Principal’s Report May 2014

COLLEGE CELEBRATES CULTURAL DIVERSITY WITH MAGNIFICENT STUDENT PERFORMANCES!

I was so proud to witness the variety and depth of student performances at our Multicultural Concert held on Thursday 22nd May! Our College hosted 800 local primary school students to witness the extraordinary talents of our students, performing acts which celebrated their national identity. These ranged from cultural dance performances dressed in traditional costume for group and individual performances to musical and artistic acts. Every student was superb!

Our day audience of Year 5 and 6 students relished the entertainment. In the evening, we invited members of our community to share the talents and excitement of the cultural diversity of our College. Approximately 400 people attended the night time performance, which created a different ambience under the ‘lights of the stage’. Thank you to all students who performed so magnificently and to the many students who assisted with the ‘operations’ of both the day and night time performances. Thank you to all staff that contributed to the logistics with special congratulations to Lynda Chapman and Jennelle Little who co-ordinated the event.

We are proud to announce that we raised $581-35 which will be donated to the State Schools Relief Fund. This is an outstanding achievement and one which everyone should be proud of!! Please see photos within this newsletter as examples of the performances to which we were lucky enough to have witnessed....

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Patrick Maka from Year 7 who has successfully made the Under 12 Victorian State Rugby League Team. And to Matthew Eusee Year 12 who has been selected for the under 18 Victoria State Rugby Team. A fantastic effort!

COLLEGE COUNCIL ANNOUNCES WORKING PARTY FOR NOBLE PARK SECONDARY COLLEGE MASTER PLAN

At our May Council meeting it was endorsed through Council that NPSC set up a working party to work through the development of a Facilities Master Plan for our College. Unfortunately we have not received any Government Funding or ‘promises’ but our College is determined to prioritise improvements in our facilities.

We will form together a working party consisting of School Council parents, interested parents, community representatives, teaching staff and student representatives.

I ask if any members of our parents and community wish to express any interest in being part of this working party, to please contact me at the College on 9546 9066 within the next 2 weeks.

CANTEEN UPDATE

We are pleased to report that new furniture has arrived for the Canteen and the space is currently being repainted. This will provide a ‘café style’ area for our students to relax, eat and be warm during the cold winter months.

NEW OUTDOOR FURNITURE

Our students are also enjoying the new 3 table settings under the sails near our BBQ area, which is a sheltered area for students to enjoy during recess and lunchtime.

STAFF TO PARTICIPATE IN ANAPHYLAXIS TRAINING

School Council have endorsed an early dismissal for students to allow staff to participate in an important and compulsory professional training on anaphylaxis.

Please be informed that students will be dismissed at 12 midday on Wednesday 11th June. Please note that students completing the GAT will be present until 1.15pm.

Important Dates

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Pam Dyson Principal
College Matters

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Debaters - Kyli, Neil and Hashim

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Zohair
Year 11

Zohair and Caitlin with Rex from Noble Park Rotary Club
Year 11 Chemistry Class

This week Year 11 students have been working on organic molecules. They have been working on naming hydrocarbons systematically and also looking at predicting physical properties of various hydrocarbons. Students performed experiments where they were able to identify properties such as solubility, reactivity and melting/boiling points.

Mr Banovic

Year 11 Unipoly Workshops

On Monday May 26th, Year 11 students participated in workshops conducted by Monash University focusing on bridging the information gap for students aiming to pursue tertiary university studies. Developed around the idea of the Monopoly board game, students worked in teams to answer questions about VCE, VTAC and university entry. Our students conducted themselves in an exemplary manner and gained many valuable insights from the presenters. Well done to all our Year 11 students!

Ms Bollard

Bridge Building In Year 10 Physics

The project focused on how bridges are engineered to withstand weight, while being durable, and in some cases aesthetically pleasing. Students worked in teams to design and build their own bridge out of up to 200 popsicle sticks and glue. Bridges had to have a span of at least 12 inches and be able to hold a 25 Kg weight. Students were encouraged to be economical in the use of materials and use the fewest number of popsicle sticks while still achieving their goals. Students then evaluated the effectiveness of their own bridge designs and those of other teams, and present their findings to the class.

The winning designs were judged on aesthetics, strength and economical use of materials. The students voted on the aesthetics. The strength of each bridge was tested to satisfy a minimum weight of 10Kg and a maximum of 25Kg. All constructions passed the maximum weight test. The winning group consisted of Nam, Susan, Abdi and Panha. The second prize went to Windy, Jaleene, Ina and Wa He. Y. Hilmi

Elevate Education sessions

All Year 10 students attended the Elevate Education sessions on Monday 26th May. These informative sessions provided the students with strategies “to achieve their best” and improve their learning process. These strategies will be reinforced in all of their classes too. It is the first year that this program has enabled participation by the Year 10 students and the aim is to improve their overall results not just this year, but during their VCE years as well. Participation in the Elevate Education sessions will continue during this period as well.

