Principal’s Report:

What an exciting second term with new families joining us and several new enrolments already on the books for 2016. A big welcome to the McDonald/Filosa, Brown and Scaife families to our NCS community. We trust you have enjoyed settling into the cold Tassie winter, new sporting clubs and your respective neighbourhood communities.

While we are on the topic of enrolments, it is important to note that numbers are on the increase and if you are intending to enrol your child in kindergarten, or you know of anyone that is thinking of enrolling their children at NCS for 2016, they will need to complete the enrolment forms (available on our website or from the front office) and start the application process, sooner rather than later. This helps us to plan for sufficient staffing, uniforms, stationery and the school budget in general; plus spaces are limited, particularly in the senior classes.

All I can say is, God is so faithful!

I recently sent out an email informing parents of the staff changes for term 3 and beyond but would like to officially welcome Miss Di Hooley (Mathematics, History, Bible etc) to our staff and farewell Mr Charlie Jeong and Mrs Kathy Uko. Mrs Uko will resume working at NCS as our art teacher in second term next year. I also heard a little rumour that Mrs Pannowitz may be back to take a cooking class for the second half of this year.

Lastly, I want to thank the parents that took the time to attend Parent/Teacher appointments. I trust that they were beneficial in helping to inform you of your child’s/children’s progress and to affirm that we certainly do have a dedicated and caring staff who go above and beyond.

Enjoy the holiday break.

Mrs. Bronwyn Eastley

It was ‘Beanie Day’

Mrs Eastley & Molly Wickham

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Dates to Remember:

- Term 2 Holiday Break - 3rd July
- Students start back for third term - Tues. 21st July
- Last day of third term - Friday, 25th September
- Senior Trip to Victoria - Mon. 21st Sept. - Thurs. 24th Sept.

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Note to Parents:

Just a friendly reminder to let the Office know by 9:30am if your child / children are not going to be at school due to illness or any other reason.

Thank you!

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Principal’s Days:

Mrs Eastley now works
Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:00 pm

(Twice a week Mrs Eastley is taking the Grade 9/10 Elective to Drama at Launceston Christian School)
Let’s Wear the School Uniform with Pride:

Just a reminder that we have patches with the NCS logo that need to be stitched over the existing CCA logo on the red woollen jumpers. The holiday period would be a good time to attend to this if you haven’t already done so. Free patches (one per student) are available from the school office for collection. We also have a limited stock of new red woollen jumpers that have the NCS logo embroidered on them for purchase.

Also, I would like to clarify a few uniform issues that I have noticed lately –

1. Girls are to wear black stockings with the new uniform (not white socks)
2. Scarves, beanies and jackets can be worn to and from school only in the colder weather. Jackets are not a substitute for the red jumper and should not be worn inside during class time, same with beanies and scarves
3. Boy’s grey trousers and shorts should not have cargo pockets.
4. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform each day and that the sport’s uniform is for sport’s days only or for excursions (if specified in the notice).

Thank you for bearing with us as we make the transition from the old to the new. Next year we will make the complete switch to the new NCS uniform (with the exception of the grade 10 students).

We value parent support as the staff endeavour to instil a sense of pride among the students and that whenever they step outside the school boundary, they are ambassadors for NCS. We get such a lot of positive feedback from the general community on how smart our students look and how well-behaved they are when they are representing us out in the wider community. Thank you for partnering with us on this.

Mrs Eastley

You’re in our Prayers:

NCS would like to extend their sympathy to Tracy-lee Reed and the family at the recent loss of her dad; the Lambie family as Jim’s mum also passed away and more recently Clare Barratt’s dad, Mike Davis was also taken away to be with his heavenly father. Clare is a Board member and her two girls attended CCA. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families at this difficult time.

Thank you to everyone’s support. Jump off day went well with 100% participation. Congratulations to the following students for their excellent fundraising efforts.

- Elizabeth Skeat - $283.50
- Charlotte Piper - $176.75
- Jacob Sheppard - $176.75
- Mahalia Smith - $103.10
- Josiah Smith - $103.10
- Ezra Smith - $103.10
- Olivia Jermalonek - $50
- Burgess Family - $30.75
- Hannah Foley - $30.00
- James Foley - $30.00
- Cara Foley - $30.00
- Kipp Targett - $5.00
- Sonny Targett - $5.00

Thank you to all those who contributed to the class fundraising jars. As a school we raised a total of $1,539.30 and have received a rebate of $153.95, which has been used to buy some new reading books for the Junior students.
Welcome to Newstead Christian School

It was a great privilege to welcome Newstead Christian School as a new member school at the AGM. The Principal, Bronwyn Eastley and Board Chair, Richard Holloway attended the weekend and from all accounts, ‘felt right at home’. Newstead is found in Launceston, Tasmania and have a great relationship with Launceston Christian School.

