Hi and welcome to the first official NCS newsletter.

I want to start off with thanking all those in our parent and local community for coming along to our Open Day. It was good to be able to celebrate the official opening of the Senior Learning Hub. We are so thankful to have stage one finished and the whole school is enjoying the benefits of such a modern, flexible, learning space. Preparation and planning for stage 2 is almost complete and building is scheduled to commence over the summer break.

Just a reminder that on Thursday 27th November at 7pm, there will be an opportunity to participate in an informal Parent Q and A night and pray for the future of NCS. Notices have gone out with the eldest child. Please RSVP via email to principal@ncs.tas.edu.au if you are wanting to attend.

Please keep the teaching staff in your prayers as it is a very busy time at the moment with assessments and report writing. The end of year report template has been modified. It will contain the same information, but we have used the services of S Group for a more professional look. This year reports will be sent home on Thursday 11th December to allow parents some follow up time if necessary.

An update on the uniforms –

♦ Ties: red, black, grey and white ties with our flame logo will replace the current ones.
♦ Black hats and caps with NCS logo will be introduced to replace bottle green ones.
♦ Red and black sport’s tops will replace the plain red ones.
♦ Black long sleeved rugby tops with vertical red and grey stripes and white collar will replace the bottle green polar fleece.
♦ Girl’s winter uniform will be tartan, same style, slightly shorter hem.
♦ Jumpers – still looking for a supplier that will provide a replacement logo for existing jumpers.
♦ We will look at black track pants with a stripe, blazers and rain jackets early next year.
♦ Everything else will remain the same. Check the school manual, via our website for the standard uniform requirements. Please note, no cargo pockets on boys grey shorts and trousers and no stripes on tracksuit pants and shorts.

Please note there will be a period of 12 months ‘grace’ as we transition from the old to the new uniforms.

In His Service, Mrs Bronwyn Eastley
Classroom News

Kinder-Prep-One - Jessica Saward

On Tuesday 5th November Prep/One visited Hagley Farm. Throughout the day the children were able to participate in a range of activities, including feeding animals (some by hand), riding on a tractor and learning how to wash and iron clothes the old way (before machinery & electricity).

There was also an old school that was set in approx. 1898. Before entering the school the children got to dress up in clothes from the era and then had to form two lines outside. Inside children sat at old wooden desks and wrote with ink and a quill. Then Olivia’s horse ate the school roses and James was caught thinking crazy (he thought the year was 2014) and had to wear the Dunce hat. Kipp and Josh were acting like class clowns so Miss Grumpy asked them to stand at the front and put their nose on a red chalk dot, so they really did look like class clowns!

Children also got to make flour the old way! We found out how hard it to do some cooking with our hand-made flour this week!

Also this term we had a special visit from Mr Saward who bought his baby Yellow Cheeked Conure Parrots in to show us. It was so fascinating to see how he feeds them by hand and all the children were highly engaged in the excitement.

Grades 2/3 - Alex Nielsen

In 2/3 Nielsen we have been continuing our journey of learning and discovering. It is unbelievable to think that we are almost at the end of this journey. The students have been having a fantastic time learning how to write persuasive texts, 2D and 3D shape, celebrating countries and living things.

As you may have already heard, Hagley Farm School learning activities got to participate in many activities such as candle making, bread making, and tractor ride and role-playing a school day in the past.

It has been a pleasure in devotion time to see the students actively engage in praise and worship, they are singing. This has led to the creation of some beautiful artwork based on the song ‘How Great is Our God.’ We hope that you can pop into the classroom to see the students’ wonderful artwork and their other pieces of work.
Classroom News

Grades 4-6 - Susan McCormack

It is hard to believe we are half way through Term 4 already with a great deal of work already finished although there is always more to complete!

In Maths we have focussed on time - converting between 12 and 24 hour, different itineraries, calendars, programs etc. We are currently working on chance & probability and shortly we will be looking at data, graphs & surveys.

