NEW Principal
Currently the Selection Panel for the new Principal of our school is being conducted. A while ago I informed the Governing Council and the staff that I would not be re-applying for the position. I have served in the Education Department for over 40 years in different roles. Twenty three of them as Principal of large, complex, secondary schools across the metropolitan area, and a substantial period of time as either a District Superintendent or Curriculum Superintendent.
It has been a sheer privilege and pleasure to have been the Principal of the Norwood Morialta High School for the last 13 years and I leave the school with the finest memories of beautiful students who have succeeded in many areas of life. I have enjoyed being amongst the best teachers in the state, an extraordinary SSO team and a highly effective Executive team which makes the running of a large, complex, dual campus school such as ours, so effective.
I have enjoyed the support and wisdom of a series of Governing Councils and Parent and Friends groups and thank them for it.
My intention is to take extended Long Service Leave in 2016, after which I will consider any openings that I might wish to pursue.
There will be opportunities to say goodbye over the next term, and in the meantime, school life continues, especially as we round off 2015 and engage in planning for 2016.

TERM 4
Term 4 brings a set of exams, final assignments, and placement of classes, celebrations, graduations and final reporting. The term goes very quickly and we should all keep an eye on the calendar so that vital meetings are not missed, especially the Stage 1 Awards Assembly and the year 10 and year 12 Graduations.
We have given all parents advance notice of the Graduations and Awards Assembly so that they may arrange some time off with their employers to celebrate with their children over a special lunch during this significant time in their lives. These special times only come around once and it is worth every effort to give your children acknowledgement and affirmation for their achievements and for reaching these particular milestones. To all the year 12s, I wish them Good Luck and a calm approach to the last formal weeks of the year.
Good Luck and Happy Holidays to all. Keep safe.

Panayoula Parha
Principal
Self appraisal and parent interview process.
All subjects in the middle campus are assessed against IBMYP criteria on a semester basis. Semester 2 reports in term 4 will show final results against IBMYP criteria with one to seven grades. Seven is the equivalent of an A+ while six is an A. Grades three and below indicate that a student needs to work hard to improve in order to go on with the next level of that subject.

During the subject selection process this term some students were disappointed to learn that they did not have the required level to continue with particular courses, for example if they had not achieved a high enough level in year 10 Science they could not choose Physics or Chemistry in year 11. Some students have had to complete extra work after school to try to meet these requirements. Improved results in semester 2 will allow some students to change their selections to the preferred options.

The progress report and student self-appraisal process has again been used in semester 2 to encourage students to consider their learning and set goals for the rest of the course. Reports from teachers show students’ progress against the criteria they have covered so far in the semester, this indicates areas in which students are doing well and areas for improvements. There is then an opportunity for parents to come in for interviews with subject teachers on Monday September 21.

Cyber safety presentations:
This term we were pleased to offer to all year 9 students a cyber-safety presentation by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner, Cybersmart. The presentations provided valuable information about the risks confronting children online and offered tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive. Topics included, potential risks for children online such as cyber bullying, illegal content, inappropriate contact, identity theft, grooming and predatory activity.

The session for students was followed by a presentation to all teaching staff about key internet issues. In the evening a presentation for parents was held, although there was a very low attendance, those who did attend found it valuable. The presenter did a great job of providing three quite different presentations to suit the needs and interests of each audience. This program aims to:

- **Inform** children, parents, teachers and library staff about cyber safety issues
- **Educate** audiences through information, resources and practical advice
- **Empower** children to be safe online.

Cybersmart offers a range of free resources for parents, teachers and children.

Materials developed for parents include the following brochures:
- Cybersmart Parents’ Guide to Online Safety
- Say no to cyberbullying
- Sexting
- Socialising on the internet
- Guide to online safety
- Dealing with offensive content
- Mobile phone safety

**Website:** The Office’s website offers all Australian primary and secondary schools easy access to a full range of education resources, including strategic tools for cyber safety education planning. There is also a range of information and resources available for parents and children.


Email for information, printed materials and advice about online safety.

[enquiries@esafety.gov.au](mailto:enquiries@esafety.gov.au)

I encourage all parents to consider the online safety of their children and seek information or advice if needed.

