



The Lantern

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Dear Members of the Nagle community,
Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen has invited us to attend the launch of "Walking with Refugees and People Seeking Protection" on Sunday, 27th August at the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall, Seven Hills at 2 pm. As he wrote in his letter to us, "a recurring theme in our Gospel Message is the need for all of us to open our hearts and minds to the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves." Further, Bishop Long Van Nguyen has called on us, members of a wealthy and resourceful country, to develop policies that reflect our goodness and generosity. He also asks us as Christians to not accept the status quo and to work for more for those who have been forced from their homes.

Pope Francis has communicated clearly to us the moral imperative that faces us. He has called for, "a coordinated and effective response" to this most significant crisis. Addressing participants at the Sixth International Forum on Migration and Peace that took place in Rome in February this year, the Pope said it is, "a moral imperative" to protect migrant workers "and among these particularly men and women in irregular situations" as well as those "exiled and seeking asylum" or "victims of trafficking." He emphasized that, "defending their inalienable rights, ensuring their fundamental freedoms and respecting their dignity are duties from which no one can be exempted."

Let us join in prayer as we reflect on the words of Mother Teresa,
"To Him, each one of us is very special, each one of us is a unique creation. We are one world. We are all sisters and brothers in Christ. We must all work for all those who suffer and hear Our Lord say:
"I was a refugee and you gave me a home."

God Bless,

Delma Horan

Diary Dates

Literacy Week

28th Aug - 1st Sept

Parent Forum

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Building update

As you may be aware Nagle College will be undergoing a building program over the next twelve months.

The first stage is the Library which will be renovated to provide 21st century learning spaces allowing the students to collaborate, create and communicate their learning. As part of this renovation and refurbishment the library will be relocated to Lab 6 so that the girls still have access to books, printing and technology. The Senior Study part of the library will continue to be used by senior students during breaks and study periods. As part of this first stage and in preparation for stage 2, when Coraki is demolished, the demountables will be refurbished to become music performance rooms and studios. This first part of the building project should be completed for the start of the 2018 academic year .

The second stage of the building project will commence during the long summer break with the demolition of the Coraki building and the construction of a two storey structure that will allow for modern state of the art purpose built learning spaces. The new building will be named as Coraki in keeping with the Presentation history and story of Nagle College Blacktown.

All measures will be taken to keep the focus on learning so that the girls can achieve and continue to thrive as young Presentation women.

Mr Michael Hall

Assistant Principal

From the REC

God's creation is like an exquisite painting, rich in multi colours, exhibiting a variety of life forms, managing to survive in this world of ours. Some are gifted with health, wealth and happiness, while others are affected with diseases, caught in the merciless winter freeze without a roof over their heads or with a hot meal to appease their hunger. The youth of today must become aware of the sufferings of the less fortunate. Compassion, empathy and love must well up in their hearts and stimulate them to serve those in need. Nagle College organised a Winter Sleepout for Years 10, 11 and 12 girls, to create this awareness in our students. A donation was also collected which will be donated to the homeless. Though the winter night was cold, the girls enjoyed the company of each other and the sleep out, a rare experience for them. More than 10 teachers sacrificed their valuable family time and comfort to be with us, a gesture that will be engraved in our memories forever. As we stood together in the face adversity, the closeness and sisterly love we felt, is a feeling that most of us had never felt before. A special thanks to Mr Wilson and Miss Desho for their effort in organising this event with the assistance of the Year 11 programme organising committee.

Written by Aswithaa Visakeswaran - Year 11 student

Winter Sleepout





From the Leader of Teaching and Learning

NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests

Next week students in Years 7 and 9 will complete the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test. This test is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online tests and to identify any technical or administrative issues. The readiness test is **not** an assessment of student ability.

You might find the enclosed NAPLAN Online Fact Sheet for Parents and Carers useful if your daughter is in Year 7 or Year 9. Don't forget that you can familiarise yourself and your daughter with the look and feel of the NAPLAN online test by going to the public demonstration site at

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>.

Year 9 2018

Year 8 students are about to embark on choosing their two elective subjects for 2018. The course booklet has been added to the Year 8 Google classroom page so that students can read outlines of the courses being offered next year.

