IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Sep 12  State Level Chess Competition
Sep 15-18  Trial VCE Exams
Sep 15-30  Japan Tour
Sep 16  WOT Opera-Day 5
Sep 18  Great Southern Arts Show 2014 9-12pm & 1:00-8pm. Awards & presentation 7pm
Sep 19  Parent Teacher Conferences 2-8:30pm
Sep 19-21  Great Southern Art Show open to public
Oct 6  Term 4 commences
Oct 9  VCE Psychology VCAA Assessor Presentation
Oct 10  Southern Metro Athletics Carnival
Oct 14  Victorian Aths Carnival
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

SAVE THE DATES!

NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL
NEW YEAR 9’s of 2015 INFORMATION NIGHT,
Thursday 9th October, 6:00-7:15pm or 7:30-8:45pm
Meath Auditorium, Nossal High School
* Parents and 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.

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

NOSSAL HIGH SCHOOL HOUSE MUSIC NIGHT
see page 5 for further details
Interim Reports

As this term draws to a close staff are once again completing Interim Reports. These give a snap-shot of student’s progress in Semester 2 so far, leaving plenty of opportunity before the end of the year for students to rectify any areas that require attention.

The format is a single page with ratings on Academic Progress, Learning Habits, Learning Attitude and Learning Reflection. All aspects of student learning are rated according to the scale below. Where a graded assessment task has been undertaken, the percentage ranges apply. All other ratings are based on qualitative data. Since Nossal students have generally been high performers in their previous schools, a “Nossal student” as defined in the table below would typically be performing above the state average.

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<th>Rating</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<td>Excellent (E)</td>
<td>Is performing at a very high standard. Is making very pleasing progress. Demonstrating an excellent understanding of concepts and behaviours above what is expected of Nossal students at this year level. For knowledge and skills this is equivalent to any mark above 84%.</td>
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<td>Very Good (V)</td>
<td>Is performing at a high standard. Is making pleasing progress. This is slightly above the expected level for Nossal students at this year level. For knowledge and skills this is equivalent to between 76% and 83%.</td>
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<td>Good (G)</td>
<td>Is performing at a good standard. Demonstrating sound understanding of concepts. This is at the expected level for Nossal students at this year level. Is making solid progress. For knowledge and skills this is equivalent to between 68% and 75%.</td>
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<td>Acceptable (A)</td>
<td>Is only just demonstrating basic understanding of most of the concepts. Is performing below the level of typical Nossal students at this year level but around the level of a typical student. For knowledge and skills this is equivalent to between 52% and 67%.</td>
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<td>Improvement needed (I)</td>
<td>Is not demonstrating adequate understanding of the concepts. Is not working effectively. Is not reliably submitting work or participating in a way that supports adequate progress. Is below the expected level of</td>
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If your child receives ratings of Improvement Needed (I) they should reflect on their work habits and progress and seek to make the necessary modifications to their learning. If they are uncertain about what their teacher’s expect, they should seek advice about what to do and how to do it from their teacher.

Interim reports will be sent home on Monday 8th September

Interim reports are not designed to give you a full picture of your child’s progress, they are meant to be a conversation starting point between you and your child, and between you, your child and the teacher at Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences.

Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences

At the end of Term 3 we will once again run Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences. These will be held on Thursday 18th September 2.00 pm – 8.30 pm and Friday 19th September 9.00 am – 2.00 pm. School will finish at 12.40 pm on Thursday 18th and there are no classes on Friday 19th.

Bookings will be made available from 4.00 pm on Friday 12th September using the individual login details for Compass sent home with the interim reports. Bookings tend to go very quickly. We have increased the times available for interviews this term to accommodate more families, but there are still fewer interview spaces than the number of students each teacher teaches. Parents are encouraged to login as soon as they open to avoid disappointment. During the last week of this Term, parent teacher interviews will be held at the school. Interviews will commence on Thursday 18th September from 2pm - 8pm and then on Friday 19th September 9am – 2pm. I encourage all families to take advantage of this important opportunity for direct feedback on progress and suggestion about possible improvement. If parents are interested in utilising a free interpreting service, please make your request to myself at wayne.haworth@nossalhs.vic.edu.au by Friday 12th September, stating the language spoken and appointment day and times. A letter to all families will be sent out later this week.

Unable to make a booking?

If you are unable to make a booking and would like to speak with or communicate with your child’s teacher(s) please contact Jane Petty via email: Jane.Petty@nossalhs.vic.edu.au with the following information:
Your name  |  Your child’s name  |  Teacher(s) you wish to hear from and subject  |  Best contact phone number during the day  |  Email address
---|---|---|---|---
Eg. Sue Harrap  |  Mary Harrap  |  Mr Fankhauser, Physics  |  0488333777  |  harrap.susan.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

She will record your details and pass them onto the teacher(s). If you have not heard from the teacher(s) by the **end of the second week of Term 4**, please contact Jane again and she will ensure you are contacted immediately.

