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Japan Tour

I had the privilege of joining Ms Warner, Mr Witt and 19 Nossal students for part of the recent Japan tour late last term and during the school holidays. It was a wonderful experience for us all as we visited some fascinating places, met important and interesting people, and visited Toyohashi High School in Aichi and our sister school, Chosei High School, in Mobarra, where our students home stayed and attended school for the week.

I was most impressed by our students who really did work hard at improving their language skills and were able to converse and communicate quite well in Japanese. I managed to master another two or three words that few of the Japanese people could understand, but was ably guided by the rest of the group, and most of the Japanese people we were in contact with spoke much better English than I do Japanese.

One of the highlights of the trip for me was staying in the World Heritage Listed 16th century mountain village of Shirakawago – an absolutely beautiful historic village – we stayed in traditional houses and were treated to superb authentic cuisine and magnificent scenery. We also stayed in a temple and a number of traditional Japanese Ryokans where the students embraced the bathhouse and vending machine culture with great enthusiasm.

I was again overwhelmed by the variety, flavours and textures of the food – I have never been overly fond of Japanese food in Australia, but love Japanese food in Japan. Ms Warner is an absolute foodaholic and we were able to sample the specialities of each area we visited and ate much, and often. I was less enthused by the bowl of Natto (fermented soybeans) Ms Warner and Mr Witt lead me to believe was a required traditional breakfast in Mobarra..., it may be a very healthy local delicacy, but smelled like mouldy socks and appeared to have been coated in slime. I managed to eat it all – but decided once was enough, and should have been more wary when neither Mr Witt nor Ms Warner were served any.

The main purpose of my attendance was to meet with our sister school Principal to formally sign off on our sister school agreement that will cement our relationship and encourage ongoing visits and communication. We were welcomed and treated exceptionally well by Mr Oyama, Miho (who visited us last year) and their leadership and English teaching team. It was nice to also catch up with the group of Chosei students who visited Nossal last year.

We were also honoured to again meet up with the Vice Governor of the Aichi Prefecture who visited Nossal last year as part of the Sister State program. He hosted a formal reception for us in the Prefectural Chambers where each of the students spoke, and he presented us all with gifts. We spent a day at Toyohashi High School where Ms Warner had undertaken an exchange program previously and met up again with Mimi who undertook an exchange at Nossal. We had a most illuminating and enjoyable time participating in classes and witnessing their co-curricular and “house” events.

Our students were even included in the daily ritual where the students all clean the school at the end of the day. No school cleaners – staff and students are responsible for the daily clean which is an approach I think has considerable merit – if you’re going to be cleaning up – you are much less likely to make or leave a mess anywhere – and that is certainly the case in all the Japanese schools I have visited.

It is fascinating to see the differences in the education systems, and compared to Australia Japanese schools are very low tech with very few computers; and their classes are very teacher directed with the students in the main sitting silently and passively. Some of the classes we visited we absolutely silent for the entire time which felt quite strange and I have yet to catch up with our tour students to see how they coped with participating in these classes.

Interestingly though, the students managed to get WIFI access wherever we were, including the temple and the historic village, so were rarely out of touch and were still engrossed in their phones.
It was nice to catch up with Emu (who had been a Language Assistant at Nossal High School) and her family while we were in Nagoya.

The only downside, apart from the humidity, was that Ryokans (while fantastic accommodation) are a bit challenging for fat old blokes with bad backs. Folding myself under the low tables and sitting on the floor for meals, and sleeping on mats on the floor gave me a new appreciation for chairs and beds which I was pleased to come home to.

We were warmly welcomed and treated very well wherever we went and it was a marvellous experience for us all – I offer sincere thanks to the students for being outstanding ambassadors for our school and country and a particular vote of gratitude for Ms Warner and Mr Witt for allowing me to join them and for looking after me so well, as I was very much a passenger.

