

# NCC NEWS

July, Term 3 2023



## HOW GREAT IS THIS?

*Our new Year 3-6 Learning Centre is going up quick sticks! It is so exciting to see the progress and we now have walls.*

*We are also thrilled as our builders from Lorden Vella are incredibly supportive of our Homeroom Cafe, ordering up to 12 coffees each morning before school starts. Our Light of Hope service project is getting lots of funds out of this building project!*

*Read on to see how our donations have been used this year.*

## ADRA'S ACTIVE AUGUST

*Active August is a virtual distance challenge event that aims to get people active and raise funds to help fight hunger.*

*Hunger affects 1 in 4 people globally, and 1 in 6 Australians have been food insecure in the last year alone. ADRA is working with people in Australia and overseas to help them grow and access their own food, earn an income and feed their children.*

*Last year was our first year, and we are hoping to make Active August bigger and better!*



## PRACTISING TEACHERS

*We are super excited to have three practising teachers join us in the secondary school for three weeks. These uni students come from Avondale and by the look of their jackets, are all ready for our cold weather yet warm welcome. Starting from the left we have;*

- *Elihon Taulapapa teaching English and Music*
- *Joel Bennetts teaching the Tech subjects and*
- *Kaitlyn Hawkin teaching Art and History*

*Make sure you say hi when you see them around campus.*

## PARENTING SEMINARS



Whitehorse City Council has a few upcoming Parenting Information Forums:

Talking to young people about relationships and sexual health to be presented by Sexual Health Victoria, and will include new Affirmative Consent Laws.

**Date:** Tuesday 18th July  
**Time:** 7pm until 8:30pm  
**Cost:** Free online forum  
**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/3ObPZPu>



Transition to Secondary School

**Date:** Tuesday 29th August  
**Time:** 7pm until 8:30pm  
**Cost:** Free online forum  
**Registration:** <https://bit.ly/3pJKwWM>

## ELC HIGHLIGHT

Our Inventors have stepped into the imaginary realm of Conceptual PlayWorlds. What does this mean? It starts with a story (we have begun with 'Rose meets Mr Wintergarten' by Bob Graham). Then both educators and children enter this imaginary world. Playing together, they solve challenges and learn concepts in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). This is a beautiful story about being brave, being kind, the dangers of listening to gossip, or pre-judging a person. It teaches about the value of persistence and friendship.

We've discovered Mr Wintergarten doesn't eat healthy food or go outside and get exercise or fresh air. Our doctors have had an initial assessment with him, checking his blood, eyes, ears and heart. The results of the tests weren't great, so referrals were made to dietitians. Getting in touch with Mr Wintergarten has been tricky; not knowing his phone number (we tried many, to no avail) or address. Thankfully, our Inventors suggested using Google Maps to find his house. With our newly-acquired map reading skills, we found his house. With a 'Keep Out' sign hanging on his fence, we brainstormed other ways to invite him for a healthy cooked lunch and ongoing monitoring with our doctors. Thankfully a letterbox was there, so an invitation/letter is being written and delivered. Cooking different recipes will commence. What concepts will we learn when cooking?



## PRIMARY WOW



*Sometimes, as we desire to know God, we can minimise or diminish Him to be someone made in our human image. We try to describe Him in order to understand Him, but He is INDESCRIBABLE. He will always be MORE than we can imagine.*

*Primary Week of Worship invited the students to encounter our amazing, all-powerful, indescribable, Creator God. Pr Sean Berkeley (Associate Youth Director, Victorian Conference of the Adventist Church) told stories of God as Creator and invited the students to respond to Him with praise and thanksgiving. "Just as we think we've got Him figured out, He will break out of the box we have made for Him, and surprise us in new and mind-blowing ways."*



*On Tuesday evening we enjoyed a fun concert with guest artist, Sean W. Smith singing, dancing and making us laugh. The 80 families who attended certainly had a great time. Ending on Saturday, worshipping with the Nunawading Adventist Church community was a wonderful way to finish off a spiritually high week. - Mrs Karen Horsley*

## ART ADVENTURE

*Year 11 and 12 art students stepped into a Parisian art adventure on the 25th of July. India Mahdavi, a designer who lives near the Musée d'Orsay, Paris collaborated to bring this world premier exhibition of Pierre Bonnard's work from her local Paris galley to Melbourne's National Gallery of Victoria. It was a great day for students and staff! Read the full article on our website.*



## WRITING WORKSHOP



*I was lucky enough to experience and take part in a creative writing workshop held by author Hayley last term. Throughout the workshop, we learned about Miss Hayley's opportunities in relation to her writings and her job. We were also taught how to overcome writer's block and create an original plot idea through a variety of different exercises and activities. Not only was I able to benefit through gaining more knowledge about creative writing, but it also allowed my whole grade to interact as we expressed to the class the different plots that we have created. - Elena, Year 10*



## 3X3 BASKETBALL LAUNCH

Over the school holidays, NCC had a big launch event for our 3X3 Basketball Club - the Sentinels. We had over 28 teams from all over Melbourne compete. The highlight of the day was having Merena Whittle, Bronze Medalist for the Gangarrus as the special guest to 'officially' open the competition. Look at those smiley faces!

## YEAR 9 CHALLENGE

In Challenge we recently looked into the word 'empathy'. Our Challenge leaders organised an empathy workshop and a CBD walk to assist us. I enjoyed the workshop as we were introduced to unique activities that allowed us to connect with peers - despite our differences.

- Chloe, Year 9



## ASVAC

On Monday, the first day of Term 3, all NCC teachers headed to Gilson College where they joined other teachers for a day of Professional Development. This is an annual event organised by Adventist Schools Australia. After several years of not having this yearly conference, it was wonderful to get together with colleagues to network and learn together.

- Mrs James, Principal



## HOME & SCHOOL UPDATE



Thanks to Mrs Karoglanis for modelling our new umbrellas!

A HUGE thank you to our school community for supporting our Term 2 fundraisers.

On the last day of Term 2, we made a record-breaking 300 hot dogs for the Meal Deal! This was helped by the Secondary students supporting us - thank you Secondary students; you are all awesome.

A very big shout out to the wonderful mums who gave up their time to help make hot dogs - Does, Sherly, Lisa, Grace & Carmen.

**Money raised was: \$1942.50 - a NCC record!**

We have also placed our umbrella orders. 115 umbrellas were ordered, and they should arrive in the next week or two.

## UPDATE FROM CAMBODIA - LIGHT OF HOPE

Our service project for our school is Light of Hope with World Relief Australia. This organisation empowers at-risk children and their families through educational initiatives in rural Cambodia.



We recently made a donation to shown local Cambodia school and we received the email below to let us know what our donation was used for...

Yay, we have a new computer lab thanks to the donation from NCC. The old computers were very outdated and unable to be upgraded anymore and so we have invested the donation from NCC towards this purpose.



Please pass on our gratitude to your students and sponsors from all the children who benefit from the IT training in school. They are most grateful. - Sherree, Light of Hope

For more information on Light of Hope, visit:  
<https://www.wra.org.au/1808lightofhope>

## NAIDOC WEEK

Term 2 holidays celebrated the nationwide NADIOC Week for 2023. This was recognised during the first week back this term at school and allowed the students to learn about the focus of 'For Our Elders'. The students learnt about kinship and the roles of different people across Indigenous families and completed different activities such as colouring pages. NAIDOC week provides a unique and rich learning experience for all students to gain even more knowledge about the great custodians of our land and country through various activities. We are blessed to be able to share and learn more about our Indigenous cultures of Australia.