August 2014 News

From the Principal - Bronwyn Eastley

It is so satisfying to finally see the first stage of the School’s Building Plan almost complete. The students are once again back on the one campus and the Seniors are enjoying lessons in a warm, sunny, modern environment. We are awaiting the delivery of some brand new furniture and another door before we can officially tick stage one off our ‘list’. If you haven’t checked out the new Senior hub, please feel free to have a peek when you drop off or pick up your children from school.

By the time you receive this newsletter, Andrew Nikolic (Our Federal Member for Bass) would have paid us a visit to check out the first stage of our school redevelopment. Our official ‘Open Day’ is scheduled for early fourth term and we are excited about this special event as CCA transitions into a new era with the re-branding and naming of the school. Be prepared for an advertising blitz to hit the media next month. On that note, have you checked out our new web site? - http://cca.tas.edu.au. It is already generating new enrolment enquiries for 2015. God is so good and I am so thankful for his provision.

Pre-Kinder classes also began this term and it was so lovely to see six families represented in the second week (four new). The 3/4 year olds and their younger sibling visit the school library, enjoy some art and craft activities, have some playtime in and out of the classroom and join in with some songs with Miss Saward, every Monday between 9 - 10:30am. If you know of any families that are looking to enrol their children in Kinder next year, be sure to let them know about these sessions. It is a great opportunity for parents to see first hand what CCA has to offer and to be informed about the second stage of our building plan - a new purpose built Kindergarten with an outside nature play space.

A note about the proposed changes to the school uniform -
Sports polo and rugby tops will change at the beginning of 2015 (plain black shorts and track pants will remain the same but we will also offer new styles with different fabric).

Girl’s summer uniform, white shirts, white socks for girls, grey socks for boys, black lace up shoes or T Bars for girls, plain grey shorts and trousers will remain the same for 2015 and beyond.

Red jumpers will stay and any new ones ordered in will be made with the new school logo. Embroidered logos can be bought to sew on over the top of the existing CCA logo.

Senior students will have the option of purchasing a blazer (colour yet to be determined - possibly black or charcoal grey with a red stripe in the sleeve cuff)

New winter uniform for girls will be introduced in second term, 2015 - red, black, charcoal grey and white tartan. Still deciding on the actual fabric.

Colours and styles of caps/hats, ties and wet weather jacket to be decided

Please note, there will be a period of 12 months ‘grace’ as we make gradual changes to the uniform over the next twelve months. Grade 9 and 10 students in 2015 will not have to comply with the changes unless they wish to.

Lastly, I am looking into CCA partnering with Christian Education National (CEN), an Australian organisation that provides resources, conferences, pastoral support etc. Networking with other like-minded schools is so important and will help provide opportunities for our staff to attend Christian professional development sessions and connect with other Christian colleagues. Our 2015 calendar of events will change slightly to accommodate what CEN has to offer.

In His Service, Mrs Eastley
Welcome back to another term. This term is going to be yet another busy one. At the moment we are very busy practicing our new dances ready for our combined dance event in September. These dances have been very popular right across the school and it has been great to see the children learning new skills and learning to work together. This past week we have been very creative focusing on a local art competition and making art work to answer the question “What makes you feel safe?” Children have done a great job of their art work.

Over the last couple of weeks we have been studying weather in science. Preps have made a barometer to help them measure the weather temperature each day. Each day a student check the barometer to see if it says it will be a warm day or a cold day, then the next day we discuss if the barometer was correct. Over the coming days we will also start discussing how the weather affects them and what changes they need to do when the weather changes.

The Grade Ones have been focusing on changes in the sky due to the weather. They have been keeping a journal of the weather during the day and were also asked to keep a track of what the sky looked like of a night over a few days.

Over the past few weeks the Kinders have been learning about words that rhyme during English and have been focusing on pattern during maths. This has been great fun. They have also been focusing on continuing to develop their fine and gross motor skills.

The Students have been working really hard in 2/3 Nielsen. We have been creating wonderful pieces of art work on apples, pandas and clowns and to create an entry to go in the Birchall’s Book Week Competition. The class has also been busily creating a range of poems.