Year 12 Final Weeks

It is hard to believe that the Year 12 students only have a couple more weeks of classes before swot vac and final exams. We have a number of celebrations and events planned to acknowledge the successful completion of their formal schooling and our teachers will be working hard (as always) to ensure they are well prepared and confident as they enter the crucial final examination period.

This is the time when students really do feel the pressure of expectation and where they need to ensure that they are treating themselves and their peers well; balancing their study with sleep, recreation and exercise; eating well; and studying effectively. Whatever the outcome, the school will be there to assist and support all students and I urge you to ask for help if you think you need it, (or guide others to do so if you think your friends may need it) and to access the many support services and people within and outside the school. Our students will perform well and will all be successful – please remember, as we always say, your best is good enough, and your future success is not prescribed by an ATAR ranking. We will be holding important assemblies this week where we will outline our expectations and programs for the remainder of the year, and I urge the Year 12 cohort in particular to stay safe and to look after each other during their final celebrations.

Future Problem Solving

National Finals

This coming weekend Nossal is hosting the 27th Australasian Finals of the Future Problem Solving Competition – the first Government school to do so. We will be hosting over 500 students and their teachers from around Australia and Asia who will be competing in groups and teams throughout the weekend and vying for the chance to represent Australia in the international competition.

This is a prestigious event, and we have a Nossal team entered for the first time. I thank Mr Butler and Ms Shute for their organisation, and the many student, staff and parent volunteers who will also be giving up their time over the weekend to assist with the management of the event.

As a result of this I ask that all students vacate the school premises promptly on Friday evening and that they make sure their lockers are locked and that they have left no personal items lying around the school. The whole school will be utilised throughout the entire weekend and we will have FPS teams working in most areas of the school during this time.

Last week we hosted two information sessions for the incoming students for 2017. In excess of 250 very excited and enthusiastic people attended each of the sessions which were run predominantly by current Year 9 students.

I commend the students for the excellent job they did in conveying the Nossal culture and in explaining what makes Nossal a great school so colourfully and positively. A big thank you to Ms Loel for her organisation.
Leaving Nossal

If for any reason your child will not be returning to Nossal in 2017, and if you have not yet done so, please let me know by email or letter.

We will need to arrange transfer papers, and I would like to offer the vacancy to one of the many anxious students on our waiting list in time for them to be able to make subject selections and inform their current school.

Email to communication@nossalhs.vic.edu.au

South East Feast

We have been working with the Berwick Rotary Club to plan what we hope will become an eagerly anticipated and highly popular annual community event. We are planning to run a Multicultural Food and Wine Festival at Nossal in September 2017, in conjunction with Rotary as a joint fundraiser and charitable event.

We hope to capture the cultural diversity within our school and local community and are planning to have food and produce vendors, craft and cultural displays, performances, lessons and entertainment. I ask that you all consider what you may be able to contribute as we will shortly be seeking input and participation. We believe this will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the many cultural groups and individuals; the local produce and foods, and crafts and traditions.

If you are a member of a group who may like to participate, or know of some who may be interested; if you would like to run an activity or event, perform, cook, sing, dance, display, demonstrate, or simply help out – we will be calling for expressions of interest soon. Please consider getting involved in this exciting new venture.

Local Council Elections

If you live in the City of Casey, in Edrington Ward (where the school is located) you may know that there are two members of the Nossal community standing for election this year. Mr Riley Baird (Alumnus - class of 2016) and Mr Russell (Larry) Larkins (parent and PFA stalwart) are candidates in the current election amid a sizable field.

Chris Sargeant (Nossal parent and Working Bee star) is standing in the Four Oaks Ward (Endeavour Hills, Narre Warren North and Harkaway

Congratulations to...

- Will Height of Year 11 who has managed to balance his VCE studies with flying lessons through the Nossal Aviation Program and is the first Nossal student to achieve his full solo pilot's licence.