If the girls have any questions about the demands of the different subjects, they should ask their teachers. Of course they are encouraged to discuss their choices with their parents before they complete their subject selection online.

As they enter Stage 5, students should consider exploring a variety of courses and new learning opportunities. Remind your daughter that learning should be fun, not just hard work. Students in Year 9 do not need to start thinking about career paths. Instead, they should experiment with the options available to them so that, when the time comes, they will make decisions based on their experience, demonstrated strengths and achievements. If she enjoys what she is learning and how she is learning, your daughter's chances of success should increase.

Year 11 2018

Congratulations to our Year 10 students. The girls have approached their selection of Stage 6 subjects in a mature and thoughtful way.

Students and their parents have already received letters acknowledging subject choices for 2018 and, on Wednesday night, some students attended interviews with their parents for further discussion of their proposed programme of study.

It is essential that the girls continue to ask questions about courses and seek information about requirements for post-school pathways. There are often different ways to achieve a goal, so it is important that students and their parents explore future options. Remember that the College staff will always be ready to assist, so don't hesitate to call me if you have concerns about your daughter's proposed programme of study.

Ms Dympna Reavey

Leader of Teaching and Learning

From the Leader of Student Well-being

At our College Assembly last week we were able to congratulate the students who were the recipients of the Gold and Platinum Awards of our Merit System.

The students who received these awards have been recognised for their achievements from various teachers across a range of fields. They have accumulated merits, Nano's and Silver Awards.

The recipients of the Gold Awards were:

Takeiah DeLucka
Ashley Galea
Sonia Hashimi
Barbara Mintzas
Rebecca Wehbe
Bernadette Batara
Samantha Batara
Lauren Borg
Annabel Darmali
Alexandria Giuliano
Emily Hartsuykar
Katie Knight
Emily Malones
Asmeeta Singh
Eden Randall



The recipients of the Platinum Award were:

Bernadette Batara
Annabel Darmali

A big congratulations to the numerous students this week who received their Silver Award at their Year Assembly.

A reminder that on Monday 28th August we will be holding our Parent Forum commencing at 6.30pm on Cyber Safety. Senior Constable Amanda Jones will be presenting. This forum is for parents and caregivers only. If you would like to attend but have not yet sent your RSVP please contact the College Office.

Mrs Diane Shean

Leader of Student Well-being

Year 7 News

This fortnight I spoke to Year 7 about the importance of organisation, particularly when it comes to ensuring that all set tasks, whether it be a formal or an informal assessment, are completed. It is vital that Year 7 start developing good habits and study skills now. Between homework, tests and extracurricular activities, it is easy for your daughter to become overwhelmed and lose track of her priorities. Parents/Caregivers, I encourage you to help your daughter develop good study habits by ensuring that she is organised. A key part of organisation is to ensure that your daughter is utilising her College Diary effectively. On a daily basis, is your daughter:

- recording homework that needs to be completed?
- taking note of key dates and important deadlines?
- creating a plan to manage and use her time effectively to complete all set work?

By working and focusing on your daughter's organisation, you can assist her by encouraging the correct use of her time at home, to ensure that she is completing all set tasks to the best of her ability.

Over the next week, Year 7 will be receiving their second lot of vaccinations, as well as completing the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test. Ms Reavey, the Leader of Teaching and Learning has spoken to the girls this week about the testing and what is required of them. I encourage all of Year 7 to take the time to explore and practise completing the online demonstration tests. For your reference, the link to the demonstration site is: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

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Year 8 News

Next Wednesday, Year 8 will have their Social in the hall here at Nagle College and will be joined by Year 8 students and teachers from Patrician Brothers. This evening is valuable in helping the girls to develop their confidence and interaction with others. Students are very excited about the night and are reminded about the dress code. Girls are expected to wear appropriate clothing suitable for a semi-formal event. Jeans, denim jackets, thongs, shorts, midriff tops, halter or tops and dresses with spaghetti straps or mini skirts are not considered appropriate. Students are also reminded that heavy make-up and nose or facial piercings are also not permitted. If students are considered to be inappropriately dressed, they will be refused entry and parents will be contacted to collect them from the event. Parents are reminded that the Social runs from 7pm to 9pm and students need to be picked up promptly from the front of the Presentation Hall.

