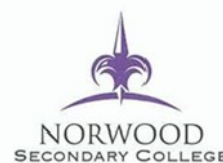


NORWOOD COMPASS

The Newsletter of Norwood Secondary College



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Norwood Secondary College provides a vibrant teaching and learning environment

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1 September, 2023

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Assistant Principals: Mr Nick Mammoliti and Mrs Jackie Harris

College Council President: Ms Tammie Palmer

College Captains: Mia Brice and Ethan Wilson

School Web Address: www.norwood.vic.edu.au

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

TERM 3, 2023

Monday, 4 September

Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion

Tuesday, 5 September

Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion

Wednesday, 6 September

Year 7 Sport

Thursday, 7 September

Year 9 Outdoor Rec Surf Camp depart

Friday, 8 September

Year 9 Outdoor Rec Surf Camp return



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"ANASTASIA"

THE COLLEGE PRODUCTION FOR 2023

As was reported in the previous Newsletter, the College Production of Anastasia was well underway. Since that report, the final two performances were held and I can report that they both went seamlessly. All who attended raved about the students' performances (and particularly the strength of our 'leads' and the quality of our dancers) and the sets, musical accompaniment etc all received a huge 'thumbs up'.



Congratulations to our lead characters: Hannah, Logan, Elijah, Georgia, Alex and Annabel – they were simply amazing. Congratulations to all the Cast – the strength of performances went so deep.

Thank-you to the many students who assisted backstage, with props, with lighting and more – the student involvement went way beyond the cast.

Finally, a very big thank-you to the many staff who took on the many tasks that are needed to make such an extraordinary event go so smoothly. Most importantly, thank-you to Caitlin Noone and Marcelle Greto who oversaw the choreography; Jo Dema and Ruth Barry who Directed all things Musical; Mel Cherry, the Producer and Lucy Filor who Directed the show so amazingly. A wonderful team effort.

STATE CHAMPIONS!!

Congratulations to our Senior Boys' Netball Team who, this week, competed in the State Finals of the sport. There is a more detailed report in this Newsletter, but I do wish to note that while the team went through the day without a loss (an amazing achievement) they did so with a commendable level of good sportsmanship and respectfulness (towards the Umpires and the various opposing teams.) An impressive day on so many levels. Coach Nicole Pratt is apparently still considering offers to coach professionally.

Andrew Sloane, College Principal

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CAREER NEWS

OPEN DAYS

Open Day season is now complete. Many students were able to visit the Universities that they are considering as a further study destination and came away excited about their prospects for the coming years. If any students were unable to attend these events, many universities offer guided tours in the coming months – see the university websites for details.

VTAC APPLICATIONS

The Victorian Tertiary Admission Centre (VTAC) is the body that manages the university and TAFE application and placement process. If any student wishes to go on to further study (even if they plan to take a gap year) they should apply through VTAC. Year 12 students were taken through the process at a level assembly a couple of weeks ago and several have managed to complete their registration and enter the first draft of their preferences for next year. If any students require assistance, they should avail themselves of the assistance offered by the Norwood Careers Department. The link to the application page is [here](#).

Timely applications close on 28 September 2023. Late applications are possible with an increased fee.

SPECIAL ENTRY ACCESS SCHEME (SEAS)

If any student feels as though they have been disadvantaged by circumstances that are beyond their control and that this has had a detrimental effect on their VCE results, they should take up the opportunity to complete a SEAS application. This gives them the opportunity to explain why they were disadvantaged and may help them receive an offer for a course that may otherwise have overlooked them.

The categories under which an application can be made are:

1. General Information
2. Financial Hardship
3. Disability of Medical Condition
4. Difficult Circumstances

Applications close on 6 October at 5pm. There is no opportunity for late submissions.

If a submission is made before 15 September, the application will be reviewed, and feedback given.

If you would like to find out more about the SEAS program, the link is [here](#)

Paul Duncan, Careers /Pathways Coordinator

SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

UNIFORM MATTERS AND SUMMER UNIFORM CHANGEOVER DETAILS

I mentioned in the last newsletter that there would be a greater focus on uniform over the coming months. Thank you to parents and students for supporting our College uniform expectations. There has been an obvious improvement and teachers appreciate the support of families with this matter, thereby allowing them to remain focused on teaching and learning.

