

Autumn 2018



BY **CHRISTOPHER MORTIMER**
NBSC College Principal (Rel)

Dear Staff,

Term two has proven to be very busy for the College Administration Centre. Network meetings took place in the preparation for College Development Day, a huge event where all of the 350 NBSC teaching staff meet for structured professional learning on the first day of term three. The network teams were led by Renata Grudic, Ben Pimentel and myself, and agendas were prepared by each group for the faculty 2.5 hour session on the day. A keynote was presented to commence the day from members of the DEC Literacy and Numeracy Progressions Team, and the final session consisted of faculty time at home campuses or continued network meetings. The day was a great success enabling collaboration within our five schools, and the collective wisdom and experience to be shared for the benefit of all staff with teachers leading teachers.

As a learning community, plans to offer more professional learning have been developed and are in the process of being implemented within the College to support the needs of staff as they manage accreditation. Various courses will be offered, many will be NESA registered for staff to attend which will be led by internal NBSC staff and external presenters. There are also plans to develop a series of parent forums aimed at supporting the wellbeing needs of families addressing a range of areas that are of relevance to each of the campuses.

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The conclusion of the College's Enrichment Extension Challenge Project occurred, which has been running for approximately ten years. We farewelled the wonderful teachers involved - Lorna Curtis, Patricia Herman and Sharen Moore, and thanked them for their inspirational work over many years and the gratitude from the students witnessed in the final week was amazing and uplifting. Our long standing Project Officer Nikki Doyle also finished having done some amazing work at the College Office, coordinating Australian Business Week, Project Penguin and Science Techno. The position has been filled by Sandra Bonello who joins us from NBSC Cromer Campus, and we welcome her and look forward to seeing this wonderful work continue. Finally, most of the beautiful photography featured in newsletters has been taken by Stephen Rutherford who also concluded his work at the end of the term taking up employment at Avalon Public School. We are grateful to him for audio and video work as well as managing publicity within the College.

It has been a great privilege to have worked with and led the team at the College Administration Centre and I am looking forward to another productive and successful term.

Best wishes,

Mr Christopher Mortimer
College Principal (relieving)

College Sports



BY **ASHLEY MATHIESON**
NBSC Sport Coordinator



AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL BOYS U/19S FOOTBALL

Calem Nieuwenhof, Levi Kaye, Harry McCarthy & Maximilien Balard, all students at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus was selected in the Australian School Boys U/19s Team recently after representing the NSW All Schools Team.



After winning 6-0 against ACT, 4-0 against NSW White and 7-0 against Queensland, the entire NSW "Blue" team were selected for the Australian School Boys U19s Team. They will now tour the UK and Ireland in January. The three week tour will include five internationals against England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Northern Ireland. Potential Club games are also being organised with Bristol City, Morecombe FC, Bolton FC and England Universities. I am lucky enough to be going on tour as part of the coaching staff.

These 4 players started in the Puma Cup KO playing with the NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus, trialled

& were selected in the Warringah/North Shore Zone Team, then selected in the Sydney North Team that lost the final in golden goal 1-0 to Sydney West in the NSW CHS Championships. Harry McCarthy was named player of the Tournament.

The boys were selected in the NSW CHS 1st, which won the NSW State Championships, with Maximilien Balard being named NSW CHS 1st most valuable player. All 4 were then selected in the NSW All School's Team, which won and now have been selected in the Australian Schoolboys' U/19s. Congrats to these boys on this wonderful achievement.

College Sports

NSW REGIONAL SNOWSPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THREDBO

In the recent July holidays 13 Students represented the NBSC at the NSW Regional Snowsports Championships in Thredbo.