**Staff members who are sick on the day:**
Parents will be sent a text message on the morning of each day of Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences to inform them if staff members are absent due to sickness. If staff members are unfortunately sick on the days, they will contact parents who had booked appointments as soon as is practical, but definitely before the end of the second week of Term 4.

**Staff members who are unavailable for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences due to other professional commitments:**
- Mrs Elizabeth Morgan – Leading a History Teacher’s Association of Victoria Study Tour of China
- Ms Shéley Warner – Leading the Nossal High School Japanese Study Tour
- Mr Andrew Witt – Leading the Nossal High School Japanese Study Tour
- Mr Leigh Candy - Unavailable
- Mr Michael McQuaid – Unavailable on Thursday
- Ms Dominque De Mareuil – Unavailable on Friday

If you wish to communicate with these teacher please contact the teachers directly or Jane Petty as per the previous instructions. They will get back to you before the end of the second week of Term 4.

**Compass Login**
The login details that are sent to you for Parent-Student-Teacher Conferences are unique to you and provide you with 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 contact details
- make payments to the school

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 YOUR LOGON DETAILS WITH YOUR CHILD(REN).**

**Congratulations to Griffin, the winners of the House Music Night Competition**
What a tremendous evening on Thursday 28th August at Robert Blackwood Hall. The quality of choral performances continues to improve from year to year, as do the ensembles’ complexity and professionalism. The quality and creativity of the arrangements was outstanding. Well done to all of the House Music Captains and the House Captains for the leadership and direction of their respective cohorts. This is truly a student led endeavour that demonstrates our student’s capacity to work together and show off their creative minds. The House Leaders, Mr Pegram, Ms Fankhauser, Ms Desaulniers and Mr Labrooy also did an outstanding job of guiding their charges on the night. Particular congratulations should also go to Mr Haworth, Mr Stella and Ms Slywka for their organisation of the day.

Whilst it was disappointing not to see Robert Blackwood Hall full with parents and friends of Nossal there to witness the event, it was lovely to catch up with a significant number of the Old Nossalonian Alumni on the night. They were very impressed with the quality of the performances. The Old Nossalonians were the judges on the night, thus starting a tradition, where each year the previous year’s graduates will form the judging panel.

A most enjoyable evening.

**Digital Delivery Day Two – Friday 29th August**
On Friday we had our second very successful Digital Delivery Day for the year, with Year 11 and 12 students working from home. The feedback from students was excellent. A big congratulations to Mr Fankhauser who has led us through the development process to achieve these days. The entire staff deserve congratulations. This year they have worked tirelessly to develop their online curriculum design skills, embracing the collaborative tools available through NEO and via other avenues. Our achievement of this milestone is something to be very proud of. By the end of 2015 we would like students to have access to 15% of their curriculum available in interactive online learning. This is another way in which we are preparing students for successful futures at the tertiary level and developing their independence.
Mentor Assembly
Year 12 Mentors will met with their students last week to ensure they have begun their VTAC applications for University Course Preferences. Each mentor checked that students have registered, selected courses and determined their eligibility for a SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme) application. They assisted them to complete these or advised them to see Ms Rackham (Careers Advisor) for further assistance. Students may also wish to complete applications for scholarships throughout the VTAC application. Mentors encouraged them to explore these options.

VTAC applications close on September 30. Fees must be paid if students lodge late applications. After the VCE results are published in December VTAC applications open again for change of preferences.

Assistant Principal - Mr Wayne Haworth

Student absence hotline
There is a direct link with high attendance and strong school connectedness and solid academic results. If a student is unable to attend school due to illness, parents are requested to report their child’s absence by calling 8762 4625 or by emailing: absence@nossalhs.vic.edu.au. Student attendance is closely monitored and accuracy is vital. All absences must be accounted for. Families can assist by contacting the school. If students arrive late to school they must scan in in order to register their attendance.

Year 9 and 10 Ski Camp
Students from Year 9 and 10 joined students from Suzanne Cory High School to attend a combined Ski Camp this week. Students are based at Bogong Outdoor Education Centre and will spend their week Cross Country and Downhill skiing. I wish all students a wonderful and safe trip. We know they will build skills, friendships and lasting memories. Thank you to Ms Chapple and Mr Rule for their organisation and leadership.

Paper Cut 2014
Congratulations to Bridgette Van Diepen of Year 11 who last Friday won second place in the Paper Cut competition conducted by Penguin Books in conjunction with DEECD.

On the evening Bridgette was lucky enough to meet the author Isobelle Carmody pictured above. Bridgette was also interviewed a Herald Sun reporter and then went on to another filmed interview with the DEECD, see below.
Well done to all Houses for your work at last week’s annual House Music Concert. My congratulations to Griffin House for their outstanding performance to take out this year’s award. There is something about Griffin when it comes to House Music; they have successfully won this House event in four of the five years in which the event has been held. Thank you to the many staff and students for their significant contribution towards the success of the night. My particular thanks to our House Leaders – Mr Pegram, Ms Desauliners, Mrs Fankhauser, Mr Labrooy; House Captains, to Ms Slywka, Mr Stella and the instrumental Music staff and to our wonderful student MC’s Kathryn and Natasha of Year 11.