There is still a need to remind students about the acceptable wearing of jewellery items. A maximum of two small gold or silver studs or 12 mm sleepers are allowed in each ear. Visible body piercings are not acceptable nor can they be worn with a covering.

On a brighter note, warmer days aren't far away. We would therefore like to extend our usual uniform changeover period from 2 weeks to 4 weeks. Students will have the choice of wearing either the full summer or full winter uniform for the last 2 weeks of Term 3 and the first 2 weeks of Term 4. Families are asked to check hemlines on shorts and dresses to ensure they are still appropriate. New uniform can be purchased at the Uniform Shop. Opening hours are published on the website.

Parent/Carer Survey

Thank you to the parents/carers who have completed the annual Department of Education and Training Parent/Carer Survey. A link to this survey was emailed to a random selection of families. If you haven't managed to complete this yet, the survey remains open until 8 September 2023. We would appreciate families, who have been sent the link, taking the time to complete the survey as we spend considerable time analysing this information. All opinions are important and your collective opinions allow us to reflect on what we are doing well and consider areas for improvement.

Advance Notice of a Student Free Day

On Friday, 17 November students will not be required at school. The Department of Education provides 2 Professional Practice Days for teachers in 2023 for curriculum planning and preparation.

Senior School Update

As Term 3 draws to a close, our Year 12 students are in the process of completing their school assessed coursework and will shortly commence extensive revision in preparation for their forthcoming final exams. Students are encouraged to find a balance in the forthcoming break between recharging and revising. For this reason, practice exams have been scheduled for the start of the second week in the holidays. This is an important opportunity for students to receive much needed feedback from their teachers on their priority study areas.

Additionally, I would encourage students to attend the after school subject lectures that will be running for some Year 12 subjects in the first 2 weeks of Term 4. Students attending these will receive a bound book of detailed study notes.

Finally, it is almost time to invite current Year 11 students to apply for leadership positions for 2024. Information on how to apply for College Captain, College Vice Captain and Prefect positions will be published during the last week of this term. I would encourage all interested current Year 11 students to consider submitting an application for these highly sought after positions. More information will follow shortly.

Jackie Harris, Senior School Principal



CAREER NEWS CON'T

TRADE TASTER

Swinburne is offering students who are considering a trade, but not sure which one, an opportunity to try a couple. Students can try Carpentry and plumbing on the dates listed below (These sessions are the same so no need to go to both)

Where: Swinburne University of Technology,

When: Saturday, 7 October 2023
Carpentry - 9am-2pm
Plumbing - 1pm-4.30pm

Saturday, 28 October 2023
Plumbing - 9am-12.30pm
Carpentry - 11am-4pm

Paul Duncan, Careers Teacher

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS CON'T

RUOK? DAY ACTIVITIES & FREE DRESS DAY

RUOK? DAY for 2023 is Thursday, 14 September. It's the national day of action when we remind Australians that every day is the day to ask, 'are you OK?' and start a meaningful conversation whenever they spot the signs that someone, they care about might be struggling with life.

The theme for 2023 is 'Ask R U OK? I'm here to hear'. This comes in response to new research which found four in ten Australians feel asking someone 'are you OK?' is a conversation better had with an expert. However, listening and giving someone your time might be just what they need to help them through a difficult period. The research also found that when authentic, genuine R U OK? conversations are happening, more than 80% of people say they are making a positive difference.

There will be a range of lunchtime activities on Thursday, 14 of September to promote and celebrate the day including an animal farm, a food truck selling hot chips, hot dogs and burgers, an ice-cream van, and guests from Maroondah Youth Services and Youth Dimensions.

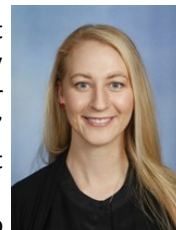
This will also be a Free Dress Day for students with the theme of 'wear something colourful'. Please bring a gold coin donation.