During Maths they have been learning about time and money, and how they apply to everyday life. In Science we are learning about different mixtures and will hopefully be going on an excursion to Gourlays this term to further explore mixtures and an introduction in to heat.

In History the class has been making discoveries about Indigenous Australians. During Geography research skills to create posters. During Devotions we answer the everyday questions. It is been great watching the children make their own discoveries.
I can hardly believe it is week five already, almost half way through Term 3. As usual we have been working hard to complete many tasks.

Recent and upcoming excursions - Princess Theatre to watch the P.C.Y.C production of “CATS”; Involvement in an Art Exhibition and participation in the upcoming Dance Festival at the Silverdome.

History/Geography - What is community? What is global community? Successful Australians.

Maths - Angles, 2D & 3D shape, symmetry, reflection, tessellation, grids/direction and continuing to work on our 4 operations

Science - Grade 6 - The earth's crust, Grade 4 - Famous scientists

English - Visual literacy, narratives, information texts, prefix/suffix, synonyms/antonyms

Art - Watercolour Geckos, competition art, Father’s Day craft

One of my favourite times in 4, 5, 6 is our devotion and prayer time each morning. We have a class of genuinely caring students who listen to God’s word and try to apply what they have learnt to their lives. They are compassionate toward each other and share their concerns through prayer and their daily actions. What a blessing it is to share this special time with the students.

This year, since I have started teaching the high school students Indonesian, some of them have asked "Why do we need to learn Indonesian anyway?"

There are many benefits to learning another language. I would like to share just a few of them.

Learning another language:
- enhances intellectual and social development & the understanding of our first language and culture;
- expands our knowledge & helps us to gain an understanding of another language and culture;
- enhances self-esteem (when those language experiences are positive and successful)

There is a strong focus in the Australian Curriculum on Asia, due to the following:
- There are more people living in Asia today than in the rest of the world combined
- Nearly 1 in 10 people in Australia have Asian ancestry

In 2010, Australia's trade with Asia was 44 % above our trade with the rest of the world.
- Our top import markets are predominantly Asian
- Our top export markets are predominantly Asian
- Therefore, there is a strong chance that our children will be dealing with Asian people in their everyday lives, or even in their future jobs

Apart from this, the times I have visited other countries, particularly on short-term mission trips or church trips, my life has been changed dramatically. That’s why I am passionate about my own children also being able to visit other countries. Two of my children have been with my husband or myself on trips to Cambodia and Bali, and I have seen their lives change as a result.

If ever you, or your children, get the opportunity to go to another country, I would encourage you to go! It can be a life-changing experience - It was for me!
The Grade 7-8 class have had another good start to the term and are producing some good work in all subjects.

A few highlights have been an outdoor trip to Ben-Lomond to experience the snow. Many students had a go at snow-boarding and picked up the skill quite quickly. For many it was the first time they have experienced snow, praise God.

Mr Klauber and Mr Targett are planning an overnight trip to Ben-Lomond for the High School. Pray for some good snow coverage. They also had the pleasure of a visit by John Mackay of Creation Research. As usual John gave a very encouraging and informative talk to the students on the biblical evidence for creation and a young earth.

To end the Grade 9/10 Textiles Elective we have been challenged to research some shapes that we can sew together to make a three dimensional object, namely a ball. We have cut out our experimental shapes of paper and joining them together to see if they make a sphere. We then cut them from fabric, sew them together and fill with wadding to make a toddler toy ball.

This term the Grade 8 girls have begun a ‘Textiles Taster’ and we have been familiarizing ourselves with a sewing machine. We have sewn on paper, making designs to cut out in felt to decorate pencil cases we will make later in the term. All girls are learning quickly.

It’s not the best kept secret but we are changing our name to ‘Newstead Christian School’. We wanted the parents and friends of CCA to be informed before it is officially announced at our Open Day, in October.

Surrounding are some pictures of the High School students and teachers enjoying their new classrooms.

The new furniture will be arriving in the next couple of weeks and we are excited about that.
**High School Interschool Sport:**

The High School Soccer team have been playing well in a very competitive competition, winning many of their games. Outstanding players are Sam Nes, Joshua Shin, Isaac Nes, Joseph Kennedy and Moana.

