Congratulations on such a successful Multicultural Concert held on Thursday 7th May. Our College held another magnificent concert displaying the talents of both our students and staff. A huge thank you to Lynda Chapman and Jennelle Little who co-ordinated this major event. However, they were assisted by many staff and willing students who contributed to its overall success. Proceeds from this concert went to State School Relief, an organisation which assists Victorian Government Schools to help students who need assistance, especially with uniform requirements. Within this newsletter you can view the many students who showcased their individual talents.

Debating
Congratulations to Kirat Kaur, Divnoor Kaur and Lisa Mao (see photograph left) who represented the College last week for the debating competition at Haileybury College, Keysborough. Special thanks are extended to Ms Barbara Smith and Mrs Brenda Lawson who have spent many hours with the students preparing them for the competitions. Well done on such a great effort.

NAPLAN
Last week our Year 7 and Year 9 students completed their NAPLAN testing. I have received very favourable reports from the staff regarding their positive attitude, rigour and behaviour. Thank you to Ms Helen Wearing Smith and Ms Sandra Nicolacopoulos for co-ordinating the NAPLAN testing. Results should be given to the College close to the end of this term.

Practice GAT (General Achievement Test)
Our students who are studying a Unit 3/4 subject participated in a practice GAT last Friday so that they can familiarize themselves with the process. Students will be given feedback on their efforts as the practice GAT will be marked. The 2015 VCAA GAT will be held at the College on Wednesday 10th June from 10.00am to 1.15pm

Preparation for Exams
As we move into mid Term 2, it is time for students to start to prepare for their end of semester one exams. Please find detailed information on the exam timetable within this newsletter. Please note that both Year 10 and Year 11 students are required at school every day during this exam period. Exams will be timetabled when they would normally have their subject for the majority of classes.

Winter Uniform
All Year Level Leading Teachers and Level Co-ordinators have met in year level groups to reiterate that it is compulsory to wear winter uniform as per College uniform code during Terms 2 and 3. This involves the wearing of the tie for both girls and boys. Only College spray jackets (or 2015 jacket for Year 12 students) should be worn. All staff have been asked to follow up regarding students out of uniform and Year Level Heads will be informing parents to possibly send students home if they are out of uniform.

I ask parents to ensure that their son or daughter is in correct College uniform as per College Council requirements. Our official uniform supplier is ‘Bleza Uniforms’

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NAPLAN 2015

NAPLAN was held for Year 7 and Year 9 last week (May 12 – 14)
In total 62 students sat the tests under exam conditions in the Hall for Language Conventions, Writing, Reading, Numeracy (with calculator), Numeracy (without Calculator).
In total the students each sat just over 2 hours of tests (125 mins) over the three days.
The Writing task this year was to write a persuasive essay based on the prompt “The time of our life”.
The results will be available for the College, Parents/Guardians and Students during August.
This year we had our processes audited by ACARA, and Ralph the auditor was extremely impressed with the organisation, the formal setting and the behaviour of the students. The behaviour and focus of all the students was excellent and every student should be congratulated.
A special thank you to Josh, Jamie, Camryn, Sean, Aidward and Ivan who helped to either set up or pack up.
Thank you to Ms Nicolacopoulos, Ms Wearing-Smith, Mr Banovich and Mr Jeans for co-ordinating the NAPLAN days so smoothly.

Maths News

NAPLAN
Our students in Year 7 & Year 9 have just completed the NAPLAN Numeracy Tests and we look forward to our results later in the year. The Year 8 students will soon be completing this year’s Year 7 and Year 9 papers to identify strengths and weaknesses of the cohort and to direct further learning over the next 6 months, leading into next year’s NAPLAN to improve our growth data.