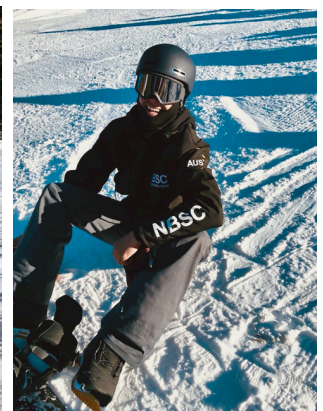
NBSC BALGOWLAH BOYS CAMPUS:
JIAN MING PURKISS
DAVID MCLEAN

NBSC CROMER CAMPUS:
HUNTER SCHMIDT
NATHAN NEWARK
LARA CHERRY

NBSC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS:
JASMINE MANN'S

NBSC FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS:
JASMINE OMM
NATHAN MOSS
TARA SCHMIDT
ANGUS SCHMIDT

NBSC MANLY CAMPUS:
ISABELLE BAILEY
ALISHA CHOI
VINSON CHEN



Our NBSC students performed exceptionally. Jasmine Manns finishing with the Bronze medal in the Alpine Division 3 girls. A team comprising of Jasmine, Isabelle Bailey & Alisha Choi finished 8th. The same trio finished 7th in the Skier Cross teams, with Jasmine finishing 7th, Alisha 14th & Isabelle 84th. Jasmine backed up on her own to finish 10th individually in the Division 3 Moguls.

Vinson Chen finished 6th, David McLean 16th and Hunter Schmidt 35th in the Boarder Cross Division 3, finishing them 4th overall just outside the bronze medal. David in fact had the number 1 position after the first run but had a few hiccups in the second to drop back to 16th overall.

The same boys backed up in the Snowboard Division 3, finishing 6th overall, with Vinson finishing just outside the bronze medal in 4th, Hunter was 30th and unfortunately David was DNQ in his 2 runs.

Our first Gold of the Championships was won by 2 NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus boys in Angus Schmidt and Nathan Moss who came 1st in the teams Division 1 Snowboard, finishing 8th & 12th respectively to be ranked 1st as a team. These 2 boys backed up to finish 8th overall in the Boarder Cross with Nathan 7th and Angus 19th after their 2 runs.

Jasmine Omm and Tara Schmidt combined in the Division 1 Snowboard to finish 3rd overall in the teams section and get on the podium with the bronze. Jasmine finished the 2 runs with a score of 63.49 to

collect the silver individually. Jasmine collected the Bronze individually in the Boarder Cross, while Tara and Jasmine finished 4th in the teams.

A big thank you to our team manager, Mark Purkiss, who makes sure our team has all the necessary information leading up to the competition and during the week long championships. Mark is heavily supported by his son Jian Ming, Year 9 at NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus. Jian Ming, a competent skier himself, who finished with two clean runs in both his events, assists his dad at meetings, bib collection and at times forfeits training time on the slopes given Mark is busy running around fulfilling his duties as team manager.

Jian Ming represents the College favourably, always courteous and friendly with organisers, officials and competitors and despite not getting podium finishes, he is an asset to the NBSC Snowsports Team. Well done to Jian Ming.

At the end of competition, with all the points our NBSC Team finished 3rd overall in the Secondary Co Ed section (schools that have both boys & girls curriculums). That is an unbelievable achievement by our entire team.

College Sports

NSW SCHOOLS SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS COFFS HARBOUR

We had a number of NBSC Surfers compete at the State Schools Surfing Championships in Coffs Harbour. All qualified via the regional titles, which were held at Dee Why in May.

NBSC MACKELLAR GIRLS CAMPUS:
LILY MACDONALD
SOPHIE WALTERS

NBSC FRESHWATER SENIOR CAMPUS:
JESSE STARLING
MOLLY DONOHUE

NBSC BALGOWLAH BOYS CAMPUS:
SAXON REBER
AXEL ROSE CUROTTA



Under-16 Girls All-Stars

- 1 Lily MacDonald (NBSC Mackellar)
- 2 Nyxie Ryan (Lennox Head)
- 3 Charli Hurst (Port Kembla)
- 4 Oceanna Rogers (Shellharbour)

Under-16 Boys MR Shield

- 1 Jordan Liackman / Isaac Foran (Swansea High)
- 2 Saxon Reber / Axel Rose-Curotta (NBSC Balgowlah)
- 3 Kalani Van de Polder / Dane De Coque (Cronulla High)
- 4 Kai Nudd / Ryley Smidt (Woolgoolga High)

The best of our college surfers were Lily MacDonald who won the U/16s All Stars to be crowned State Champion and represent NSW at the Australian Titles in South Australia in late November.