- Kate Cooke, Charlotte Robinson, Arzan Divecha, Nihar Ringi, Anjali Sadhwani of Year 9 for participating in the 5 week Alpine School Program at the Snowy River Campus last term – they had a great time and have undertaken some significant challenges and leadership training that they will put to effect back here at Nossal. The Alpine School program is an outstanding (and difficult to gain entry to) leadership opportunity for Year 9 students and I am very pleased that we have been offered the chance to participate again in 2017.

- Yong See Foo of Year 12 for again achieving a Medal Award from the Australian Mathematics Competition Senior Division – this means he is one of the highest performing Maths students in the country, and he will be presented with his Medal by the Governor General of Australia (Sir Peter Cosgrove) at a reception in Government House in Canberra in November.

- Jade Roman of Year 9 who has won second prize (Secondary School category) for her song, “Bulletproof” in a national song-writing competition, “Change the World with Your Song” (http://changetheworldwithyoursong.com/). This competition aims to generate discussion on issues that matter to everyone. One of the judges said: “Sophisticated lyrics carry a plea for empathy with the down-and–out, for we don’t know their stories. The melody and rendition carry this message well.” (Go to the Music News page to hear a recording of the song)

- Nathan Iuoras of Year 11 entered the Monash University Composition Competition for Secondary School students. He composed a work for jazz orchestra and was announced as the winner late last term. Nathan recorded his piece in 20 minutes in our Meath Auditorium, with the help of Joyee Koay, Boris Guo, James Mustafa, Michael McQuaid, Julia Stoppa, Brianna Chapple, Clancye Milne and Caitlin McGregor. Nathan won $500 and bragging rights at Monash. (Go to the Music News page to hear a recording of the song.)
School Captains 2017

Following a rigorous selection process consisting of written applications, speeches, student and staff voting, and interviews we have selected our School Captain for 2017. It was a very challenging process as we had quite a number of strong contenders and the final decision was quite difficult as many students made a strong case to be selected.

I congratulate all applicants, and encourage you to be actively involved in other leadership positions within the school (and beyond) and to continue to be the excellent role models and leaders that you already are.

I am very pleased to announce the 2017 School Captains…
Aria Sunga and Abel Muller
…and Vice Captains…
Melania Iskandar and Ben Tran.

Roger Page
Principal
Important dates

October

Year 9 Science Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary
*Tuesday October 11*

Spring Ensembles Concert
*Thursday October 13*
More information to come

Year 10 Team Sports Excursion to Dark Zone
*Friday October 14*

Future Problem Solving Finals
*Friday October 14 - Sunday October 16*

Leadership Camp -15 Mile Creek Education Centre
*Mon 17 - Fri 21 October*

Final Day Yr 12 Classes and Assembly
*Monday October 17*

Year 12 Celebration Day

Tuesday October 18
FareShare (Visit Six 2016)
*Tuesday October 18*

Year 9 Leadership Orienteering
*Thursday October 20*

Foundation Physics - Scienceworks
*Thursday October 20*

Year 9 Leadership Beach Patrol
*Friday October 21*

State Athletics Competition
*Monday October 24*

School Council Meeting
*Tuesday October 25 - 6pm*

Year 9 Cricket NHS v MHS
*Thursday October 27*

Year 9 Waste Recycling Tour
*Friday October 28*

Digital Delivery Day (Asynchronous)
Yrs 9-11
*Monday October 31*
All students work from home

November

Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
*Tuesday November 1*

PFA Meeting
*Wednesday November 2*
All welcome

Year 9 Cricket NHS V SCHS
*Thursday November 3*

and Beyond....

Valedictory Dinner
*Thursday November 24*
Book tickets through Trybooking NOW at https://www.trybooking.com/KEEG

Nossal High School Speech Night
*Tuesday November 29*
Exam Supervision
Volunteers Wanted

A fantastic opportunity to assist our school!

There are places available for community members to help us by becoming Exam Supervisors.

We are seeking volunteers to assist us in the supervision of exams.