Miss Paula McNeil

Year 8 Co-ordinator

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Year 9 News

Year 9 set off to The Great Aussie Bush Camp this week. With an early 7:30am start on Thursday, the team set off on an adventure to face challenges and push past comfort zones. Once again Year 9 took on board the many challenges the camp had on offer.

With our focus being to challenge, encourage and support, Year 9 should be proud of the way they conducted themselves during the camp. Their teamwork and leaderships skills exceeded expectation. Each member of our community displayed exceptional communication skills while working on team challenges. Year 9 students provided support and encouragement to their peers when they were faced with situations that required them to push past comfort zones. Our activities leaders from The Great Aussie Bush Camp commented on the wonderful sense of community that was felt in each group.

On behalf of Year 9, thank you to the following teachers who gave up their time to be with the students. Mr Christian Iligan, Miss Rowan Bechara, Miss Ellen Attwood, Miss Levia Desho, Miss Michelle Aquilina, Miss Danielle Karatzis and Miss Hayley Rowilson.

Your leadership, encouragement and support were greatly appreciated.

Mrs Karen Vasarelli

Year 9 Co-ordinator





Year 10 News

On Friday the 18th of September I had the pleasure of presenting the Gold and Platinum awards from our Merit system to a number of students across all grades. I was pleased to present these awards to a number of Year 10 students for the active participation across a range of fields. Congratulations to:

Bernadette Batara
Samantha Batara
Lauren Borg
Annabel Darmali
Alexandria Giuliano
Emily Hartsuykar
Katie Knight
Emily Malones



Bernadette Batara and Annabelle Darmali were the two recipients of the prestigious Platinum award - Well done girls!

I would also like to congratulate the Year 10 students who participated in the PDSSSC Dance Competition on Tuesday this week. We had a number of students take part in the Hip-Hop and Cultural Dance groups. Both teams placed in the top 3 in their fields. It is great to see so many Year 10 students involving themselves in the extra-curricular life of the College.

Thank you to the students and parents who attended our 2018 Subject Selection interviews to fix up any issues with students' initial selections. Overall, we have been able to accommodate for the student's choices. If there are any further issues we will speak to the necessary students promptly.

Kind Regards,

Natalie Bonaventura

Year 10 Co-ordinator

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Year 11 News

It was my absolute pleasure to read the applications for leadership this week. 39 students have nominated themselves to become a member of the SRC or a House Leader in our school community. This is both courageous and testament to all of the wonderful girls we have here in our year group. This week the girls voted for the 8 students they believe will represent them. From this group of students we will conduct interviews and will be able to announce our new College Captain and Vice Captain in our next issue of the Lantern. I wish all our Year 11 students much success.

Year 11 have also been busy with the design of their commemorative garment to be worn in Year 12. They have had a lot of opportunities for input with the supplier and will be able to vote on their favourite option. Once this has been finalised, a permission note will be issued detailing the pricing and payment plan. The girls will receive these garments at the beginning of Term 1, 2018.

In the next few weeks Year 11 will also be sitting their end of course exams. This will be the first formal set of exams that the girls have ever sat in the Hall. It is important that the girls are in the preparation stages of their study regime and not leaving it until the last minute.

It is crucial that all students are on time to school on the days that they have exams. If your daughter does not have an exam on the morning, afternoon or whole day, she does not have to attend school and can stay at home to complete independent study. If she is unwell and is unable to attend school to complete an exam, she must attend the doctor to obtain a certificate and fill out an illness misadventure form. The missed exam will be scheduled for the next available time in the timetable. I have attached a copy so you may familiarise yourself with the timetable.

