From Sharks to Sushi!
Our amazing and inventive house spirit is shown off at the House Swimming Carnival!

Principal’s Desk - Mr Keith Butler

It doesn’t seem that long ago, we were welcoming everyone to Nossal for the start of the 2016 school year and yet here we are now well into the final countdown towards the end of Term 1. The school calendar has continued to operate at its busy pace with so many events and activities still to occur before the Easter period.

But before I highlight some of the recent events that have occurred and those coming up, there have been some exciting things happening in the "staffing world” of the school. Last week our Principal, Mr Roger Page was the guest of the Japanese Government as a member of a delegation of 15 Australian school principals, invited to visit that country. It was a whirlwind visit to Japan and in the
WHAT IS COMING UP AT NOSSAL...

**March**

8 International Women’s Day  
8-11 Yr9 Roses Gap Camp (Garuda/Pegasus)  
9 District Swimming Sport  
14 * Labour Day Public Holiday - *please note altered date*  
15 Fareshare visit  
15-18 Yr9 Roses Gap Camp (Griffin/Phoenix)  
17 Intermediate and Senior Girls Softball  
21 Student Leadership photo day  
Aviation Club Information Night at 7pm  
22 House Athletics Carnival  
School Council Meeting  
23 Biology 1 and 2 - excursion to Cranbourne  
Intermediate and Senior Sport - Softball  
PST Conference bookings open & Reports released  
24 SMR Swimming  
Term 2 Concludes - 2:30pm finish  

**April**

11 SEN Curriculum Day at MacRob (pupil free)  
12 Staff and students return to NHS - classes resume  
14 PST Conferences - Students dismissed at 12:40pm  
15 PST Conferences - (No classes all day)  
19 State Diving Competition  
20 Food Technology excursion  
State Swimming  
Jewish Holocaust Museum Excursion  

**SCHOOL TERM DATES 2016**

**Term 1**

MAR 24 - Term 1 finishes  

**Term 2**

APR 11 - JUN 24  
(Student classes resume Tues April 12)  

**Term 3**

JUL 11 - SEP 16  

**Term 4**

OCT 3 - DEC 20

Principal’s Desk Continued...

next edition of our newsletter, Roger will tell us more about his experiences while on the very busy tour.

This week we also welcomed back Ms Leslie Cilia who has been on extended leave visiting family overseas. While we are pleased to have Leslie back with us at Nossal, we would also like to acknowledge the work done by Mr Clint Hammill who has been working with Leslie’s classes during her absence. We thank Clint for his involvement and wish him well in his new, future endeavours.

Nossal House Swimming Carnival

Also last week, we held the annual Nossal House Swimming Carnival at the Doveton pool. Under very trying conditions, it was great to see the enthusiastic support of the students and staff, especially as they all competed for their Houses. In response to the oppressive heat, no doubt one of the highlights for those present was the great “plunge competition” which saw students and staff doing laps of the pool to gain additional points for their House. Another highlight of the day was the judging of the Team Spirit events, organised by the School Captains in association with the House Leaders. The judges, Ms Harrap, Mrs Page...
and myself found it quite difficult to separate each group who showed their passionate support for their House.

Thank you to all who participated in the day with special thanks to the members of the PE Department for their organisation and management of the program. Unfortunately, the program had to be cut short because of the excessive heat, however this added challenge was made easier because of the cooperation received from everyone involved.

Leadership Assembly

Last Tuesday, we held a whole school assembly to recognise the student leaders at Nossal High School. As was explained to all present, due to the many leadership opportunities for students at the school, not all of the leaders of 2016 were able to be announced and presented during the program and so further presentations will be made at other events over the coming weeks.

In my address to the assembly, I noted that leaders motivate others. Leaders coach. Leaders have ideas and have the ability to translate that vision into reality. Leaders empower others. Leaders are the people who have the ability to use their skills to lead or guide a group of people or an organisation. Leaders do not always have a title or a badge. I went on to say that there are many situations where people take a lead amongst their friends and peers in such circumstances, they also, motivate and coach. Leaders have the ability to influence an outcome simply by working with others.

At the assembly, we recognised and congratulated our Nossal student leaders. Some have been elected, some have been chosen, some have volunteered. Regardless of how they reached their position, we congratulated them on being recognised as a leader. Like other leaders in our communities, they may not have a high profile role, but that does not lessen the importance of the task before them. We congratulated them all on “Embracing the Challenge”.

