Principal’s Report July 2014

Gonski week

What Gonski means for your child.

National Gonski week is taking place from July 28 to August 3 and it is a great opportunity to focus on what the benefits of additional resources are for your child and our school.

Gonski is a way of funding schools based on the needs of students. It was recommended by the Gonski Review that found too many students were missing out due to a lack of resources.

For us at Noble Park Secondary College, the additional Gonski funding over the next six years will allow us to really expand the educational programs and learning support we know will make a difference in what our students achieve.

With this funding we will be able to:

- Put in place additional literacy and numeracy programs and provide one on one assistance to students at risk of falling behind, and to provide personalised learning based on individual student needs.
- Provide extra support for students needing additional English language skills.
- Increase the specialist support and assistance for students who really need it – such as those with disabilities or special learning needs.
- Take a whole-of-school approach to building the skills and knowledge of teachers.
- Provide extension programs that will help teachers really extend our brightest students to do even better.

The significant problem we have is that the Abbott Government in the May budget announced it will only provide the Gonski funding we are relying on for four years not six. That is a big issue because only one third of the funding comes in the first 4 years.

Cutting the Gonski funding means public schools across the country will be denied the money they need to provide all students the opportunity for a high quality education.

In addition, we are very concerned that the Napthine government has not delivered appropriate additional funding for the first year of the agreement to our schools and we do not know what will happen from 2015 onwards.

Parents – we can stop these cuts

Principals, Teachers, support staff and parents need to work together to stop the politicians in Canberra from taking away this opportunity to give all kids in Australia a better education and to hold our state government to account for delivering any additional funding.

Parents should also take any opportunity to speak with their local state and federal politicians and candidates for elections to highlight the importance of the Gonski money to their school and children.

Say “NO” to the education cuts, so we don’t have to say ‘no’ to kids in the future. Please visit the campaign website (www.igiveagonski.com.au) to find out more.

With just one click you can register your support and help join the growing number of parents who are determined to make sure the right resources are in every school.

Pam Dyson Principal

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The Right Size to Personalise

Introducing the new school nurse

Hello, my name is Alma Ries. I am the new Secondary School Nurse at Noble Park Secondary College, and look forward to working with the teachers, the welfare team, students and parents. My role at the school includes participating in health education classes and health promotion activities, as well as providing students with individual health consultations.

I am a registered nurse and was a midwife and lactation consultant, and have worked in health promotion for a regional women’s health service in Gippsland until moving to Melbourne last year. I have a special interest in adolescent health.

My days in the school will be Tuesday and Thursday. If you have any queries or concerns about your child, you can contact me on the school number on these days.

Study Tips For VCE Students

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Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
Please be informed that new EMA applications for the second 2014 instalment, must be submitted to the College by 1st August, 2014 (with a copy of your current health care or valid pension card). Please be informed that the Victorian Government will cease the current EMA program at the end of 2014. Further information about the changes to EMA for 2015 can be found on www.education.vic.gov.au/documents/about/department/vic_emafact.pdf

It is all about planning for 2015 now!
Term 3 is notorious for completing planning for the following year….Our College is currently in the process of informing students about subject selections, career advice and possible options available to students as they plan their future pathways. On Tuesday 29th July, our College held a ‘Senior School Information Evening’ which was geared for students entering Year 10 and Year 11 in 2015, to inform parents about the subject selection process and options.

Subject Selection Day for Year 10 (2014) students entering Year 11 (2015) – Monday 4th August
This will be held on Monday 4th August and our current (2014) Year 10 students will only attend school with their parent/guardian for individual scheduled appointment times and not for usual timetabled classes.

Subject Selection Day for Year 9 (2014) students entering Year 10 (2015) – Tuesday 12th August
A subject selection day for our current Year 9 students will be held on Tuesday 12th August and students in Year 9 (2014) will only attend with a parent/guardian for individual subject selection counselling on this day. (Normal scheduled timetabled classes will not operate) Individual appointments will be finalised within the week.

Year 9 Course Selection for 2015
Students currently in Year 8 (2014) and entering Year 9 (2015) will receive “Year 9 Course Selection for 2015” form on Friday 1st August from Mrs Karagounis. These completed forms, signed by a parent/guardian, are to be returned to Mrs Karagounis on Friday 12th August, at individualised scheduled appointment times. Parents will not be required to attend these interviews and Year 8 students will operate with normal scheduled timetabled classes except for their appointment times. Students are to discuss their elective subject preferences with their parent/guardian, especially if preferred choices involve a subject material cost.

