SAVE THE DATES!

NEW YEAR 9’s of 2015 INFORMATION NIGHT,
Thursday 9th October, 
6:00-7:15pm or 7:30-8:45pm
Meath Auditorium, NHS
* Parents & successful applicant welcome *
Tickets available—www.trybooking.com/102054
Limited spaces available

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

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

For more information regarding Nossal events, see the ‘Coming Events’ tab on our webpage.

PRINCIPAL NEWS - Mr Roger Page

Dear Parents,

As term three draws to a close I commend the Nossal Community for the very positive work they have all been undertaking again this term.

It has been very busy end to the term with some significant and enjoyable events and activities, on top of the completion of assessments and reports and preparation for Term 4.

It was wonderful to see the breadth of Nossal talent displayed during the house Music Competitions, the Grease Musical, and WOTOPERA in this last week. (a big thank you to Ms Crust for her excellent support and leadership of the two musicals).

Rounding out the Arts focus for this term we are again hosting the “Great Art Show” which runs at Nossal from 19-21 September. Please drop in and have a look at some very impressive artworks by local artists, and in particular those entered by Nossal students. The Opening and Awards are presented on the Thursday evening (parent Teacher night) so I hope that some of you took the opportunity to visit at that time. A big thank you to Ms Cilia, Ms Ansalde and the catering students, Mr Bell, and Will Campbell and band for their input and support of the event.

Congratulations to Alan Lachman, School Council President and convenor of the “Insight School for the Blind,” which was officially opened on Friday September 19 after a long and challenging “birth.” We have and will maintain strong relationship with Insight and will undertake mutually beneficial programs and events together in the years to come.

I commend and acknowledge the significant additional responsibility that Ms CONTINUED>>
IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sep 19
- Parent Teacher Conferences 9-2pm
- Yr12 English SAC 2pm-4:00pm
- Student Free Day (except for Yr12 English 2-4pm)

Sep 19-21
- Great Southern Art Show open to public

Oct 6
- Term 4 commences

Oct 9
- VCE Psychology VCAA Assessor Presentation
- Yr 9 Information night

Oct 10
- Southern Metro Athletics Carnival

Oct 14
- Victorian Aths Carnival
- Yr9 Science-Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
- Yr12 Safe Partying Presentation 9:50am

Oct 15
- FareShare excursion

Oct 16
- Interhouse debating final
- Yr12 Final assembly

Oct 20
- Last day for Yr12 classes

Oct 21
- Yr12 Celebration Day

Oct 22-28
- Yr12 SWOT VAC

Oct 23
- Multi Faith Network meeting 6-10pm

Oct 24
- Yr9 Boys Vaccinations

2014 SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 3
- July 14– September 19

Term 4
- Oct 6– Year Level Dependant

2015 SCHOOL TERM 1 DATES

Jan 30
- Yr 9 & 12 & new students start

Feb 2
- All year levels return

Warner and Mr Witt have taken on this week and next as they travel to Japan with a group of Nossal students. The group will tour, home stay and establish a sister school relationship with Chosei High School, which we hope will lead into an ongoing reciprocal home stay program.

I congratulate Ms Briana Chapple for her outstanding organisation of the Model United Nations Assembly program involving 6 other schools. This was a very impressive program that significantly challenged all involved. I also congratulate Briana on achieving a scholarship to travel to Israel for study during the summer holidays.

Ms Harrap, Mr Haworth and I had the pleasure of judging the final four Year 9 City Week presentations earlier this week and were singularly impressed with the quality of the work, and research that was displayed. Thank you to all Year 9 students who actively participated and to Ms Loel and Ms Veale for their organisation. It is very easy for us to become locked into the classroom, so it is most refreshing to remind ourselves that learning takes place very effectively (sometimes more so) in many different environments and contexts and I'm pleased that we are able to offer some diversity in approach.

My thanks to Ms Harrap and Mr Haworth for completing the Principal’s Discretionary interviews last week during my absence. Final placements are now being offered for Year 9 2015, and we are planning information sessions and an orientation day for term 4.

If for any reason your child will not be attending Nossal in 2015, could you please let me know directly, as soon as possible, so we can offer the place to one of the anxious students on our waiting list.