Newstead is in a time of transition and growth, including some big building projects that are underway. Like all schools, theirs is an exciting story of vision, challenge and blessing. We welcome you Newstead and look forward to continued engagement.

Readers Cup - Mr Jon Targett & Mrs Melanie Morris:

This year the Secondary Schools' Readers' Cup took place on Friday 26th June at Queechy High School. Four schools from the North of the state took part in the event.

There were six novels and one picture book. This year there were two themes: ANZAC's and the First World War.

Groups of four to six students collaborated to answer the quiz questions. After this each group presented their own creative response to two or more titles in the list of set titles within a four to six minute time-frame. This had to be entirely their own work. If it was less than four or more than six minutes the group was penalised. The rules are pretty keenly observed. The criteria for the response were:
- To be innovative, tell a story, have a message.
- To be relevant to the books, have a plot, setting, characters, issues and emotions.
- The quality of the presentation.
- It’s length.
- A team effort was to be demonstrated Scores for both the questionnaire and performance are added together and the placings found.

Whilst all this was being calculated we enjoyed an amazing array of pizza’s for lunch.

Newstead Christian School were the outright winners, successfully defending the Cup which we won last year. The schools represented this year were: Scotch Oakburn, Saint Patrick’s College, Queechy High School and of course Newstead Christian School. Our students were great ambassadors for the school.

Congratulations to Moana Chamberlin, Anna Jacobson, Michealene Andrews, Isaac Jacobson, Ethan Chamberlin and Cara Foley on a monumental effort and being awarded the Secondary Readers’ Cup winners for 2015. It has been a privilege to be a part of this event once again.

Melanie Morris and Jon Targett
Kindergarten - Mrs Narelle Preece:

Let’s go Camping!

What a natural progression – from the beach to camping. We have been looking at Bob Graham books. Bob Graham is a very clever man as he is an author and illustrator. Many of the books we read Bob Graham did both the pictures and the writing, however one book we looked at, he was only the illustrator, Anne Ingram and Peggy O’Donnell were the authors of ‘Camping – Let’s do it Together.’ This book was the inspiration for our next Kinder adventure. The children wanted to if we could go camping. Well nothing is impossible in Kinder, we were up for the challenge. We had many discussions on what camping looks like, places you would go camping and what was needed to make your camping experience enjoyable. A good tent and sleeping bag were high on the list. After our discussions I brought in some big branches from home, some old sheets, string and rope and we set to work. There were some difficult moments but we persevered and worked together to create a tent we were proud of. Of course we had to have a campfire, pots and pans, sleeping bag and our campsite had to be close to the beach.

We have created camping collages both in 2D and 3D. I am sure though that the highlight of our camping experience will be enjoying a real campfire in the last week of term. We will of course be toasting marshmallows, cooking potatoes and damper as well as bananas wrapped in foil. We are so excited and can’t wait to experience a real campfire.

Prep / One - Mrs Jessica Whitmore:

This past month in Prep/One has been very busy and exciting. After all our practicing we had a great time at our Jump Off Day. In English we have been continuing with our reading groups focusing on retelling stories we hear. This month we finished looking at all of Pamela Allen’s & Bob Graham’s books. We have also continued learning lots of new vocabulary words such as bothered, anxious and leaped. Your children can probably tell you some others to as well as their meaning. This month we also started learning about writing information reports and created information posters about ants. They look fantastic! This past month we also went on a visit to the local Ravenswood Library.

In Maths we have been continuing to learn about time with some students beginning to read clocks to the quarter of an hour. Grade One students have also looked at money, practicing counting money and giving change.

In History we have been busy looking at the past, comparing differences and similarities in many areas. Grade ones had a marvellous time exploring the tram museum and playing with some old toys like marbles, elastics and hop scotch. Students also brainstormed a list of questions to ask their Grandparents about their childhood, then on Grandparents Day they got to sit down with their Grandparents and ask their questions.