STUDENT WELLBEING NEWS

NAVIGATING CHOPPY WATERS: WORKING THROUGH DIFFICULT FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships are an essential part of our lives, providing joy, support, and companionship. However, just like any relationship, friendships can encounter rough patches. If you are facing challenges in a friendship, here are some strategies to help navigate these situations:

1. **Communication is Key:** Open and honest communication is the foundation of any healthy relationship. Set aside time to talk with your friend about your concerns, focusing on using "I" statements to express how you feel without placing blame.
2. **Reflect on Your Feelings:** Take time to understand your emotions and why you are feeling the way you do. Sometimes, personal issues can affect how we perceive and react to our friends' behaviour.
3. **Choose the Right Time and Place:** Find a comfortable and private setting to discuss your concerns. Avoid public spaces or times when either of you might be stressed or distracted.
4. **Active listening:** Be sure to listen to your friend's perspective. Allow them to express their thoughts and feelings without interruption, showing you value their input.
5. **Practice Empathy:** Put yourself in your friend's shoes. Try to understand their point of view and the reasons behind their actions. This can help you approach the situation with more understanding and compassion.
6. **Focus on Solutions:** Instead of dwelling on the issues, work together to find solutions. Discuss what changes can be made to improve the friendship and make both parties feel respected and understood.
7. **Set Boundaries:** Clearly define boundaries that work for both of you. This can help prevent misunderstandings and ensure that both sides feel comfortable and respected.
8. **Take a Break if Needed:** Sometimes, taking a temporary break from the friendship can give both parties time to cool off and gain perspective. Use this time to reflect in what you want from a friendship.
9. **Seek Mediation:** If you are finding it challenging to communicate with each other, consider involving a teacher, or wellbeing team member who can help facilitate the conversation.
10. **Be Willing to Let Go:** While it is tough, sometimes it is healthier to let go of a friendship that is consistently causing pain and stress. Prioritise your wellbeing.



Remember that friendship dynamics are complex, and it is normal to encounter hurdles along the way. The key is to approach these challenges with empathy, patience, and a willingness to work towards resolution. Working through difficult times in a friendship can lead to stronger bonds and personal growth. However, it is important to recognise when a friendship may no longer be serving your wellbeing and to take steps to protect yourself if needed.

Jackie Landy, Miranda Maginness & Jason Boyce, The Wellbeing Team

SCIENCE NEWS

YEAR 7 STEM

Students in Year 7 studying STEM have been investigating engineering and design principals in the construction of structures.

They then apply this knowledge, as a design group, to their STEM design, redesign and test process. Students pictured are at various stages of their design and construction briefs. Students work collaboratively online to complete and present their design and final tested briefs of a flood shelter specifically tailored to an interviewed client.



INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE COMPETITION

Students at the College have the opportunity to participate in opportunities for excellence. Students pictured had entered the University of NSW International Science Competition. Students competed online with like students from other countries as well as other schools in Australia.

In Term 4, students will receive a statement of results, their rankings and certificates/prizes.

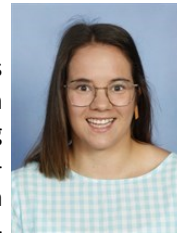


Alex Papanotas, Science Teacher

TECHNOLOGY NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO TECH TALKS!

This week the focus is on our Year 9 Marvelous Meals and Café Bakery students. These students have been working their way through the design process engaging with all the 8 steps! The Marvelous Meals classes focused on creating a breakfast meal that could become a hello fresh kit, while Café Bakery students were designing their own muffins.



We love seeing the students individual flare on their dishes, as well their confidence to try something new. From smoothie bowls to breaky burgers and the classic raspberry white choc muffins to apple and cinnamon, the smells from the kitchens have been making us all hungry!

Well done to our Year 9 cohort!



Maddy Sweeney, Food Technology Teacher

SCIENCE NEWS CONTINUED

YEAR 7 SCIENCE

Students in Year 7 Science are currently studying forces. As part of their study into the topic, students draw upon their skill and knowledge gained throughout the year as to what is the correct scientific method.

Pictured are a group of Year 7 students investigating the friction of different surfaces upon a constant testable item.