The feedback from all students was overwhelmingly positive and showed how enthusiastic and receptive they were to the strategies suggested and how much they believed this program was time well spent in improving their results. Some of their comments were......

‘I would rate the program 10/10’
‘We should have more study sessions like this to help us with our studies’
‘It was fantastic, how he explained to us. It was really helpful and I loved it’
‘Overall, this program was very enjoyable and had very good tips’
‘Great’

Mrs Margot Hulett
Year 10 Coordinator
Speakout Youth Summit

On Tuesday, 13 May, a group of 10 year students attended the SPEAKOUT YOUTH SUMMIT which was held at the Springvale Town Hall. Our school was one of 10 other schools in attendance. The main purpose of the summit was to bring together students from the various colleges around the City of Greater Dandenong region to share their view, ideas and experiences in order to help shape and inform the development of the Councils new Youth Needs Analysis and Youth Charter.

Mr Barry

Year 9 Outdoor Education

Year 9 Outdoor Education Rock Climbing trip to The Grampians May 2014

Free Tutors

Monash University provides FREE TUTORING Tuesdays & Wednesdays (except first and last week of term) 3.30 – 4.30pm in the Flexible Learning Centre. Fruit supplied. All students welcome
**Year 10 Work Experience 2014**

Our Work Experience program begins on 16th June until the 27th June 2014. Work Experience is a time where students are encouraged to find a work placement that is of interest to him or her. This will help them to realise what vocational pathway needs to be chosen in order to accomplish their preferred career; whether they will choose VCE or VCAL.

Your work experience placement should be chosen carefully and thoughtfully. When thinking about work experience, consider a range of job possibilities not only jobs that are familiar to you and close to home.

Parents are an important part of a child’s education; it has been a pleasure to speak to many of our Year 10 parents regarding work experience. It is important that we all work together to try help build a strong support network for your child. It will be a memorable time for them.

During this time there is a legal document your child will bring home to be filled out; it must be filled out accurately. Students and parents please ensure the work experience arrangement form is filled out and returned to the Careers Office by the 1st June 2014.

If you have any concerns do not hesitate to call me, Sandra Vaina on 9546 9066.

**Parents Career Information**

Positive and encouraging parental influence can produce great results and boost your child’s confidence when making career choices. The earliest and often the most powerful learning about careers is shaped by the adults in their child’s life, as well as the images they see on television and other media. You can help you child by sharing your positive stories of working life, building confidence by inspiring your child to dream and plan for their future, also actively listening and being open to talking about events occurring at school.

To assist parents in beginning the discussion about future pathways the Victorian Government have created a website, My Future. It is filled with many tools to help you and your child work towards a brighter future. It has been especially designed to assist the community to understand the career options available.

*Sandra Vaina*

*Careers Coordinator*

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### Exam Timetable - Semester 1 2014

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Yr11 Health and Human  
Yr12 History  
Yr12 Biology  
Yr11/12 Specialist Maths  
Yr11/12 Design Tech Wood | Yr12 Business Management  
Yr12 Psychology  
Yr11 Food Technology  
Yr10/11 Media Studies  
Yr10 PE Advanced  
Yr10 Catering | Yr10 English  
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Yr12 Chemistry | |
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| Week 8 | Yr10 Art 2D | Yr11 Information Technology | Yr12 Media Studies  
Yr10 VCE Foundation Maths  
Yr10 Economics  
Yr10 Chemistry | Yr10/11 Health and Human  
Yr12 Accounting  
Yr12 Legal Studies  
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Multicultural Day

Last Thursday the College held the annual Multicultural Concert, to which our local primary schools were invited. We were overwhelmed with the interest shown by our primary schools, so much so, that we had in excess of 800 primary school students in attendance. They were a wonderful audience, cheering and providing a great ambience of support for all the performances.

The primary schools in attendance included:
- Noble Park Primary School
- Wallarano Primary School
- Chandler Park Primary School - Maralinga and Chandler Park Campus
- Springvale Rise/Heights Primary School
- Noble Park English Language School

Noble Park Secondary College would like to formally thank our local primary schools for their tremendous support and positive responses to our special day.

DANIEL BATT – WALLARANO PRIMARY SCHOOL
Thank you for inviting us to yesterday’s Multicultural Day Concert. We really enjoyed the performances put on by the students; there are some incredibly talented people there! The kids enjoyed it too, although I think everyone’s favourite performance by far was the haka....

JEN CLANCY - SPRINGVALE HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Just wanted to thank your staff and students for the great day yesterday. The children really enjoyed the performances. The day was really well organised and your students were a credit to you. We all noticed how even the students in the yard who were not involved in the concert, were quite friendly and welcoming.
Thanks again

Congratulations to all our students who performed in the multicultural concert and the staff who volunteered their time to organise and ensure that this event was such a success.

Helen Karagounis
Junior School Leader
The Right Size to Personalise