As I write this article for the newsletter, I’m reminded that there is only one month to go until Open Day. Invites will go out shortly but please mark Wednesday 15th October in your diary! A publicity team have been working hard to ensure that this will be a very special event as we officially launch Newstead Christian School.

The publicity will be wonderful but I’m reminded daily that prayer is far more powerful. God keeps reminding of this verse, Mark 10:51, where it says "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." It was obvious that the blind man wanted to be healed but Jesus asked him anyway. God knows our needs but he wants us to exercise our faith muscles and ask him for the obvious. I have been praying for more enrolments and just this term quite a few families and guests have visited the school and it is exciting to see some new enrolments for 2015 already. I know God is 'steering the ship', I know he 'has our back', I know that he wants us to see children 'equipped and empowered to serve', I know he wants to see NCS grow and flourish. I know he has placed me in this position for this season, but I'll keep on praying for the 'obvious'.

There is so much to give God thanks for too - the arrival of the new furniture for the Senior Learning Hub, the re-location of the library to downstairs and parent volunteers that made it happen, a very dedicated staff that work hard to ensure the curriculum is taught in a way that engages the children's interests and excitement (the 'Circus' themed assembly ran by the grade 4-6 class for the whole school was awesome), new plans for stage 2 redevelopment, celebrating a belated 'Book Week' with author and illustrator, Natalie Stone and the list is endless.

Lastly, I want to wish Mrs Glenys Ferguson all the best as she retires from her job as Teacher Assistant and celebrates her birthday in the holidays, although with 21 grandchildren I don't think life will slow down too much. After 8 years working with the various classes it will be sad to see her go. The staff and students are really going to miss her. We do, however, get to welcome back Mrs Heather Cox to the K/P/1 class for fourth term.

When, this newsletter goes out, Mr Green and I will have just returned from the Senior Trip to Canberra. We will certainly be in need of a break :) and trust that everyone will have a safe and happy holiday.

In His Service, Mrs Bronwyn Eastley

P.S. - Like our new Facebook page - 'Newstead Christian School'

THE PRINCIPAL’S OFFICE HOURS ARE:
Monday—10:45 - 4:30
Tuesday - 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday - 8:30 am - 4.30 pm
As I am sure you are all aware Miss Saward and Mrs Nielsen class went on an adventurous excursion to Anvers and Tazmazia. We started with Anvers Chocolate Factory looking at how the chocolates are made and then going on a scavenger hunt. After that the children did a quick shop in the store and then were back on the bus. Then we arrived at Tazmazia and split into groups and explored the various mazes. It was a great day but don’t take my word for it. Here’s what the children had to say.

My favourite thing was the spooky house because it was cool and the cubby houses because you can go in – Adam Dobson; My favourite part of the excursion is the fairy tale maze. It was so fun. – Charlotte Piper; My favourite part was getting a lucky dip. – Georgia Leedham; My favourite bit was the maze because we nearly got lost. – Jacob Sheppard;

My favourite part of the excursion was Cubby Town because it had the spooky house. – Boaz Blenkiron; My favourite part was when we found the spook house because Adam was yelling because he was scared. – Emma Denman; My favourite part on the excursion was going through the mazes at Tazmazia. – Sonny Targett;

My Favourite bit at the excursion was Tazmazia because we nearly found everything. – Josh Green; I liked finding the three little pigs – James Foley; I liked finding the bear’s house – Josh Burgess;

I liked Tazmazia – Kasper Bough; I liked that I had a good time – Bridie Denman;

I liked Tazmazia – Hannah Foley; I liked the maze - Amali Blenkiron Micah Green;

I liked eating chocolate – Stella Daniel; I liked the chocolate factory – Noah Keen;

I liked that we went in the maze – Olivia Jermalonek; I liked the maze - Lilyelle Leedham;

I liked that I got to buy some chocolate and I found lots of things in the maze - Kipp Targett;