In science and Geography we have been looking at changes in the sky and landscape, whether it be by weather factors or human doing. Students created a video about the changes in our school environment and created posters about the changing of seasons.

I hope you have a safe and happy break and look forward to seeing you all next term. Just a reminder Prep & Grade One students will be with Mrs Preece’s kinder class week 1 next term while I am away.
In 2/3 Nielsen we have been learning to write narratives. We created stories about a creature in our house. We have also been making boomerangs in history. In maths we have been learning about different types of lines and angles. We created lines and angles using our bodies. It was lots of fun. We have also been learning about solids, liquids and gases. One of the experiments was turning a solid into a liquid. We used chocolate. It was a delicious science experience. In devotion we have been asking God through prayer to show us pictures. In readers workshop we have been learning to use glossaries, indexes, dictionaries and thesauruses. It has been a fun term.

My favourite lesson was the chocolate experiment because we got to eat the chocolate and strawberries. – Stella Daniel

My favourite lesson was writing because we got to make our own stories – Sonny Targett

Article written by Stella Daniel and Sonny Targett

Art - Mrs Kathy Uko:

The last month has been a busy time in Art.
The Grade 4/5/6 class have been working in clay, making pinch pots and coil pots. It has been wonderful to see everyone having a go and enjoying the new medium.
The Grade 7/8 class have been working on a self-portrait in collage. It has been a fun project to finish up the term with, and it has been great to see the varied expression within the class.
The Grade 9/10 class have been busy working on two projects in Art. One was a photography competition entry for SNAP 2015, where they needed to take 20 separate photos to fit 20 descriptive words. The other was their portrait on canvas project. The portraits are progressing well, with each student’s own style emerging.
As this term ends it also marks the end of the school year for me, as I take maternity leave. I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all the students at NCS who have made this year a very enjoyable teaching year for me. Also thank you to the staff at NCS for their support.

Chaplain - Mrs Karen Mace:

It’s hard to believe we are halfway through the year already. It’s been a great first half and we anticipate the second half will be as good or even better! God is definitely at work in the lives of our staff and children and it is a joy to be a part of what He is doing.

The past months have been a settling in, or transition time for some of our students and that brings with it a number of challenges on top of the usual ones that come with getting the school work done! It’s been a joy to spend time with those students and to see them work through the challenges and come to a place of feeling connected with other students, their teachers and school life generally.

I’ve also been encouraged to see the desire in so many of our students to get to know God better and to understand more of what it means to have a relationship with Him.

Alister Austin and I enjoy working together as a team as well as individually. We find our strengths complement each other and so we are able to use those strengths to be more effective as we work with the children. We are also available to talk with any parents who feel they would like to chat with us sometime about any concerns they might have.
As I have recently informed parents in my class, I will be taking an extended vacation overseas in the holiday period, visiting Argentina, Brazil, Peru and some states in the North of America. My replacement teacher is Mrs. Maree Valance whom the students have met and at the time of reading this will already be on class. I have included some photos from our recent Grandparent’s Day. What a wonderful time that was, talking and getting to know some of the special people who play such a significant role in the children’s lives.

Have a restful and safe holiday break and I will see you back in the 2\textsuperscript{nd} week of Term 3.

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**PE - Mr Ken Green:**

Seniors: The Seniors are part way through the interschool roster in Netball and Soccer. The soccer team have not lost a game and are playing so well. The experienced players are showing good leadership towards the less able and experienced players. The netball team are now settling down into a competitive team, winning some games.

Juniors: The Juniors have been learning and developing skills in various wintersports, such as soccer, basketball and sofcrass. Next term they will have a 4 week Gymnastic program at the PCYC. Please help us by ensuring your child has proper fitting shoes suitable for PE and sport, I’m amazed by the number of students, when attempting to kick a ball for example, shoes fly off into the air because they don’t fit properly.

Interschool Cross Country carnival:
NCS took a strong team of 19 students to Geneva Christian College in Latrobe to compete in a challenging cross country carnival. Most students finished in the top ten, with some coming 2nd, 3rd or 4th.

**Cross Country Results:**

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God bless.

Mr Targett

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**Maths & Science - Mr Charlie Jeong**

Hi Students, Parents and School Community,

It was huge blessing for me to work at Newstead Christian School during the last couple of terms. I have enjoyed the time here and I appreciate your help and support. I will keep the school and the school community in my thoughts and prayers. This is my little memory of the school that I would like to share with you guys. What a wonderful place to be!