Mrs Gillian Mendez

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**NAGLE COLLEGE
YEAR 11 EXAMINATIONS
2017 TIMETABLE**

SDEHS: BIOLOGY 30/08/17 10.00 - 12.05

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	4.09.17	5.09.17	6.09.17	7.09.17	8.09.17
Morning session begins at 8.50 a.m.			ENGLISH Standard & Advanced (2 hours + 10 mins)	ENGLISH Standard & Advanced (2 hours + 5 mins) ENGLISH STUDIES (2 hours)	BIOLOGY (2 hours + 5 mins reading)
Afternoon session begins at	SDEHS SOR1: 1.00 - 2.05 SOR2: 1.00 - 3.05		JAPANESE Conversation (2 hours approx.) MUSIC 1 - Room 38 (1 hour + 5 minutes reading) SDEHS ENGINEERING STUDIES: 1.00 - 2.35	GEOGRAPHY (2 hours + 5 mins reading) PHYSICS (2 hours + 5 mins reading)	PDHPE (2 hours + 5 mins reading))

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	11.09.17	12.09.17	13.09.17	14.09.17	15.09.17
Morning session begins at 8.50 a.m.	CATHOLIC STUDIES (1½ hours + 5 minutes reading) STUDIES of RELIGION 1 (1 ½ hours + 5 minutes reading time) STUDIES of RELIGION 2 (2 hours + 5 minutes reading)	GENERAL MATHEMATICS (2 hours 30 min + 5 mins reading) MATHEMATICS (3 hours + 5 mins reading) CHLOE HICKSON: CFS	ANCIENT HISTORY (2 hours + 5 mins reading) ECONOMICS (2 hours + 5 mins reading) FUNDAMENTALS OF ENGLISH (1 hour + 5 mins reading) LEGAL STUDIES (2 hours + 5 mins reading) VET HOSPITALITY (2 hours + 5 mins reading)	BUSINESS STUDIES (2 hours + 5 mins reading) DANCE (1 ½ hours + 5 mins reading) JAPANESE (2 hours 50 minutes + 10 minutes reading)	DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (1 ½ hours + 5 mins reading) ENGLISH Extension 1 (2 hours + 5 mins reading) MATHEMATICS Extension 1 (2 hours + 5 mins reading)
Afternoon session begins at 12.30 p.m.	COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES (2 hours + 5 minutes reading)	BUSINESS SERVICES (2 hours + 5 minutes reading) FOOD TECHNOLOGY (2 hours + 5 minutes reading) INFORMATION PROCESSES AND TECHNOLOGY (2 hours + 5 minutes reading) SOCIETY & CULTURE (2 hours + 5 minutes reading) TEXTILES & DESIGN (1½ hours + 5 mins reading time) VISUAL ARTS (1½ hours + 5 minutes reading)	CHEMISTRY (2 hours + 5 mins reading) DRAMA (1 1/2 hours + 5 minutes reading)	MODERN HISTORY (2 hours + 5 mins reading) MUSIC Practical (3 hours – Room 17) WORK STUDIES (1 hour + 5 mins reading)	

Year 12 News

Congratulations

We are pleased as a College community to congratulate Baillie Kennedy and Gabrielle Green. Baillie will be receiving a Rotary award next week for excellence in her Early Childhood Course at TAFE. Gabrielle has received an early offer at Macquarie University to do a Bachelor of Ancient History.

We highly commend the girls who have submitted major works and who have already completed their HSC exams for the practical component of their courses. We also wish the very best to those students who will be soon completing a practical exam for their HSC.

As mentioned in our previous issue of the Lantern, all families should have received the letters regarding Year 12 Graduation and the Formal. Please ensure that your daughter returns the acknowledgement slips of those letters. The first payment of the formal ticket is due on the 29th of August.

College expectations remain the same up until the last day of term until the last day of term. These expectations include attendance, punctuality, uniform and respect. I trust that all Year 12 will continue to try their best and meet the College expectations to ensure they finish the term and their formal education on a positive note.

If you require any clarification about any upcoming event or your daughter's welfare, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College.

