Year 11 Ball Students prior to the event
Friday May 30, 2014

Seth Franco performing his basketball tricks

Seth Franco, former Globetrotter, made a presentation to students and staff of Nossal High School on Tuesday May 27.
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jun 3  Tertiary Information System Year 12 9:15am-11:00pm
Jun 3  Yr 9 Sports Around the World—Gravity Zone
Jun 5  Stringfest 8:30-4:30pm
Jun 9  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Jun 10  Report Writing Day-STUDENT FREE DAY
Jun 11  Digital Delivery Year 9-10-Students work from home
Jun 11  Yr11 & 12 GAT, 9:00am
Jun 15-21  Mainingrida and Berry Springs Cultural visit
Jun 16  Yr11 Legal Studies Mock Criminal Trial (assessment)
Jun 17  Fareshare excursion
Jun 17  Literature MTC excursion
Jun 18  Yr9 Drama ‘Fossils’ rehearsal 1:30-3:30pm
Jun 19  Casey North Division-Senior Basketball, Hockey and Table Tennis Gala Day
Jun 20  Yr9 boys & all of Yr10 vaccinations
Jun 23-27  Yr10 Work Experience
Jun 24  Yr9 Drama to see “The Witches” by Roald Dahl at the Malthouse Theatre, 7pm
Jun 25  Yr9 Drama ‘Fossils’ rehearsal 1:30-3:30pm
Jun 25  Yr9 Drama Performance “Fossils” at 7pm
Jun 27  Last day of Term 2

2014 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1  January 29- April 4
Term 2  April 22– June 27
Term 3  July 14– September 19
Term 4  Oct 6– Year Level Dependant

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Dear Parents,

Casey Creations Awards

I have just returned from the thirteenth annual City of Casey Awards ceremony where the artistic talents of the Casey’s young people were showcased and celebrated. There were some very impressive artworks (photography and visual arts) on display and prizes were awarded by the Mayor. Congratulations to Roshan Ramesh who received an Encouragement Award for one of his two art pieces and won first prize in the Years 10 -12 Visual Arts category with a beautiful drawing that was gaining much admiration from all in attendance and was well worthy of the ultimate prize. Bridgette Van Diepen won this prize last year, and this year showed her versatility and creativity by taking out first prize in the Years10-12 Photography category. A clean sweep for two very impressive young Nossal artists who independently created their pieces and entered the competition. I hope to have their works displayed at the school in the not too distant future.

Digital Delivery Day

I am looking forward to the success and challenges of this day as we implement some cutting edge approaches to delivery of curriculum. This event is a trial program for us – one that we believe will have much benefit for our school community and will lead us further into a more effective online environment where students and parents will be able to access much more information and support via digital devices (on demand 24/7). I thank the students and staff for the work they are putting into making Nossal an even more effective and innovative school and in particular to Mr Stuart Fankhauser for his dynamic leadership, creativity and hard work.

DEECD Gifted Education Strategy

As a result of the Inquiry into Gifted Education DEECD have just released a directions document that outlines their response to the inquiry and their future directions. It is titled “Aiming High” (see school website or go to http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/learningdev/Pages/giftedandtalented.aspx). One of the key initiatives was the creation of an outreach pilot program through the Selective Entry Network which will ask us to roll out programs for gifted Years 5 and 6 students and their parents in remote and regional areas. This is a challenging, but exciting opportunity for the network to reach beyond our local areas and set up some creative and different opportunities both for the selective schools and for gifted education across the state.

PFA Forthcoming Events and Fundraisers

I urge you all to support the PFA in their fundraising and other endeavours, either by joining the group, or participating in their activities and events. They are about to launch a drive to construct a community BBQ for the school; are planning a Trivia night (donations of good and services for prizes would be much appreciated) and the Entertainment Books are available from the school or online.

Market Day

The Business Management class held a highly successful and enjoyable Market Day last week and there was much demand for their products as the canteen closed to support their endeavours on the day. This is a wonderful hands-on learning experience for the students involved and they were quite creative with their businesses. My thanks to Ms Toth for her organisation of this.

