Nossal responds to the challenge

In the last edition of ‘Nossal News’, our Principal, Mr Page wrote about his growing concern for the continuation and further growth of the culture and ethos that Nossal is built on. He highlighted many features and elements that make our school unique and how it had appeared that a number of these were under threat and with it came the possibility that Nossal was in... “danger of becoming ordinary”.

Mr Page’s comments sparked an immediate response with students, (both current and past), staff and parents all talking about the perceived decline in our standards. Students attended House meetings where student leaders spoke passionately about the things we all hold dear about Nossal; the staff addressed the issues that had been raised both in informal conversations as well as staff meetings, while Mr Page’s statement was also talked about at the Parents and Friends Association meeting.

In all the forums I attended where the matter was talked about, it was very clear that everyone who is part of Nossal cherishes all that is our school and that Mr Page’s comments, while confronting, were relevant and a wake up call to complacency.

The result has been very evident. Students and staff alike have been more conscious of our environment and more respectful to others around them. Mr Page’s comments threw out a challenge to us all, and in the words of our school motto, the Nossal High School community has “embraced the challenge”. While very disappointing that it took such an assessment and subsequent statement to make us recognise where we were headed, Mr Page has helped us sharpen our focus and genuinely appreciate all that we have at Nossal and could so easily take for granted.

Serving up an outstanding result

Last week, the Senior Girls had the privilege of competing in the Table Tennis State Finals against some of the top schools in the state.

Playing the state finals in the building where some of our current Olympians have trained, the team encountered some former state players scattered throughout schools such as Balwyn High School and MacRob Girls High School. Their presence only increased the level of the challenge faced by our girls and in fact gave them the stimulus to extend themselves in an environment that wasn’t part of their usual routine.

The Senior Girls team, (just like all our sporting teams) had done the hard work and training and it was this, plus the excitement of the challenge, that enabled them to achieve 4th place overall. This was an outstanding result, an achievement that has not been reached by any other team at Nossal.

Congratulations to our team members and their coaches on the fantastic result. The bar has now been set and will serve as a goal for future years of more improvement and greater success.

More details of this great result are published on the Sporting News page of this newsletter.
Lessons learned in the city

We are almost at the end of the 2016 City Week program with students from Griffin and Phoenix Houses having their last couple of days in the CBD.

City Week is a huge undertaking with all Year 9s working in small teams as they not only explore and learn about the City of Melbourne, but also develop their personal research skills and abilities to work effectively as part of a team. Students involved have to commit to routines that are quite different to those they are more familiar with, associated with going to school at Nossal. There are greater distances to cover, amid different sounds while being surrounded by lots of people and varied experiences. For some, their usual early start is blitzed by the need to leave home even earlier to catch public transport to reach their central meeting point on the south western edge of the CBD by the starting time of 8:30am. It is another lesson, that of planning and punctuality. It develops character, independence and skills that will stay with these young people for many years to come.

The success of City week is also reliant on the work of the dedicated team of staff who make the program happen. Under the leadership of Ms Loel and Mr Allen, teachers also make the daily commute to the city to support the students in the development of their projects having already set lessons for their other students still back at school.

On behalf of the School Leadership Team and all of the Year 9 students, I would like to thank the staff who have contributed to such a successful program.

To the Year 9 students, congratulations on all you have achieved during your week in the "city classroom". Reports we have received at school from members of the public have commended you on your preparation, presentation and courtesy. We are looking forward with anticipation to seeing your completed City Week presentations.

Keith Butler
Assistant Principal
AUGUST
Science Week Yr9 incursion for Drones, Droids and Robots
Wednesday August 17

Jewish and Islamic Museum Visit
Thursday August 18

Merchant of Venice Workshop
Thursday August 18

Gifted Outreach Day Program - Day 1
Thursday August 18

'Most Likely to Succeed' Parent and Community Film Screening
Thursday August 18

Curriculum Day (Pupil Free Day)
Friday August 19

Gifted Outreach Day Program - Day 2
Friday August 19

Unit 1 & 2 Legal Studies Court Visits
Monday August 22


House Performing Arts Festival
Tuesday August 23
This is a compulsory event for all students
Book parent/family tickets through the MAPA Box office
at http://tinyurl.com/h36qx2d
More information regarding this event:

Snowy River Leadership Camp
Tuesday Aug 23

Digital Delivery Day two 2016
Wednesday August 24
All students work from home, classes begin at 10:00am

FareShare (Visit Five 2016)
Thursday August 25

School Tree Day
Friday August 26

Matinee du francais - Morning of French
Sunday August 28

September
Lili Wilkinson Lecture
Friday September 2

Julian Burnside Lecture
Friday September 2

NHS Working Bee - Change of Date!
Saturday September 3

Aboriginal For a Day - Year 9
Monday September 5
District Athletics  
Monday September 5

Special Event - Study Skills Evening for Parents  
Wednesday September 7  
See flyer on our Community & Events Page of this newsletter, see the event on our webpage at http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/news-and-events/coming-events?event=student-study-skills-parent-seminar or book now by following this link -  
https://www.trybooking.com/MMIR

RUOK Day  
Thursday September 8

SEN Swap Schools Day hosted by NHS  
Thursday September 8

Regional Schools’ Environment Summit  
Friday September 9

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Japan Tour 2016  
Friday Sept 9 - Wednesday Sept 28  

Unit 1&2 Biology excursion to Melbourne Zoo  
Tuesday September 13  

Parent Student Teacher Conferences begin  
Thursday September 15  
Students dismissed at 12.20pm  
More information to follow

Parent Student Teacher Conferences continue  
Term 3 Concludes

Friday September 16

and Beyond....

Term 3 Concludes  
Friday September 16

Term 4 Commences  
Monday October 3

Year 9 (2017) Info Night  
Thursday October 6

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

Speech Night  
Tuesday November 29
Parents and Homework

When my two children were at school — they’re now well into their 30s — I refused to have anything to do with their homework. No one agreed with me at the time, but it seems I was right. Back to that later.

Researchers are forever examining schools, curricula, and teaching practice. For a long time they’ve kept track of the amount of time students spend on homework, but not what type of homework students do.

Victoria is lucky to have renowned Professor John Hattie at the Melbourne Graduate School of Education researching what improves student learning. His research suggests that the type of homework is far more important than the amount of time spent doing it.

“There’s no evidence that by doing homework kids learn how to learn. If it’s an opportunity to rehearse and deliberately practise something they’ve already learnt, it’s quite effective. But if it’s about new material or projects the kids have to work out by themselves, it has a very, very low impact. For many kids that kind of homework is just a turn-off.” (Just for the record, students are doing more homework now than ten years ago, but still spend three times as long watching TV. Girls, only children, and students from Asian or wealthier backgrounds do more homework than average, girls an hour more per week, and two hours more for students of Asian background). Now, let’s get back to parents and homework. The research says that parents will do their children a good turn if they allow their children to do the work themselves. Encouragement from parents is OK, but when that encouragement becomes surveillance, constant looking in to see if the student has their head down, it’s counter-productive. ‘Helping’ with homework is a no-no; “the more you involve parents, the less effective homework is because the parents end up doing the work,” says Professor Hattie.

“If the homework is related to what a student has already learned and gives them a chance to practise, they don’t need the parents’ help.”

A google search for ‘parents doing homework’ produced these articles:

- One in six parents “do all the homework”
- Parents who do their children’s homework are giving lessons in cheating
- Homework ‘helicopter parents’ leave kids scared of making mistakes

On that last dot point, Nossal makes a big effort to get our kids comfortable to make mistakes and learn from them. We call it having an growth mindset.

Here’s a big win-win situation. Parents win by relieving themselves of the need to nag, spy on or help kids do homework. Just encourage. Students win because they can get on with homework without someone constantly looking over a shoulder.

Perhaps more importantly, teachers should note Professor Hattie’s findings about the type of work they ask students to do at home.

Leigh Candy
Student Wellbeing Counsellor
Model UN Youth
EVATT Debates

On Friday August 5, seven of our students from Years 9 and 10 went to debate at the EVATT Model United Nations UN Youth competition. Sankalpa Rao and Stephanie Barito (representing Spain), Hayden Radford and Jordan Van Rhyn (Senegal), Leo Crnogorcevic (Japan) and Nipun Kapadia and Grace Archer (Ukraine) debated three separate resolutions each and carried themselves very well through the day.