Dates: Friday November 11 to Friday, November 18, 2016

Who can do it? Anyone with a current Working With Children’s Check - Application forms for this certification are available at Post Offices and the application is free for volunteers.

What do volunteer supervisors do?

- Work with the coordinating teacher to supervise exams to ensure that students comply with exam requirements.
- Patrol amongst the rows of students sitting exams.
- Assist students with questions and escort them to the toilet.
- Collect papers at the end of the exam.

New volunteers have the opportunity to attend training session(s) and morning tea (10 – 12 noon Wednesday 2nd November)

How do you sign up?

- Email Jane Petty, via Jane.Petty@nossalhs.vic.edu.au, your details including your phone number and the day(s)/times you are available.
- Phone the school for more details on 8762 4600.
- Jane will contact you closer to the date to confirm the days you have been allocated to supervision.

What do volunteers get for offering their time?

- Food during meal breaks throughout the day.
- A letter of thanks.
- The opportunity to see and understand the pressures on our students.
- Experience in and understanding of VCAA exam conditions, rules and processes.
- A good feeling.
- An invitation to the Volunteers Morning Tea to be held on Wednesday November 23.

When you sign up for supervision we are relying on you to fulfil your commitment.

Many thanks for your assistance,

Ms Sue Harrap
Assistant Principal

NHS Chess Club makes it to the Nationals
The time had arrived. The tables were set. It was time to battle. There were prizes and glory at stake. The contestants were both nervous and excited. This day’s contest required feats of concentration and strategy. But this was no physical battle. This was Chess, a battle of the minds.

On September 9, the Nossal High School Chess Team travelled to Brighton Grammar to face some of the toughest players in the State. This was the State Finals, so there was no time to fool around. Throughout the nine rounds of Chess, we struggled as we fought against competitors from 21 schools across Victoria.

And our work was not without reward. Out of nine games each our scores were:

- 5 wins for Tom Do
- 5 wins for Gabriel Ho
- 5 for Ryan Harker
- 4½ for Josiah Schuller
- 4 for Krishnan Gounder

Overall, Nossal High School scored 19½ points, earning 6th place. Because of this, Nossal High School has been granted a spot in the Nationals at the end of the year.

The experience at the tournament was fantastic. We all improved our skills and had a fun time, playing games all day rather than going to school. I can’t wait for another battle at Nationals!

Josiah Schuller - Year 9

Your say...

This is our new iNewsletter format and we want to know what you think!

Thank you to those who have taken the time to complete our reader’s survey in previous issues. There was overwhelming support for the new format and we have taken on your feedback and implemented some of those suggestions.

Our goal is to keep improving and the most effective way for us to do that is to find out what you, our community, want to see in our fortnightly communication. Please click on the link below to give us your feedback on what you like and what you would like to see in the future.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NossalNews

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Spring Ensembles
Concert

The Nossal Community is invited to attend the Spring Ensembles Concert on Thursday October 13. This is the last school concert for the year and we will sadly farewell our Year 12 students who we’ve seen grow and develop over the last four years. These students will be sadly missed, but they make way for a new group of leaders who will be responsible for inspiring the new music students in 2017.

The concert starts at 7pm and we hope you can find time to come and enjoy the result of many hours of rehearsal and dedication by our students. We are proud of them for their continued commitment to the music program and look forward to a great night of music.

Compostion at Nossal - the winners and the winners!

In the last couple of months, two of our students who study music composition with James Mustafa have achieved extraordinary things in national competitions.

Jade Roman of Year 9 entered ‘Change The World With Your Song’ and came 2nd with her composition ‘Bulletproof’. Jade recorded it herself by simply using her laptop, then entered the competition not expecting to hear from them again. She has won a microphone and will have her song produced and recorded professionally.