Karen Andrews
Stage 2 Diagnostic Reports and School Assessment Reports

Stage 2 Diagnostic Reports have been published on Daymap for student and parent reference. This is the last achievement information that students will receive before they undertake their external examinations and/or complete their external assessment components for their subjects. Students should be developing a balanced study program for their final weeks at school and seeking support from their teachers as needed.

Final School Assessment reports for Stage 2 students will be published in Term 4 on the Parent Portal and parents/caregivers will be advised by SMS when they are available to be viewed.

End of Year Arrangements for Year 12 Students

An Examination Information Assembly for all Stage 2 students will be held during the PLG session on Friday 16 October and it is crucial that all students attend this. Students will be given printed information about the end of year requirements for Year 12/13 as well as information in relation to the forthcoming examinations. This printed information including an examination timetable will also be published on the website. Should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact the Senior Campus on 83642299.

Formal lessons for Year 12 students will conclude on Thursday 22 October with the Year 12 Graduation to be held on Friday 23 October. Students who come into the school after this time to meet with or work with their teachers will be required to sign in and out on arrival and departure and wear full, correct school uniform.

Examinations may have already commenced for some students at this time and for many students completing subjects that do not have examinations, the completion of tasks may extend beyond this period.

Year 12 Graduation

The Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the Ivan Coward Hall on the Senior Campus on Friday 23 October commencing at 9.15am. Information about the Graduation was sent home to parents/caregivers on Friday 11 September. Seating for family guests and friends will be limited so we ask that you respond to requests within the required timeframe to enable us to do our best to accommodate any individual needs.

Stage 1 Reports for Semester 2

Stage 1 Diagnostic Reports were published on Daymap earlier this term. It is important that any advice for improvement is taken up by students at this time to ensure that they maximise the opportunity for successful completion of subjects. Final semester results will have an impact on subject selections for 2016 and it is important to note that an achievement score of a C grade or better is required if a student is to undertake a subject at Stage 2. Stage 1 Achievement Reports which will also include an Examination Grade where applicable will be published on the Parent Portal and parents/caregivers will be advised by SMS when they are available to be viewed.

Stage 1 Examinations and End of Year Arrangements

Stage 1 Examinations will be held from Monday 2 November to Friday 6 November. This is not the completion of the school year for Stage 1 students and formal lessons will continue to be held until Thursday 19 November. The Stage 1 Awards Assembly will be held on Friday 20 November and all Stage 1 students are expected to attend. Students will be dismissed at the completion of the assembly.

Nikki Kotrosos
NEW FURNITURE IN MIDDLE CAMPUS RESOURCE CENTRE

Students were in stunned silence entering our Resource Centre last week as they were greeted with bright and colourful new learning spaces. Comments such as “it’s like a university”, “wow” and “this is amazing” clearly indicated their approval! Students are enjoying using the new desks, chairs and ottomans for both collaborative work, research and reading during lessons and as a venue to enjoy games, reading and socialising during lunch breaks. Whilst there are more changes on the way for our Resource Centre we are pleased to be bringing the space into the 21st Century.

Ms Westerhof and the Middle Campus Library Team
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

A joint project between Norwood Morialta High School and ACH Group

In 2015 Norwood Morialta High School has continued partnership with the ACH Group to provide some of our students with the opportunity to give back to our local community and support a wonderful not-for-profit organisation offering a wide range of aged care, veteran care and residential care services. The group of around 20 year 9 and 10 students worked on a variety of different projects across three local ACH sites. The students completed a wide range of tasks to support the residents of these sites, including maintenance checks, clearing and replanting garden beds, redesigning a community garden and painting hand rails and murals. The students worked across three groups at three different locations: the Murray Avenue project, the James Evans project and the Milpara project. Each site had a slightly different focus that allowed individual students to engage with the residents and give back to our local community through not only the physical work that they completed, but also through the interactions they had with residents.

This year’s program was again a success with our students gaining a number of "real life" practical skills, along with an enormous sense of self worth due to the volunteer works completed. We ended the program by celebrating the students accomplishments by attending a formal presentation and lunch at the Milpara ACH facility. Amongst the invited guest were several patrons who are directly impacted by our work at the three sites. They expressed gratitude for the work our teams had done and were thankful that we had given up our time to support the residents and work with the ACH group. The program would not have been successful without the work of Summer Bowles, Ben Abbott, Alexia Forbes and Chris Robinson in the organisation and supervision of the groups.
On Tuesday 21st July, 20 students across years 8, 9 and 10 and three teachers went on the 2015 Glossy Black Cockatoo camp. The camp was spread across three days consisting of tree planting, games, sight-seeing and just hanging out on Narnu Farm with all the pigs, baby goats, horses and other adorable farm animals on Hindmarsh Island.

