Hi NCS Community,

New Families - It’s great to be able to start off my spiel with a big welcome to three new families to Newstead Christian School. It was exciting to enrol Natalia, Jacob and Benjamin Ballard, Denver Watson, Yasmine and Andre Corneloup at the commencement of Term 4. All six children have really settled into life at NCS and are enjoying the move to Tasmania. I am absolutely blown away by God’s provision with the steady increase of enrolments over the year and 2016 is looking like a ‘record breaker’. On Tuesday we held our first Orientation Day and it turned out to be extremely worthwhile and have now scheduled it as a yearly event in the NCS calendar.

New Staff - I would also like to welcome some new members of our staff – Mr Stephen Pearce, Teacher’s Assistant, Mr Brendan Foley, cleaner and Tracee Lambie as our new Library Technician. Tracee is currently doing some training to enable NCS to finally have an on-line borrowing system for the library and will commence a tidy up, re-shelving of books etc. next Monday.

New Classrooms - After the demolition of the two old classrooms, it has been a bit of a squeeze to accommodate some specialist lessons and we are really looking forward to the completion of the four new primary classrooms by late February, 2016 so we can spread our wings a little bit. If you would like to see a photo update of the building works, be sure to check out our NCS Facebook page every Wednesday.

New Uniforms – Our uniforms are no longer brand new and this is a friendly reminder that next year we are switching over completely to the updated NCS uniforms. Uniforms with the CCA logo and any other old uniform items that have been replaced, will no longer be accepted. Grade 10 students in 2016 will have an exemption but if they are representing the school for SRC, sport or any community activities, it is strongly recommended that they make the switch to the new uniforms. If you haven’t collected a patch with our new NCS logo to sew over the CCA red jumpers, there are approximately 20 available at the school office. An updated uniform list for each family is going home with the newsletters today.

Lamentations 3: 22 – 23
“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness”.

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

Dates to Remember:
- Each Friday until 4th Dec. - 1:45 - 3pm - Pre-Kinder is on
- Wed. 18th - Grade 5/6 Swimming
- Thurs. 19th Nov. - NHS Athletics Carnival for Grades 6 - 10 @ St. Leonards
- Friday 20th Nov. - Grade 9/10—Global Community—Backyard Blitz
- Fri. 11th Dec. - School Picnic @ Lagoon Bay
- Mon. 14th Dec. - Last day of Term 4
- Mon. 14th Dec. - Presentation Evening

We now have the foundations for all four classrooms!

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!
Grade 4/5/6 - Mrs Susan McCormack:

It has been an exciting start to term 4 with a new addition to the class (as I am sure many of you have heard about already) Lola the rabbit. Students have been doing fantastic descriptive writing and created wonderfully detailed sketches of her. We’ve been looking at time by creating clocks outside and transformation of shapes through dancing. We created some great artwork of imaginative bugs using symmetry. During our history lessons we have explored symbols and emblems important to Australia and Australia’s Christian heritage in our national flag. In science the students have been learning about living things, and how people and animals grow and change. Overall it’s been a busy start to term 4 in 2/3 Nielsen and we can’t wait to see what else happens this term.

Grade 2/3 - Mrs Alex Nielsen:

This Month’s Newsletter Report comes to you from the students of Grade 4, 5, 6

Isabel Flood – Gr.5  In maths we have been doing chance and probability. I found it interesting learning about the likelihood of things happening. I thought it was rather quite fun. Now we are moving onto data and time next. So far, this term has been enjoyable and I have made some new friends. I can’t wait to see what the rest of the term holds.

Zara Daniel – Gr.5  Our class loved Music Count Us In. We got very involved doing Auslan and beat boxing. Music Count Us In took place on the 29th of October and we sang a song called “Gold”. I am enjoying 4, 5, 6 class because we go on fun excursions, also I am excited about the upcoming excursion, a production called “The Glass Slipper”.

Seraya Spark – Gr.6  Recently we talked about arranging the desks so that we could concentrate more. We decided to have them facing the front in pairs. Now that we have changed it, it has been a lot easier to concentrate on Mrs McCormack.

Jonte Chamberlin – Gr.5  This year there has been a lot of building near the school gate. It has been great seeing the progress in the new classrooms. It has also been interesting watching them using all the trucks, diggers etc. I’m enjoying my time in class, especially with our new teacher’s aide Mr Pearce. I think the term has started off well and will be a successful term.