I hope that all parents were able to make appointment times for Parent Teacher interviews with the teachers that they needed to see, but am aware that we are not always able to meet the demand at certain times, and some of our teachers were unavoidably not available at all times. If you were unable to secure an appointment with a teacher please contact Jane Petty in the office and she will pass on your request to the teacher concerned, and they will contact you within the first two weeks of term 4.

Term 4 is a very short term for our Year 12 cohort who will be very quickly completing their formal classes and will then be in the thick of final exams not long after the term has commenced. I urge all staff and students (particularly those in Year 12) to take some rest and recreational time during the term break so you are refreshed for the demands of term 4 and better prepared to perform at optimum levels.

Roger Page
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Ms Sue Harrap

Compass Login – Ongoing Use

The login details you were sent for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are unique to you and provide you with ongoing parent access to Compass. Compass can not only give you access to Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences it can also:

- show you your child’s daily schedule
- allow you to provide consent for excursions online (no more missing notes!!)
- allow you access your child’s Career Action Plan and comment on it.
- update your address, email and other contact details
- make some school payments

In the future you will be able to monitor your child’s attendance from home and access their school reports. Keep the login for ongoing use; DO NOT SHARE IT WITH YOUR CHILD or change your password by logging in and doing so in the right hand ‘cog’ icon.

City Week Presentations

This week Mr Page, Mr Haworth and I had the privilege of viewing the four City Week presentations that were voted the best of all group presentations by the students. All of the presentations were of an extremely high quality showing excellent research, synthesis and then great audio visual skills with their final videos. We were all suitably impressed. At the end we had the difficult job of selecting the ‘best of the best’. The winners were: Sarmitha Kodavalulu, Maria Vassileva, Gabby Cameron and Mokshitha Katneni all from 9O; their presentation focused on Homelessness.

We would like to extend our thanks and congratulations to all the Year 9s who undertook the City Week program with considered thought and rigour, whilst representing the school with pride. We would also like to thank Ms Catherine Loel, Director of Year 9, for all of her hard work in setting up the program and supporting the students to not only find their way around the City, but also complete impressive research, using the guided inquiry approach. This program is a demonstration of twenty first century learning, that relies on team work, problem solving and knowing what to do when you don’t know what to do. We would also like to extend our gratitude to Ms Shelley Veale, Year 9 Level Leader, who led the QRST group in the second week.

Well done everyone, this was very impressive!!

The winning group for City Week presentations;
Sarmitha, Maria, Gabby & Makshitna

Holidays

I would like to thank staff, students and parents for all of their hard work and the many contributions they have made to Nossal over the past term. I hope everyone takes the opportunity to have a rest, recuperate and recharge their batteries.
before launching into an exciting Term 4. I hope the Year 12s in particular, who may be tempted to study all holidays, take a significant break from school work.

Don't forget we have holiday homework guidelines in place to support these aims:

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Ms Sue Harrap  
Assistant Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL - Mr Wayne Haworth

Combined Ski Camp with Suzanne Cory High School

My sincere thanks to Ms Chapple and Mr Rule for their leadership in organising and facilitating Nossal’s first Ski Camp. Nossal students from Year 9 and 10 shared their week in the snow with students and staff from Suzanne Cory High School. This highly successful initiative provided students and staff with an opportunity to come together and continue to build and strengthen positive relationships between schools.

The students and staff from both schools had a fantastic time.

Managing workloads and being kind to oneself

It has been a very busy term. I would like to thank you to all students and staff for their work throughout the term. As we head into the term break, it is important to remember to be kind to oneself and to enjoy time with family and friends. It is easy to just think study, study and more study. However, one must remember that the quality of study is very important, not just quantity. I encourage all students to take some time from their books and to get a mental break. Enjoy the sunshine and fresh air. After a study break and some exercise, students often feel energised and refreshed and this usually results in improved learning.

I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mr Wayne Haworth  
Assistant Principal
MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY (MODA)

On Tuesday 2nd of September, Nossal High School hosted its first Model United Nations Assembly Day (MUNA). This places young Australians in the shoes of UN Security Council representatives, giving them a deeper understanding of global issues and giving us the skills we need to be good leaders and citizens. Melbourne High, MacRob, Gleneagles, Narre Warren South, Wesley College and Kambrya also attended. There were many groups within each school and every school was given a particular country. The day was broken up into 2 prepared resolutions, 2 impromptu resolutions and a crisis committee. For the resolutions, each team/country would debate on their view of the issue and argue which motions they agree with and which they wish to amend. Each amendment would be voted on so that every team/country had a voice. The crisis committee was when all the students were split into 3 groups and each given a made-up country and a situation. These countries either had to work together or against each other to achieve what was best for their country. The day was a huge success and full of fun. It was a great experience for all those involved. We owe a huge thanks to Sam Pearce in Year 11 for preparing all the information, Ms Chapple for managing the whole day and the canteen ladies for all the catering of food for morning tea and lunch.