I have been encouraged by the principal to share what God has been doing in my classroom. I left one staff meeting after speaking with a teacher really inspired and encouraged with what they are doing in their class and they are getting children to grow spiritually. I left inspired and challenge myself with what I can do more. I got in my car turned to radio of (a thing I don’t normally do) and asked God what do you want me to do in devotions, what do you want to children to learn? As clear as day I heard the word FAITH. I asked God are you sure? Faith. I then said to God that’s fine but how do I teach this? How do you learn to have Faith? He answered again spiritual food. I wanted to clarify this with him. The response was quiet time with God, prayer, praise and worship, and reading scripture. I got to school the next day and chucked out whatever I had planned that morning and started sharing with the children what God had been telling. I could see the twinkle in their eyes and an excited that I had never seen in devotion time. We discussed about spiritual food and created illustrations to represent what they had learnt. The following day I asked God what is next. He answered with let the children decide. Once again I went to school and told the children what God had been telling. They were so excited, they chose to pray. The prayers I heard were deep, powerful and overall just incredible. I hope that this encourages you as parents that your children are growing spiritually at school. All I can say is that I am so blessed to work in a school with staff that are inspiring and encouraging and God is doing great things in this school. Bring it on!
Third term has been a busy and fruitful one! Some term highlights have included - The musical ‘Cats’ at the Princess Theatre, excursion to the Junction Arts festival, our Athletics carnival and the all school’s dance expo at the Silver dome.

We have enjoyed some experiments this term including; testing the erosion of the earth’s surface through using different materials such as limestone, granite, pumice, sandstone, bluestone and brick. We also tested how absorbent these materials are over periods of time and whether they would float or sink. Currently some students are completing a report on the Earth’s Crust and famous scientists.

For father’s day the children enjoyed making some key holders. Much time was spent sanding, designing, varnishing and wood burning.

In art all of our primary school students entered the Birchall’s art competition where everyone interpreted the theme “What makes you feel safe?” through collage, drawing, painting etc. We were very excited when Jonte Chamberlin won his section across the state and Evelyn Capela received a highly commended.

The students have been enjoying drama this term. We have demonstrated this through visual imagery - taking pictures, creating and writing the visual picture story, then performing it. We have also been showing off our acting skills through Readers Theatre.

Circus was the theme when the 4, 5, 6 lead the assembly recently along with the help of Miss Grace Elkhair. What a talented bunch they are! I hope you enjoy the photos below.

We have spent some time this week moving classrooms, so when we return in term 4 we will be near the senior area until our new classroom is available. I have to once again mention what an amazing group of students we have in 4, 5, 6. Their growing maturity in daily prayer time is clearly evident and their thoughtfulness and care of others is such a blessing to observe and be a part of.

I hope you all enjoy the holidays, keep safe, and God Bless!
The Grade 7-8's have settled in well to their new environment and classrooms. We are now blessed with new desks. Please come and have a look around and see how nice the senior hub is.

Many students are getting slack with diaries. Please help us by checking them each night as we send many notes home regarding trips, etc.. Also we like to write some encouraging things about your child's progress.

In Maths I have been pleased with the progress everyone is making this term. There have been some topics covered that have presented people with real challenges that they have overcome. It has been exciting to finally be in the new kitchen and using it!
I think all the students that have had that privilege have been happy too. As a special treat, during the last week of term while some of the senior students were in Canberra, we have made pizzas for lunch, and that has met with approval from the students too.

We need to be careful to look after this new facility so we can take advantage of it for a long time to come. Grade 8 students will be doing some cooking next term on Tuesday afternoons. I hope you are looking forward to it, as I am.

Athletics Carnival 2014:
The whole school had a great day at the athletics track again this year with many records broken again [see list] It was great to see all students giving their best. We thank God for the rain holding off till the afternoon which allowed us to get through most events.