Jacob Sheppard – Gr.4  I like that our teacher is kind and generous. Mrs McCormack has set out the room well. Our work that we do is good. We can have homework sometimes. I think the class is a loving, joyful class. Almost no negative comments or questions. The people in our class are helpful to others and kind.

Mahalia Smith – Gr.6  These five weeks of Term 4 have been really exciting. When we got to school, Mrs McCormack put us to work on Visual interpretation Journals which is drawing what we did in the holidays with loads of bright colours. Recently we have welcomed a teacher’s aide, Mr Pearce. He comes to us in the middle block as well as watching and playing with us at lunch and recess. He’s really fun and a helpful teacher.
Art - Mrs Natalie Stone:

Shy Albatross 2-3 meters long! This did not deter the students! Art challenge for the first lesson back from holidays was a LARGE but not impossible challenge, as with God nothing is impossible. The 4/5/6 class threw themselves into the challenge with HUGE enthusiasm, MASSIVE joy and BIG team building. Mrs MacCormack and myself (Mrs Stone) were delighted with the level of maturity the class took to the challenge of the Shy Albatross, a class project and study in 3rd term. The school had been invited to submit art works for an exhibition of this LARGE bird, and with only 2 lessons the students participated not only with GREAT enthusiasm but with ABUNDANT maturity and MAGNIFIED enjoyment. It was decided by the class, style, colour and design (very little input from myself). The Art piece is yet to be named - voted on, but is of 2 metres wide by 1 metre high!

We are yet to hear back from the Art director of the exhibition (watch this space!) - but even so, what an achievement.

The Grade 7/8 class also partook in the albatross challenge! Resulting with some fantastic 5 minute, 10 minute or 15 minute ONLY pencil sketches! A little daunting at first, but look at the results! They speak volumes in what you can achieve in very LITTLE time. From their sketches ONLY they were to produce a clay bird model or a lino print. It was nearly impossible to choose which ones to pop in the newsletter as they were all fantastic, here are a few:

Grade 7/8 - Mr Ken Green:

It has been really special to welcome the following students to the grade 7-8 class this term. Ben, Jacob and Natalia Ballard. Andre and Yasmine Corneloup and Denver Watson. They have already brought a lot of positives to the school with their positive attitude and enthusiasm. We pray they have a great rest of the term. It has been encouraging to see the other students make them so welcome. The 7-8’s have a learn to surf day on Friday 27th November.
Grade 9/10 - Mr Jon Targett:

My what a busy time of the year it is. All systems are go in the senior classes as students finalise outstanding work, thus preparing themselves for a flurry of A's on their end of year reports (hopefully). As usual, notable speakers graced us with their presence, wisdom and insight this term, including Claire Van Ryn from The Examiner and students were also blessed in the last two weeks by the appearance of discipling students Dan Rose, Bek Alley and Sarah Davis. They have planted a great many seeds in students hearts, ones that we pray will continue to grow and then blossom at the appointed time. As a side note, we were also able to take them for a little surf as a part of our Outdoor Education activities.

God is slowly but surely preparing a generation of leaders that will be shot out from the school through character formation and vulnerability. Although this can be seen as a sad time of year, we approach it with great joy and will be proudly releasing four arrows from our quiver at the end of the year as our 10's graduate to an even higher calling (college).

May God bless you richly.

Indonesian - Mrs Lisa-Marie Chamberlin:

In the Prep/One class we are learning the names of some well-known animals in Indonesian. We have also learnt "Hikori Dikori Dam" (Hickory Dickory Dock). I have been very impressed with how quickly the two new students are picking up the language.

In Grade 2/3 we have been learning the Indonesian words for body parts and items of clothing. We have learnt "Kepala, Bahu, Lutut, Kaki" (Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes), and students like to play "Kata Simon, di mana ...?" (Simon Says), where I ask them to touch a body part in Indonesian. I have also been impressed with how well the two new students in this class are doing with their Indonesian.

In Grades 4-6, students are learning the Indonesian words for various classroom objects, and they are making a book for the younger classes. They are also learning words to describe the different seasons, and the weather for those seasons.

Grade 7/8 students are learning the months of the year, how to ask when someone's birthday is and how to tell someone when their own birthday is. We will then be learning words and phrases about our families. It is quite a challenge for the five new students who have not learnt any Indonesian before, but they are coping really well!