Nathan Iuoras of Year 11 entered the Monash University Composition Competition for Secondary School Students. He composed a work for jazz orchestra and was announced as the winner late last term. Nathan recorded his piece in 20 minutes in our Meath Auditorium, with the help of Joyee Koay, Boris Guo, James Mustafa, Michael McQuaid, Julia Stoppa, Brianna Chapple, Clancye Milne and Caitlin McGregor. Nathan won $500 and bragging rights at Monash.
Morning Song Nathan Iuoras

Congratulations to both Jade and Nathan.

Julia Stoppa
Director of Music
Debate Club

There is only one place a bunch of nerds can congregate, discuss a single topic for entire lunchtimes and then assemble outside of school for a battle of words, and still look cool. Hint: it’s the Debating Team.

All it took was a cringey, 60-second audition speech about the superiority of dogs over children, and now I’m here, in a team of six awesome nerds, about to head into the quarter-finals. It took a lot of time and dedication, but debating has turned into one of the most rewarding experiences ever.

I remember pre-debate pizza nights and post-debate brownies, waiting nervously in the cold for the competition to begin and countless lunch-time jokes. We started out with little experience, stressing about the smallest details, making last minute skype calls at midnight and begging Dr Schroor for contributions of her wisdom. In almost no time at all, we grew in confidence and teamwork. Despite learning how to speak better, being able to dissect and research topics and learning a lot about important issues, the highlight of debating has been the teamwork. It’s an incredible amount of fun, and a chance to work with students and teachers alike.

Debating is a lot more than just a bunch of nerds arguing with each other (surprisingly). Debating is a team sport. It’s about organising, unifying and presenting ideas, and delivering them with as much roast as possible. It’s a chance to develop structure and coherence to your speech, no matter your public speaking experience. And most of all, debating is fun.

Thanks to the help of Dr Schroor, Mr Clark, Cree and an amazing team, we’ve made it to the quarter finals. Wish us luck!

Stephanie Barito - Year 9

Brilliant Learning

Opportunity for English Students

The Year 12 Mainstream English students received their final lecture on preparing for the examination on Wednesday September 7th. This lecture was the third this year, with each focused on a different element.

This lecture was a fact-filled and highly useful presentation and was delivered by Assistant Chief Assessor, Ms Karen Graham. Karen is a formidable English teacher who was very clear about what makes an excellent response in the English exam and we are so very grateful to her for generously sharing her expertise with our students.

Comments from participants in the lecture indicate just how helpful the students found it:

- “she gave clear, concise information…which supported what we’ve been taught here at Nossal”
- “the lecture was absolutely riveting”
- “Ms Graham provided many useful insights to maximise our English scores.”
- “Ms Graham was enthusiastic about teaching English…..she helped me develop ideas on a variety of prompts”
- “a really clear presentation which was tailored to our needs”
- “I feel very reassured by Ms Graham’s presentation but also very scared to hear there are only 49 days until the exam”

The Year 12 English Team
Japan Tour 2016

In the midnight hour of Thursday September 9, 19 young travellers set out for the East with chaperones Ms Warner and Mr Witt. Arriving in Japan at Kansai International Airport the 19 young ones began their exploration of the world's most exciting vending machines and awesome convenience stores, remarkable fashion, ancient structures, vibrant cities, world heritage sites, inquisitive deer, amazing food and beverages and along the way, found friendship, a new family, inspiration and appreciation of others.

Mr Witt maintained a blog of the Journey which you can access at http://nhsjapan.blogspot.com.au/
The group of Japanese language students in Years 10 and 11 travelled through Kyoto, Nagoya, Takayama, Shirakawa go and Tokyo.

In Kyoto, we stayed in a traditional Japanese Inn and visited the Golden Pavillion - Kinkakuji, Nijo Castle and Kiyomizudera. We travelled out to Nara to visit Deer Park and the Buddha housed in Todaiji. Some of our students got along very well with the deer. At the end of our time in Kyoto we welcomed our Principal, Roger Page to join us on our journey.