Wednesday and Thursday mornings comprised of tree planting from 9 until 12, with morning tea in between. By the end of the two days, roughly 3000 trees were planted. We certainly made a difference to the once barren sandy landscape.

In our spare time, Mr Brook would drag us out to whale watch. Much to his disappointment though, no whales were seen. Although in the end, we did have a whale of a time (pun intended).

For those who have not yet had the opportunity to go on this camp, it is well worth the mere $100 it costs to go for this great experience. The feeling that you have done something that will make a substantial and beneficial effect on the environment. Unfortunately, we are unable to go next year, but for those in years 8, 9 or 10 the camp is open to everyone.

Finally, we would like to give a big thank you to Mr Aslanidis, Mr Brook and Ms Litchfield who all made this camp possible and who had the pleasure of enduring us for three whole days.

Thank you.
Keyarah Esplin and Anna Beebee
STAGE 1 TOURISM EXCURSION TO MONARTO ZOO

On Tuesday, 25th August the Stage 1 Tourism class visited the Monarto Zoo to gain an insight into the management strategies required to maintain the economic, social and environmental sustainability of a tourism attraction.

Students practiced primary research techniques including; recording observations, photography and an interview with the Education Officer. It was a great opportunity for students to further their learning outside of the classroom as they applied knowledge gained in class to a real life situation.

Thank you to Mr Tripney for driving the bus to the zoo and through the lion enclosure!

Laura Kearsley
Stage 1 Tourism teacher.
On Tuesday 18th August, the Year 11/12 Band ventured out for another in our series of Primary School visits this year, going to Stradbroke Primary School for our latest concert.

Upon arriving at the school, and discovering the room we were going to play in was rather small, we took the option of playing outside in the sun.

The concert was well received, with most of the schools classes attending and singing and clapping enthusiastically along.

Thanks go to the band for all of their efforts this year, and to pre Service Teacher Jed, who accompanied us on this outing.

Mr Fawcett
SC Music Teacher
The Annual NMHS Music night was held on Thursday, 3rd September in the Ivan Coward Hall on the Senior Campus.

This is the Music Faculty’s night to showcase all of the amazing talents of our Performing Arts students.

This year we saw the first public concert by the year 8 bands, as well as the year 9, 10, the Jazz Band, a Brass Trio and the year 11/12 combined band, all who gave excellent performances.

On the night we heard the excellent skills of our Solo artists, including Daniel Lai on the Violin, Irene Park on the Clarinet and Steven Shi on the Flute.

Thanking our Arts Faculty for their help behind the scenes, both in the lead up and on the night.

Looking forward to Music Night 2016!!!!!

Mr Fawcett, Mr Farnan & Mr Lee
NMHS Music Teachers
Year 8 Humanities Excursion to Parliament House

On Thursday, 10th September, the year 8 students from 8B2 went on an excursion to visit the Parliament House on North Terrace. Our tour provided by Mr Vincent Tarzia, a member of the House of Representatives, the Lower House. This was an extraordinary experience, for we were able to witness sitting time amongst the members of Parliament. Upon arrival, we were asked to place our bags in the lockers provided. We were then led by Mr Tarzia to the Legislative Council (what you may know as the Upper House, or the Senate in the Federal Parliament), where there is red carpet. The red is to symbolise nobility, and was adopted from the British Parliament senate, House of Lords. The carpet was also adorned with Sturt Desert Peas, to symbolise the nature of South Australia. The legislative Council has a total of 22 members.

Next we visited the House of Assembly (also known as House of Representatives, the Lower House). The carpet in there was green, to symbolise the open green parkland known as “the common” in England, where the parties met to discuss political matters. This colour was adopted from the British House of Commons.