Farewell

This week we farewell Ms Claire Rainey (woodwind teacher) who is leaving to have her first child. (although I believe she will be back next week for the Winter Concert where we will make a formal presentation to her) Claire has been one of the foundation music teachers at Nossal and we wish her well in the final stages of her pregnancy and look forward to the safe arrival of the baby. This will be only the third Nossal baby – two from within the music department!

Welcome

Mr Alderton and his wife welcomed their first child this week. We wish them all the best.

Replacing Ms Rainey will be Mr Paul Williams (ex principal bassoonist from the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra). He brings a huge wealth of experience and an impressive musical history to the role.

We have recently appointed Mr Mark Humphries to the Network Manager role and he will soon be heading up our IT technical team, replacing Aaron Houghton.

Michael Carr-Gregg

I’m unsure how to capture the enthusiasm and interest that Michael generated among the parents, staff and students he spoke to last Monday. In a hugely informative and entertaining two hours he dazzled the audience with a mixture of facts, anecdotes and useful hints to enable them to get the best out of their schooling, and importantly how to reduce stress and improve study
NOTICE OF CHANGE IN THE STRUCTURE OF THE DAY

When we begin Semester 2 on the 16th June, 2014 we are changing the structure of the day, by moving Tutorial to after recess. The new times for the day are shown in the table below:

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This will be a trial for Term 3 and 4. Throughout the remainder of the year we will seek student and teacher feedback to determine whether the change will be permanent.

We are making this change to more consistently promote an adult learning environment.

Year 12s are currently allowed to sign out to leave early if they have a private study lesson in Period 5. We have not allowed them to start late if they have a private study in Period 1 because we did not want students to miss out on Tutorial where important information and administrative tasks are given to the students. Attending Tutorial helps the students to be organised and connected. With Tutorial now after recess, the Year 12s will be allowed to arrive later in the day when they have a private study at the beginning of the day. They will need to sign in at the kiosk when they arrive. This privilege is only available to Year 12 students. Year 11s studying a Unit 3 & 4 are not given this privilege.

When students arrive at school in the minutes just prior to 8:48 am they will need to collect their books for Periods 1 and 2 and be seated in class ready to start at 8:48 am. After recess students will collect their books for Periods 3 and 4 and be seated in Tutorial at 11:08 am.

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR CAREERS AND PATHWAYS EXPO, WEDNESDAY 23RD JULY

We are seeking your assistance with our Careers and Pathways Expo on Wednesday 23rd July, 2014 from 4:00 – 8:00 pm. At this event we have over twenty tertiary institutions gathered ready to discuss their courses and entrance requirements with students.

We also have information sessions on:
- University Extension studies for students in Year 12
- General information on the VCE for Year 9s and 10s
- Information on Maximising your ATAR for Year 11s and 12s
• Medical and Law Faculty entrance requirements
• 2013 Graduates discussing their tips for the VCE and transition to university

Another significant part of our program is providing the opportunity for students and parents to broaden their knowledge about the diversity of job pathways available and the jobs that particular degrees may lead to. This is where you can help. We are seeking parents/friends of Nossal to run 30 minute workshops to share information about their careers. The format would be 20 minutes information and 10 minutes of question and answer. It would be possible to run the same session twice if availability allows.

If you think you can help please contact us by emailing our Careers Advisor, Ms Linda Rackham at: Linda.Rackham@nossalhs.vic.edu.au.

In order to finalise the program, we would need to confirm your availability by Wednesday 23rd June, 2014. In your response please briefly indicate the following details:
• Name:
• Profession/Job:
• Organisation you work for:
• Degree:
• Career Opportunities:
• Times available on Wed July 23rd between 4-8 pm:
• Email address:
• Phone Contact Number:

When we look at the range of people who have volunteered by Wednesday 23rd June, we will assemble a program with as much diversity as possible. We will contact you in the week after the Term 2 school holidays to confirm your position in the program.

Thank you in anticipation of your assistance.
Sue Harrap, Assistant Principal

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A focus on Wellbeing........How can you perform at your best if your head is not in the right place?

On Monday, Dr Michael Carr Gregg engaged both staff, parents and students alike. Michael was again highly informative and entertaining. Michael’s tips for success... get plenty of sleep at least 8 hours a day; breakfast is vital, eat eggs, yoghurt, blueberries and chew gum (but not at school!). He accepts that mobile devices are part of living in the 21st century but as they can be distracting, we need to turn them off so they do not interrupt learning or rest time. Thank you to Mr Leigh Candy for organising this wonderful event.