On behalf of the entire school community, I would like to thank each of our leaders for their commitment to making Nossal High School a better place for us all. Thank you for your passion, thank you for your vision, thank you for the change you will bring to others. We look forward to witnessing the development of you and your talents in your leadership role in 2016.

Camps

Last week was the first of four weeks this Term when Nossal students will be involved in school camps. The first one was the Year 12 camp to the Lord Somers camp-site on the Mornington Peninsula. Students spent three days involved in activities, better preparing them for their final year of secondary schooling as well providing the opportunity for stronger bonds to be developed with their peers and teachers. Arriving back at school last Friday afternoon, some looked tired but all agreed it had been a valuable and fun time away from the usual timetabled classes.

This week our second camp is occurring with our Unit 1&2 (Year 11) PE students participating in their Surf Camp at Phillip Island. Like the Year 12 camp, this is an

Drama Club News

Nossal Musical for 2016 is “The Wiz”
Performance dates: Jun 16, 17, 18 at 7pm
Tickets on sale soon!!!!
Rehearsals: after school Thursdays and Friday lunch times
For more information email: Samantha.Crust@nossalhs.vic.edu.au
opportunity to build friendships with others and develop a strong rapport with teachers, while completing part of the PE course of study.

Our final two camps will take place over the next two weeks. They are the traditional Year 9, four day transition camps to Roses Gap, in Western Victoria. Garuda and Pegasus students will depart on Tuesday March 8 and return on Friday March 11, while Griffin and Phoenix students will depart and return the following week after a similar time away at the camp.

All camps take an enormous amount of planning and commitment and on behalf of all those who have attended or will be attending these important events, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the staff involved. The camps can only operate with the support of staff who give up their own personal time to attend and for that we are most grateful.

Important Information about Term 1 Reports

We are releasing Term 1 reports via Compass to all parents and students on Wednesday March 23 at 4 pm.

Year 9:

As you will be aware, Nossal High School has a busy induction program in place for Year 9s during Term 1. The program includes iWeek, Year 9 camps and various whole school assemblies and House activities which are designed to build a sense of community and school unity. It is also an unusually short term. Such activities are an important way of ensuring that students are clear about the school’s expectations and have an opportunity to establish positive relationships with their peers and their teachers, both inside and outside the classroom. They do, however, mean that our Year 9 students have spent less time in a traditional classroom setting than would be usual. As a result, the ratings of student ability made by teachers are conservative in nature and are based on their best current knowledge (which may be relatively limited compared to their assessments in later terms). In addition, the advice that they offer in the comment section is at this time general to all Year 9 students. You can expect more detailed and personalised advice to be offered during the Parent-Student-Teacher conferences in Term 2, and in subsequent reporting cycles.

Years 10-12:

For students in Years 10, 11 and 12, a similar but less extreme situation exists. The reports which students and parents receive represent the teachers’ best on-balance assessments at the time of publication. The comments provided may also be limited in number depending on the subject. As the year progresses, these assessments will of course be refined as both the teachers and students involved acquire greater insight into their learning in each subject.

Parents of new Year 10 and 11 and Year 9 students will receive an email which includes a link to a video, designed to outline the intention and the research behind the reports.

All families will receive an email outlining how to access the reports online via Compass. It will simply be a matter of logging in and looking at them online.

We once again remind families to download and store a copy of their child(ren)’s reports, since these are only available through Compass whilst your child(ren) are enrolled at Nossal.
Parent-Student-Teacher (PST) Conferences

When we release the reports to parents and students on Wednesday 23 March, we will also allow you to start booking PST Conferences. Given that Term 1 is so short, we are holding out PST Conferences at the end of the first week of Term 2, on April 14 & 15. The email notification about reports will include information about how you can book appointments to see your child’s teachers.

- **14 April** 2.00 – 8.30 pm
- **15 April** 9.00 – 2.00 pm

We will run a shortened day timetable (5 x 40 min classes) on April 14; students will be dismissed at 12.40 pm. This will allow staff time to set up for the Conferences and eat their lunch before beginning at 2.00 pm. There are no classes on Friday April 15.

We hope to see as many parents as possible on these days. We encourage students to attend the conferences with their parents. A map indicating where staff are located during the Conferences will be emailed out at the beginning of the Term 2.