We discovered that the Queen of England is not permitted to enter the House of Assembly, due to the fact that they had voted against the Queen, whereas the Legislative Council voted for her, so she has access into their Chamber. We also learnt that for Vincent Tarzia to be able to run for Member of Parliament, the Liberal Democratic Party had to sit down and elect whether or not he was capable of running. Over a 365 day year, the Parliament has 47 sitting days.

Initially, the Parliament House was supposed to have a large dome tower protruding from the top, but due to the lack of funding, they were unable to proceed with their plans.

It was a very enjoyable excursion and we would like to thank our teacher Mr Battaglia for organising and Miss Stewart for accompanying us.

By Eshan Zaveri & Hadija Saidi

Yr 8 Immunisations
Friday
30 October 2015
Out of Hours School Sport
The winter season for Out of Hours School Sport has now concluded. Well done to all students who participated and represented the school with distinction, diversity and respect. Thank you also to the parents for assisting with official duties and the early morning starts. The summer season will commence in week 1 of term 4. Any students who are interested in playing a summer sport can still join by collecting a nomination form from Student Services at the middle campus, the pay station at the senior campus, or getting in contact with Mr Markwick on Daymap. We are always looking for coaches and umpires to help with the smooth running of the sports program. It is a great experience and we can also provide training. If you’re interested please email dl.0787.sport@schools.sa.edu.au

Girls Sport
Senior Badminton (Year 10/11/12)
NMHS had two senior badminton teams this year with the weekly competition being held at St Aloysius College on Saturday mornings. Our girls had a fantastic season finishing 2nd and 3rd. Thanks to Stefan Zaccagnini who coached the senior girls team. Badminton is a growing sport at NMHS and our girls teams in particular have had a fantastic year.

Junior Badminton (Year 8/9)
NMHS also had two teams in the junior badminton competition. These teams also had a strong season finishing 1st and 3rd overall. The girls have worked extremely hard this season and improving their game. Thanks to Colin Jong and Venise Chia who have done an excellent job coaching the girls.

Senior Soccer
This year NMHS had one girls soccer team with the weekly competition being held at Park 21 in the South Parklands. Due to small numbers, the girls were forced to play in the senior competition, even though most of the team was made up of year 8 girls. The girls made the brave decision to continue in the senior competition despite coming up against opposition teams which were made up primarily of year 11 and 12 girls. The season started off with a heavy loss but to the girls credit, they worked hard at training and with the assistance of Grace Inman as coach, toiled all season searching for a win. The girls overcame all odds with only eight players and won their last two matches including their final against St Dominics 3-0. This is a really special group and I encourage any interested girls to get involved in joining this soccer team next year – no experience required.

Year 8 Netball
Congratulations to our year 8 Netball team who won the premiership in the weekly competition held at Marryatville High School. Our girls were undefeated all season but faced strong opposition in the Grand Final against the home team Marryatville. The girls were able to weather an early attack from their opposition and regrouped to take out the premiership in a great display of team work. A special thank you to Tayla Scholefield for coaching the girls this season.

Year 9 Netball
This season our year 9 Netball team competed at Our Lady of The Sacred Heart in the weekly competition. The girls finished 7th overall with two wins. Well done girls for your efforts this season and in particular to year 8 students, Antonia and Giacinta Bibbo who joined the year 9 team to assist with numbers in their first ever season of Netball. Thank you to Samantha Kershaw for coaching the team early on a Saturday morning.

Boys Sport
Open Soccer
This year the open boys soccer team started with a large number of players, which made it challenging to accommodate everyone and keep a balanced team. Whilst the majority of results did not go in our favour, I was pleased with the effort of the players on the pitch and the way they conducted themselves when representing NMHS. At the outset, it was our goal to improve the players’ skill and knowledge of soccer and to become a better sports person, to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat. The majority of the players have matured over the season and it was a pleasure to coach them. I wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Coach
Jim Kallas

Year 10 Soccer
The year 10 boys soccer had an extremely successful season winning all but one game. They played an exciting brand of soccer as they showcased their skills providing spectators with some amazing highlights and unbelievable goals week after week. Thanks to Zachary De-Boeck and James Champ for coaching the boys.
SPORT

Year 9 Soccer
This season the year 9 boys soccer team was coached by year 11 students, Yuvash Naidoo and Thomas Capogreco. The team had a mixed season but were able to get some good wins towards the end of the season thanks to the resolute attitude of the core group of players. Defenders and midfielders such as Matt Brice, Anthony Grimaldi and Elias Hatzopoulos were always reliable on the pitch and an integral part of the teams’ success, while Mark Parletta provided the spark up forward.