Saxon & Axel were runners up in the U/16s Boys Teams event, but will be only first reserves for the Aussies with only the number 1 team advancing.



HSC Languages Oral Practice



BY **BEN PIMENTEL**
NBSC Head Teacher
(Teaching and Learning)

Interviews were held at NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus classrooms. Students registered for two 15 minute sessions online. The 15 minute sessions involved a simulated HSC oral examination as well as immediate and comprehensive feedback from their examiner. Forty NBSC year 12 students and eleven teachers participated in the project this year. There were 67 interviews conducted.

This project relies on the generosity of the Languages teachers giving up their time to support our students. Several of the teachers did not have year 12 classes this year, however, contributed their time and expertise to benefit our students. Anecdotal student feedback supports the continuation of this project as it cognitively and emotionally prepares students for the impending HSC exams.

The NBSC HSC Languages Oral Examination Practice afternoon was held on Monday, 18 June. The objective of this collegial project is for students to gain experience and confidence for their oral HSC exams and further develop their speaking skills through exposure to language teachers other than their own.

Duke of Edinburgh



BY **VICKI BUSSE**
NBSC Duke of Edinburgh
Award Coordinator

Students are nearing completion of their Adventurous Journeys, volunteering, skill and physical recreation. NBSC campuses are fortunate in that they can combine dedicated participants to share resources and opportunities to work toward the common goal of completing a level by the end of the year.

Relieving College Principal Mr Christopher Mortimer and Duke of Edinburgh Award Coordinator Vicki Busse attended a prestigious Gold Award ceremony recently where students were presented with their Gold award by His Excellency General The Honourable David Hurley AC DCS (Retd), Governor of New South Wales.

Congratulations to 2017 graduates, (pictured) Erin Ruffner from NBSC Mackellar Girls Campus, Nicholas Van Rhijn from NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus and Samuel Hobsen from NBSC Manly Campus.

Northern Beaches Secondary College is currently assisting 250 active participants across Gold, Silver and Bronze as they are immersed in the four sections of the International Duke of Edinburgh Award.



Jazz Improvisation Program



BY **CHRISTOPHER MORTIMER**
NBSC College Principal (Rel)



A moving annual ceremony was held at the War Memorial, Manly Corso on 17th August 2018. Marking the anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War attended by many dignitaries and prominent members of the community.

ing these in front of a large, diverse audience including the former soldiers, members of the Australian Army, the Mayor Mr. Regan, local member Mr. Abbott and many representatives from the RSL community.

Under the direction of Colin Bright, the NBSC Jazz Improvisation Program band "Off Beat" played background music, and key pieces including the national anthem, the beautiful hymn "Abide With Me", "Bridge Over Troubled Water" sung by Caleb Miller from NBSC Balgowlah Boys Campus and the closing song "These Boots Are Made For Walking".

The event was moving and our students conducted themselves with honour and class, and contributed significantly to the reverence and solemnity of the event.

Citations were presented by NBSC Cromer Campus students Eryn McLachlan and Marcus Moran both covering different accounts of the war and those it affected. Both students did a superb job in deliver-

We are truly fortunate to have such fine ambassadors and leaders within our schools and I was truly proud to have been in attendance and would like to thank Renata Grudic for her organisation of the event, and the support and assistance by Allie Emo, Head of HSIE at NBSC Cromer Campus.



Project Penguin



BY **SANDRA BONELLO**
NBSC Project Officer

The Little Penguin is the smallest species of penguin closest colony living in Manly. Taronga Zoo in combination with NBSC Campus students and local Primary School students has once again embarked on an awareness campaign, to educate the community on conservation of the penguin environment.



The students from NSBC worked closely with our partner primary schools to design a conservation solution to protect, support and increase the unique breeding population of Manly's Little Penguins. They focused on predator prevention, debris management and community awareness whilst employing the skills of collaboration, critical thinking and creativity skills that are paramount to the future of this generation.