If staff are absent due to illness, then a text message will be sent on the day to inform parents. An opportunity to make an appointment to see these teachers at another time or talk over the phone will be provided.

Travel Safety

Last week I was disappointed to receive a call from the Station Master at Berwick who rang to inform me about the dangerous behaviour of a small number of Nossal students. A few had forced the closed emergency gate open to gain access to the platform in an attempt to catch the train, waiting in the station. Clearly this was unacceptable and not only put themselves in potential danger but also encouraged others to engage in a similar dangerous action.

This week in a follow up call from Metro Rail, it became apparent that some students ignore the danger of going through a closed gate to try to catch a train standing in the station. This is instead of waiting the additional short 15-20 minutes for the next arrival.

The offence of opening a closed gate carries a fine in excess of $300.00 and there are no warnings, fines are issued to first time offenders. All students who travel by train are strongly urged for their safety and that of others, to NOT OPEN the gates at the station once they are closed. Parents are also asked to reinforce this message with their children.

Keith Butler
Assistant Principal

Parents Seeking Carpooling Arrangements:
Please contact the following parents if you are interested in sharing the driving load

**Berwick:** Mrs Frances Selvaratnam  mohan@brightonbest.com.au

**Balwyn North:** Mr Rishi Raj  indrishi@gmail.com
Gifted And Talented Outreach Program

The Select Entry Network Gifted and Talented Outreach Program is a program for primary students across Victoria from Grades 5-6, who have been identified as being gifted and talented. Through this program, the primary students gain extension in Maths and Science through digital delivery using an online platform. This year we have 58 primary students from 11 different schools involved in the program. Thirty-nine Year 10 students from select-entry high schools (Mac.Rob, Nossal HS, Suzanne Cory HS and Melbourne High) will be taking on the role of peer mentors for these students and will assist and guide the primary students through the online content. Our teachers from the select-entry high schools will be contributing to the development of the online modules. The teachers are Ms Laura Gilbert, Dr Mirela Magyar, Ms Tran Trinh, Ms Amanda Green, Ms Kaye Rawson and Ms Carolyn Murdoch. The program also has a professional development component to it, where professional development opportunities are offered to the primary teachers in the area of Gifted Education.

The Meet and Greet Session was the first event to mark the commencement of this program and this was held at Mac.Rob on Thursday, 18 February. The main purpose of the program was to allow for peer mentors to meet their primary school mentees face to face and get to know them before the start of the online learning. Six primary schools were in attendance, with teachers and parents being present as well. Mr Roger Page (from Nossal High) gave a wonderful welcome address to the students, teachers and parents. Our peer mentors did a brilliant job in welcoming the primary schools and organizing activities to get to know their primary student mentees. We would like to acknowledge the work of the peer mentors and teachers towards this rather exciting program which offers great learning opportunities for all involved.

Mr Stephen Alderton (Nossal High School) and Ms Vani Manokaran (Mac.Roberston Girls’ High School)

Gifted Outreach Coordinators

The Wiz News

The Drama Club’s singers, dancers and actors have decided to do some Easter fundraising for the show and we need your help - to eat chocolate!

We are selling bags of Cadbury Dairy Milk eggs, Crunchie eggs and Carmello eggs. Each bag will sell for $4.

We also have an Easter Raffle. You have a chance to win an Easter Home Baking Hamper valued at $60. Tickets are only $1. Interested chocolate lovers should see a cast member or Ms Crust in the Music office.

Ms Crust
Career News

At Nossal High School we create a variety of ways in which students can access Careers information, including the following.

• In Year 9 during Term 2, Nossal Time is used for delivering a careers program over the first 8 weeks of the term, in preparation for subject selection for Year 10 and the VCE.

• Year 10 students complete and reflect on work experience and complete Occupational Health and Safety certificates. They complete the Morrisby Report which gives an in-depth insight into possible pathways directions.

• Each term there is one Whole School Nossal Time session devoted to Careers and a part of some Year level assemblies are used for timely Careers information.

• I meet with all Year 12s individually at least once and run a series of information sessions on key topics. Talks next week, open to all students but aimed particularly at Year 12s, will be on applying for Medicine and applying Overseas. These are advertised to students on NEO.

• All students can drop into the Careers room for a casual chat anytime, can make an appointment or email me any queries. Students can be assisted with CVs, cover letters and scholarship applications, as well as support in working through the perennial big issue - “I don’t know what career I want”

• The newsletter is published on NEO and the website, and all information and opportunities of interest to students are published on NEO.