MUSIC NEWS

August has been a busy and productive month for music at Nossal. The Nossal String Orchestra performed at The Grand National Eisteddfod in Ballarat as did The Nossal Quintet, resulting in a “Highly Commended” for the Orchestra and a 2nd place for the Quintet (in the 19 years and under category). This was the culmination of months of hard work by both the students involved and our string teacher, Mr. Alex Cole, whose dedication and artistry are much appreciated.

Our House music competition was a huge success with stunning performances by the various house and choral ensembles. Particular highlights were the Griffin House Vocal Ensemble led by Davinia Prabarakan performing a stunning arrangement of Beyonce, The Pegasus Ensemble led by Nathan Dalton performing a Disney medley which Nathan arranged for small orchestra and The Phoenix Instrumental ensemble led by Nelson Phan performing an original work composed by Nelson from various sources. Davinia Prabarakan recently won First Prize at the Eisteddfod By The Bay in the 18 years and under category. The evening also featured some wonderful solo performances. Joyee Koay commanded the audience with an unaccompanied violin piece to commence the evening, and Qi Wei Wang, Esha Zhang, Natasha Aulia and Michelle Devlin all performed on the piano as an interlude to each house performance.

VCE Music Performance students had the opportunity to perform for Daryl Coote and then receive his comments according to the VCE examination criteria. Pianist and pedagogue Daryl Coote (Artist-in-Residence for the National Trust, President of the Board of the Australian National Piano Award and member of the Piano Faculty at Monash University) is one of the biggest names in Australian piano today. He brought over twenty years of VCE piano assessment experience to the students with his insightful and incisive remarks, shedding light on exactly what our VCE performance students need to do to achieve an outstanding performance examination result.

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Next term our students are looking forward to the Spring Music Concert on October 16. This evening will be an opportunity for our various ensembles, including string and symphony orchestra’s, the concert band, jazz ensemble and the school choir, as well as various soloists to perform. We hope to see many parents there!

Sasha Stella, Director of Music

YEAR 11 ENGLISH

The Year 11 English Assessment Task on ‘Joe Cinque’s Consolation’ will be conducted on Wednesday, the 8th of October 2014, after school between 2.00 pm and 3.30 pm. Attendance is compulsory. All Year 11 English students will be finishing school at 3.30 pm on the day.

Ramesh Mahalingam

IRC NEWS

SMART LIBRARY PROFESSIONAL CLOUD AT NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL

Nossal High School Information Resource Centre is taking education and resource provision beyond the gate and outside of school hours with Smart Library Professional Cloud. The IRC’s Library Management System has now gone 24/7. Students and staff have access to the IRC resources and a host of other learning resources on ANY device from anywhere in the world anytime. Through Smart Library Professional Cloud portal and through TV4Education we are also able to provide relevant digital and multimedia content such as educational documentaries, news and current affairs programs on free to air and cable TV 24/7. The photo below shows the IRC staff’s excitement with the possibilities now available.

BOOK WEEK /LITERACY WEEK CELEBRATIONS AT NOSSAL

The IRC celebrated the annual Book Week/Literacy Week with an impressive display in the foyer and a range of competitions and activities from Monday 18th August to Friday 29th August.

Students participated in Literature quiz, spelling bee, lectures and workshops by a writer – in – residence, Archie Fusillo and creative writing competitions in various categories. The highlight of the celebrations was a multicultural and book character dress up day in which both students as well as staff participated.

The photos below show the display in the foyer during Book Week celebrations:

BOOK WEEK DISPLAY
BOOK WEEK QUIZ

SPELLING BEE

SPECIAL BOOK WEEK STAFF MORNING TEA SHOWING STAFF IN CULTURAL AND BOOK CHARACTERS ENJOYING MORNING TEA.
MULTI CULTURAL /BOOK CHARACTER DRESS UP DAY

Writer-in-residence at Nossal

During Book Week celebrations, the well known Australian writer Archie Fusillo was a writer-in-residence at Nossal High School. Archie delivered an interesting and entertaining lecture on creative writing to all year 9 students and later conducted two workshops for selected year 9 students.