Year 12 English - Mrs Elizabeth Morgan

YEAR 12 ENGLISH ASSESSMENT – ADVANCE NOTICE
All Year 12 students who are currently studying mainstream English will sit their final SAC on Friday 19th September between 2 and 4 p.m. Students must be at school and lined up in class groups NO LATER THAN 1.45 p.m. Attendance is compulsory.

Year 12 English Team

PAYMENT PLANS – An important notice for parents
Nossal High School has recently activated the Payment Plan module of the Compass Management System. This enables more efficient management of current parent credit card deductions. The system automatically deducts the scheduled payment on a 4 weekly cycle. If you have selected your credit card withdrawal on a specific date of the month, please be aware that this may now occur a few days either side of this date. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Please contact the office should you require any further information regarding this new process, and/or if you wish to establish a Payment Plan for the balance of your 2014 account or commence a plan for 2015 fees.

Moonlit Sanctuary School Holidays Young Ranger Program
Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during Spring 2014.

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Thursday 25th, Friday 26th September
Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, September
Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd October

Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days (pro rata for additional days).
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 4PM
Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.
Lunches: BYO or may be purchased in our cafe

Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Pearcedale
Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

Note: Due to road works Moonlit Sanctuary is only accessible from Baxter-Tooradin Rd till mid November.
2014 VCE RESULTS AND ATAR SERVICE

The VCAA and VTAC offer three options for accessing VCE results, VCAL results and ATARs:

- internet
- SMS
- mail.

VCE results and ATARs are available from the 2014 VCE Results and ATAR Service from 7.00 am Monday 15 December. Only 2014 results are recorded on this service.

You will need your VCAA student number and PIN, which is the first four digits of your birthdate (for example, 17 July = 1707).

If you have registered with VTAC or are a current VTAC applicant, you will need to use your VTAC PIN.

INTERNET
resultsandatar.vic.edu.au

The internet service is free and available 24 hours a day from 7.00 am Monday 15 December until 5.00 pm Friday 19 December.

MAIL

VCE and VCAL results and ATAR statements will arrive in the mail from Tuesday 16 December.

VCE and VCAL certificates are distributed by schools and colleges, rather than mailed with the results.

SMS

19 787 888 SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl. GST)

To register to receive your results by SMS, send a test message as follows:

- student number — eight digits only, not the letter
- space
- PIN (four digits)
- space
- send to 19 787 888

Salient Digital – SMS cost $1.10 max. (incl. GST). Obtain bill payer’s permission before using this service. Call 1800 501 083 for help with SMS registration.

You can register from 9.00 am Monday 10 November until midnight Sunday 14 December.

Requests sent after this may be delayed.

You will receive your results from 7.00 am Monday 15 December. SMS access is available until 5.00 pm Friday 19 December.

SMS results are reported by using the first two alpha characters and numbers of the study. For example, Further Mathematics is represented by MA17, Mathematical Methods by MA11 and Specialist Mathematics by MA09.

To find out more about VCE Examination results, a statement of marks can be obtained. Further information is available on the VCAA website: www.vcae.vic.edu.au

POST RESULTS AND ATAR SERVICE (PRAS)

If you have questions after receiving your results and ATAR, contact the Post Results and ATAR Service (PRAS) by phone, email or via the PRAS blog.

7.00 am – 5.00 pm Monday 15 December
9.00 am – 5.00 pm Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 December
(03) 9032 1717 (metrocall)
1800 853 080 (tollcall)
prasad@edumail.vic.gov.au
http://resultsandatar.wordpress.com/

You cannot access results through PRAS.
WOTOPERA: Melbourne
original operas meaningful to the lives of young people

The students collaborated to produce their own stories, then composed the music and designed and painted their sets in a series of four one-day workshops representing just 21 hours!

WotOpera unlocks the creative potential of young people. Over 80 students from four Melbourne high schools have written four operas that showcase their creativity, talents and boundless imaginations, the participating schools are:

• Albert Park College
• Carwatha College
• The Mac.Robertson Girl's High School
• Nossal High School

WotOpera is a national arts program managed by Artology. The WotOpera High School’s program is the first step in the WotOpera program. 20 students from each high school create an original opera together! WotOpera staff visit the school, one day a week over four weeks, and run workshops on how to create a 20 minute one-act opera. Everything about the opera is created during the workshops: plot, characters, casting, writing words and music, and painting the sets. The students make every decision. WotOpera’s staff are simply there to help turn the ideas into reality. Over 65 public and private schools from around Australia have participated in WotOpera.

The four schools will come together to perform their individual works at the Drum Theatre, Dandenong. Parents and friends of Nossal High School are invited to delight in their journey and enjoy their creations on Tuesday 16 September at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased by using the link below.

WotOpera Artistic Director: Murray Dahm

Event Details:
Date: 7pm, Tuesday 16 September 2014
Where: Drum Theatre, Dandenong
Tickets: $10 for Adults, $5 for Concessions (booking fees may apply).

A big thankyou to Ms Samanatha Crust who has provided support to the Nossal High School students participating in this event.
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, preventing and curing 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)