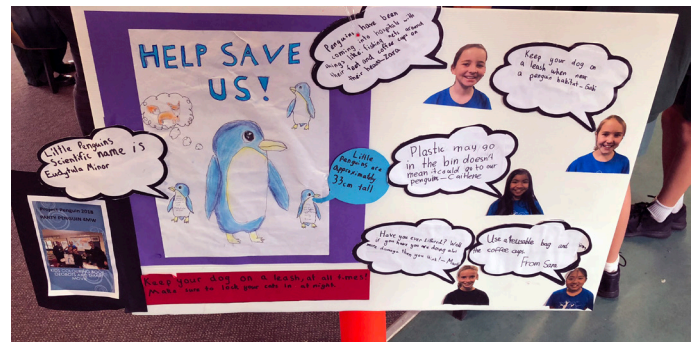
The project began with a mentor training day for the high school students which included a habitat immersion day at Taronga Zoo followed by a clean-up of the Manly Cove. Students learned that one of the biggest threats to the Little Penguins is plastic pollution. Mentors were also introduced to design concepts and processes, they were educated about the penguin's habitats and threats and how the en-

vironment impacts on their survival. Mentors were also trained on how to facilitate the primary school groups development and delivery of a successful Little Penguin conservation solution. Behaviours such as reason, logic, resourcefulness, imagination and innovation were adopted.

Then it was all hands on deck, working together for a shared goal. The mentors visited their partner primary schools, working collaboratively to create a display that addressed the criteria of the project and targeted an authentic audience, that being both local and international visitors to our locality.

The project culminated in an Expo Day at Taronga Zoo, where the winning projects from each primary school were showcased and awards were presented to outstanding mentors.

Congratulations to the 125 NBSC mentors, 890 primary school students, supervising teachers and zoo staff on your commendable determination in protecting our native wildlife.



Enrichment Extension Challenge Program



BY **RENATA GRUDIC**
NBSC Head Teacher
(Teaching & Learning)

Challenging critical and creative thinking is the hallmark of the College's Extension Enrichment and Challenge Program (EECP).

Over 130 student Year 5 and 6 gifted and talented students participated in the College's Extension Enrichment and Challenge Program (EECP). Students learnt about neuroplasticity of the brain and how this helps us in creating growth mindsets. Activities required the student to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics concepts as they explored the dynamics and physics of roller coaster rides, building rockets and finding sustainable solutions for the local environment. Other activities focused on developing creative skills through debating, story writing, visual interpretation of works and the performing arts, especially drama.

A semester full of extended and enriched learning culminated with a Celebration of Learning event, where students performed extracts from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* and displayed infographics of learning to parents.



Up-coming Professional Learning

REGISTERED MYPL DELIVERED AT NORTHERN BEACHES SECONDARY COLLEGE

NBSC INTRODUCTION TO WELLBEING



PRESENTER

Mr Ben Pimentel
NBSC, College Head Teacher
(Teaching & Learning)

Wellbeing is at the centre of everything that happens in schools. Positive Psychology has promoted rigorous and intensive scientific investigation into the science of wellbeing.

Learning objectives for this two hour registered course include:

- Defining wellbeing
- Wellbeing frameworks
- A strengths-based approach
- Measuring wellbeing
- Evaluating wellbeing initiatives

Details: See attached flyer

Venue: NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus

NBSC BUILDING MIDDLE LEADERSHIP CAPACITY



PRESENTER

Dr Margaret Varady

BSc (Otago, NZ),
DipEd (Teacher's College, NZ),
MEd (UNSW), EdD (UNSW),
FACE, FACEL,
Hon Fellowship UNSW

Dr Margaret Varady will unpack the key roles of middle leadership and help prepare aspiring teachers to lead. Fundamental responsibilities such as the ability to analyse data, collaborate with key stakeholders and actioning strategic directions will be addressed.

