Friday, 25 September 2026

Dear College families,

It's been a busy, joyful and memorable season in the Primary Years, with many opportunities for students, families and staff to come together in learning, celebration and community. Alongside Student Progress Meetings, Father's Day Breakfast and Year 3's first school camp, we have enjoyed the colour and creativity of Book Week and the fun of Literacy Fun Day. These moments have provided wonderful opportunities to celebrate our students' learning, strengthen connections across our College community and recognise the many ways our students continue to grow in confidence, character and curiosity. We also marked our Week of Thankfulness, taking time to notice God's goodness, share gratitude with others, grow hearts of thankfulness and teach our students to recognise the many blessings in their lives. It has been encouraging to see students pause, reflect and express appreciation for the people and experiences that shape their daily lives at school.

This term, our Primary Wakakirri team took to the stage at Riverside Theatre for the College's very first Wakakirri performance. We were incredibly proud of the way our students represented Norwest Christian College, not only through their performance but also through their attitude, character and encouragement of others.

On the night, our students were awarded the prestigious Spirit of Wakakirri Award, presented to the school that best exemplifies the values of Wakakirri through positive behaviour, encouragement of others and embracing the spirit of the event.

Following this success, the team progressed to the Wakakirri State Finals at NIDA, where they performed alongside nine outstanding schools from across NSW. We are delighted to share that our students once again received the Spirit of Wakakirri Award and the Health and Wellbeing Award, recognising the powerful message conveyed through their story.

We congratulate all of our students on the outstanding way they represented the College throughout this journey. We also extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated staff who invested countless hours coaching, choreographing, creating costumes and supervising students. Their commitment and passion made this remarkable achievement possible.

This was a memorable and highly successful first year of Wakakirri for our Primary students, and we are immensely proud of everyone involved.

Assembly - Term 4

We will hold one Primary assembly during Term 4 in the Atrium. Parents are welcome to attend. Please see the Comm notes that are sent out each fortnight for more information.

News from the Library

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Book Week celebrations. A special thank you to the families who pre-purchased books from our visiting authors so their children could receive a signed copy to treasure.

We are also grateful to everyone who supported the Five Senses Education Book Fair. More than $3,000 worth of books were purchased, with many generously donated to the Library. The Library also received over $500 in commission to help grow our collection and provide even more great books for students to enjoy.

A huge thank you to families for the outstanding effort put into the Literacy Fun Day Book Character Parade. The costumes looked amazing, and it was wonderful to see so many students proudly celebrating and sharing the books that inspired their characters.

Your support helps foster a love of reading at a time when recent PISA results have highlighted concerns about declining reading achievement and reduced reading for enjoyment among young people worldwide. Thank you for partnering with us to nurture lifelong readers.

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Term 4 - Library Sock Puppet Excitement

In Term 4, students will be exploring the disposition of Emulating by identifying fictional and biographical characters whose qualities and actions inspire us.

As part of their co-curricular service in Friends of the Library, two Secondary students have devised a creative promotion to bring this concept to life. They will be sharing more details in Term 4, but for now we can reveal that sock puppets will soon be taking over the Library, representing characters from students' 2026 reading who are worthy of emulation. Keep an eye out as these inspiring characters begin appearing throughout the Library.

To support this project, we are seeking donations of new, unworn socks. Donations will allow students to create their puppets without the need to purchase materials. If you have any suitable socks to spare, please send them to the Library by the end of Week 2. Thank you for your support.

KOALA Awards Day

The College has once again secured tickets to KOALA (Kids Own Australian Literary Awards) Day, which will be held at PLC Croydon on Thursday 5 November. Twenty students from Years 3 to 6 have been selected to attend in recognition of their enthusiastic participation in Library reading initiatives throughout 2026. Families of the selected students have already been notified.

UPCOMING EVENTS – AN INVITATION

Year 1 Swim School

Students from Year 1 will be participating in Swim School in Term 4. Notes were sent to families earlier in the term. Swim School will occur in Weeks 4-5.

Year 7, 2027 Orientation Evening for Students and their Parents
Tuesday, 17 November at 7:00pm – 8:30pm

This information evening is for 2027 Year 7 students and their families and aims to equip parents and students for the Secondary Years. College staff will present sessions on topics such as the value of communication, Secondary learning experiences, the role of the Mentor and Wellbeing Program, uniform, Co-Curricular Activities and Secondary student life.