Students then work collaboratively online on Office 365 to reflect on their findings and present their results on a scientific poster according to accepted experimental design, investigation and conclusions.



YEAR 10 BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY INCURSION (WILD ACTION ZOO)

On Monday, 14 August, students across three Year 10 Biological Psychology science classes had special guests visit them. Emily, a Zoologist and Marine Biologist from Wild Action Zoo in the Macedon Ranges, came to present interesting adaptations and reproductive strategies for a range of Australian native animals. The students got to see some special features of different animals up close, and got to hold a saltwater crocodile, python, echidna, barn owl, sugar glider, shingleback lizard, long neck turtle, sea star and a green tree frog.



Students were also able to observe a Port Jackson shark and a grey headed flying fox.

It was an exciting session to have the zoo come to the classroom, students and teachers alike really enjoyed the incursion.

Thank you to Ms Natalie Nejad for organising this fun and engaging opportunity of excellence for our students.

Shalini Singh, Head of Science

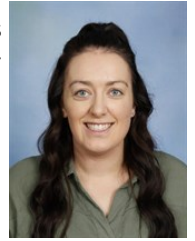




YEAR 12 NEWS

Thank you Norwood community for your contributions to the Sock Drive run by Year 12 VM. We received over 800 pairs of socks that will be donated to homeless Victorians through an organisation called 2PairsEach.

Tegan Kite, H&HD Teacher



SPORTS NEWS

STATE NETBALL

On Monday, 28 August the Senior Boys' Netball team competed at the State Netball Championships.

A lot of the boys in the team have been playing netball together since Year 8 and their teamwork and knowledge of the game was displayed throughout the day. Each team member played to their strengths and the ball seamlessly flowed down the court for most of the day. When the boys found themselves with a difficult team to beat, they all rallied around each other and adapted to each school's style of play.

After going undefeated throughout the morning, the team worked hard to for their semi-final win against Galen College Wangaratta. This win led the boys to their grand final match against Bass Coast College. The game was tight from the start, however, after a few quick goals, the boys got out to a well-deserved lead and the State Championship!

A special congratulations to all the boys for this fantastic achievement in their final year at Norwood. I am very proud of the way you have represented the school over the last 5 years, and it has been a pleasure to coach you all.

Nicole Pratt, Year 7 Coordinator/Basketball Coach



PRODUCTION NEWS

ANASTASIA THE MUSICAL

Congratulations to the cast and crew, and all involved with *Anastasia the Musical*



This year's show was an absolute feast of exquisite vocal, physical and dance performances, elaborate costumes, sumptuous sets, and a sublime accompaniment of brilliant orchestral music performed by a collaboration of professional and student musicians – you've really had to see AND hear it to believe it!

Our dress rehearsal was performed to an audience of over 250 feeder primary school students who responded with elation to the spectacular staging, deep drama and pathos, and all the exquisite kisses!

The three performance nights (close to sold-out on Friday night) were a spectacular treat – thanks to the backstage 'ninjas' and 'spot-on' biobox crew – with all the cast rising to the audience response, making this exquisite show truly unforgettable!

Many Norwood instrumental students were fortunate to have participated in the realisation of this dynamic and emotive score. Erin F (flute), Elizabeth V (flute), Lucas M (saxophone), Indi H-T (percussion), Tharindi W (bass), Isaac L (keyboard) and Chloe R (keyboard) all well and truly held their own playing in the orchestral pit with professional musicians, including Norwood instrumental staff Simon Howard (Cello) and Andy Rousch (Percussion), under the music direction of the brilliant Mark Bradley.

Our magnificent staff Production Team is to be commended for their contributions to the relatively low-stress, high-success of the 2023 musical: with Jo Dema and Ruth Barry's dazzling music-choral direction, Melissa Cherry's creativity in producing, Frances Dyson's magic-pudding costuming, Rod Mitchell's set construction (I mean, seriously, that train!) and Marcelle Greto and Caitlin Noone's stunning choreography, who could ask for more?