Learning objectives for this two hour registered course include:

- Goal setting
- Stages in teacher career development
- Understanding the role of middle leadership in schools
- Why middle leaders need to be leaders not managers
- Strategies for development of middle leaders- 3 key aspects
- How to prepare for a middle leaders' position

Details: See attached flyer

Venue: NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus

SCOUT TRAINING

PRESENTERS: Kris Beazley, Tania Kirkland, Daniel French

TARGET AUDIENCE: Deputy Principals and Head Teachers Teaching & Learning or Secondary Studies.

This course will provide school leaders with the opportunity to engage with the Scout tool.

Participants will examine school data and reports, enabling them to perform analysis and support planning, reporting and data-driven, informed decision making. Participants will be provided with an overview of the functionality of the tool and the information it is capable of producing. They will then be supported in their understanding of particular reports through interactive and collaborative activities. This includes discussions unpacking what the data and information is telling them, considering the implications of this information and initial strategic conceptualization on supporting school improvement.

To enrol, click on the following myPL link:

<https://myplsso.education.nsw.gov.au/mylearning/catalogue/eventsessiondetails/7a4c0f52-8ced-e611-80c1-0003ff8c0000/d46e85d1-89ed-e611-80c1-0003ff85fb06>

Date: Tuesday, 5th September

Time: 8.00am - 10.00am

Location: Room 304 Freshwater Senior Campus

NBSC Introduction to Wellbeing



Target Audience

All staff

PRESENTER

Ben Pimentel
NBSC, College Head Teacher,
(Teaching & Learning)



COURSE OVERVIEW

This two-hour course will unpack the science of Wellbeing. A consistent definition and framework for wellbeing will support collective teacher efficacy to deliver successful wellbeing programs. A strengths based approach will be explained and used to differentiate between welfare and wellbeing programs. Evidence-based wellbeing frameworks and measurement tools will be shared. Participants will initiate a school wellbeing audit applying the PERMAH model. An evaluation tool for school programs will be proposed. Opportunities for networking within the NBSC will be explored.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

MyPL@Edu

Course Code: RG03418

Cost: \$20.00 (incl GST)

Registration closes: 29/08/18

Max. no. of participants: 30

COURSE OUTCOMES

- Defining wellbeing
- Wellbeing frameworks
- A strengths-based approach
- Measuring wellbeing
- Evaluating wellbeing initiatives

COURSE DETAILS

Date: Wednesday, 29 August 2018

Time: 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Venue: NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus,
Level 2, Room 207

Catering: Light afternoon tea provided



Completing this course will contribute **2 hours** of NESA registered PD addressing: **6.2.2** from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards **Proficiency** Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

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NBSC Building Middle Leadership Capacity



Target Audience

Aspiring middle leaders

PRESENTER



Dr Margaret Varady

BSc (Otago, NZ), DipEd (Teacher's College, NZ),
MEd (UNSW), EdD (UNSW), FACE, FACEL,
Hon Fellowship UNSW

COURSE OVERVIEW

Middle leaders are vital to the success of schools. They are the conduit between the senior executive and the teachers at the chalk face. They are instrumental in driving change and quality teaching and learning.

Their role involves the ability to analyse data, collaborate with key stakeholders and actioning strategic directions. Although management skills are important, 'leadership' skills are key to transforming schools to cultivate citizens for the future.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

MyPL@Edu

Course Code: RG03758

Cost: \$35.00 (incl GST)

Registration closes: 5/09/18

Max. no. of participants: 30

Course Outcomes

- Goal setting
- Stages in teacher career development
- Understanding the role of middle leadership in schools
- Why middle leaders need to be leaders not managers
- Strategies for development of middle leaders-3 key aspects
- How to prepare for a middle leaders' position

COURSE DETAILS

Date: Wednesday 5 September 2018

Time: 3.45pm – 5.45pm

Venue: NBSC Freshwater Senior Campus
Level 2, Room A207

Catering: Afternoon tea provided



Completing this course will contribute **2 hours** of NESA registered PD addressing: **6.2.2** from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards **Proficiency** Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

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