The girls netball team are also playing well winning some of their matches. Outstanding players have been Bianca Kennedy, Anna Jacobson and Michealine Andrews.

Ken Green

**From - Student Exchange Scholarships**

How would you like to experience something new, take the leap and join the hundreds of young Aussies who head overseas with AFS every year. You won’t be a tourist. You’ll live like a local, and get a genuine taste for local life. You’ll be treated as one of the family and you’ll get great support from us. Our loving volunteer host families are waiting to make you a new member of their family.

AFS have a partial scholarship now open for applicants living in Tasmania worth $2000. The scholarship is now open for applicants wanting to spend a year program abroad departing early 2015.

Applications are open and close on September 5
For more information and to start your application, head to [www.afs.org.au](http://www.afs.org.au)

**Free Dental Care**

You can receive free Dental Care for ALL children and teens under 18 years (almost all Dental Care will be free when a Health Care Card is presented.

Where: Northern Dental Centre
     Kelham Street
     Launceston

Phone: 6336 4100

**From Ken Green - (Assistant Principal)**

We now won’t be able to call the Tudor Avenue Campus, the Junior School. As the Senior students have moved into their new ‘Senior Hub’. Moving and packing up the Senior Campus has and is a huge task, its amazing how much ‘stuff’ can be hoarded when you have the space to do so.

With most of that now in the past, we are enjoying the second day in our new ‘hub’. It’s nice to be in a new, comfortable and stimulating environment and as a school, to be on one campus now rather than two.

Blessings,
Ken Green
Needless to say, THE BIG MOVE has dominated our activities and thoughts, with much anticipation and excitement!

As a staff we are so very grateful for the students’ diligence, hard work and cheerful exuberance when given the opportunity to assist with packing up, moving things downstairs and cleaning up their own study gear. More information, thanks and pictures will feature in the final term newsletter.

Once again we have enjoyed the benefits of being a relatively small senior school as we have been able to participate in many curriculum-enhancing activities such as; the CATS performance by PCYC Drama group (including our very talented Tracy-lee Reed!) at the Princess theatre and the snow trip to Ben Lomond (where several students experienced the joys of snow for the first time!).

We were also privileged to have school visits from the Creation Science team and the Samaritan’s Purse representative who shared about the great variety of projects undertaken by this organisation (including the well known Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project). We are also looking forward to a tour of the Salvation Army services this Friday as part of our Community & Global Outreach Program.

Creative Arts is combined (7-10) this term so that we can, once again, participate in the ‘MusicCountUsIn’ national project (who remembers the Keep On song from last year?). This year we are hoping to develop this into a mini-production including all forms of Creative Arts and the High School students will also be mentoring Primary School Students in their involvement.

Speaking of senior student leadership/mentoring opportunities...we are so excited to be on the one campus now as this will facilitate students having the opportunity to develop and exercise their ability to lead and share their God-given gifts with the younger students including buddy reading, creative activities, sports leadership and combined community service projects and others.

Coming up on September 4th the senior students have the unique opportunity to host a radio program at City Radio so stay tuned for more details!

In amongst all this wonderfully enriching activity, students have still been diligently involved in core subject classes and many have really begun to show initiative and have improved their understanding and skills with their change of heart.

Well done!
Dear Friends,

The Ebola virus is rapidly spreading with over 600 deaths in 4 nations already. This virus has a fatality rate of 90% of those infected.

One young girl at the OWCIA orphanage outside Monrovia is suspected to have the disease, which can be easily spread through simply touching an infected person, even before symptoms are evident.

The OWCIA school and all others in the area, along with all public meeting places & trading markets have been shut down in an attempt to limit the spread of this devastating disease.

For those of you who are friends of mine on Facebook, please take a few minutes to view (https://www.facebook.com/dearn.foley) about the desperate need for prayer for the people of West Africa. Those not on Facebook, here are two links to view TV reports regarding the outbreak.

This first news report was from April, when only 19 people had died. Now the count is almost 130 in Liberia alone.

This is the latest news from the region:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Io8qvyFoGk

Thank you for your prayers
De Arn Foley