In Nagoya, we were welcomed by the Vice Governor of Aichi Prefecture and the students had an opportunity to formally introduce themselves to delegates of the Aichi Prefectural Government in Japanese. Mr Page made a formal welcome and thanks and our Tour Leader Rona Goldman made a speech on behalf of Nossal. We accepted beautiful gifts from the Aichi Prefecture and were then escorted to the Nagoya Castle. There we met with Emu Mizoe, Nossal’s past Japanese Language Assistant who joined us for the rest of the day touring Nagoya castle and the local area of Ozu. Students explored and one student Ryan performed a mock battle to the death with the Ninja warriors at the castle. Students came back from the shopping district of Osu with many fluffy companions.

The following day we visited Toyohashi Higashi High School in outer Nagoya and spent the day at the school. The Principal, Mr Baito and Mimi (Misato Tozuka - Japanese exchange teacher from 2015) welcomed us and then spent the day with us. It was the first experience at a Japanese school for the Nossal students and they had a great time in English club playing games and meeting new friends.

We then headed up into the Japan Alps to spend 3 days in Takayama and Shirakawa go. We stayed in a Buddhist Temple in Takayama and in a tradition folk home - a Gassho Zukuri in Shirakawa go. Students wandered the towns in their yukata and geta (wooden sandals), sampled the Famous Hida beef and Miso vegetables and experienced the Japanese hot spring - Onsen.

We then travelled on the new Shinkansen (bullet Train from Toyama to Tokyo) and headed out to Mobera, spending a week with a Japanese family and attending Chosei Senior High School. At the Welcome Assembly, Mr Page blew the crowd away with his Japanese and English greetings, Rona Goldman demonstrated her linguistic excellence and Ryan Chen won them over with his warmth and humour. WAGA TOMODACHI - my friends!
The students were involved in the official signing ceremony where Chiba Prefectural Chosei Senior High School and Nossal High School formalised our Sister School relationship. The Chosei Principal Mr Oyama and Mr Page signed a carefully drafted and considered Memorandum of Understanding. We confirmed our commitment to bi-annual Tours to and from Chosei with the students who tour becoming the hosts for the following year’s group. We have also committed to begin a short term exchange program every year for 4 weeks over the summer holidays at each school. This will begin in 2017 with 3-4 students from Chosei visiting in August and 3-4 students who host in August, traveling to Japan for 4 weeks over our summer break.

Students spent three days at school and four days with host families - overwhelmingly they all wanted to spend more time at school! Seriously! So…next time!

Chosei arranged a day trip for us to Narita San, a beautiful temple on the pilgrimage route for many and then a visit and boat ride in Sawara – little Edo, an ancient town near Narita. At school we were treated to a Tea Ceremony, a Haiku and a Calligraphy class and many timetabled and extra-curricular activities. The Chosei Club activities included Karate, Kendo and a range of sports and musical activities. Students participated in Chemistry classes and debating classes - and had so much fun contributing in Japanese and in English and sharing with their new friends. Abhishek was masterful in arguing both sides of the argument on whether to “introduce a social security system that provides a basic income for all Japanese”. He has become somewhat famous at Chosei!

After a teary departure from Mobara and many photos and hugs we left our Chosei families and set off for the final three days in Tokyo.

Students had become such excellent travellers that they were able to set off, after a detailed interrogation by Mr Witt and I, about their plans, for their Tokyo day trips. The students planned their days in groups and mastering the public transport (below and above ground) services, and leaping over the language barrier, they shopped until they dropped, explored the sights and sounds of Harajuku, Shibuya, Shinjuku, Odaiba, and the electric city of Akihabara and enjoyed every culinary delicacy the restaurants, convenience stores (konbini) and vending machines (jidohanbaiki) could offer.

They were such intrepid travellers. We are so proud of them and it was a privilege to travel with them.

My thanks to Mr Witt for his excellent and invaluable co-tour leadership and to Mr Page for making our dreams of a first Sister School for Nossal come true.