In English the students have written some fantastic fantasy narratives and are currently preparing for persuasive texts. This unit will consist of strong opinionated activities including debates, decision lines & advertisements, ending with a persuasive essay. We are also about to undertake another “Readers Theatre” venture in which the students have enjoyed previously.

Science has seen us focussed on liquids, solids & gases, taking the opportunity to participate in some science experiments.

In geography the students are working on a detailed project about different countries in Africa. This will be completed with an oral presentation to the class in week 8.

We have enjoyed many excursions this term, including our wonderful day at Hagley Farm School, our Tamar Wetlands walk and the upcoming theatre production of “Ice Queen” in December.

In our special devotion time we have been looking at the Fruits of the Spirit and how important it is to display these in our lives to others. I have had a few days off recently as I was blessed with 2 new granddaughters, a month apart. I feel proud & thankful of my class of students, as they have been respectful & cooperative to whoever is invited to do relief for the day. I can see that some of these fruits are being displayed amongst the students on a regular basis.

From our Business Manager - Jim Lambie

This year has certainly been time for growth and change for your school. The one thing about change is it is constant. That is the paradox of life and it is something many of us struggle with. We do not want change, it makes us uncomfortable, scared even, for it urges us in unknowns and we are no longer in control, our reliance needs to be given over to someone else. In the case of Newstead Christian School we are still unsure of many things in the future. Sure we have plans and ideas but the only one who really knows is our Lord, whom we place our trust in.

In my role this year I have seen the movement of a lot of money as we built the Senior Learning Centre and prepare for the Early learning areas. I would like to acknowledge the favour of God on men and women who have supported the changes of the school through funding and registration. As Nehemiah rebuilt the wall with letters of favour from the King, so the school is being renewed. God has granted favour when Alan Greenwood decided to adopt the Australian Curriculum over the ACE. At the time it seemed that we were forced into the change and some resisted, but by honouring the Government we ensured our prosperity. There is no lost Christian content! Each teacher is able to incorporate Christian teaching in all subjects. Now that is favour and prosperity.
The seniors have been working hard to finish the required content of History and Health. It’s been fascinating to see how God has been at work throughout the History of the world and how fallen man has caused so much evil and destruction. Students have been able to see the enormous, positive impact that different Christians have made throughout History.

The tech students have been expanding their skills this term to furniture restoration and paling fence building, including spray painting. These are useful skills that they could well end up needing one day.

In his service,
Ken Green

It has been a busy time in the Senior hub, there have been a range of visitors gracing our humble abode including the Honourable Michael Ferguson, Mark Brown from the Australian Christian Lobby, Jamie Smith (a new parent to the school and Indonesian expert), Matiu Chamberlin (a local promising app developer) and our local member for Bass Andrew Nickolic. This wide range of experts have all paid us a visit, choosing to impart their wisdom and knowledge, helping to establish character in our senior students.

Community Global ... Students have been learning to step outside of their comfort zone this year in Community Global. They have participated in a number of backyard blitz style working bee’s, learning to help and honour our elderly, as well as learning about how to apply their Christianity and beliefs in a variety of real world situations including politics. Students have also been blessed with visits from a variety of discipling students who have had the opportunity to sow identity and character during their time at the school.

During third term all senior students participated in the write4fun competition. We received a pleasant letter at the conclusion of the competition stating that 10 of our students work had been in the top two per cent of all entries received this year. Given that there were over 12,000 entries that is quite a feat. Just another way that we as staff get to experience excellence in action.

Things are moving very quickly now as we fast approach the end of the year. It has been a very fruitful time and we are looking forward to a long anticipated rest once the school year is done.

Have a God blessed week
Mr T and the Senior Team

The Senior School Dinner will be held on Tuesday 18th November at 7 - 9 pm. This will be held at Bentos on George
The Juniors have been building their skills in cricket and volleyball and have the Learn to Swim program coming up in December [8th-11th] at the Grammar School pool. Please make sure your child has appropriate bathers ready.