All of our teams were effective speakers and negotiators, very active in debate and good team-players. Before the day had even begun, the Nossalonians were shaking hands with and meeting the other representatives, trying to get some early agreements happening. It was very heartening to see such enthusiasm and knowledge from so many young people on current issues and complex political situations. I was really very proud of their efforts and look forward to the feedback from the debates. I hope we will have as much and more representation next year.

Briana Chapple
English & History Teacher
Monash Leadership Conference 2016

Recently we had the opportunity to partake in a leadership conference held at Scotch College. The focal point of the conference was Sir John Monash, his achievements and the divine example he has set as an Australian leader.

Highly respected members of our community also came and implanted their wisdom and insight in to us. These remarkable individuals all had various personal experiences with leadership and they drew from, not only their own stories but also connected it to Monash’s, and as a result, provided us with a fun, interactive and informative day.

One of the speakers was Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld, a leader who has contributed to the Australian community throughout his career as a leading international surgeon, researcher, clinician, military surgeon, humanitarian and advocate to reduce traumatic brain injury and landmine injuries.

Thank you to Mrs Fankhauser for organising this fantastic experience for us.

Michelle G and Samuel B - Year 10

Valedictory (Year 12 Graduation) Reminder

This is a reminder for the families of the graduating Class of 2016.

Tickets for the Valedictory dinner, on Thursday November 24, went on sale on May 2 and will remain on sale until Sunday November 6.

Tickets can be purchased through Trybooking at https://www.trybooking.com/KEEG. Tickets are $130 per person and this includes entry into the Victory Room at Etihad Stadium, a three course meal and unlimited softdrinks throughout the evening. NHS Student tickets must be paid through the 2016 school fees prior to Sunday November 6.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this event, please contact Ms Juliea Slywka on 8762 4600 or by email to juliea.slywka@nossalhs.vic.edu.au

Your say....

This is our new iNewsletter format and we want to know what you think! Thank you to those that took the time to complete the below survey after our last issue. 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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Pierre De Coubertin Award Winner- Mikaela Street

This is the first year that Nossal HS has taken part in the Pierre De Coubertin Sport awards ceremony. Every year one student from each school (from year 10-12) can be nominated for this award for being active participants in sport and displaying the Olympic ideals of fair play and sportsmanship.

The prestigious awards are administered by the State Olympic Council (SOC) with a unique opportunity for sport leaders to interact with Olympians at presentation day, tour the National Sports Museum and share in the Rio 2016 celebrations.

This year Nossal would like to congratulate Mikaela Street (Year 12) for the application that best met the selection criteria and for being Nossal’s first nominee to receive this award at the state presentation.

Mikaela has shown a high level of involvement and sportsmanship in the school Physical Education program and a wide range of school sports including Athletics, Swimming, Netball, AFL and Basketball. She has also been coaching Basketball outside of school, captained a representative team and mentored younger players to promote positivity, solidarity and fair play. She was selected for a USA Basketball tour which allowed her to uphold these values and be an ambassador for her community on an International Scale.

Mikaela along with our School Vice Captain Stacey Loizou were both able to attend the Olympic Academy during the day at the MCG and National Sports Museum. They said it was a fantastic experience to talk with Olympians and other students leading the way in sport around the state.

During the evening, Mikaela received her award from Loudy Wiggins (Diving Dual Bronze Medallist) and Nicole Livingstone (MC- Swimming Silver and Dual Bronze Medallist) in front of a packed house including her parents and myself.

As Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the Modern Olympics said “The most important thing in the Olympic Games in not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle.”

Ms. Chantelle Aarts
Nossal Sport Coordinator

For more information about these awards, the students and the Olympians on the day visit the following website:

Table Tennis - Casey Division and Beyond!

No doubt many of you are enjoying the Olympic Games in Rio. I know I am. While not on the same level as our Olympians, some of our students have been excelling in Table Tennis here at Nossal.

For the zone event in Term 2, we fielded four teams:
Our first event day was on Thursday June 16 at Dandenong Table Tennis Association. The Casey North Division games were against schools such as Berwick Secondary, Glenelg, Fountain Gate, Lakeside Lutheran College, and Casey Grammar. It was a clean sweep for Nossal and all four teams advanced to the regional finals or preliminary finals.