HOTmaths
The Year 7 and Year 8 students have been doing HOTmaths tasks in class time and for homework. As part of the tasks they complete “Scorchers” which is a 10-question timed task that students around the World can try.
Currently we have students ranked in the Top 10 of World schools for the following Tasks:
- Measurement & Temperature – #1. Bill T (25 sec) and #7. Jin Cong
- Area of a rectangle - #1 Jin Cong (20 sec), #2 Bill T, #4 Nikitha, #9 Divnoor
- Area of Parallelogram - #1 Jalal (16 sec), #2 Anthony N, #4 Alysha, #6 Jonathon, #7 Jin Cong
- Frequency Tables - #2 Bryce (26 sec), #3 Zoann, #4 Sarah
- Histograms - #1 Zoann (17 sec)
- Average (mean) - #2 Zoann (19 sec), #3 Bryce
- Range - #2 Zoann (22 sec) #7 Kevin

In Classes:
Year 7’s have just started Angles after finishing a Task on “10 things I like about this Box”
Year 8’s are currently doing measurement (composite areas) – “How much grass is left in my backyard if I put a pool in it?”
Year 9’s have been working on a Quality Assurance (Statistics) Task - “How do manufacturers decide whether a batch of chocolates should be rejected?”

By: Divnoor Kaur, Kirat Kaur and Lisa Mao.
Year 8 Students and debaters

Round 4 of the debating competition took place on April 12th at Haileybury College. The topic was ‘That music is the most important art form’. Noble Park Secondary College was on the negative side against Minaret College. Divnoor was the first speaker and she introduced all the speakers and stated the team’s definition which was, “All art forms complement each other and all art forms are a valid form of art”. She argued that all art forms are the same in terms of importance.
Kirat was second speaker and she spoke about social and political consequences of art. She also talked about how literature and other forms of art have changed the world. The final speaker, Lisa, rebutted the affirmative and concluded the team’s debate.
Debating is very beneficial for students and helps them to keep their mind nimble. Debating helps us to gain knowledge and gives us more confidence when speaking in public.

By: Divnoor Kaur, Kirat Kaur and Lisa Mao.
Year 8 Students and debaters

Ms Wearing-Smith
One hundred and eight Year 10 students dressed up in their clean and crisp shirts to join the ever changing workforce during their work experience week. It was the first time many of the students entered the world of work; they were all very excited about embracing the opportunity in working for some of Australia’s biggest companies. It was a time where students were able to be independent and be taught the responsibilities of the work force.

Our students gained great insight into many different industries, The Dandenong City Council, Zaparas Lawyers, Keysborough Animal Shelter, Noble Park Primary School, TLC Elderly Living and many other companies that were kind enough to let our students be a part of their community for a week.

Our wonderful teachers also enjoy this time of year as they look forward to visiting our Year 10’s to see how they cope in a new learning environment other than the classroom. Many of them took time out of their busy working day to frequent work places, our students faces light up when they are visited, it gives them a sense of validation and pride.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and teachers for ensuring our work experience continues to flourish and prosper into the future. We are paving the way for successful young people and working together will allow students to have a stronger chance of finding their career pathway.

Ms Sandra Vaina
Careers Counsellor

My Work Experience - Winnie Lin (International student)

I went to do work experience at Noble Park Coles. I worked there for five days. Everyday we started work from 9 am to 5pm with one-hour lunch break.

On the first day I watched a video that taught me how to work. Then, I started to do stock taking and put the products on the shelf. I put the products forward as well.

My schoolmates worked with me so I was feeling less afraid. The experience let me know how to work better in the future. But I might want to work at a different place next time.
Multicultural Day 2015

Wow what an amazing day.
Congratulations to all those who performed, assisted and were involved any way towards this fabulous day. Students displayed their outstanding talent and enthusiasm in a brilliant performance held for local primary schools and then our school community at night. Lynda & Jennelle.
Year 10 Pre-VCE Drama students recently attended a staging of Melbourne Theatre Company’s “I Call My Brothers”. The play, which is on the VCE Playlist this year, tells the story of Amor, a young man coming to terms with the fear, suspicion, and paranoia which follows a terrorist attack in a large city.

The play had many layers, and used non-naturalistic techniques and clever sets, sound and lighting to create the feeling of Amor’s growing paranoia and descent into fear and confusion. The students have already begun to analyse the different elements that worked together in the play.

The acting was first rate, with the participants bringing an intensity to the stage that the students are keen to imitate as they create their own short play for the Drama Victoria Theatre Festival coming up in early June.

For many students, “I Call My Brothers” is the first play they have seen live; they overwhelmingly described it as a great experience, and are already looking forward to future theatrical excursions.