“I expected Michael Carr-Gregg’s presentation to be good but it was great!... From what I’ve heard, the participating families started changing that very night! ....Anyone who missed this needs to figure out right now how they are going to attend next time and make sure that next time is soon”.

Alan Lachman, President of School Council

Whole School Assembly with motivational speaker Seth Franco

On Tuesday, all students enjoyed a fantastic presentation by former Globetrotter and motivational speaker Seth Franco. What an inspirational guy with a wonderful story! Seth spoke of the importance of following dreams and being passionate about what you do. He reflected on his life’s journey and the physical challenges of having hip dysplasia. Seth weaved a very important
important message of resilience. Never be frightened or stressed about getting things wrong. Persistence and resilience are
great skills and qualities that enable everyone to take on the challenges of life. No one is perfect, we can in fact learn a great
deal from failure. Some of the world’s best have failed but kept on persisting. Former Basketball star Michael Jordan missed
about 9000 careers shots and lost 300 games. JK Rowling’s novel Harry Potter was rejected by over 9 publishers before
London’s Bloombury Publishing Company signed her on. Never give in. Reflect, review and keep on going... these are important
life messages. Many thanks to Mr Lee Tilley for organising Seth’s visit to Nossal.

Parking and safety at student drop-off and pick-up times

Due to the safety concerns of our students, staff and visitors, new signs have been installed directly in front of the school. At
student drop off and pick up times, we are asking parents and carers to please adhere to our new parking signs informing of
the “No Standing, No Stopping and No Parking” zones of our school. For the safety of all, please adhere to these regulations.

Mr Wayne Haworth
Assistant Principal

Visit by the Chief Assessor of English

On Wednesday 14th May our Year 12 English students were privileged to receive a two hour lecture from Mr Bob Hillman, Chief
Assessor for both English and the GAT in Victoria.

Mr Hillman, an accomplished speaker and teacher was generous in sharing his views on how to manage the exam, life as a VCE
student and working profitably throughout the year as well as insightful tips for completing each part of the course.

Comments from our students in response to the lecture:

“No only did we get incredible tips for English but also the effort required to do
well in Year 12 and life in general”

“The lecture was a huge ‘eye opener’ and I strongly believe that we have a real
advantage over other students”

“The lecture helped me to reflect on my study habits – I really hope I can
maintain my renewed vigour for improving my motivation and attitude”

“Mr Hillman prompted me to think about the obstacles I create which hinder my
learning in English, as well as how to be more proactive”

“I really liked the fact that Mr Hillman emphasised how important it is that each
student be ‘honest’ with themselves in terms of how much they are working and
how willing they are to maximise their learning opportunities.”

“I hadn’t really considered before the correct attitude required for success”

“Mr Hillman reminded me that I will only improve my English skills through
constant practise”

“It was very motivational and a little bit frightening to realise the effort being
put into English by our competition at other schools”

“I would have willingly come on the weekend to hear this lecture. I wish he
could come back again.”

Mrs Elizabeth Morgan
Planning for 2015

All students in years 9, 10 and 11 will receive a Senior School Handbook for 2015 in the next week. This is the beginning of the course planning process for 2015. There are a couple of important dates mentioned in the handbook.

1. Senior School Course Counselling

The main day for this is Wednesday August 6th 2014. This will be a pupil free day and all students and parents in years 9 and 10 will be asked to make an appointment to confirm their course preferences for 2015. Year 11 students may make an appointment if they wish, and do not have to have parent/guardian with them to confirm their courses. **Information on appointment times and booking will be given to students in the last week of this term.** Please note that there will also be some catch up appointments available on Friday 8th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th August.

2. Subject Selections

Subject selections will be made through Edval Choices online. **All students will be given their code and login information on Thursday 24th July** after the Career/Pathway Information Evening. There is extensive information on how to login and enter course preferences in the handbook.

Jenny Callahan, Director of Curriculum and Pedagogy

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Global Leaders Convention

Below is a piece written by a year 10 student after attending the Global Leaders Convention on Thursday 8th May.