Kind regards

Christine Smith

Year 12 Coordinator

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PDSSSC Athletics

On Wednesday 16th August, 26 students from Nagle College competed at the PDSSSC Athletics Carnival, at the Blacktown International Sports Park. It was an extremely windy day but the weather didn't slow down our Nagle Girls. We had a cracking start to the day with our relays, seniors placed 4th, juniors came 3rd and our intermediate team 1st. The girls were so fantastic a NSW Athletics Official even commented on our speed and technique in the relays. After the relays the results continued to roll in as our Nagle girls gave their best efforts in all events. Congratulations to all students who competed at the carnival and a special congratulations to Alai Lual (Year 7), , Jessica Laurance (Year 8), Sandiolla Amito (Year 9) and Jenelle Lim (Year 12) who will compete at the next level at NSW CCC on September 15th at Homebush.

Well done Nagle on the fantastic results.

1st place 14-15 years relay- Ading Majok, Sandiolla Amit, Flavia Aya and Jessica Laurance

1st place 15yrs 200m- Sandiolla Amito

1st place 14yrs 200m -Jessica Laurance

1st place 15yrs 100m -Sandiolla Amito

1st place 14yrs 100m -Jessica Laurance

1st place 12yrs 100m -Alai Lual

1st place 12yrs High Jump- Alai Lual

1st place 14yrs Long Jump- Jessica Laurance

1st place 17+years High Jump -Jenelle Lim

2nd Place 17+ 800m -Hayley Armitage

2nd Place 12yrs 800m- Nicola Ciocca

2nd Place 17yrs+ 100m -Layla Kairouz

3rd Place 12-13yrs relay- Isabella Mieth, Sandra Lado, Ashlee Webb, Stephanie Nwosu

3rd place 16yrs 1500m -Jolie Ward

3rd Place 15yrs Long Jump -Sandiolla Amito

3rd Place 13yrs 200m -Stephanie Nwosu

3rd Place 17yrs+ Discus - Jenelle Lim

3rd Place open triple jump -Geraldine Vella

3rd Place 16yrs 400m - Geraldine Vella





PDSSSC Dance Competition

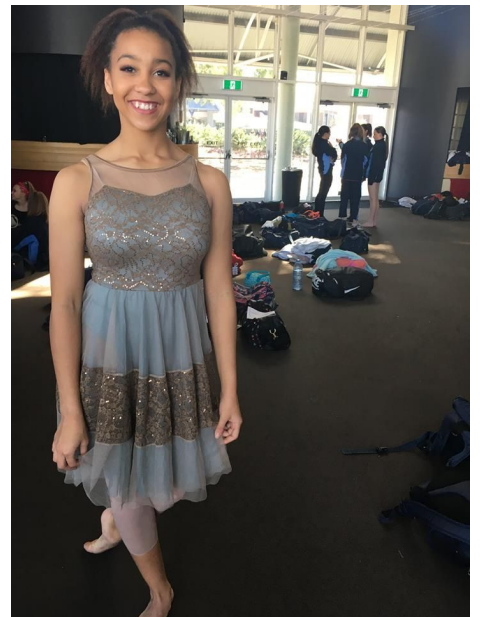
On Tuesday 22nd August, Nagle competed at the PDSSSC Dance Competition at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith. Despite the very early morning start, the girls were very excited and ready to go. The day kicked off with our senior soloist Nicola Lopino who was absolutely phenomenal as she performed a flawless routine. Our junior soloist Myah Ngige also did a fantastic job as she wowed the crowd with her skill and flexibility. This is the first time Nagle has entered in the solo sections for this competition and both Myah and Nicola did an outstanding job. This year Nagle also entered the cultural section for the first time. We had four girls who performed a Bollywood routine. These girls were a dedicated team who continued to improve with each rehearsal. The girls outdid themselves and their hard work paid off as they placed 3rd out of 7 schools.

Our contemporary ensemble put on a beautiful performance having only started working on this routine at the beginning of the term. These girls are to be commended on their professionalism as dancers as they rehearsed every day, took on feedback and continued to work hard to finish a stunning routine.

Finally our hiphop team who brought back the "90s" gave their best performance of the year. They had high energy and hit their routine. The girls placed 1st out of 11 schools. This is a fantastic achievement as this is now the second year in a row Nagle has placed 1st in hiphop for this competition.

I would like to thank Mrs Howlett who has supported myself and the girls in the lead up to the competition from supervising rehearsals to altering costumes. A big thank you and congratulations to our dance leaders Nicola Lopino, Brooke Carter, Ashley Umadhay, Cassandra Murray and Marjorie Laquian. These girls have given up many lunchtimes, after schools and holidays to work on music, choreography, costuming and have continued to encourage and support their teams in the lead up to the competition.