Outdoor Ed:
The students had a great day out at the Circus school, where they tried the high trapeze and indoor rock-climbing. Next term we hope to have a trip surfing as well as the annual 'Bear Grylls camp' in December. Thank you to Mr Klauber for organizing Outdoor Ed again this year and Mr Targett for assisting Mr Green.

PS: a number of students complain of the cold in winter, but refuse to wear the various warm tops which are part of the uniform. Please encourage them to not bring non uniform tops to school. Tops can be purchased from the office and there are many good quality second hand ones available if your finances are tight.

Your invitation to the Official Opening of the Senior Hub should have made it to your inbox. Please don’t forget to RSVP (by email) to Janice on office@cca.tas.edu.au

We look forward to have you come and celebrate with us.
As we close this final chapter as CCA and prepare to launch into a new school identity as Newstead Christian School next term, let’s reflect on some of the experiences we’ve shared together recently.

During our Community & Global sessions we visited the Salvation Army and City Mission sites, prepared Operation Christmas Child boxes and were blessed by an informative and inspirational visit by Andrew Nikolic. Here is an excerpt from a student’s First Impressions report;

“Mr Nikolic is a very good speaker and you might think, he is a politician of course he is a good speaker but that is not what I mean. Some are good speakers but not all are good listeners... What he said that really got to me was about leadership. He said that to be a leader, don’t look at your positional status but your personal status. What it means is, don’t be like, ‘I am the boss of this and you have to listen and do as I say. Instead be a team player and contribute and not only say what’s in it for me but what’s in it for us... What really hit the jackpot and my heart that he said was, “It doesn’t matter where you start, just start.” That is just awesome and it makes sense! I mean, some people want to be in The place, at The perfect time, With The right people and everything has to be right. That Is just not it; use what you’ve got and it will grow. You just have to make a start... Mr Nikolic really gives us some good advice that if we follow, we will learn not only how to be leaders but also how to be a good speaker.

Thank you Mr Nikolic”

I think there was something in there for all of us!

This week a number of students are enjoying new and exciting experiences in Canberra, Sam Nes is participating in work experience at Ritual Coffee and the remaining students will venture out to Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre and the Phenomena Factory science centre before relaxing holiday time.

As always we encourage all our students to be excellent, to be grateful and to learn something new each day, may the holiday time be a refreshing time for you as you watch and enjoy your students do this each day.
**From our Chaplain - Dave Klauber**

There have only been 3 blood moon tetrads in the past millennium which occurred on specific and significant Jewish holidays (Passover & Sukkot) in the years of 1493-94, 1949-50, & 1967-68 and each of them followed a major event in Jewish History.

- **The expulsion of Jews from Spain took place in 1492.**
- **Israel's War of Independence took place in 1948.**
- **The Six-Day War took place in 1967.**

This historical pattern has lead many astrological believers to expect significant events in the coming few years.

"Imagine the odds. A Super moon, that is a total lunar eclipse, seen in Israel, on Sukkot, at the end of a Shmittah year as well! Incredible" - Mark Biltz


**Multi-Lit - Melanie Morris**

During this third term an office area has been designated for all students who have classes with me. We are in the Senior building at the end of the long corridor, passed the lockers, on the left.

Everything is coming together quite well. Students now have a new learning environment which is positive, furnished, warm & friendly, newly decorated and quiet. (most of the time)

On another note Mr Target (& I) are entering a team of senior students in the Readers Cup this year. It will be held at Queechy High School in November. A group of students will read six books, have questions asked of them about these books and depending on the clarity and information they give the judges, the students will receive a score. The reading will be done in the students own time and before the challenge they will be given a mock test, provided by the committee. We wish them well in their efforts.

There was an article in the Examiner on Monday, September 8th by Manika Dadson (on page 9), which I would encourage you to read. It is regarding parents and teachers working together, helping children to learn, be engaged and to read regularly. There is an emphasis on parents meeting regularly with teachers throughout the year in partnership and how to make learning stimulating. It’s quite a good read.

Enjoy the holiday and see you at the Official Opening next term.