Subjects Involving Material Charges/Costs
School Council has ratified all subject charges for 2015, with the rationale to keep costs to a minimum. We are providing parents with early notification of these costs and per the ‘Subject Selection Preference Sheets’. A deposit for the chosen subject/s is appreciated and welcomed to alleviate final payments at the start of 2015. A payment plan can also be negotiated. If there are some subjects that are popular, it may be necessary to use the selection or finalisation of numbers based on those students who have paid first…

Please note that the total payment for subject charges will be due on the first day of Term 1, 2015.

Please be informed that I will be on leave from Monday 4th August to Friday 29th August inclusive. Peter Jeans and Jo Cucchiara will be sharing the role of Acting Principal. Helen Karagounis has been appointed the Acting Assistant Principal for the duration of my leave.

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Drama News

In June last term, drama students got a fantastic opportunity to experience some high quality theatre when they attended an excursion to see the hit musical “Wicked”. Students - along with two lucky Yarraman Oaks Primary pupils and their teacher - caught the train into the city, where they had lunch and tried their hand at a “flashmob freeze” under the clocks at Flinders Street station. After that, it was off to the Regent Theatre to see the show. “Wicked” tells the other side of the story of the Wizard of Oz, giving us a view from the Wicked Witch’s perspective. Fantastic effects, catchy songs, and some brilliant acting made it a great performance, but even more exciting was after the show, when we were invited up onto the stage for a backstage tour of all the different props and sets.

All in all a great day out, and perfect for students who even now are gearing up for the school’s own version of “The Wizard of Oz” for this year’s school production in September.

Junior School News

Term 2, saw our Year 7 and 8 students undertake two separate, yet equally intensive and exciting projects. The year 7 students focused on the ‘Night of the Notables’ and the Year 8’s focused on ‘Career Paths’. Students immersed themselves in an in-depth study of one Notable or Career, researching widely and comprehensively with a view to presenting the information during the Presentation Night, held on Wednesday, 25th June 2014. These units of work focused on independent learning, wide and deep research, thoughtful displays, personal commitment and performance and the higher level thinking skills.

Each student was guided by their Social Competencies – Connectionz teacher, along with the support of their English, Humanities and Art teachers. Parents also played an integral part in the process and it is evident that the students certainly benefited from both the teacher and parental support with this project. Parents and friends came along and enjoyed the students informative, engaging, and often entertaining multi-media presentations and various food delicacies brought along by families. Well done, to all our students for their positive work ethic and commitment to the Connectionz Program. Many teachers and students dedicated their time to ensure the success of the evening, and undoubtedly all in attendance were impressed with the calibre of presentations and creative costume designs.

Congratulations to everyone involved. Well Done.

Helen Karagounis
Junior School Head
Maths News

This Term, all Year 7 and Year 8 students and some of the Year 11 General Maths students have access to an online program called HOTmaths. This will allow students to learn topics at their own pace, learning new things or getting better at things they didn’t really get.

Not only does HOTmaths have lessons and questions, it has a timed Quiz for most topics with a leaderboard: Camryn of 7B is currently leading the Year 7 Co-ordinates Leaderboard and Lisa of 8B is the current leader for Volume of a Prism. By the end of the week we will have a Leader from Year 8 in linking Percentages and Decimals.

There are also some really cool games on HOTmaths, so you can also learn while having fun.

Australian Maths Competition

This year the Maths Comp will be held on Thursday 7th August. Letters inviting students who have been recommended by their Maths teachers have gone out and the $5 entry fee is due next week on Tuesday. Please see your Maths teacher or Ms Wearing-Smith if you didn’t get a letter and would like to enter.

Health and Human Development (HHD) Babies

I had the pleasure of taking an extra last week where Year 11 HHD students were looking at the foetal stages of babies. Their task was to create a representation of the stages out of playdoh - as you can see from a few pictures, not only are our students really talented, they certainly understood the task and had a lot of fun along the way. Well done to Mr Keane (teacher) and his HHD students. It was an awesome class!