Included in the latest Career Newsletter

http://nossalhscareers.com/?page=newsletter

• Environment & Sustainability at Swinburne University

• Veterinary Science Open Day 2016

• Important update from the University of Sydney

• News from ADFA

• News from Monash University
  • ‘Inside Monash’ Seminar Series
  • Update from the Business Faculty – Specialist Courses

• Architectural Engineering at Victoria University

• Nursing and/or Midwifery Matrix 2016

• Free VCE Exam Survival Guide from TSFX

• News from the University of Melbourne
  • Experience a Day at Melbourne
  • ‘Focus on Melbourne’ Series

• Tackling Climate Change - free Presentation

• Deakin Explore - fabulous new Web App

Julie Ryan
Career Practitioner (available Monday - Thursday)
NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2016

Parents are advised that the an election will be run for Parent member representation on the Nossal High School Council.

Ballot papers will be distributed on **Monday 07 March** via your student. Please ask for the School Council ballot documents when they get home from school.

Complete your ballot – 1 vote per parent. (2 votes per family in total unless alternative family arrangements are in place)

Follow the instructions supplied for completing the voting process carefully to ensure your vote can be counted.

Return your sealed ballot to the General Office via your student, by mail or in person.

**THE BALLOT WILL CLOSE AT 4.00PM ON MONDAY 14 MARCH.**

*(No late ballot will be accepted)*

If you have any questions regarding this process please contact the Principal, Mr. Roger Page.

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Nossal Parents and Friends Association

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

Monday 7th March 2016

8.30am - 9.30am

Jean Russell Centre Reception (Upstairs)

**All items at least 50% OFF!**

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Morning Tea courtesy of the Nossal PFA and School Tours with our Principals will also be available on this morning!

Everyone welcome!
Nossal Uniform Policy Reminder

Being a student at Nossal High School is a privilege and like every other privilege we are offered in life, it comes with conditions and requirements.

One such example of this is the school’s uniform. The stipulated dress code for students has been designed to create an image of excellence and pride. It symbolises each individual’s acceptance of and membership into the conditions of enrolment. The student diary says… “Students who are enrolled at Nossal High School accept the responsibility to wear the school uniform as approved by the School Council on all school days, when they are travelling to and from school, and representing the school out of hours. They should do so in a manner that brings credit to the school.”

Students are therefore reminded of the following:

• When wearing the academic uniform, the blazer must be worn to and from school as the outer garment. The exception to this is on days of excessive heat in Terms 1 and 4 when the blazer can be carried.

• Under no circumstances is the jumper to be worn as an outer garment to and from school. The jumper can however be worn as an outer garment once a student is in school.

• Students can wear their sports uniform to and from school on days when they are participating in PE or are taking part in sporting competitions. Students using this option should note that on days when they wear their sports uniform, they are required to wear their spray jacket to and from school as the outer garment.

• Under no circumstances should students wear a mixture of academic and sports uniform.

The wearing of the correct school uniform is an enrolment requirement and policy of the School Council. The details of the uniform are fully explained in the Student Diary, as is the process that should be followed if a student is unable to wear the correct uniform on any given day. Parents/guardians and families also accept the responsibility of supporting their students to ensure the correct uniform is worn at all times.

Keith Butler  
Assistant Principal

Link to further information about the Nossal Uniform with links to PSW (NHS uniform suppliers)  
http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/resources/uniform
Year 12 camp at Lord Somers delighted us all with fun and friendly camp leaders, home cooked meals and exhilarating beach activities over the course of three days and two nights.

Upon arrival, we collected our (over-packed) luggage and raced to our cabins with eagerness to, of course, score top bunks and jump right into our first activities. Girls and boys were separated into their own little huts and I was super excited to have been placed with 20 other close friends and girls. This was a highly anticipated camp. We had all grown so close over the years at Nossal, and this time around, it felt as if we were getting away on a trip with family.

My group began with initiatives, which consisted of on-land strategy games. The games were surprisingly very creative and engaged everyone to participate. We were chased around with a gigantic 2-metre wide ball for a not-so-classic game of Tiggy, or methodically trying to fill up a punctured tank with water! The bonding, endless laughter and team work from a large group of 40 was great, and it was an impossible challenge.

