**Principal’s Report August 2014**

**Parent Teacher Interviews**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held Tuesday 26th August 3:45pm - 6:45pm in the Year 7&8 Learning Centre. We look forward to discussing the progress of your son/daughter.

**College Council Parent Representative Casual Vacancy**

A Parent Representative casual vacancy has become available on College Council. Term of Office - September 2014- February 2016. Please see detailed information within this newsletter for Parents to nominate for College Council. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month in our Conference Room, starting at 6:00pm for approximately 90 minutes. (Election forms attached to the back of this newsletter). We encourage Parents/Guardians to be involved in our College.

**Building a Master Plan**

Recently several staff members, School Councillors and a Community Member met to start the master planning process. The team discussed briefly the need to develop ways to involve and engage with our local community (including the local council, politicians and the school community) as plans and recommendations develop. The team discussed the current state of facilities – and began brainstorming the particular areas that could be looked at in future meetings. Further discussion on specific needs, how these could be addressed by facilities, and how these can improve outcomes for the students will be discussed in future meetings.

**Subject Selection**

Students across the College from Years 9-11 have been undertaking their subject selections for 2015. Teachers and staff at all year levels have been working with students in a range of ways to support this. In Year 10 and Year 11 there have been meetings with parents and students with a focus on identifying strengths and to discuss future pathways.

**It is very important that all students finalise their preferences as soon as possible – if they have not already done so. Forms are available from Ms Vaina for students entering years 10, 11 and 12, and from Ms Karagounis for students going into year 9.**

**Junior Rugby Academy**

Congratulations to our Junior Boys and Intermediate Boys who have just competed in the Southern Zone Rugby. Well done!

**Manga Drawing Competition**

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Website: www.nobleparksc.vic.edu.au Email: noble.park.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
The wearing of the College uniform is directly related to the promotion and perception of the image, ethos and values of Noble Park Secondary College to the local parent, student and broader community. The College uniform provides a sense of identity and belonging. School uniforms reinforce to the public that the whole community shares in the responsibility to care for and protect children. The uniform is a visible and public statement that our students are part of Noble Park Secondary College.

As well as the benefits of wearing the College uniform there are obligations that are inherent. The College expects that while wearing the uniform all students behave in a manner that is consistent with the values of the College and contributes positively to the image of the College. The expectation of the College is that each item of the uniform is worn in the manner consistent with its design and function.

All students are expected to wear the Noble Park Secondary College uniform correctly upon arrival to school, while at school and at dismissal. The College asks that all parents are supportive in ensuring that the uniform is worn correctly at all times.

**Centre Pay**

**Payment Option: Centre Pay**
Centre Pay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers, who receive Centrelink payments. This facility can be used for payments towards your child’s school fees.

Families have the option of setting a target figure to pay and the minimum amount per fortnight is $10.

All forms are to be returned back to the College for processing. Forms can be collected from the front office.
Please do not hesitate to contact the General Office at the College on 9546 9066, should you require any further information.

**Debating News**

The Junior Secondary Program (JSP) is an introduction to debating for junior secondary students in years 7 and 8. The program is designed to provide training in the basic skills and structure of debating and to also give students an opportunity to participate in three ‘friendly’ inter-school debates. The JSP began on August 12th and continues over another four evenings in Term 3 at McKinnon Secondary College.

The training component of the program includes:

**Introductory training**
DAV trainers will introduce students to the art of persuasion and look at how debates work. Students will learn how to formulate arguments, how to define topics and the role of each speaker in a debate.

**Skills workshops**
The best way to consolidate skills is with interactive activities, so the training component includes various games and workshops in smaller groups after the Introductory training.

The first debate was on August 19th with Noble Park Secondary College having two teams.
The topic was “That students should be required to stay at school till they are 18 years of age.”

**Team 1:** Hashim Zia, Kylie Chan and Hassan Rehman

**Team 2:** Kevin Kok, Lisa Mao and Nimal Chand

Both teams were successful on the night with Kevin and Hashim being awarded best speakers.

Well done to all! Special Thanks to Mr Turnbull for driving the bus.
Dr. T’s “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.

What do you need to do?

* Bring your enthusiasm for maths or science.
* Bring your lunch to have during the discussion.
  * Sign-in when you arrive.
* Participate in the scientific and mathematical discussions.

Where: room B01

When: every Friday lunchtime (starting time: 1.30pm)

Scientific and mathematical resources will be available for these talks

Dr. T

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.
Maths News

Australian Maths Competition
The Australian Maths competition was held during period 1&2 on Thursday 7th August. We had 38 students enter the competition from Yr7 – Yr 12. The results of the competition will be announced early Term 4. Congratulations to all those students who took up the challenge to enter this Australian wide competition.