Grade 9-10's have completed a Golf unit, culminating in a round at the Grindelwald course. [Not too many balls were lost].

Seniors have another Bear Grylls camp this December, It will be 3rd – 5th [So called because students have to provide their own tents, food etc. and make bush tea.] This should be a great time again.

It’s been a great term again, it’s been a blessing to take some devotions in the morning and see the students growing in God.

On Wednesday the Athletics carnival 2014 [State Christian Schools] was held. Nearly twenty Seniors and Grade 6’s competed in this years Athletics Carnival.

Mr Targett and I were very impressed by the attitude of many of the students, who gave it their all.

Outstanding performances were Michealine Andrews [1st shot Putt]; Paul Chatwin [2nd 1500m]; Isaac Nes [2nd 100m & 2nd 200m]; Evelyn Capella [3rd 200m] and Nicole Moorehouse [3rd 200m]

Overall, the team came 3rd out of 8 schools on the handicap shield. [calculation based on numbers in team] The team should be very proud. Please see more photos on our Facebook page.
From our Chaplain - Dave Klauber

Monday Mornings we are taking the entire high school through this video-driven youth curriculum based on Season 4 of “The Way of the Master,” TV program, where Ray and his faithful team visited 13 European countries in just 13 days, sharing the gospel with individuals and preaching open-air to crowds in each country. We will see members of the team being held by Italian police, learn why evolution is a fairy-tale for grownups, and get answers to some of life's toughest questions, such as "Hasn't Christianity caused more wars than anything else?" and "Why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?" This unique and exciting adventure across the nations of Europe is hosted by Kirk Cameron.

The goal of these lessons is to help high school students sink their roots down deep into God's Word, to help them grow and go. Youth will learn about a biblical worldview, fascinating history about each country, key apologetics, and how to share their faith whether one-to-one or open-air. Watching these examples of witnessing will inspire them to have the boldness to publicly preach the gospel in their part of the world. Each week there is a practical challenge that will prepare them and help them share their faith - parental permission/discussion/prayer and support is encouraged.

Also, some of them have signed up Anti-No-where League crew have set some great goals in their TAG's (Term of Assessable Goals) including praying for the blind to see and raising them dead! Other goals include completing the first 12 “Memory Verses for New Disciples” while some are aiming at completing the next 18 “Survey Memory Verses”. It's a privilege working with and seeing young disciple makers growing strong foundations that will serve them well and help them serve others well, all of their days!

Love ETERNALLY
Dave Klauber

Multi-Lit - Melanie Morris

On 20th November, five senior students will represent the school at the Northern Secondary Readers' Cup competition to be held at Queechy High School. They are Michaeline Andrews, Moana Chamberlain, Cale Green, Anna Jacobson and Isaac Jacobson. This term the students have been reading a selection of seven books, six novels and a picture book. It is not how many books each person has read, but how carefully, that matters. Six teams representing six schools in the North of the State will compete for the Cup. Each team comprises of four to six students. They will be asked a series of questions about each book in the quiz section of the competition. The books in the set list are: The Heaven Shop, What the Raven Saw, Pharaoh: the Boy who Conquered the Nile, Scorpion Sting, Billy Mack's War, Stargirl, and the picture book The Treasure Box. Points will be awarded for the team's performance in the competition's two sections: the quiz, and the creative response. The creative response section requires each team to present response of their own making (without adult assistance) to two or more of the books in the set list.

Our students have worked on all aspects of the competition in their own time and during class time for English Literature. The work has been purposeful and supports the Australian Curriculum, ensuring that all students participating have been educationally advantaged by taking part in the competition.

Jon Target and I will accompany the students to Queechy High School for the Cup. We are sure they will have an enjoyable day, a great and enriching experience. Please pray for this group of wonderful young people as they prepare for the Readers' Cup final.