Finally congratulations to all students who competed on the day. Vanessa Portelli (Year 7), Emele Smith (Year 8), Hayley Schneider, Myah Ngige, Tanya Singh, Shreya Prasad (Year 9), Angel Handa, Shriya Singh, Marjorie Laquian, Jessica Relunia (Year 10), Cassandra Murray, Ashley Umadhay, Jessica Tjee, Alexandra Valderrama, Nicola Lopino, Georgia Tabone, Brooke Carter, Emily Wu, Claudia Alessi, Hannah-Jo Chiha and Nicolla Brooks (Year 11).





MCCS Soccer

Congratulations to our junior and intermediate soccer teams who both had their first win for the season last week. Juniors won 5-0 and the intermediate team won 6-1 against Trinity. Well done girls and good luck with the remainder of the season.

Upcoming Events Term 3

Date	Event	LOCATION
Monday 11th September	PDSSSC Oztag Gala Day	Jamison Park, Penrith
Monday 18th September	PDSSSC Basketball Gala Day	Penrith Regional Sports Stadium – Herbert St, Cambridge Park

Miss Ellen Attwood
Sports Co-ordinator

Literacy and Numeracy Week

Did you know that of the **781 million** adults over the age of 15 estimated to be illiterate, 496 million are women? That means that women make up more than half the illiterate population in all regions of the world.

The ability to read and write and be numerate is the basis for all education; **literacy** and numeracy are necessary for an individual to understand information that is out of context, whether written or verbal or through numbers and data.

Literacy and Numeracy Week will be celebrated here at Nagle College next week. There are many opportunities for students to get involved, show their support and simply celebrate the fact that as a young woman, they have access to education and the means to be literate and numerate.

The English Department will be running a 6 word story competition following the challenge posed to Ernest Hemingway, an American writer and journalist, to compose an entire story in exactly six words. His story "For Sale: Baby shoes, never worn" has drawn worldwide acclaim and inspired even the most struggling writers. The competition will be run until the conclusion of Week 7, where the most original and creative stories will be judged by the English teachers, and winners selected for prizes including a range of Dymocks Bookstore vouchers.

There will also be two Spelling Bees during this week. On Tuesday the 29th of August, there will be a Year 7 Spelling Bee and on Wednesday the 30th of August a Year 8 Spelling Bee. The chosen participants will be representing their English classes to take out the winning trophies.

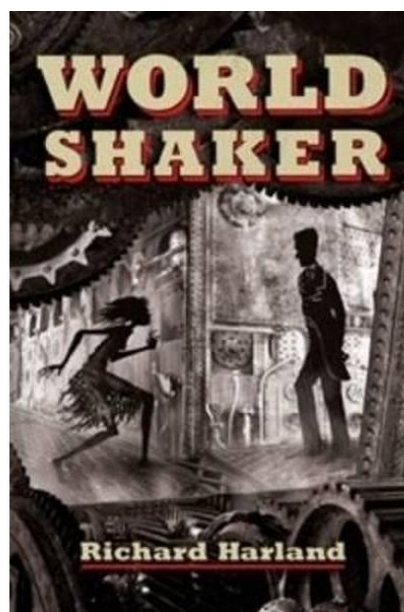
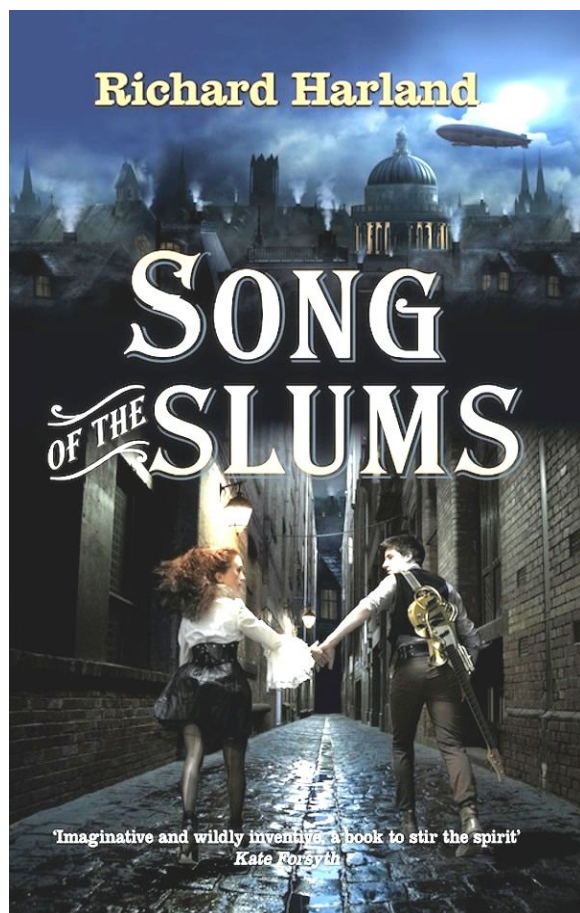
On Thursday the 31st of August, three teams of students from Years 7 to 10, under the support of Miss Penna, will be participating in the Write a Book in a Day competition where they will plan, write, create and publish a picture book that will be donated to Sydney Children's hospital for sick children to enjoy reading.