Mr Scott Caughey
Head of Performing Arts

During the Term our Year 10 students studied The Diary of Anne Frank and the Year 12’s studied The Complete Maus. Both of these texts dealt with the Jewish Holocaust during World War 2. To learn more about the topic, Mrs Delfinis and I took our EAL students on an excursion to The Jewish Holocaust Centre in Elsternwick on Wednesday 29th April. After watching a twenty minute movie about the Holocaust we were introduced to a survivor and then we had a tour of the Museum. The following are reflections from some of our students:

“At first I thought that I was going to hear the same things that I’d heard before at school, but I was wrong. There was a woman there called Sarah Saroni and she was an actual survivor from 1941. When she started talking about her life I thought it was similar to mine – losing her parents and suffering in her young age without anyone, … I’m glad that she is still alive because I learnt a lot of information from her, like how I can overcome the fears and sadness in my life.”

Venukanth Srijegatahasan 10B

“Sarah was an inspiring person and she’s in her late 80s. I was lucky enough to meet and hear the stories of a survivor from the war. I saw a lot of photos about Sarah and her family as well as many other photos that I was affected by.”

Sajedeh Safaei 10A

After the Museum we were fortunate enough to visit a World War I Anzac commemorative display that was put together by the Caulfield RSL. The students were able to see a replica of the trenches and to walk around the display and take many pictures.

Overall it was a very successful day and the students enhanced their knowledge on The Holocaust.

Jim Nikolakopoulos
EAL Coordinator
Senior Boys Badminton Team

The Senior Boys Badminton team played on Tuesday 19th May 2015 and won the Southern Districts competition held on 19th May 2015. The team was made up of the following students in order of play:

Zohair Rezai, Kenny Ong, Bilal Hussain, Michael Ha, Cameron Ly, Priyanga Umaharan

I was impressed with the level of sportsmanship displayed on the day. Their focus during play, the level of skill displayed and the way they encouraged and fought for their triumphs. Dandenong Secondary College were the 2014 champions and gracious in defeat.

A testament to the young men and how well they played was the resounding applause from all participating schools at the end of the day when the banner was presented to the Noble Park Secondary College boys team.

The next round of finals will be played in July with the Southern Zone Finales to be held late in July.

The girls badminton team while they were not the champions on the day participated to the best of their ability having a fun day and enhanced their skill level in a competitive environment. Well done ladies.

VCE BOYS SOCCER TEAM

The Senior Boys Soccer team competed at the new Keysborough park soccer ground behind Springers Leisure Centre and enjoyed a successful day. They drew in their first match but won all matches through to the finals game which they won 2 to 1. All matches were played in good spirits with some very tough games.

It was a miserable day with heavy rain and showers most of the day, so some very muddy victorious boys returned back to school full of cheer! They too progress to the next round of finales in early term three. The entire Noble Park Secondary School community send our congratulations to both teams on a job well done. We also wish them all the best for their next round games in early term three! GO NOBLE!!

Ms. L McLean
Physical Education & Health

Rotary Club/Camp Gallipoli

On Thursday, 14 May 215 Zohair Rezai, Lachlan Grant and I were invited to address the Rotary Club on their experience regarding the Camp Gallipoli. As the Rotary Club had sponsored our students to attend this auspicious event, they appreciated the students and I attending their meeting to share their experience. It was a great night and our students did us proud once again.

Mr Barry
Student Leadership

2015 Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open.
Congratulations to all the students who have already signed up to this year’s Challenge.
We wish them good luck on their reading adventures.