The photos below show Archie at Nossal
**GLOBAL JUSTICE CONVENTION**

On Tuesday, September 9th, Mrs Reddy accompanied Sadaf, Diba, Dhanush and myself to attend Wantirna College's first ever student-run Global Justice Convention. It was a wonderful opportunity, and we came away from it with a greater awareness of the harshness of our world and a strong motivation to create change to rectify it.

We started the day with a talk from Pete Yao, the Chief Impact Officer of Thankyou Water. It is a fantastic organisation founded by a group of 19 year olds. Since then, they have enabled people to buy bottles of water, and through their smartphones, track the impact their purchase has made in poor countries. The efforts of Thankyou Water span over 11 third-world countries around the world. They supply sustainable water sources to people who would otherwise be drinking water that 'we wouldn't give to our dogs', and are now expanding to also create sustainable food sources and hygiene solutions. Pete spoke to us about the importance of having a dream and doing whatever possible to make it succeed, and seeing their hardwork and determination pay off made us feel like we could do anything.

We then played a game that simulated what it would be like to live and work in a poverty-stricken 3rd world country. We were separated into 'families' and had to cross a border that was guarded by the militia to work and earn money to buy supplies to build a house. At night, the militia would raid the village where we stayed, and break down our (cardboard) houses. While this game may sound trivial, it really showed us the difficulty that people all over the world face, and opened our eyes to current issues in some poor countries.

This fun little activity was followed by a talk from one of the chief officers at World-Vision. He spoke extensively about his journey from high school to university to eventually working at World-Vision helping impoverished families around the world. We also had many members from United Nations Youth go through some activities with us that spoke about current political issues and hardships faced around the world. It was amazing to see these representatives from UN Youth who were younger than 25 with so much drive and potential, and it really urged us to realise that we could also similarly make a change.

All in all, it was an amazing day, and I know that we together with the other students from around Victoria who attended, are thankful for the opportunity to learn and motivate. We have really realised how easy it is to get up and make a change, and with enough persistence, we can make a remarkable change in this world.

By Anvita Nair

The photos below show us at the Convention.

![Diba, Sadaf, Anvita and Dhanush at the Convention](image)

![Anvita taking part in the simulation game](image)

**PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

Photography Club have continued their work with light this term. It takes a lot of care to produce lines of light where you want them. It took an awful lot of trials to achieve the results we were after. Photography club will continue every Monday in the Physics lab at 1.30pm through the exam period. Our next topic of focus is light control and macro.

Lucy Bonham
HOUSE CHORAL MUSIC NIGHT August 28, 2014
Nossal HS Japan Tour September 15-30 2014

12 students have joined Ms Warner and Mr Witt on the Japan Tour. The group departed Monday September 15th and will return 30th September.

To follow the blog go to: [www.nhsjapan.blogspot.com.au](http://www.nhsjapan.blogspot.com.au)
Grease School Production

Thank you to all the staff and students for their dedication and commitment to the Grease Production.
WOT Opera

Recently 18 students from various classes took part in an experience called WOT Opera. In this they had to collaboratively write, compose and perform a completely original opera. Those involved, many who had not previously done something like this before, found it to be a thrilling and nerve-racking experience. The most amazing part? It was done over 5 days with a bunch of students who didn’t necessarily know each other.

On the first day we introduced ourselves and got to writing every single piece of lyrical genius in our opera (the entire script/libretto). On the second day we composed our own music. The process for this was to compose the first scene altogether by each student suggesting how a line should be sung. On the third day it was time to start constructing and painting sets. Also the auditions for the lead roles were held on this day. Though all the cast got up and had a go, not all students could be a main character. Nonetheless it was good to see students get up and try, some even doing almost every audition (most notably William Orrell). At the end of this day all the sets were build and lead roles casted which meant the next week blocking would need to be done. Blocking simply put, is stage directions, deciding were the cast should stand on the stage and how they should move. At the end of this day the students performed in front of some year 9 students to demonstrate where they were. Finally on the final day the students rehearsed at school before departing for the Drum Theatre where they had a massive rehearsal day before performing with other schools such as Mac.Robertson Girl College, Carwatha College, and Albert Park College.