Our senior girls qualified directly to the Southern Metropolitan Region (SMR) Finals which were held at Dandenong. The Senior Boys team also joined them after prevailing against KC Acacia at the SMR preliminary final held here at Nossal on Tuesday July 19.

Both senior teams reached the final at SMR only to be vanquished by our perennial nemesis, MacRobertson Girls and Melbourne High (they have won the State finals more often than any other team in the last two decades).

The journey thus ended for our senior boys for 2016. However, due to their strong performances as Runners Up against MacRobertson Girls, our Senior Girls team was invited to participate in the State finals held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre (MSAC) on Tuesday August 9.

Below is an account of the day from our Senior Team captain, Joyee Koay.

Mr Loi Tran
NHS Table Tennis Coach

The Senior Girls had the privilege of competing in the State Finals against some of the top schools in the state. As expected, all of the Select Entry schools (yes, including Suzanne Cory) were present on the day competing in their relevant categories.

Playing the state finals in the building where some of our current Olympians have trained, we encountered some former state players scattered throughout the schools such as Balwyn and MacRob. Of course, this was a challenge well anticipated and actually gave us the chance to extend ourselves in an environment that wasn’t part of our everyday routine.

With the hard work, training and excitement our team went through, we received 4th place overall, an achievement that has not been reached by another team at Nossal. So now with the bar set, let’s aim for future years of more improvement and greater success.

I would like to thank Ms Aarts for organising the events and Mr Martin, Mr Tran and Kevin Luong for helping to train our players. Thanks also go to all our parents and guardians for their support and for the students themselves for participating.

All the best to our Intermediates Boys and Girls as they prepare for the SMR finals in October.

Joyee Koay - Year 11
Senior Team Captain
Selective Entry Swap Schools @ Suzanne Cory

On July 29, thirteen Nossal Students were sent to the western side of Melbourne in cooperation with the Selective Entry Swap Schools program. They were sent for a fully planned day at Suzanne Cory High School to explore and experience the structure and method of one of our friendly rival schools.

Whilst exploring the school, going on tours and joining a few classes, the students were introduced to the works of Suzanne Cory's sustainable approach to school. Having absolutely zero heaters and air conditioners, the rooms still remain consistently at a comfortable temperature through a sustainable heating system below the ground.

The students were also treated to Suzanne Cory's LOTE week Talent Show which was held in their lecture theatre which seats approximately 500 students. The atmosphere was contagious and the cultural acts were quite impressive. Overall, the day went very smoothly and the 13 students were able to experience the works of another Selective Entry school in Melbourne. Keep your eyes up for new, positive changes in Nossal!"

Ryan Wijaya - Year 10
Nossal SRC and participant in the Swap Schools Initiative
Librarians Visit Nossal High School IRC

On Wednesday August 3, two Librarians from Traralgon Secondary College visited Nossal High School Information Resource Centre to find out about our Library Management System, the numerous resources and databases we have access to as well as the various Library programs we run at Nossal.

They were quite impressed with the layout as well as our programs. We are always happy to host interested staff from other schools and show them around our Information Resource Centre and the fantastic facilities we have on offer to our students, staff and community members.

Kamla Reddy
IRC Director

Book Week Celebrations 2016

This year the Information Resource Centre will be celebrating Book Week with a bang from Monday August 29 to Friday September 2. Our theme this year will be 'Australia: Story Country'.

The IRC has arranged a whole range of programs, activities and competitions throughout the week. Students participating in the various activities and competitions will win points for their Houses.

A highlight of the program will be a visit by the well known Australian author Archie Fusillo and the renowned barrister and human rights advocate Julian Burnside QC who will address all year 11 and 12s on Friday September 2.

Kamla Reddy
IRC Director
What's in the Latest Issue of NHS Careers Newsletter

- Dates to Diarise in Term 3
- Bond University: Medicine & Biomedical Science Information Evening in Melbourne
- News from RMIT University
  - Changes to Maths requirement for the Bachelor of Environmental Science
  - New Double Degree: Chemical Engineering/Pharmaceutical Science
  - Useful Links for Entry to Design Courses
- University of Melbourne: Important Reminder for the Bachelor of Music
- The Bachelor of Engineering at Swinburne University

- Electrical Apprenticeship Opportunity
- Schools Recommendation Scheme
- Royal Australian Chemical Institute Career Profiles
- Career as a Diplomat
- Upcoming Open Days 2016

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

Career Related Websites Worth Exploring

VTAC [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au) For Year 12 applications. Other students will find it helpful for doing prerequisite checks and general course searches for courses in Victoria.