And finally, on Friday the 1st of September, Richard Harland, an Australian Steampunk author will be visiting Nagle College to do a lunch time meet and greet in the Bally block and then he will be giving a presentation to Year 7 in period 5. Some of the current Year 7 and 8 cohorts have studied his works including *Song of the Slums* and *Worldshaker*.

I hope the students make the most out of the opportunities available to them next week and celebrate that as one of the privileged young women in our world, they have access to empowering education.

Ms Josephine Camilleri

English Co-ordinator



Hospitality Excursion

What an amazing experience our Year 12 Hospitality students were treated to in their final weeks of studying the Commercial Cookery Course. We were given a VIP tour by Executive Sous Chef Vincent around the commercial kitchens of The Star in the city.

We had the opportunity to see the range of kitchens where different foods are prepared for the number of restaurants operated within The Star. Kitchens for salads, protein foods, pastry kitchen, events kitchens and of course, our favourite, the Chocolate Room!

Students could see the commercial equipment, storage facilities and great numbers of chefs required to cater for the large number of guests that The Star provides food service for on a daily basis. The staff displayed wonderful teamwork, fostered diversity and were very welcoming.

Processes we had studied in class became a reality – use of the HACCP food safety program, preparing large quantities of food in huge vats, cooking in large combi ovens, reheating foods in very short time frames and refrigerating foods quickly in blast chillers.

We were then left in the capable hands of the staff at The Harvest Buffet to sample the wonderful foods for a buffet lunch. Our favourite was the Dessert Bar with 3 huge chocolate fountains – white, milk and dark chocolate!

This is truly a memorable way to complete our 2 years together studying the Hospitality course and acts as a reinforcement of the concepts we have learnt in class. We can use our first hand experience of visiting these commercial kitchens as industry examples in our responses for our upcoming HSC Hospitality exam.

We are very proud of our Hospitality students as they were fine ambassadors of our College throughout our visit.

Mrs Abela and Mrs Farrugia

Hospitality Teacher





artexpress
EXHIBITION OPENING
ARTEXPRESS 2017 at the
Tamworth Regional Gallery

Nagle College Dux, 2016.
Katherine Masonwells.

Do You See What I See?

Drawings



Congratulations on your outstanding achievement, Katie!

Ms Emily Handsley Delves
Visual Arts Teacher



Fact sheet for parents and carers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment.

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What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
 - Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
 - This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
 - This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
 - Students find online assessment is more engaging*, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder.
- * Research by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 14 August and 22 September 2017.

The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

For more information

Parents, students and schools interested in familiarising themselves with the NAPLAN Online format can access the NAPLAN Online demonstration site that includes sample tests for each NAPLAN year. Use the following link:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

Further information about NAPLAN Online is available on the national ACARA website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online>

Contact your school principal or visit the ACARA NAP website for more detailed information:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/online-assessment.html>