**One thousand different students, one passion.**

The Global Leaders Convention, run by World Vision, was THE most inspiring event I have attended so far this year. A small group of Nossal students and I were among a thousand other students, and many Youth Volunteers at the Melbourne’s Convention Centre, who I soon discovered, shared much the same passion about global health issues and global charity works as I always have.

Earlier in the day, I was picked out from the crowd and interviewed by a camera-lady who questioned me about what I had expected from that day. As I was extremely shy (and didn’t want to risk making a fool out of myself if I made it to next year’s World Vision campaign ad!), I gave a vague reply about my vague knowledge of all the things that I was yet to see. The students and teachers were taught about hunger and injustice in one of the most impoverished nations of Africa, Rwanda, and it wasn’t all just death rate statistics and big numbers. We, instead, were exposed and captured by the reality of poverty through real life stories told by a Rwandan guest speaker, and viewed a series of videos captured in the remote villages of Rwanda. We also had an exclusive view of World Vision’s 40 Hour Famine campaign for 2014 and individually made a pledge to the focus family of the campaign how we would continue to tell these stories and help to empower the family and their community. It was great fun because at one point, we were instructed to ‘Instagram’ our promises at the same time, which you can check with the hash tag #roaddochange. Following this, we took part in a game that mocked the hardships and everyday life in a third world community. We were divided into our own communities, consisting of 10-15 strangers from other schools, to turn a bundle of rope (our only resource) into braids and other creative objects in order to trade for a sufficient number of education, water, health shelter and food tokens. It was extremely tough to survive each round and we had to compromise some necessities over others, such as food and water, but I guess it was a way to show us the difficulties Rwandans and poor communities face everyday of their lives. That hit me really hard.

How often do we get to see poverty in third world countries with our own eyes? We don’t, but it doesn’t make it any less real. People are often oblivious about the hunger and poverty in poorer countries, because our societies are so different and we are separated by such a vast spread of sea and ocean. However, that day at the conference, I learnt that we still share the same Earth and the same home...so yes, this poverty is also our responsibility. My goal is to use the leadership skills I experienced that day to share these stories, and encourage others to help empower Rwanda. I also took away the reality that although, we are an advantageous nation, we may not have all the money in the world to solve these third world crisis, but we can use our voice to spread the word, and our talents (singing, playing an instrument etc) to capture larger audiences and influence larger groups of people. Because of this, I was utterly inspired to perhaps run our very own ‘Nossal’s Got Talent’ ...stay tuned for upcoming school fundraisers and get involved in the 40 hour famine this year!

Nikki Nguyen 10P
Year 10 Commerce

Year 10 Commerce have just completed the Australian Stock Exchange game. This is the results of Ms Warner’s class compiled diligently by Travis Ng. A super poster was also created outlining these results. The students had a great time investing their $50,000 and making choices about buying and selling of shares based on a range of investment strategies. Students also focussed on the Corporate Social Responsibility Policies and score cards of the companies they invested in.

ASX Sharemarket Game Statistics (By Travis Ng 10Q)

Scores are in $1,000s

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These are some of their reflections:

“We were lucky enough to have decent weather throughout the excursion to and at the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court. After a long train ride we set foot on Morwell turf as we were able smell the tiniest bit of smoke lingering in the air from the fire in the mine. Everyone was used to it by the time we reached the Court. After being talked to by a prosecutor we were finally able to see a court in process. It looked really stressful for Magistrate Alsop, but he was clearly trained to stay composed. It was amazing how fast some of the cases went through, and every single one was interesting. I am very grateful for being able to going on this excursion.”

Nathir

“It was a pleasure to hear Magistrate Alsop speak to us, to more effectively communicate with him as he took off his austere exterior and presented himself as a very friendly and humorous mentor.”

Jenny Yi

“One of the interesting or surprising events in the excursion is the amount of people coming to court. Before entering the court, I expected that there would be a somewhat small crowd of people attending the court; I never expected there would be so many. Another surprising event that happened in the excursion is the duration of the court cases. Some went for 5 minutes, some went for half hour and 1 of them went for a couple of seconds! And another surprising event of the court room is that the entire time, it felt like the entire thing was like a really bad soap opera, without the opera. This is valuable experience as I have always thought that court cases would be RREEEAALLLY LLOONNGG AANNDD RREEAALLYY BBOORRIINNGG!!”

Bryan

“The trip to Latrobe Valley Court was an extremely informing experience and it helped me understand court life and scenarios. Magistrate Alsop, was the Magistrate in the court our group were in. He gave many good behaviour bonds to several accused; good behaviour bonds are when all charges and convictions would be cancelled unless within the 12 months the accused commits another crime.”

Shanice

“I think the excursion to LaTrobe Valley Court was a really intriguing and interesting excursion and I definitely learnt a lot during the excursion. When you actually sit in court and listen to all the cases, you understand how cases go through the legal system - from the incident, to the charge and hearing and all the steps in between. I can confidently say I know how cases go through the system and what happens in the end. It’s also interesting because going to court isn’t as daunting as I thought it would be and the Magistrate that we had was much more kind and welcoming than I thought it would be.”

Melanie

“I found my experience at the Latrobe Regional Valley Court really interesting. It gave us an insight into how the Magistrates Court works and what sort of cases are heard there. Magistrate Alsop briefly talked to us about the 4 D’s (Drugs, Drinking, Driving and Death) and as he is also a coroner, he warned us of the situations we may face as youths.”

Hannah
Donations Requested

Costumes donations
Time to clean out the wardrobe? Don’t send your unwanted items to the Salvos, send them to school!

Wanted: Jackets such as men’s suit jackets, ladies blazers
Interesting props – hats, handbags, gloves, ties, scarves, etc
Anything that could belong in the 1950s: full skirts, short cardings, leather jackets, ‘prom’ dresses

Please drop donated items off for Ms Crust and the Drama department at the front office

Many thanks
School of Hard Knocks presents the
WORLD PREMIERE

STREET REQUIEM

For those who have died on the street

Street Requiem was conceived by Dr Jonathon Welch AM and written in collaboration with Dr Kathleen McGuire and Andy Payne. Street Requiem is a new choral work that aims to bring a sense of peace, remembrance and hope to many communities struggling to come to terms with street violence and a loss of safety on our streets.

Conducted By
Dr Jonathon Welch AM & Dr Kathleen McGuire

FEATURING:
Liane Keegan, contralto
Danielle Matthews, soprano
Street Requiem String Quartet
Choirs:
Choir of Hope & Inspiration
THECHOIR
Members of Voices Without Borders asylum seeker choir
School of Hard Knocks ABSOLUTELY EVERYBODY choir program
from The Latrobe Valley Voices, The City of Casey Choir and Voices of Brimbank

Melbourne Recital Centre
SATURDAY 7 JUNE 2014, 7PM

$25 student/concession to $35 for adults

Ticket Bookings & Enquiries:
www.melournerecital.com.au or ph: 03 9699 3333

Proceeds go to support the
Melbourne International Singers Festival
THECHOIR
ABSOLUTELY EVERYBODY Choir Program
Q and A Evening

FREE EVENT

Date: Monday 16 June 2014
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm (doors open at 7.00 pm for a strict 7.30 pm start)
Where: Cranbourne Golf Club,
South Gippsland Highway,
Cranbourne North
Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. This is an alcohol-free event.

The evening invites dads and other significant males (including foster dads, grandparents, etc) from across Casey to come together and openly discuss issues relevant to being a dad with our guest panel. The discussion will focus on issues that are faced by expecting and new dads.

Special Guest Host, Sandy Roberts
TV Sports Journalist

GUEST PANEL MEMBERS INCLUDE:

- Dave Hughes
  Comedian and Media Personality

- Jay Laga’aia
  ‘Play School’ Presenter,
  Children’s Entertainer and Actor

- Troy Jones
  ‘Being Dad’ DVD Series and
  Founder of ‘Pregnant Pause’

- Gregory Nicolau,
  Consulting Psychologist and CEO,
  Australian Childhood Trauma Group

- Randal Newton-John
  Executive General Manager,
  MensLine Australia

PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED – REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL

For more information and to book your place, please contact City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.

If you have a question you would like to ask the panel, please email these before the evening to: dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au

NRS (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired): 133 677  TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service): 131 450

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