Ms Warner
Languages Domain Leader & Sister Schools Coordinator
Wheel Talk is a school awareness program that visits thousands of students each year to raise awareness about disability and promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The program encourages students to think about diversity, acceptance and disability sports as well as share and promote a greater understanding of the issues facing people with disability.

On Friday August 26 students from our Year 10 Sport Science and Unit 3 & 4 Physical Education classes participated in a 90 minute session with Wheel Talk.

Students participated in wheelchair basketball, which provided our students with a physical understanding of what it is like to live with a disability. The students were also given the chance to ask those burning questions about living life with a disability!

Miss Shelley Veale
Garuda House Captain
Nossal in the Community
- Environmental Science
Students Volunteer for Chelsea Beach Patrol

On October 5, the Year 9 Environmental Sciences classes met up at Bonbeach. Despite the cold weather, everyone arrived on time to help put in an effort to clean up the beach.

Along with Mrs Bonham and Mrs Ball, we set off from Bonbeach train station and headed towards Chelsea train station. Our bodies soon warmed up as we got to work – it was shocking to find that the ‘clean-looking’ beach actually had rubbish littered everywhere. We picked up countless cigarette butts and bottle caps in the sand, some of which originated from other places and was brought down to the beach by water or wind.

In the dunes, we found heaps of plastic bottles, food packaging, beer bottles, and soft drink cans. These were often hidden inside bushes, and were difficult to notice and dispose of. There were also many pieces of plastic, which are a big danger to birds and fish that see them as food and eat it, or get caught up in it. Sadly, although we tried our hardest clear away any rubbish we came across, these pieces of litter still pose a threat to the wildlife.

Another danger we discovered were syringes and fishing hooks. These sharp objects are a danger to both humans and animals, and can cause injuries if they are stepped on. Luckily, we did not notice many syringes along the beach and any dangerous items were disposed of by Mrs Bonham.

An interesting part of the day was finding a mattress stuck inside a large bush. The springs were caught up in the branches, therefore it was extremely time-consuming to remove. Everyone was surprised and confused to find it there, after all, we expected to find small bits of rubbish, not a mattress!

We spent approximately three hours picking up rubbish, and although this sounds like a boring task, everyone had fun and enjoyed spending time at the beach with some friends. Between everyone’s hard work, we managed to pick up 188.5kg of rubbish. Unfortunately, there was also a large amount rubbish we missed or were unable to pick up. It is a shame to see so much litter down at the beach, and we hope that improvements can be made.

Angela Su
Year 9 Environmental Science student
NEST hosts the first Regional School's Environment Summit at Nossal High School

On Friday September 9, the Nossal Environmental Sustainability Team (NEST) hosted their first Regional Schools Environment Summit. NEST have been working towards hosting such a summit for a number of years so it was a very joyous moment to finally have it off the ground. It was kindly supported by a Biodiversity Grant from the City of Casey. The theme of the summit was ‘Empowering You to Lead Change’. We had 60 students from 10 visiting schools*, from around the state, 30 Nossal students and 10 visiting staff participate in the day.

The day began with some ice breaker activities and an inspiring talk from Tammy Logan from Gippsland Unwrapped. Tammy spoke to the students about how her family is working towards creating zero waste. She even brought her cookie jar that contained her waste for the whole year so far….and that’s it! Tammy gave the students practical and realistic ideas about things they can change in their everyday lives to generate less waste. If you are interested in learning more about Tammy Logan see www.gippslandunwrapped.com or follow Gippsland Unwrapped on Facebook.

We took a short break for recess where all the food was generously supplied by a number of sponsors including popcorn from COBS popcorn, an abundance of fresh fruit from Woolworths Produce department in Berwick and water bottles from Thank You water. AlterEco Chocolates also donated a significant number of organic and fairtrade chocolates which were used as thank you gifts and prizes.