It was a fantastic experience for the students and they shall take something away from WOT Opera. WOT Opera is being considered for future years at Nossal High School. It would recommend it for any student interested in the arts or simply looking for an exciting and new experience.

Will Orrell, Year 9 student
Nossal High School invites you to indulge in the sights and sounds of...

The Spring Music Soirée & Arts and Technology Exhibition

Experience the magic of music performed by the soloists, ensembles, orchestras and bands of Nossal High School, and view a selection of art and technology pieces and displays from our talented students.

Thursday, 16th October at 6pm – exhibition opens at 5:30pm
Meath Auditorium - Nossal High School
Gold coin donation for entry
Nossal Parents and Friends Association

Second Hand Book and Uniform Sale

Date: Saturday 29th November 2014

Time: 9.00am (for sellers) / 10.00am (for buyers) – ends at 1.00pm

Cost: $10.00 per table for sellers / Free for buyers (all proceeds goes towards building the Nossal Community BBQ)

Venue: Nossal High School Gym, 100 Clyde Road, Berwick

If you are a buyer:
- Make a list of books and/or uniforms that you want. Also note the editions that you want as some of the books could be of an older edition. Note that the school official book list will be out by mid November.
- Turn up at 10.00am or later. The event goes till 1.00pm. It would be fantastic if you can buy a BBQ sausage from us and participate in the Nossal HS working bee after you have bought your books/uniforms.
- Note that it pays to be early to get the items that you want as we had more buyers than sellers last year.
- Bring cash to pay for the items as we don’t have any credit card facility.
- Good luck. 😊

If you are a seller:
- Come from 9.00am to 9.45am to book a table and setup your items for sale. (There is no need to pre-book.)
- Cost is $10 for entry, payable at the door. Tables can only be shared with siblings. All collection goes towards building the Nossal Community BBQ.
- We don’t set any prices for the books/uniforms. You set a price based on the condition of the item and how much you would like for it. Be prepared for people to haggle.
- You are most welcome to sell story books or outdated books etc. Maybe someone may want to buy them.

If you have books and/or uniforms to donate:
- Our PFA thanks you for your kind generosity.
- Please hand in your items to School Reception as early as you can so that we can sort it out, and organise for it to be sold.
- No items will be rejected. Whatever we can’t sell, we will donate it to external charities.

If you want to help:
- Our PFA will always welcome a helping hand from you with the BBQ or to run the PFA stall.
- We will be there from 9.00am till 1.00pm.
- Please contact Cheong below if you would like to help.

Contact:
Name: Cheong Koo (Nossal PFA President)
Email: Cheong.Koo@gmail.com (preferred)
Mobile: 0403 234 698
Art of Science exhibition

Bursting buds, colour-streaked proteins and pastel pixels all reveal the intricate mechanics of how our bodies function and respond to the world around us. ‘Art of Science’ is a celebration of medical research at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute, finding the beauty in the scientific investigations to understand diseases that affect humanity. These images come from studies that help us to better understand and treat cancer, infectious diseases and immune disorders.

Hampton Park Library
Thursday 18 September - Sunday 5 October

Free public talk: The science behind the art

Thursday 18 September 2014, 7pm
Hampton Park Library, 24 Stuart Avenue, Hampton Park

Behind each amazing image is a story of discovery. Scientists from Melbourne’s Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research are searching for treatments, preventions and cures to cancers, infectious diseases and immune disorders, creating stunning images as part of their work.

All welcome, no RSVP necessary

This Inspiring Australia initiative is supported by the Australian Government as part of National Science Week.
NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL
EXAM SUPERVISOR VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are seeking volunteers for a full day (with break times) to assist us in the supervision of exams.

Dates: Monday 17th to Friday 21st November 2014
Who can do it? Anyone with a current Working With Children’s Check or an application pending. Application forms are available at Post Offices and they are 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 exam papers at the end.
- We run training sessions for new volunteers.

How do you sign up?
- Email Jane Petty (jane.petty@nossalhs.vic.edu.au) your details including your phone number and the day(s) that you are available.
- Phone the school for more details on 87624600
- Someone will contact you closer to the date to confirm the days you have been allocated to supervision and organise a time for training.

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 and how impressive our students are.
- Experience in and understanding of VCAA exam conditions, rules and processes
- A good feeling 😊

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

Many thanks for your assistance,

Sue Harrap (Assistant Principal)           Roger Page (Principal)