Dr. T’s Maths/Science Journal Club

If you like science or you want to find out about the many maths ideas you learn in school, come and join Dr. T in a weekly discussion about the stories behind the discoveries of the worlds of mathematics and science.

Learn about the people behind these great discoveries and find out how weird some of them were.

Our first discussion started Friday 25th July lunchtime @ 1.30pm and I invite all students of all years levels to join in on any Friday lunchtime.

Discussions go for 30 minutes and will be held in room B01.

Outdoor Education - Mountain Bike Riding

3 Callaghan Street, Noble Park 3174 Phone: 9546 9066 Fax: 9562 4757
Website: www.nobleparksc.vic.edu.au Email: noble.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au

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Traffic Management Plan 2014

Community Information Sheet.

Please observe the following guidelines when accessing Noble Park Secondary College, collecting or dropping of any persons, goods or services.

Pedestrians
- Please do not cross the bollards onto the road at Drop off point 1
- Follow the line markings to the north or south.
- Cross the main entrance road at the end of the path marked Pedestrian access, or via the north gates onto the sidewalk

Vehicle Access
Please observe the 15 km/h speed limit and drive with caution

Dropping off and Collecting Students
- Please enter by the first gate.
- Collect and drop of students at Drop of Points 1 (Point 2 may also be used if the traffic is at standstill)
- DO NOT DOUBLE PARK

Student Parking
- Students are to park their car's in the vicinity of Mon's Parade – across the footbridge or further away, not opposite the school on Callaghan St.
- All student drivers must have completed the requirements of the Student Drivers Policy – please see the Head of Senior Subschool for the requirements.

Delivery/collection of Goods
- Please collect and drop of goods at Drop of Point 1.

Contractors
- Please park near the work shed – enter the school grounds and turn right at the technology building – proceed to the right into the gravel car park

Visitor Parking
- Please enter the main gate and park in the staff parking on the left.

Mr. P. Jeans
Assistant Principal
Noble Park Secondary College.

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
The Year 9 and 10’s attended an informative exhibition held in The Science Centre on Friday. Each subject domain was represented by senior students which assisted our Year 9’s and 10’s understand the concept of many learning areas.

“I felt the exhibition was extremely insightful and quite enjoyable. It was clear those involved put an abundant amount of effort in to it and not only I but everyone appreciated it greatly. It also allowed me to have a much clearer idea about what subjects I would benefit from most, as I was unsure beforehand. Speaking to the senior students was also helpful, as I received a good idea about what you do in certain subjects and where they could lead you. Overall, I enjoyed the exhibition and felt a lot more knowledgeable afterwards.”

Salma 9D

“The Future Pathways Expo was thoroughly informative as it helped the Year 9’s and 10’s with their future subjects. I found that speaking to the current senior students and the tertiary representatives was really important because I felt like that I could trust them to inform me about pathways that I was interested in because they had first-hand experience. Everything looked great, there were a lot of creative things on display that caught my eye, I highly recommend this expo for future years.”

Pratik 9D
Host an International Student

Do you enjoy the company of young people and cultural exchange? Can you provide a welcoming and supportive home? Hosting an international student can be an interesting and rewarding opportunity for all types of households and families. Noble Park Secondary College is currently looking for local families interested in providing homestay accommodation for our International Students. If you are interested, please contact Ms Roshiah (International Student Coordinator) on 9546 9066.

The Manga Drawing Competition is proving very popular. Entries are on display in the Library. Students are voting on their favourite. Winner to be announced soon!

National Asthma Week

1st - 7th September 2014

Asthma and Hay Fever (Allergic Rhinitis) in Spring.

During spring time plants, grasses and trees release pollens into the air. As a result, people who are sensitive to pollen may find their asthma and hay fever (allergic rhinitis) symptoms worsening. During days of windy conditions or during thunderstorms more pollen is released into the air. When breathed in these tiny particles penetrate the lungs. Hay fever is very common during spring and as a result of the strong association between asthma and hay fever, those with both conditions will often experience increased asthma symptoms during this time.

Tips to help reduce asthma and hay fever symptoms during spring:

- Ensure Asthma Care/Action Plans are up to date.
- Find out what triggers your hayfever and try to avoid those allergens.
- Be aware of your own symptoms and seek assistance when needed.

Check the daily Pollen forecast at melbournepollen.com.au and consider planning activities indoors.