Congratulations and enormous thanks to the core ensemble – Hannah M (Any), Georgia W-D (Dmitry), Logan B (Vlad), Alex B (Lily), Annabel J (The Dowager Empress), and Elijah M (Gleb) – and the vast collaboration of supporting dancers (especially Isabella M-M, Hayley T and Emily R), cast and chorus for taking all your hard work and talent to level many storeys above the next level: truly awe-inspiring!

I could not be prouder of or more grateful to you all!

Lucy Filor, Production Director



PRODUCTION NEWS



UNIFORM SHOP

SHOP HOURS:

MONDAYS 8.30AM - 11.30AM

THURSDAYS 1.30PM - 4.30PM

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Jenny McKenzie,

Dobsons Uniform Shop Coordinator



TERM DATES 2023

Term 1, 2023

30 January to Thursday, 6 April

Term 2, 2023

24 April to 23 June

Term 3, 2023

10 July to 15 September

Term 4, 2023

2 October to 20 December 2023

LIBRARY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE YARRA HOUSE!

Winners of **2023 House Reading Challenge**.
There was strong competition between the Houses, but Yarra was the clear winner with 112 points.



Well done to all the students who participated in this challenge.

All the Yarra House contributors and those who read the most books will be invited to a Pizza Lunch and Trivia Challenge in the Library on **Friday 8 September 2023**.

The Challenge Cup will be presented by none other than the College Principal, Mr Andrew Sloane. Top three Reading Legends will also receive prizes from the Junior School Principal for the most books read.

Please congratulate the winners when you see them for attempting to read so many books.

Reading Legends (most books read in 75 days)

Amelia Donald	(7C) - 40 books - Yarra
Phoebe Palmer	(9C) - 25 books - Mullum
Bailey Milwain	(7A) - 22 books - Kalinda
Isabella Daley	(8F) - 19 books - Maroondah
Isla Johnstone	(7A) - 13 books - Kalinda
Katerina Daly	(8H) - 12 books - Maroondah
Leah Tonkin	(7C) - 10 books - Yarra
Jake Barnett	(7H) - 10 books - Yarra
Kaden Milicevic	(7G) - 8 books - Yarra
Holly Payne	(7C) - 8 books - Yarra
Conor Bosman	(7C) - 8 books - Yarra
Divy Gupta	(8C) - 7 books - Yarra
Ryan Tan	(7C) - 7 books - Mullum
Alexa Lebedyantsev	(9C) - 7 books - Maroondah
Chloe Riman	(7C) - 5 books - Yarra
Samuel Berry	(7H) - 5 books - Maroondah
Amy Peterson	(7G) - 4 books - Mullum House
Zane Thomsen	(7A) - 4 books - Kalinda House

Sashi Reddy, Head of Library

2023
House Reading
Challenge



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**If Dr Seuss could knit, I swear
That he would knit most anywhere...**

While in the rain, or on a train
Dr Seuss would purl and plain

He'd grab some yarn, head to a barn
A box of socks he'd surely darn

He'd knit a glove next to a dove
And make a scarf that we'd all love

And fancy that, just as he sat
He'd make his cat a perfect hat!

**Cos if Dr Seuss could knit, I swear
He'd knit for KOGO with great care!**



Much needed items for 2023:

- Scarves
- Beanies
- Socks
- Gloves (including fingerless)
- Adult Blankets (approx. 1.6 x 1.2m)
- Knitted squares that can be assembled by volunteers to make blankets
- Children's jumpers and cardigans
- Knitted Toys

Please join us and Knit/Crochet for a wonderful cause.

For inspiration and free patterns you can visit:

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Lisa-Jane Walmsley



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U13 - FEMALE AND MALE

U15

U17

PREMIER TEAMS

U19 STATE SUPER NETBALL SERIES
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SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER @ MAROONDAH NETS

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER (CALL BACKS ONLY)



Learn about local
plants, birds, insects &
biodiversity!



Maroondah Schools Citizen Science Event

Maroondah teachers, students and families
are invited to come along to a FREE
interactive morning on biodiversity and
citizen science at Eastfield Park.

Saturday 2nd September, 2023
10.30am - 12pm

Eastfield Park & Tarralla Creek Wetlands,
119 Eastfield Rd, Croydon VIC 3136



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