Year 8 Soccer
The year 8 soccer boys had a tough start to the season up against some tough opposition. However, to their credit the team stuck together and showed some fantastic improvement. In such a small competition the boys came up against St Michaels three times in the season. They lost the first of these games 7-1, then showed some improvement going down 4-1 in their second encounter and in their final match of the season were able to claim victory against the same team in a penalty shootout. Well done on the hard work and determination boys and thanks to Chris Zunis for coaching the team.

Open Basketball (Year 10/11/12)
The Open Boys basketball teams again competed in the top competition and had some good results. At times up against some of the state’s best under age players our boys showed great perseverance and team work to finish the season with a positive win-loss ratio. The boys also rallied around former team mate, Jaye Coburn and are looking forward to his return to the team once his battle with leukaemia has been won. Thanks Jaye for supporting the team; and to the team thanks for supporting Jaye. Well done to Jake Slack and Stefan Innace for coaching the teams.

Middle Basketball (Year 8/9)
The middle boys basketball teams also competed in the top competition this season. This competition has three grades (A, B & C) which allows players of all abilities to participate; from the beginner to the more experienced. All three teams had successful seasons with basketball proving to be a very popular sport at NMHS. Thanks to Eben Medwell and Aaron Phillips for coaching the teams, and to Mark Bradshaw for assisting with scoring each week.

Mixed Table Tennis
The mixed table tennis team played on a Friday after school and proved to be very popular with a constant influx of new players. The team had a good mixture of experience and beginner players to the sport. Nathan De Souza did a superb job in organising and coaching the team showing great leadership and initiative in his first season of coaching.
Congratulations to Bayley Mitchell (above) for achieving a silver medal in the National Karate Champions held in Adelaide on the weekend of 8-9 August 2015.
A group of 35 rowers attended a camp at Ankara in Walker Flat from Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 September. After a cool day on the Wednesday, the weather was perfect for rowing on the Thursday and Friday. The students participated in a number of different water and land sessions over the course of the three days and was perfect preparation for the upcoming Rowing season. The students also got the opportunity to go on a moon lit nature walk and partake in a quiz / fitness challenge night. All in all, the students had a great time and the camp was deemed a big success.

Kris Vanderloo
Rowing Manager
The Languages Faculty of Norwood Morialta High School are keen to plan the school’s first cultural/language tour to China. The proposed dates are October 1 to October 14, 2016. Chinese language students will have the opportunity to enhance their language skills and to experience the culture first hand. Other students will have the opportunity to gain intercultural engagement with an Asian culture. If you are interested, please collect an Expression of Interest form from Student Services.*

Ms Lieu
Chinese Teacher
UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 3

SEPTEMBER
18-19/9  Pedal Prix Murray Bridge
21/9  MC Student/Teacher/Parent Interviews
21/9  Governing Council
SC @ 6.30 pm
21-25/9  St 1 Grampians O/ED
25/9  LAST DAY OF TERM
1.00PM DISMISSAL

TERM 4

OCTOBER
12/10  1st Day of Term 4
19-23/10  PAT Maths
22/10  Yr 12 Graduation @
9.15–11.30 am SC
Ivan Coward Hall
26/10  Governing Council
SC @ 6.30 pm
26-27/10  Yr 12 Visual Arts & Media
Open Evening 4-6pm SC
28/10  Stg 1 Drama Production
Ivan Coward Hall
Matinee 11.30am
Evening 7.30pm
29/10  Stg 1 Drama Production
7.30pm
30/10  Yr 8 Immunisation
30/10  Art Exhibition
Pepper St Gallery
Opening Night 3—5pm
2-13/11  Art Exhibition
Pepper St Gallery
2/11  Stage 2 Exams start
Stage 1 Exams start
4/11  Parents & Friends @ 7pm
MC
11/11  Yr 10 Drama Production
Ivan Coward Hall
Evening 7.30pm
11-13/11  Yr 10 OED Canoe Camp
13/11  Newsletter 7 on line

ADVANCE NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED

MC  0429 608 617
SC  0429 780 704