit was to Aussie Pride Produce in Tallygaroopna. They're a hydroponic farm which uses a number of innovative growing procedures. Our final stop of the day was How-Now Dairy in Numurkah. This excursion was a valuable insight into the world of agriculture and how each of these businesses adopt different management styles and procedures. We learnt about how an ethical dairy raises "happy cows", who aren't separated from their mothers and are raised antibiotic free. They choose to sell milk the old-fashioned way with cream on top. We even got to sample some delicious cheese from How-Now Dairy!

We would like to thank Ms Robertson, Dave Findlay, our wonderful local businesses,



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



Legacy Packing

Students from the Year 10 Project Ready class visited Legacy Packing in Week 5 of term 3 for a tour of the workplace. We were able to see the processes followed from arrival to departure of the famous sumo oranges, and students had the opportunity to look at the different jobs within the factory, from packing the fruit to quality control. Students also got to discuss many of the WHS issues and protocols that are put in place at the factory, which complemented the work we have been doing in class. Thanks to Legacy Packing for allowing us to look at their amazing operation, they are always on the look out for staff over the busy holiday period!



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

- Vidal Sassoon

Taking Care of Me

Year 9 Sexual Health

On Wednesday 6th September year 9 students will be attending the ***taking care of me*** sexual health presentation in the assembly hall. This presentation is delivered by experts in sexual health from a range of backgrounds including Vic Police, NCN Health, Uniting Care and the Department of Education Health and Wellbeing Branch who deliver information on various aspects of sexual health. The topics include sexually transmitted infections, contraception, consent and the law, diversity and also the impact of pornography on young people's expectations of sexual relationships.

This presentation supports mandatory Year 9 Health and Personal Development curriculum.

We hope that these presentations increase young peoples understanding of sexual health and promote healthy relationships.

Year 9 Camp—Term 4 week 1

All permission notes need to be handed in to Ms Harman ASAP!!

If your child is not attending the Year 9 Rubicon Camp— there is no alternative program running and students will need to be at home for that week.



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

— C.S. Lewis

Year 12 VCE VM Personal Development Skills – update

Our students have been working hard over the last few weeks at the Murray Avenue Community House and have now completed the following projects—

- Cleared out the front room
- Painted the front room
- Assisted with installing new food shelves into front room
 - Transferred donated food onto the shelves
- Cleaned up and returned furniture into the loungeroom
 - Created a fire pit



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

Les Brown



MEET OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

RHIANNON JOSE

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT?

I THINK MY BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT IS HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SCHOOL CAPTAIN FOR TWO YEARS IN A ROW.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE CLASS AT SCHOOL?

I THINK MY FAVOURITE SUBJECT IS DEFINITELY ENGLISH WITH MS COLLIE.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVOURITE THING FROM THE SCHOOL CANTEEN?

MY FAVOURITE THING WOULD DEFINITELY BE A CHEEKY HASH BROWN WITH CHICKEN SALT.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

FINISHING SCHOOL, AND HOPEFULLY GETTING INTO UNIVERSITY

WHERE DID YOU GROW UP?

I GREW UP ALL OVER THE PLACE, BUT ORIGINALLY FROM QUEENSLAND!

DO YOU HAVE ANY SIBLINGS? HOW MANY?

I HAVE TWO SIBLINGS, AN OLDER BROTHER (27), AN OLDER SISTER (22) AND ME! (18)

WHERE IS SOMEWHERE YOU WANT TO TRAVEL TO? AND WHY?

I WOULD LOVE TO TRAVEL TO A SMALL TOWN IN MEXICO CALLED SAYULITA, BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE MY FATHER IS ORIGINALLY FROM.

WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB?

MY DREAM JOB IS TO BE A PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER.

WHAT ADVICE

WOULD YOU GIVE TO NEXT YEAR'S, YEAR 12'S?

STAY CALM AND BE ORGANISED,
AND THAT MS COLLIE ISN'T THAT SCARY

Red cross op shop day

Held on the 29th of August.

-Out of school uniform- bring your best op shop clothes- you will need to bring a gold coin donation.

-Raising money for the **red cross**.

-Bring clothes/ pair of clothes that you don't wear anymore to donate to the **red cross**.

-we will be running a BBQ as well- at recess

- Sausages: \$2.50
- With onion: + 50c



BOOK WEEK PARADE

Monday 28th August 9am



READ GROW INSPIRE

Come dressed as your
favourite book character

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

Community Project for Peace.

Work as a community to
make paper cranes for
peace.

Make origami paper cranes and leave
them at any Goulburn Valley Library or
deliver to the Mobile Library and
contribute to the community project for peace.

Cranes will be accepted until 21st September,
the United Nations International Day of Peace and will be
displayed at our libraries until
29th September.

They will then be sent to the
Children's Peace Monument in
Hiroshima, Japan.

Origami cranes are a symbol of peace
throughout the world.
Drop into your local library to find out why.



Help make
5000 cranes
across the
Goulburn Valley
before the
International Day
of Peace.

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KIDS SHOWS WITH MARTIN HEPPELL TOURING VICTORIA SEPTEMBER 2023

THE

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3 HAPPY TRICKS

FRANKSTON
18 SEPTEMBER
WODONGA
20 SEPTEMBER
WANGARATTA
21 SEPTEMBER

DANDENONG
22 SEPTEMBER
DAREBIN
23 SEPTEMBER
BALLARAT
24 SEPTEMBER

GEELONG
25 SEPTEMBER
BENDIGO
26 SEPTEMBER
SHEPPARTON
27 SEPTEMBER



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