NHS Special Event!


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Elevate Education Study Skills Evening for parents - A Nossal High School PFA community Project - Booking details in our next issue!

NHS & Community Events and News

NHS Special Event!

Nossal High School proudly presents 'Most Likely To Succeed' a Greg Whitley film about the skills required of graduates in the 21st Century.

Date
Thursday, 18th August 7:00 pm followed by a discussion panel for 2 mins.

Ticketing
$10 individuals or $11 per person for group bookings of 10 or more.
(Prices include GST)
https://www.trybooking.com/JhM

Venue
Nossal High School, Meath Auditorium

Most Likely To Succeed is a film about schooling — both its past and its future. The film inspires its audiences with a sense of purpose and possibility, and is bringing people together to imagine what our students and teachers are capable of doing. After seeing this film, you’ll never look at school the same way again. The film, ‘Most Likely To Succeed’ is bringing the educational world to life. It is a wonderful, eye-opening, professional learning moment.

NHS & Community Events and News
Gunnamatta Trail Rides

info@gunnamatta.com.au

Outdoor adventure for all ages!

Be remembered as a permanent fixture at Nossal

Annual Provenance Arts Student Awards

Hosted by Nossal High School Presented by Jason Wood MP
Teen Trials and Tribulations - Survey from The University of Queensland

Teen Trials and Tribulations...

close are you to your teen? How much do you know about them? Do you understand how parenting and family relationships affect teen behaviour and emotions? Why not go into a draw to win two movie tickets.

I have a teenager between the ages of 11 and 18 years old, complete a brief and anonymous online survey about your parenting, your relationship with your teen and their wellbeing. teenager can take part in a similar anonymous survey about their behaviour and emotional welling. Participation in our research is greatly appreciated!

This research is completely voluntary and confidential.

For further information and to take part in the survey, please visit: https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentteensurvey/ Or contact: parentingteens@psy.uq.edu.au.

MUNA 2016

http://portal.clubrunner.ca/7687/SitePage/muna/model-united-nations-assembly

PRESS RELEASE

ROTARY AND ANU BRING THE UNITED NATIONS TO CANBERRA

Secondary school students from all over Australia will gather in Canberra over the weekend of 26–28 August for the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). In teams representing their country of choice, they will debate contemporary global issues in the areas of peace and security, human rights, the environment and development.

MUNA 2016 will be the 20th consecutive year in which the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunnyside has organised the event. It invites secondary students in a hands-on experience of a UN General Assembly style debate with the aim of increasing young international understanding and goodwill. Students will learn more about the national systems of the countries they represent. The event will take place in the historic House of Representatives Chamber of the Old Parliament House, home to the Museum of Australian Democracy.

Professor Brian Schmidt, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University will open MUNA 2016 at 9am on Saturday the 26th of August.

There will be judging and prizes awarded. The Top*Five Peace Prize, a perpetual trophy, will be awarded to the team that is assessed to have made the greatest contribution to the debate and the promotion of world peace. Students will have the opportunity to visit the Australian National University (ANU), a major sponsor of the event. On Summer evening, students will join diplomats from the countries they represent to attend a dinner jointly hosted by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunnyside and the ANU.

MUNA was first introduced to Rotary in NSW in 1996 and, since then, has been conducted in many Rotary Districts in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. MUNA 2016 will mark the participation of some 1,500 secondary school students over the 20-year history of the national MUNA, conducted by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunnyside and with the generous support of the ANU.

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WHERE: Museum of Australian Democracy, Canberra
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Student absences
Student absences should be reported to our Attendance Officer as soon as possible. This can be done 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.

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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.

You can use this site to locate University, TAFE and any other type of course across Australia, get information about the VCE, search for job vacancies and much more.

Check out our Careers Webpage at http://nossalscareers.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.

Find the links to these pages on our website at http://nossalhs.vic.edu.au/enquiries/connect-with-nossal