Our Principal (Mrs Bronwyn Eastley) would like to apologise as she is unable to write the usual Principal’s Report - due to a staff illness she is taking part in the Senior Science & Geography excursion to the Gorge today.

Within the last two weeks Mrs Eastley has also been out of the office quite a bit due to - a CENPAT Conference down in Margate & a Work, Health & Safety Training for two days this week.

We would like to keep you updated re our Stage 2 Building Schedule. The removal of 62 Hart Street (house next door, purchased at the end of last year) has begun. The bricks are being taken off for the house to be removed to another location.

Estimated time for the commencement of our Stage 2 renovations (the new classrooms being built) is early October.

We would also like to welcome Natalie Stone, our author and artist in residence. It is wonderful to have her here taking Art classes on Mondays. She is a blessing to us and the students.

Principal’s Days:
Mrs Eastley now works
Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:00 pm

Dates to Remember:
- Friday - 21st Aug—Student Free Day at School (Teacher’s PD Day)
- 24th - 30th Aug. Book Week
- Victoria Trip 21st - 24th September
- Last Day of Term 3 - Friday, 25th September
- First Day of Term 4 - Tuesday, 13th October

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!
What an exciting start to Term 3 we have had.

We began the term by examining the books that have been shortlisted for the Australian Book Council awards for 2015, as a lead up to book week. The first book we investigated was A House of Her Own by Jenny Hughes and illustrated by Jonathan Bentley. This book led us to think about our own dream house. We broke into small groups where we shared our thoughts then worked together to design a dream house agreed on by the group. We had quite a variety of dream houses, from a very big tent, a house on a hill, a multi story house to a bat cave.

Once we had explored the element of design we moved on to designing a tree house. With this design process we also had to consider how our tree house would be constructed and what materials we would need. We learnt about compromise, collaboration and about the importance of valuing others people’s ideas as we worked in our groups.

Once the design process was finished we moved on to the construction, where we learnt about adapting and modifying our plan in order to successfully build our tree houses with the materials available.

We were very proud of our end products but more importantly we were very proud at how well we worked together and the skills we learnt in collaborative learning. Thank you to Mrs Foley and Mrs Green for helping the students with their constructions.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent along stickers and books to help us ‘Earn & Learn’. It’s been great!

As well as having a box here at school to place your sticker filled books in, I have also taken an Earn & Learn box out to Woolworths at Kings Meadows. It has our name & logo on it, so if you are out there doing your shopping, feel free to put your stickers straight into the box.

Earn & Learn will continue until Tuesday, 8th September - so please keep shopping & collecting.
Recent and upcoming excursions - Princess Theatre to watch the Stage Right (P.C.Y.C) production of “Freckleface Strawberry”, A trip to the snow with our P/1 buddy class, Newstead College Science investigations and Gourlay’s Lolly Factory and Tamar River Cruise.

**Geography** - The countries of Europe, mapping and research

**History** – Aboriginal and Colonial experiences

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

**Science** – Solids, liquids and gases, including various experiments

**English** – Fantasy narratives, poetry – acrostics, diamante, limericks, prefix/suffix, synonyms/antonyms

**Art** – Rotational symmetry, Birchalls competition on “What kindness means to us”

The students enjoyed Mrs Maree Valance’s teaching for 2 weeks while I was overseas and it was so lovely to hear from Maree regarding their behaviour and respectfulness toward her. We look forward to a future visit.

In morning devotion time recently we have been looking at some of the prophets – Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, and what it means to live out our faith in all circumstances. Our class genuinely shows care and compassion toward each other and share their concerns through prayer and their daily actions. What a privilege it is to witness this each day.
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‘Just can’t stop’- 9/10 Adventures in Term 3

What a crazy, crazy term it has been. Students have had the opportunity to interact with a number of well known personalities and have been able to glean their wisdom and knowledge. In Week 3 students were paid a visit by one of Australia’s finest cinematographers and journalists, David Brill. He drove all the way from Hobart at his own expense to share his adventurous life with us, we are indeed privileged.

We have had a visit from the Gideon’s Society and the Salvation Army. In addition, a Snow trip to Ben Lomond was the highlight so far for most students this term.

In week 2 students attended a Q and A with the Launceston Aldermen where they were able to meet and greet the mayor of Launceston. Recently, we had a team of discipling students come and share about their life and adventures with God.

Earlier in the year, the Grade 9/10s entered a Science competition with the BookEnd Trust to help a small medical centre in Naqarawai (Fiji) to produce a more suitable sustainable energy for their vaccination fridge. Two students, Moana Chamberlin and Sarah Park, were two out of the seven who won the competition, throughout Australia. The awesome reward was an all expenses paid trip to the Fiji medical centre to help put the sustainable energy in place.

Most Careers classes sit indoors all day and learn theory. We learn the theory side but we also have an awesome teacher who has so many ideas that we struggle to keep up with him sometimes. Recently we went to town for careers and the main goal was to ask employers and managers what they look for when they employ people; young people. We also went to Newstead college for a day just to see what college is all about. High school isn’t just there to prepare you for college but for life.

One of the great benefits of being a small school is that we get to go on awesome excursions regularly. We know though that even though we maybe small in numbers than other schools, we have future prime ministers, scientists and world-changers in our midst. NCS has a heart for a God and a burning passion for Christ and the real things in life.

In Devotions this term we have been learning about Cause and Effect with our Chaplain Mr Austin. Students are learning about being Life Coaches and how to live a God-led life, not in Effect- letting life happen to you but in Cause- accepting that you have chosen where you are and you can get yourself to where you want to be. We haven’t stopped yet, we won’t because as long as God provides, adventures are a must.
Outdoor Ed (Ben Lomond) - Mr Jon Targett & Mr Ken Green: