IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Jul 28  U4 Biology Genetics Workshop LAT
Jul 29  Duke of Edinburgh excursion
School Council meeting
Jul 30  U4 Biology Genetics Workshop LAB
FareShare excursion
House assemblies
Jul 31  SMR Badminton
Jul 31-Aug 1 Year 10 Study Conference
Aug 1   MH Wellbeing excursion
Aug 4   Whole school assembly
Aug 5   ALC Language Competition (Yr10-12)
Aug 6   Senior Course Confirmation-no classes
Aug 7   Australian Maths Competition
Aug 8   Catch up Course Confirmation-normal classes
Wings to the Mind Master Class
House assemblies
PFA Trivia Night
Aug 12  Yr9 MNOP City Week begins
ICAS Maths Competition
Alliance Francaise Orals Yr11-12
Aug 12-13 Catch up Course Confirmation-normal classes
Aug 16  Wings to the Mind Conert
Aug 18  Women’s Educational Breakfast
House assemblies
Students finish at 1:30
Book week commences
Aug 19  Yr9 QRST City Week begins
Aug 19-20 Companion Training in Seasons for Growth
Aug 20  VTAC Parent Information Session at St Margaret’s, Berwick
Aug 21  WOT Opera-Day 1
Yr10 MacBeth Excursion
Aug 23  Working Bee
Aug 25  Yr9 Archie Fusillo Visiting Author
Aug 26  WOT Opera-Day 2
Biology U1&2 Melbourne Zoo excursion

2014 SCHOOL TERM DATES

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

SAVE THE DATES!

NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL SPEECH NIGHT,
(Student attendance Compulsory)
Tuesday 2nd December, 7:00pm
Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University Clayton
* All parents welcome *
Tickets free of charge

NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE MUSIC NIGHT,
(Student attendance Compulsory)
Thursday 28th August, 7pm
Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University Clayton
* All Parents and Families welcome *
Tickets will be available on Monash web link
Information coming soon.

NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER,
Thursday 20th November, 6:30 pm
Victory Room, Etihad Stadium
* Year 12 Students, Parents and Families *
Tickets available—www.trybooking.com/FEDX

Saturday 16th August, 7:00 pm   NHS Lecture Theatre
*All Students, Parents and Families welcome *
Tickets available – www.trybooking.com/FGQZ
Dear Parents,

**Careers Expo and Course Counselling**
As I write this, we are about to undertake the 2014 Careers Expo at Nossal and I hope that most families were able to attend and participate. (You will be reading this after the event so I am anticipating that it all goes to plan!)

My thanks to Ms Harrap, Mr Haworth, Ms Rackham and the numerous other staff members responsible for the organisation of this important event. A particular thank you and acknowledgement of the assistance of our parent community (past and present) for their involvement and presentations on the evening, and to our students (past and present) for their active involvement and assistance. There were a number of “firsts” this year as we continue to build and refine this event. It has been wonderful to have such an enthusiastic response form our 2013 graduate students who offered to come along to run workshops and share their experiences of university and to provide hints for success to our current students. I am gratified that they are willing to do so, and wish to remain strongly connected to the school as this will be of considerable mutual benefit. I am also aware of at least two “ex–parents” (Mr Logan and Dr Verity) who have returned again this year to share their career experiences and expertise with us. Mr Haworth was keen to open the event up to other local schools for the first time this year, and I hope that they were able to take advantage of the offer. Nossal is able to attract nearly every Australian University to the expo as they are very keen to attract the interest and future enrolment of Nossal students, and as a service to other local schools we have offered them the opportunity to take advantage of this too. James Cook University in Cairns send down representatives every year and some of our graduate students are now studying there. I believe one of them (Fazle Hoque) will share his experience on the night. As always Nossal staff are on hand to support and advise on career pathways and directions for individual students, and we will be shortly undertaking the individual course selection and counselling process so students can nominate their courses for 2015 and beyond.

**Parent Opinion Survey**
I will attempt (with the wonderful assistance of PFA members) to collect responses to the annual parent opinion survey during the careers expo and over the next few weeks. If you are one of the families randomly selected to complete the surveys, please take the time to do so as they provide invaluable anonymous feedback about our performance and the concerns and suggestions of our parents. This feedback is essential to us this year in particular as we undertake the school review and develop a Strategic Plan for our direction for the next 4 years. The anonymous survey sheets are collected by the school and sent to the Education Department who collate the results and send out a comprehensive report, containing our specific feedback, and comparing it to other schools in the state. Your individual responses are anonymous and you cannot be identified so you can be absolutely honest and forthright in your feedback, and it is very useful for us to hear positive, constructive and critical feedback as it will assist us to do our job more effectively.

**Teacher Performance and Development**
You may be aware that teachers, support staff and even principals undertake annual reviews where their work, professional learning, and overall performance is evaluated against specified standards and where they have the opportunity to seek specific feedback and plan to further develop their skills and performance levels. This is a challenging and important process and one that has been undergoing significant refinement to make it more rigorous and relevant to the work that we do. This year we are transitioning to a new and much more challenging process and under the leadership of Ms Harrap, our staff have been putting in much additional time and effort to meet the demands of the new structure. Nossal staff all produce individual development plans and also undertake challenging individual and group projects to enable them to keep up to date, learn and develop more diverse skill sets, and to address emerging and future educational needs and imperatives. As always I am exceptionally proud and humbled by the professionalism and commitment of the Nossal staff, and by the level of dedication they show.
Year 12 Formal
My thanks to Ms Soltys and Ms Wriedt and the student organising team for the work they put into making the 2014 Year Formal at the Brighton International during the holidays such a success. The students (and most of the staff) looked absolutely stunning in their formal wear and many of the performances on the dance floor were most impressive, although I have to admit to being much too old now to appreciate the music the DJ was playing and have definitely lost what little sense of rhythm I may once have possessed. Fortunately Mr Pegram was able to step up to the mark as always and presented a dazzling display of dance moves that inspired most of the audience to join him on the dance floor.

Emerald Rotary Club Car Raffle
I am really hoping not to have to return any of the raffle books this year, but have quite a few tickets still to sell and some of our students have not been able to sell as many as I had hoped. If any students (or parents) would be able to buy or sell more books of tickets that would be most appreciated. Please come to the office and we will allocate you more books. Remember that for every $2 ticket we sell - $2 comes back to Nossal so there is 100% return to us for this and buyers have a very good chance of winning a prize. There are also House Points being awarded for ticket sales this year so you have the opportunity to assist your House at the same time. Please help.

Trivia Night
Please support the inaugural PFA Trivia night, by donating goods, or better yet, booking a table or a seat and coming along. It will be a very entertaining night and the proceeds will be of direct benefit to the school and our community. I thank the PFA (and Paula Goldman in particular) for their excellent work in planning this event.

Roger Page

Assistant Principal - Mr Wayne Haworth

Firstly a big thank you to the many parents and guardians who made a donation to the special building fund just prior to the end of last term. A total of $1800 was raised. All proceeds will go directly to the PFA's special project, the construction of the brick BBQ and servery.

Thank you to Ms Soltys and Ms Wriedt and the student organising committee for their planning and significant contribution to a highly successful Year 12 formal at the Brighton International during the school holidays.
A number of exciting events are about to unfold. At the end of next week we have the **Year 10 Study Conference**. To coincide with this, on Thursday 31st July at 7pm I encourage all parents to come along to an information session “**Parenting Strategies for Teenage Success**.” Darren Pereira will speak about the benefits of a growth mindset, building resilience and following ones passion. More information at: [http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=special-event-free-for-nossal-hs-families](http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=special-event-free-for-nossal-hs-families).

On Wednesday 6th August all students with parents will attend **Senior Course Confirmation**. No classes will be held on this day. Students and parents will attend appointments making subject selections for 2015. This is a vital part of our planning for 2015. Bookings are made via Compass and all the families should have their individual logins.

On the evening of Friday August 8th, the PFA will hold Nossal's first **Trivia Night**. There will be lots of fun and prizes including a silent auction. All money raised will go towards the special building project the BBQ. More information at: [http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=2014-pfa-trivia-night](http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=2014-pfa-trivia-night).

On Friday 8th August, during the day **Alan Kogosowski** presents a pianist **Masterclass**. This is open to all interested students. Student may wish to directly participate while others may prefer to spectate as part of the audience and be inspired. On Saturday 16th August we present ‘**Wings to the Minds**’ concert with Alan Kogosowski. More information at: [http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=wings-to-the-mind-music-program](http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=wings-to-the-mind-music-program).

**House Music 2014**

On Thursday 28th August the 5th Annual House Music Competition will take place at Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University, Clayton Campus. Tickets for this event go on sale next Tuesday 29th July from 9.30am. Details will appear on our website as soon as the information is available. Tickets are $10 for adults and $6 for children under 15 years. There is no charge for Nossal students. This is a compulsory event for all students and we encourage all parents to come along and enjoy this wonderful event. Students do not have classes on this day. They have a late start at Monash, Clayton. More details soon.

**Early dismissal for students - Monday August 18th**

Currently Nossal is undergoing a school review. Every four years DEECD schools create a Strategic Plan which establishes a clear focus for future improvement. As part of creating our new Strategic Plan we are conduct a review of our many practices and structures. On Monday 18th August we will dismissing students early, to allow for an extended staff discussion as part of our review. Students will be dismissed at 1.20pm on this day.

**Students on Teacher Selection Panels**

Each year students have the opportunity to participate on Teacher Selection panels. In order to do so, students must part take in Merit and Equity training. The training is designed to give students confidence as well as being informed of the responsibilities that comes with holding such a position. Training will be held at lunchtime on Tuesday 5th August. Students are encouraged to please email Ms. Ansalde or myself to express interest by Friday 1st August.

Wayne Haworth

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**Curriculum & Pedagogy - Ms Jenny Callahan**

Course counselling for 2015 starts in two weeks. Our main Course Counselling day is Wednesday August 6th. There will be no formal classes on this day and students will be expected to book an appointment for course counselling. There are three other backup days on Friday August 8th, Tuesday August 12th and Wednesday August 13th if you are unable to attend on the 6th, however we expect that most of our students will attend a session the 6th. If you are encountering difficulty booking an appointment please contact Ms Jenny Callahan [jennifer.callahan@nossalhs.vic.edu.au](mailto:jennifer.callahan@nossalhs.vic.edu.au)

Jenny Callahan, Director of Curriculum & Pedagogy

**Mathematics - Mr Loi Tran**

**Mathematical Olympiad Selection School**

In April 2014, I went to the IMO (International Mathematical Olympiad) Selection School. It was held at Macquarie University, Sydney for 10 days. 25 students from across the nation participated. The aim was to select a team of 6 students to represent...
Australia at the IMO held in South Africa this year. Contrary to popular belief, Olympiad Math is not some insanely hard university-level math, but math that is entirely different from the school syllabus. It requires a high level of creativity, critical thinking and rigorous reasoning. Selection to this school was determined by the performance in two challenging exams, the Australian Mathematical Olympiad and the Asian-Pacific Mathematical Olympiad (for which I got a Bronze and Honorable Mention (9th) respectively). We had lectures from past-Olympians to learn about problem-solving techniques, and also had a taste of university life at the Macquarie campus. Certainly we did not do math all day, there was plenty of free time so we would play games together, had some sport activities and went ice skating. Although I did not make the IMO team, it was still an amazing experience. Lastly, I would highly encourage all students interested in math to take part in Olympiad Math. It would be wonderful if more Nossal students could participate in these programs.

Yong See Foo 10M

The Bronze certificate was handed out to Yong See last week in the Whole School Assembly

Loi Tran, Director of Mathematics

"ROMEO AND JULIET" PERFORMANCE AT NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL

On Monday July 14th, a group of actors from Complete Works Theatre Company visited the school to perform the famous Shakespearean play “Romeo and Juliet” for all year 9 students. The thrilling performance was followed by a discussion and question and answer session. The year 9 students are studying this play in English and took full advantage of the performance and discussion session to improve their understanding of the play.

These photos show the actors performing the play.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE BOOK SWAP

From August 25th to August 29th 2014 book swaps will be taking place at our school as part of the 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge Book Swap initiative. The aim of this initiative is to encourage the students to read more books and to refresh their book collections by holding a special Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge Book Swap week in the IRC.

Students are being encouraged to bring along old books they are willing to part with and exchange them for books they haven’t read yet. With new books to take home, we hope all our students will be energised to read more – and more often. You may also have books that your child has grown out of, please consider donating these to us for our event. Reading every day is after all proven to improve students literacy levels as well as academic achievement.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

Our school has been very active in promoting students participation in Premiers’ Reading Challenge which involves students registering and reading at least 15 books by September 12th, 2014. There is still time for students to register and participate. Registration forms are available in the IRC. Please encourage your child to participate if they haven’t done so already.
LITERATURE CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

There is a very active Literature Circle Book Club operating in the IRC. This year the membership has been extended to include the community members. The club meets once every three weeks in the IRC and the students have an opportunity to participate in book discussion with the staff as well as the community members. Our next Literature Circle Book Club meeting will be on Tuesday 29th July from 1.30 pm in the IRC. The IRC is encouraging parents to become members as well. If interested please contact the IRC Director, Mrs Kamla Reddy during school hours, kamla.reddy@nossalhs.vic.edu.au.

BOOK WEEK CELEBRATIONS

This year the Book Week Celebrations at Nossal High School will take place from 18th to 26th August. The IRC has organised a range of functions, activities and competitions during the Book Week. Parents are very welcome to visit the school during the celebrations. Further details will be forthcoming.

Kamla Reddy, IRC Director

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Year 9 Drama Club - Ms Sam Crust

Directors Notes:

Congratulations to our Fossils! Cast

Fossils! is an example of a Theatre In Education play which is theatre that is designed to educate as well as entertain its young audience. This is a play that talks about the way our parents seem so old to us when we are teenagers. I remember when I was in Year 9 or 10 and my father picked me up from the school dance and actually walked onto the dance floor! I thought he was a fossil then. I am sure that at some point we have all felt the way that the characters Julie, Michelle and Franky felt in this play. We changed the gender of the characters in some scenes so that Julie became Julian and Michelle became Michael and Fanky is sometimes female because the issues are universal.

This play was written for five actors but we made it so that all the 45 Year 9 students had a part to play. I was very impressed with Year 9 Drama students and their ability to work together. I hope you enjoyed our performance.

Thank you to:
Mr Ian Pegram, Mashrur Khan 10M, Jason Nurtjahja 10N, Jhaan Singh 10S for the lighting.
Yani Radu 9Q and Andrew May 9O for help backstage and in Front of House.
Ms Briony Schroor, Ms Brianna Chapple, Mr Rohan Bramley, Ms Tracey Dilollo, Ms Michelle Desaulniers, Ms Mary Fankhauser for Front of House.
Ms Leslie Cilia for photography.
And you the audience, for without you there is no point!!

Ms Samantha Crust, Grease Director
Monash Murder Mystery Excursion
On Friday 18th of July ten Year Eleven Chemistry students visited Monash University to solve the mystery of who murdered a prominent Australian research scientist. The group used a number of analytical techniques such as Infrared Spectroscopy, UV-Visible Spectroscopy and fingerprinting to determine that it was in fact the jealous biochemist who was guilty! All the students had a great day learning about the various techniques used in forensic chemistry and all got a taste of what is in store for them next year when they tackle Unit 3 & 4 Chemistry.

Amanda Wreidt
Parenting ideas magazine

In 2014 Nossal has a school membership with Parenting ideas, the brainchild of Michael Grose, author of eight parenting books. His columns appear in newspapers and magazines across Australia, he’s a regular on Channel 10’s The Circle, and has a fortnightly half-hour segment on ABC Radio Victoria. He is a Master of Educational Studies and researcher into what makes healthy families tick.

The Parenting ideas magazine is available to subscribers like Nossal and we can pass it on to all our parents.


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Nossal High School PFA Trivia Night

Teachers, students, parents & friends - it’s a Friday night to let your hair down. Come and challenge one another and show that you are the BEST! We have prizes for the winning team, silent auctions, games and hard juicy trivia questions. This is a good chance for students to see how good they are compared to their teachers, or for parents to prove that they are better than their “know it all” kids.

All proceeds from this Trivia night will go towards building the Nossal High School Community BBQ area.

Date: 8th August 2014 (Friday)
Time: Opens at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start
Finish: Will try to finish by 10.00pm but it may be extended if we are having too much fun. :)
Venue: Nossal High School
Costs: Book and pay now - Adult $15 per head, Child $10 per head.

*Note that this is an alcohol free event.
**Bring your own food and have a great night.
**Or pre-order your pizza. Soft drinks and juice are available to be purchased. Coffee/tea are free.

For more details, please contact: Paula Goldman 0438 098 225 or email to pgoldman871@gmail.com

Book your tickets now on www.trybooking.com/92297
RSVP before 4th Aug.

Entertainment Book Special Offer

We are very excited to be able to offer all of the friends & supporters Nossal High School a FREE 7 day trial of the Entertainment Digital membership! Simply click the link below and you can start using your membership today for 7 days after you activate it! You must download it before 1 August to make the most of the 7 days!
Special Event
Parent Evening
with
Darren Pereira

Nossal High School is pleased to present the passionate and motivating speaker, coach and trainer Darren Pereira to speak with parents and students on

Parenting Strategies for Teenage Success

THURSDAY JULY 31, 7:00 TO 8:30PM
Nossal High School, Meath Auditorium
Sir Gustav Nossal Boulevard, Monash University, Clyde Road, Berwick
Tickets only $5 per person!
Book online at http://www.trybooking.com/FKYL - bookings close Wed July 30

Darren Pereira has worked with over 250,000 students, parents & staff around the world to build a three way partnership to raise achievement. He will be presenting an engaging seminar covering the latest on Dr Carol Dweck's work on developing a Growth Mindset & Positive Expectancy.

Darren will specifically focus on the following:

- What is the difference between a Growth Mindset and a Fixed Mindset.
- What neuroscience is telling us about how the brain functions (i.e. neuroplasticity).
- How to use Positive Process Praise to develop a Growth Mindset in your kids and raise their achievement.
- What the research tells us about how to develop 'Grit' in children - work by Angela Lee Duckworth.
- How to use the power of expectations to help not hinder your child's progress.

See email regarding this event to find out how to get your free tickets!
MUSIC PROGRAM
In association with
Australian Masterclass Concert Program at Nossal High School

ALAN KOGOSOWSKI
performing the music of
Frederic Chopin
Saturday 16 August, 2014, 7pm

MASTERCLASS
'Masterclass' I I am on Friday, August 8, at Nossal High School for students of Nossal High School, Beaconsfield College, Berwick Secondary College, Hillcrest Christian College, Kambray College, St. Margaret's School and Insight Education Centre for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Open to all students, their peers, friends, family, everyone. A joyous process where a master performer shares a lifetime’s experience with his young colleagues. All students, not just the musically focused, may benefit even as observers, as they are encouraged to reach beyond their accepted potential.

CONCERT
Concert on Saturday evening August 16, at performing arts hall of Nossal High School. Bringing the glamour and excitement of an international level concert to the students, family and community of Casey.

Followed by light supper, plus CD and DVD signing. Special guests Sir Gustav and Lady Nossal.

FREE MASTERCLASS ADMISSION
Admission to the Masterclass is free to students that wish to attend. Please contact Wayne Heworth, Assistant Principal Nossal High School at wayne.heworth@nossal.vic.edu.au to secure a place.

CONCERT BOOKING
Tickets for concert by Alan Kogosowski on August 16 may be booked through Trybooking.

TRYBOOKING
www.trybooking.com/FGQZ
Nossal High School Parents & Friends Association
[Nossal PFA]

TRIVIA
NIGHT 2014

Keep **FRIDAY 8th August** free!
For silent auctions, games, prizes
and hard juicy trivia questions!

**Doors open 7.00 pm; 7.30 pm start**

- book a table of 8 or buy a single ticket
- tea and coffee provided
- byo snacks, no alcohol
- soft drinks and juice on sale
- pizzas available, $15 a large pizza

**Tickets**: ADULT $15 & STUDENT $10 each

*Please book before 4th Aug*

**Bookings at**: [www.trybooking.com/92297](http://www.trybooking.com/92297)

For more information contact:
Paula - pgoldman871@gmail.com / 0438 098 225
or Peter - rozy.peter@bigpond.com / 0439 356 635

*All proceeds from this Trivia night will go towards building
the Nossal High School Community BBQ area.*
Nossal High School Drama Club presents... Grease

Book, Music & Lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey

7PM Friday September 5
All Tickets $10

Tickets available from www.trybooking.com/FLBY

Meath Auditorium
Nossal High School
Sir Gustav Nossal Boulevard
Monash University, Cixde Road, Berwick

Enquiries: 8762 4600

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YEAR 11 & 12 SCHOLARSHIP 2014

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- S.C.C.E. professional support
- Fully comprehensive insurance cover
- Program departure date: 27 Nov 2014  Returning: 23 Jan 2015

**How to apply:**

Email your name, address, phone number and name of your school and year level to scceaust@scce.com.au

Ask for a scholarship application kit or enquire at www.scce.com.au

You will need to submit a 1,000 word essay (maximum length) on a particular topic by 1 September 2014.
WHITE RIBBON MATCH

CASEY CARDINIA FOOTBALL LEAGUE
DOVETON V PAKENHAM

The Doveton Football Club has become an Ambassador of the White Ribbon Foundation, showing the Importance of Prevention of Violence Against Women. We therefore cordially invite men of all ages to come down, learn and support this important cause.

Guest Speakers
Russell Robertson
- Melbourne Football Club champion
- Host of AFL DVD Taking the Tackle, a prevention of violence against women program
- AFL Respect and Responsibility Program ambassador

Date: Saturday 2nd August 2014
Time: 12:30 pm
Venue: Robinson Reserve Oak Av Doveton, in social rooms
Contact: Shane Viney 0438698516  Steve Henwood 0438597811

Supported by the City of Casey, CHALLENGE Family Violence Project