Our series of workshops began after recess and were cycled through the day. We had Penny from the CERES mobile energy classroom run a workshop, Abbie Lane from the City of Casey helped the students to decorate their own reusable shopping bags and Stephen Alderton ran an activity based on the CluckAR app looking at the true meaning of ‘free range’ on egg carton. Additionally, the NEST student facilitators ran a discussion workshop with the aim of sharing ideas amongst all the different schools.

One of the huge achievements for the day was the minimal amount of waste to landfill that was created. Even with catering for 100 people for morning tea and a make your own burger lunch we only half filled a 75L plastic rubbish bin with waste to landfill. We had compostable plates and serviettes for lunch which all went straight into the school compost bins and the majority of students took their water bottles home to be reused.

Overall, the Nossal students had a wonderful day and demonstrated a broad array of leadership skills. Special mention to the Year 12 Environmental Leaders, Millie Chen and Hanisha Sehjal, for their smooth running of the days events. The feedback from the visiting students was extremely positive and they are all hoping we run the event again next year!

Mrs Jessica Ball
*Sustainability Coordinator*
NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL
INFORMATION
RESOURCE CENTRE -
SETTING A SOUGHT
AFTER EXAMPLE

It is pleasing to note that our state of the art Information Resource Centre is attracting the interests of a wide range of Librarians from other schools.

This week Lynne Moller, the Head Librarian from Gleneagles Secondary College visited our Information Resource Centre to view its layout and programs.
Items in NHS Careers News this week...


- Dates to Diarise in Term 4
- VTAC Key Dates
- Reminder: Early Achiever’s Program at ACU
- Tax File Number needed by all Year 12 students

News from Deakin University

- New Bachelor of Software Engineering (Honours)
- Deakin University Accelerate Program

News from Monash University

- Changes to Monash Psychology and Nutrition Degrees
  - Psychology
  - Nutrition
- New Bachelor of International Business Double Degrees
- New Analytics Major under Bachelor of Commerce
- Monash University Extension Studies

News from RMIT University

- Live Production and Technical Services Course
- RMIT University Extension Studies
News from the University of Melbourne

- New Science majors under Bachelor of Science
- New Core Subjects in Commerce

News from ANU

- Tuckwell Scholarships 2017
- Accommodation applications for 2017
- Surveying and Geocaching
The NHS Spring Ensembles Concert - entry by gold coin donation.

Nossal High School presents

The Spring Ensembles Concert

13th October, Meath Auditorium
Nossal High School

The Ensembles performing are
The Guitar Ensemble
Big Band
Senior Strings
Junior Strings
Concert Band
Percussion Ensemble
& Choir

Starts at 7pm
Entry is by gold coin donation

Ada Lovelace Day - Melbourne 2016

A celebration of women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths. (Girls in STEM)
Be remembered as a permanent fixture at Nossal

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Student absences

Student absences should be reported to our Attendance Officer as soon as possible. This can be done in a number of ways:

- Absence Hotline: 03 8762 4625
- Email: absence@nossalhs.vic.edu.au

Please remember to provide all relevant details when leaving your message and a medical certificate on the student’s return.

Contact us

Principal: Mr Roger Page
Assistant Principal: Ms Sue Harrap
Assistant Principal: Mr Keith Butler
Business Manager: Ms Gayl Shute
Tel: 03 8762 4600
Fax: 03 9707 4915
Email: nossal.hs@edumail.vic.gov.au

Nossal Careers

Our aim is to provide you with all the latest information that will help you make decisions about your future career and your life beyond school.

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Check out our Careers Webpage at http://nossalhscareers.com/

Old Nossalonians

Established in 2014, The Old Nossalonians Association is a not-for-profit Alumni organisation committed to the welfare of Nossal High School, its students and teachers.

Find out more about our Alumni at http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/alumni

Connect with us

We have Facebook pages for official school information and updates as well as pages for year level specific information. We also have Twitter & Instagram pages.

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