Indonesian Trip - Mrs Lisa-Marie Chamberlin:

I'm excited to share that we have four students going on the trip to Indonesia in April next year. They are Isaac Jacobsen, Daniel Razay, Bianca Kennedy and Moana Chamberlin. We will be joining seven students from LCS, plus their Indonesian teacher and her husband. The students have a big job ahead of them to fundraise money for their trip, but I have no doubt all of their hard work will be well worth it. We plan to do some fundraising at school, so that we can help with the team's overall costs.
Enrolments for 2016:

Please remember that if your child will not be enrolled at Newstead Christian School in 2016, we do need to be notified one term in advance. Notifications need to be in writing to the Principal and the Business Manager.

This is particularly crucial as we are currently working on our staffing, time-table for 2016 - especially in the High School area with electives, etc. to be sorted out.

Thank you for your help in this area.

Sport - Mr Ken Green:

Junior Classes

Just a reminder the grades K-4 will have learn to swim on the following dates and times.
Mon 7th – thurs 10th Dec [9.30-11.30] Could parents please let Mrs Nielsen, Mrs Whitmore or Mrs Preece know the current swimming ability of your child. [ie. strong, average, poor, weak, non-swimmer] This will help us put them into the appropriate groups.

Senior Classes

The seniors will be training over the next few Friday afternoons for the Northern High School Athletics. All seniors will be attending the NHSSA Athletics Carnival next Thursday. Parents will be informed of what events the students are doing nearer the time.
Thurs 19th November – NHSSA Athletics Carnival.
Please come and cheer them on if you are able?

Outdoor Ed Grade 9-10 - Mr Ken Green:


This camp is so called because it involves being self-sufficient in that the students cook their own food as well as looking for and eating bush tucker.

Students will need the usual camping gear, tent, sleeping bag , [some students will share tents] food and water for 3 days, good walking shoes, warm clothes for evenings [this is Tasmania] and a bible for devotions.

If any parent would like to join us please contact Mr. Green or Mr. Targett

Just to let you know, many students [including myself] have brought those cheap butane stoves to camp. But they were taken off the market because they were prone to explode. I have noted there are new updated ones on the market which are AGA approved & updated. It would be worth throwing your old ones away and getting a new updated model if you use that type. They are $19.99 at Anaconda.

Grade 9/10 Dinner :

Grade 9/10 Dinner Invitations have been sent home. Please note RSVPs are due to the Office by Friday, 4th December - with payment. Please read invitation for further details.
Chaplain – noun

1. an ecclesiastic attached to the chapel of a royal court, college, etc., or to a military unit.
2. a person who says the prayer, invocation etc., for an organization or at an assembly.

The dictionary definition of chaplain doesn’t seem to cover all that being a chaplain involves! The most important aspect, I believe, is to pray with, and for, the children and staff, and the parents of course, of our school. But being a chaplain to me also means being a listening ear, sometimes offering guidance, sometimes saying nothing, yet always being available – and interested. Chaplaincy was once considered to be like any other job, you did it because it was there, and maybe because there was nothing else to do. There was no consideration of whether it was something God wanted you to do, or had called you to. Today, it’s different. Both Alister and I have a strong sense that NCS is where we are meant to be – as chaplains – and so it is a calling, as old fashioned as that sounds these days!

We have been privileged to be a part of what God is doing at NCS and in the lives of everyone involved there. The end of the year is coming very quickly and it is always good to look back and see what God has done and to thank Him for being with us. I invite you to join me in doing that.

Chaplain – noun

1. one called by God to partner with Him in being a Kingdom presence and to minister life.

Positions Vacant:

Please spread the word regarding the Position Vacant below for 2016 - thank you!

**NEWSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

**PRIMARY SCHOOL GRADE 3/4 TEACHER (1.0 Full Time)**

**COMMENCING TERM 1, 2016**

The applicant needs a passion for teaching the Australian Curriculum from a Christian world view. Selection criteria can be viewed on our website in the Resources Section, [www.ncs.tas.edu.au](http://www.ncs.tas.edu.au)

Applications, including relevant documentation, should be addressed to Mrs. Bronwyn Eastley and emailed directly to principal@ncs.tas.edu.au by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, 25th November, 2015.