More information on the PRC can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/
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Year 10 Physics A  
Year 10 Food Technology | Year 7 Math  
Year 9 Maths  
Year 12 Further Maths B  
Year 10/11 Essential Maths B  
Year 10/11 Studio Arts | Year 11 English/EAL | |
| 2      | Year 10 Psychology A  
Year 10 Psychology B  
Year 10 Essential Math | Year 9 English/EAL  
Year 10 Chemistry  
Year 10 Health and Human Development | Year 10 English/EAL  
Year 7 English/EAL  
Year 11 General Maths A  
Year 11 Legal Studies  
Year 12 IT | Year 8 English/EAL  
Year 12 English/EAL (Into lunch) | |
| 3      | Year 10 Legal Studies (MS)(19) | | | | |
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Year 12 Health and Human Development  
Year 12 Literature  
Year 11 Accounting  
Year 11 Psychology  
Year 10 Biology A | |
| 2      | QUEENS B’DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY | GAT 10-1.15 | | | | |
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Year 11 Business Management Year 11 IT | | Year 10/11/12 VCD  
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The School Dental Service is coming to Noble Park Secondary College from the 3rd August. The School Dental Service provides free Preventative Dental Treatment for students. This treatment is covered by Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) for eligible children. Information and parent consent forms will be sent home this week. The forms need to be returned back to the school by 1st June if you would like to utilise this service. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Theresa Sprekos
Adolescent Health Nurse

Monash University provides FREE TUTORING Tuesday & Wednesday (not first or last week of term) 3.30 – 4.30pm in the FLC. All students welcome!

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.

All students are invited to come have breakfast every Friday morning between 8am and 8:30am in the International Room. Toast, cereal and hot Milo will be served up by the School Chaplain and VCE/VCAL students. Students can come grab something to eat and then head to class with belly’s full ready for the day! Come and enjoy from 8am! See you there!

James McHugh
School Chaplain

We’re on the way to becoming eSmart

Earlier we advised that our school had registered with eSmart – a comprehensive approach for managing cybersafety and dealing with bullying and cyberbullying in school communities. We’re pleased to let you know that we have completed the first phase of our eSmart journey.

We have planned many activities in line with the eSmart Schools Framework, and are now progressing with implementation.

Expect to hear a lot more in the coming months about our efforts to promote the smart, safe and responsible use of digital technology.

We hope you will also take part in some of the opportunities to learn more about being eSmart.

For more information visit www.esmart.org.au
Noble Park Secondary College has had a sister school in Japan for more than 20 years. Over that time, Noble Park has sent several dozen of our students to visit and study in Japan. Every two years our sister school, Shinminato Senior High School send students here. This year Shinminato will be sending 8 students and 2 teachers for a one week homestay visit. The visitors will arrive on Sunday July 19th and will go back to Japan on the 25th. The school is seeking families who are interested in hosting a Japanese student during this visit.

Visits are a lot fun and a great cultural experience for all the family. You do not need to speak Japanese, but you will need to have a spare bed.

If you are interested in hosting a student, please write your name at the bottom of the form and return it to Mr Turnbull as soon as possible.

Please place a tick in the box and return

I would like to host a Japanese student   □ 
I would like to have more information about hosting a Japanese student □

Parent Name ____________________________________________

Student Name ___________________________________ Form _______

Telephone ___________________ Mobile ________________________
TOP TEN QUESTIONS ASKED BY STUDENTS ABOUT HOMESTAY

1. **How many visitors are coming?**
   - 10 (8 students and 2 teachers).

2. **Where do the visitors stay?**
   - With students’ families.

3. **Does it cost anything to host a visitor?**
   - Not really. Although you will have an extra mouth to feed for one week and you will probably find yourself going for a few drives. We usually find that our students, when they visit Japan, spend very little during their homestay. The host families usually take care of any costs.

4. **Does my daughter or son have to study Japanese for us to host a visitor?**
   - No. Anybody can host.

5. **Can we host if we don’t speak Japanese?**
   - Yes, of course you can.

6. **Can we host if we don’t speak English very well?**
   - Yes, of course. Most of the visitors probably won’t speak English very well either. But they have learned English for at least four years and they will all come with electronic translators.

7. **What do we need to have in order to host a visitor?**
   - You don’t need to have a spare bedroom, but you will need to have a spare bed.

8. **Will our school visit Japan?**
   - Yes, Noble Park SC will visit Japan in 2016.

9. **Can my daughter or son go to Japan if we host?**
   - Usually host students have visited Japan the next year and then stay with the family of the student that they hosted.

10. **Why should I host?**
    - Because it is the most fun you can have. Not only do you get to meet someone from another country and establish a new friendship, but you will also get to learn about another culture and language.