Year 7 & 8 HOTmaths
Year 7’s have been studying the Cartesian plane and Year 8’s have been studying Applications of Percentages.
As part of their work they completed tasks on HOTmaths which is an online learning website funded this year by the College. One of the tasks set is called a Scorcher. In this “game” students race against the clock to answer 10 questions correctly, related to the topic. There is a World Leader Board, as well as a Class Leader board.

Currently, our College is represented on the WORLD leader-board in 4 areas – and look at their times! Amazing!! Well done to all students who are hitting great times, but especially those on the World Leader Board:

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NAPLAN
The College has received the raw data for the 2014 NAPLAN. After initial analysis, we have once again, realised some great growth between Year 7 and Year 9 for many of our students in Numeracy. Further analysis will be conducted once the official results have been published.

Ms Wearing-Smith
Maths Coordinator

Year 10 Science
Students in year 10 Science are learning the relationship between voltage, current and resistance. They are also exploring various concepts on magnetism and electromagnets by making electromagnets using batteries, nails and copper wires. Making a simple electric motor using a loop of copper wire and a magnet generated a lot of interest in the topic.

Students watching a demonstration on electricity given by our lab technician, Rafi.

Instrumental Music
The College offers a range of instrumental music lessons.
• Drums
• Voice
• Clarinet
• Flute
• Keyboard
Any student who is interested in learning an instrument should see Ms Beattie for further information.
The Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) is offered at Noble Park Secondary College. It is an accredited secondary certificate and a hands-on option for students in Years 11 and 12. The VCAL gives practical work-related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work.

As part of this year’s Noble Park Secondary College Year 12 VCAL Program, the students were given the opportunity to negotiate with their teacher on how to best satisfy the VCAL criteria. As a group of 22 students, the VCAL class chose to take on a project which involved the redevelopment and re-creation of a garden in an area of the College which was once used by Horticulture classes. They successfully re-established an area which can now be utilised by the wider school and local community, known as PATHWAYS GARDEN (with pond, Japanese Corner, paved BBQ Area, quiet sitting area and more!)

Students utilised their Literacy and numeracy skills in the garden by undertaking such activities as measuring the quantity of material required for certain aspects of the garden such as quantity of gravel for pathways and mulch for garden beds and writing proposals and reflection pieces. This was truly a hands-on approach type of project, and through sheer teamwork and determination, their vision reached fruition.

The expectations will be that the ‘Pathways Garden’ be included as part of the VCAL curriculum for the purposes of its sustainability. Future students will be educated in maintaining the ‘good order’ of the garden, by utilising the knowledge gained by our current students and passing on their knowledge to future Junior and senior students.

We would like to acknowledge the tremendous support and guidance of Robert Wakelam, a local businessman, owner of ‘Gardener’s Gate Nursery’ – Keysborough and friend of the College. Robert has on many occasions provided training sessions and offered his expertise to our program which has strengthened student knowledge and developed practical skills.

Helen Karagounis
Acting Assistant Principal/Junior School Leader/Year 12 VCAL Teacher
Manga Competition

A number of students entered artwork into the annual Japanese Manga competition. Students were asked to draw a Japanese style cartoon. As usual, there were some fantastic drawings. The overall winner was Shakib Mohammadi of 7A. Prizes were presented at the school assembly on Thursday August 21st. Other entrants who received prizes were Eveline Tan, 12E and Stephanie Flores-Tapia, 12C. Noble Park Secondary has some highly talented artists and the whole school is proud of them!

Shakib Mohammadi, 7A

Eveline Tan, 12E

Stephanie Flores-Tapia, 12C

Winners: Stephanie, Shakib and Eveline

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
“OVER THE RAINBOW”
Presented by Noble Park Secondary College

7pm Thursday September 18 2014
Noble Park Secondary College Hall

$10 Adult
$5 Under 16 & NPSC students

Tickets on sale now!
Contact the General Office 9546 9066
# Cafe' Menu

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## FRESHLY-MADE SANDWICHES

$0.20 EXTRA FOR TOASTED; $1.00 EXTRA FOR ROLL

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## LUNCH ORDERS

**HOW TO ORDER**
1. Write on a lunch bag - Name, Order and Amount
2. Place correct amount in lunch or pay Café’ staff
3. Place order at Café before 9am

**Note:**
1. Items may be unavailable due to supplier stock - similar product will be provided.
2. If insufficient amount is enclosed, the order will be reduced to reflect amount enclosed
Noble Park Secondary College

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2014

Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

Please return to Lesley Dunshea (Principal’s Personal Assistant) in the General Office by 4pm Friday 5th September, 2014

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent/guardian representative on the Noble Park Secondary College School Council until February, 2016

Name..............................................................................................................................................

Residential address..........................................................................................................................

Mobile Telephone............................................................................................................................

Home Telephone.................................................Bus Telephone..................................................

Email............................................................................................................................................... 

I am the parent/guardian of

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who is/are currently enrolled at this school

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above named school council. I hereby declare that I am not an undischarged bankrupt and that I am not currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence.

Signature of
Candidate....................................................................................................................................Date.................................

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.