Year 7, 2027 Orientation and Assessment Days for Students
Wednesday, 18 & 25 November at 8:35am – 3:00pm

These two days will give students the opportunity to meet and come to know other 2027 Year 7 students. The days will include short assessments for literacy and numeracy, providing academic staff with feedback that will assist in preparation for the following year. The remainder of the days will give students a taste of Secondary life, including experiences of lessons and activities with teachers and their mentors. Non-uniform attire will be worn by all participating students to make new students feel welcome. Students are to attend both orientation days. On Wednesday, 25 November, there will also be an afternoon tea for families from 3:30pm.

2027 Kindergarten Orientation Morning
Wednesday, 18 November, 9:00am – 11:00am – Auditorium

This morning session gives children a chance to meet one another and begin forming connections through a range of engaging activities in the Kindergarten classrooms. It's a wonderful opportunity for them to explore their new learning environment and feel more at home in the school setting.

While the children play, parents are invited to a session in the College Auditorium where we'll share key information about daily routines, expectations, and how we'll support families through the first few weeks of school in 2027. Please note that the classroom and teacher your child visits on the day, will not necessarily be their 2027 class, classroom or teacher.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Thursday, 26 November at 9:00am – Atrium

Year 6 parents and families are invited to attend the Graduation Assembly, held in the Atrium. We will be celebrating our Year 6 students, as they complete their final year of Primary schooling. More information will be sent home shortly.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Friday, 27 November at 5:30pm – Auditorium

The Year 6 Graduation Dinner is a special event held at the College for students, marking the end of their Primary Years of schooling. Information with details will be sent home shortly to families of our Year 6 students.

Celebrate Sport & Music
Tuesday, 24 November – Atrium

Celebrate Sport & Music will be a celebration of students' achievements in music and sport throughout the year. At this stage, we ask families to save the date. The event will be held in the evening, with further details to be shared closer to the date once arrangements are confirmed.

Celebrate Primary
Tuesday, 1 December – Atrium

At this point in time, we ask you to save the date for Celebrate Primary. The event will occur mid-morning. Information will be sent home closer to the date, once details are confirmed.

Celebrate Norwest
Thursday, 4 December - Atrium

This event will be a celebration of excellence where the achievements of our students from ELC-12 are recognised and celebrated. At this point in time, we ask you to save the date and note that the event will be held in the evening. Information will be sent home with further details and invitations for award recipients.

Thank you for your continued support throughout Term 3. It's been a rewarding term filled with connection, learning, and growth. As we head into the break, our students, families, and staff are looking forward to slowing the pace, recharging, and preparing for a strong finish to the year in Term 4.

We hope you enjoy a restful and refreshing break and look forward to welcoming everyone back next term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Dee Fulcher
Head of Primary Years

Upcoming Events

WEEK 1B	
Tuesday, 13 October	First Day of Term 4
Friday, 16 October	Year 5 Taronga Zoo Excursion
WEEK 2A	
Friday, 23 October	IPSHA Debating Gala Day
WEEK 3B	
Monday, 26 October	Primary Assembly
Tuesday, 27 October	CSSA Primary State Tennis
Friday, 30 October	Year 6 Sculptures by the Sea Excursion
WEEK 4A	
Monday, 2 November	Year 1 Swim School Week 1 CSSA Primary & Secondary State Table Tennis
WEEK 5B	
Monday, 9 September	Year 1 Swim School Week 2 CSSA Stage 3 State Basketball Finals
Wednesday, 11 November	Remembrance Day SEED Thrive Showcase #1: Dance
WEEK 6A	
Monday, 16 November	CSSA Stage 2 State Basketball Gala Day
Tuesday, 17 November	Year 7, 2027 Information Evening
Wednesday, 18 November	Year 7, 2027 Orientation Day 1 Kindergarten 2027 Orientation Primary Bump It Up Morning SEED Thrive Showcase #2: Contemporary Night
Thursday, 19 November	SEED Thrive Showcase #3: Acoustic Night
WEEK 7B	
Tuesday, 24 November	Celebrate Sport and Music
Wednesday, 25 November	Year 7, 2027 Orientation Day Welcome to Norwest Afternoon Tea
Thursday, 26 November	Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Friday, 27 November	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
WEEK 8A	
Tuesday, 1 December	Celebrate Primary
Thursday, 3 December	Celebrate Norwest
WEEK 9B	
Monday, 7 December	Primary Party Day
Tuesday, 8 December	Christmas Service Glow - Family Carols Event
Wednesday, 9 December	Last day of Term