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Mr Targett
I have some exciting news to share with you about our upcoming school trip to Indonesia next April, for the high school students. We will be joining with Launceston Christian School, who sent a team to Bali last year. Trekset Tours have organised an exciting itinerary for us, including visiting a local school, attending a dance performance, participating in batik (a technique of applying hot wax and dyes to cloth), a rice paddy cycling tour, a cooking class which involves buying some ingredients from the local market, a three night stay in an orphanage, a language lesson, and more! (I have handed out a copy of the draft itinerary to all grade 6-10 students.) This will be an awesome opportunity to experience some of the culture of Indonesia, as well as getting to know some of the amazing people who live there. Grade 7 & 8 students have sent e-mails to the kids at the orphanage we will be visiting, so it would be amazing for them to get to meet the children they have written to.

Please seriously consider this opportunity for your children. The cost will be approximately $2,400-$2,700. This doesn’t include entry and exit fees, or all meals, but I would like to do some fundraising so that these other costs will be covered.

Students who are interested in going on this trip will need to fill out an expression of interest form (also handed out to students), **which must be signed by parents and handed in by Friday 7th August to the school office. The final decision on who goes will be up to myself and other staff.**

We plan on holding an information session at Launceston Christian School next term, so that you can find out more about the trip, and hopefully hear from a student who went on the trip last year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me by e-mail (lisamarie@ncs.tas.edu.au), mobile (0438 362 670) or in person.

The Launceston Christian School is not promoting this trip until next term, however I wanted to give our families extra time to seriously consider this trip. So, if you know anyone at LCS, please keep the details of the trip quiet until they have been told about it.

Lisa-Marie Chamberlin
Hi, I’m Di Hooley.

I was born and raised in Folkestone, Kent, UK where I lived with my mum, dad and two brothers until I was 20. At the age of 20, I moved to Germany to work as an au pair and learn German. Despite a passion for Maths. From there I headed to the northern steel city of Sheffield to study Germanic Studies and History.

It was while I was in Sheffield, in fact in my final year of university, that I became a Christian. I had grown up in a non-Christian family where a strong emphasis was placed on integrity. I was actually raised by my dad to be suspicious of Christians, and to assess them by their actions rather than their words. I had no intention of becoming a Christian but God, I’m pleased to say, had other ideas. A combination of living in an authentic Christian community, combined with a couple of supernatural experiences, woke me up to the fact that God is real, Jesus died for me and sent the Holy Spirit to live in me and guide me. It took about six months, but once I gave my life to Jesus, nothing was ever the same again, and I mean that in the best possible way. It was God who called me into teaching and, what began as a walk of obedience has grown into a joyful sense of vocation.

Almost eight years ago, following a call from God to leave everything I know and go to the place he would show me, I arrived in Perth, WA. I was afraid of flying and anticipated being back in the UK within the year. Eight years on, I am no longer afraid of flying, am an Australian citizen and very much call Australia home.

So, I was settled in Perth, loving life in the sunshine, good job, great community, awesome church but a seemingly random reconnection with an old friend changed all of that. My friends Andy and Liz Goodacre lead Barney’s Anglican Church in Newnham and after coffee with Andy in Perth, he felt led to invite me to join them here in Launceston. After praying and processing this with trusted friends it seemed that this was indeed what God was inviting me to do. And so it was, that on Jan 5th 2015, I arrived in Launceston, trusting in God that a plan would unfold.

It’s been an interesting five months, there have been challenges and amazing breakthroughs, not least of which was getting a job at NCS. I am so excited about what God has in store in this next season and look forward to working in this community and getting to know you all better.

In Him, Di

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Student Representative Council:

The S.R.C this term has held a number of fundraisers. We started off with a soup day earlier on in the term. This was held on the same day as the jump rope for heart skip off. There were plenty of hungry tummies to be fed. This was a huge success. The next fundraiser was a crazy hair day. We had colour spray at recess, and a photo booth for those who were interested, at lunch. The S.R.C has fundraised a total of $424, with an additional $130 from beanie day going towards the Salvation Army Winter Appeal. We would like to thank everyone for participating in all the events and for all the generous donations. The S.R.C is very proud of their efforts so far and we look forward to more next term.