Jumping into the water was the hardest part of surfing and stand up paddle boarding. It was freezing! Nonetheless, the breeze encouraged light ripples on the surface of the sea, which had helped beginners (which was most of us) to surf and paddle along the water without being pushed away into the horizon! Everyone seemed to enjoy the challenge to ride the boards, and absolutely reaped the feeling of accomplishment when they had succeeded to hop on and conquer the waves.

Other activities included t-shirt printing, beach games, hiking and kayaking.

On the second night of camp we held our final cohort talent show. Will Zhang giving us a bit of a chuckle with
his stand-up comedy, Yathusa, Praveen and Isuru had us swooning over their singing.

Quin-YE had us all on the edge of our seats as she powered through a Kanye West song, and Aiden’s story-telling engaged many. Tharaka and Irish’s crew came in with a crowd-luring group singing performance, and Merc’s ‘Muzzing’ boys definitely had the crowd on their feet! Julia and Chelsea sung the sweetest duet, Lachlan and Natalie tugged on our hearts, and the ‘Halo’ I saw that night was in Vanessa and her angelic voice (sorry Clarkey!) with her Beyonce cover. But of course, the lovely Charis and Christine took away the title of the Talent Show Winners with their singing (we were once again left in awe). Congratulations and well done to everyone!

My ultimate favourite part of the entire camp, would have to be the meal times. It wasn’t because of the pancakes, eggs and baked beans for breakfast, nor the delicious butter chicken and lasagne for dinner...or Sara Fernando the living, raw cake (she was egged and floured on her birthday; a tradition of the camp).

It was the time of the day we could come together, reflect on the day and enjoy each other’s company in that one dining hall. It was the time of that day we were in our slacks and sung along to Adele on the top of our lungs, whilst others giggled over the photos on the slide-show. It was the best time of the day, and one of the memorable moments of Year 12 camp.

I hope you all had fun on your retreat, class of 2016! I sure did.

Nikki Nguyen
IRC News

Official Opening Of The IRC Courtyard

The long awaited Information Resource Centre Courtyard is finally complete with some beautiful plants and added space for the staff and students to use. The IRC celebrated with a morning tea during recess on Tuesday March 1. All staff, student representatives and a number of community members were invited to mark the official opening of the IRC Courtyard by the school Principal Mr Roger Page. The IRC staff are very grateful to the school Principal Mr Page for his support of this IRC project. We are also grateful to Jenny Chandler the gardener and Phil Butler who donated some plants.

Mrs Kamla Reddy
IRC Director

Supervisors for VCAA exams 2016 and beyond

Would you like to help out with supervising the externally assessed VCAA exams in 2016? VCAA exam supervisors are paid to complete this task and this is a rewarding way to be involved in the program at Nossal High School.

Supervisors for VCAA exams cannot be any of the following:

• Closely related to, or associated with, any student undertaking a VCE Unit 3 and 4 study in 2016 at Nossal High School
• Teaching any student a VCE Unit 3 and 4 study in 2016
• Tutoring a student in a VCE Unit 3 and 4 study at Nossal High School
• Closely related to or associated with any person engaged in teaching, tutoring or coaching students undertaking a VCE Unit 3 and 4 subject in 2016, or any person engaged in organising or checking GAT or VCE examination materials at Nossal High School.

Please Note:

• Closely related to or associated with students includes: children, via relatives/relationships by marriage or de facto or by other living arrangements, friends, neighbours, business or community associates, tutoring or teaching relationships.

If you would like to discuss this further or would like to volunteer to supervise VCAA exams, please contact Katherine Warriner on katherine.warriner@nossalhs.vic.edu.au

Please pass this on to friends or family who may be interested in taking up this opportunity.

Katherine Warriner
Director of VCE
Easter School Holidays
Moonlit Sanctuary Junior Ranger Program

Kids enjoy environmental activities, animal encounters and native animal care.
Day includes: interactions with dingo, python, off-limits animals, feeding animals & food prep, animal enrichment activities, fun and games for ages 7-14 years.

**Easter school holiday dates:**
- Week 1: Tuesday 29th March to Friday 1st April 10am – 4pm
- Week 2: Monday 4th to Friday 8th April 10am – 4pm

Cost: $65.00 per day, or $175 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Maximum 16 children per day.

**Bookings essential as spaces are limited**
Dress for the weather and wear closed-toe shoes, long pants and remember your hat or raincoat. BYO lunch or purchase at the café.

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