Principal’s Report:

Firstly, I would like to welcome Noel Eagling as our school chaplain whilst Alister Austin is teaching full time at Norwood Primary School in Term 3. Apart from his usual chaplaincy duties, Noel has started training the Grade 5/6 teams for the upcoming Billy Kart Derby at Leighlands Christian School.

For the next five weeks we have another addition to our staff who I would like to welcome. Blaine Parker is at NCS completing his Teaching Prac. He is from Launceston and is studying through a University in Queensland. He is also one of the Youth Pastors at the Door of Hope Church. Blaine will be working in the Senior area and is here at school on Monday - Wednesday and Friday mornings. The subjects he is helping in are History and Bible.

There has also been some other changes to the staffing arrangements with the introduction of a Music Taster for the Grade 7/8 class with Mr Daniel Chapman and Ms. Grace Elkhair has offered to start up a Junior Choir in a couple of weeks’ time.

I am constantly in awe of the dedication of our staff members who go above and beyond. A big shout out to Alex Nielsen who co-ordinates our SRC, for Narelle Preece who voluntarily runs a pre-kindergarten programme on her day off and has recently embraced running the Science program in the Junior Hub for Science week, for Ken Green who organises the sports teams and NCS’ participation in the carnivals, for Jon Targett who has overseen the work experience placements of all the Grade 9/10s for Careers, for Susan McCormack as she co-ordinates our school based project for planning and assessment funded by Independent Schools Tasmania, for Russel MacKenzie who uses his IT skills to promote events run by the P&F, for Jim Lambie who helped the council with the set-up of the community barbecue for residents affected by the recent floods, for Marion Loef who donated a day of her time to help set up for the Junior Hub Opening and for ALL the staff that go out of their way to make their lessons fun and inclusive. I appreciate you all.

Seeing the Parents and Friends association alive and active, under the guidance of Mel Duffy, is really exciting and I look forward to their upcoming events – Father’s Day Breakfast (September 2nd), and the school fair on the 18th November.

I have left the best announcement until last – a huge welcome to the Boog Family; Cassia and Annabel have started in Prep and Grade 2 this term and it is lovely to have Sam, Arend and their family as part of the NCS Community.

Dates to Remember:

- Monday, 22nd - 26th August - Book Week
- Monday, 22nd Aug - 9am - Whole School Assembly
- Monday, 22nd Aug - Grade 9/10 History / Science Excursion to Derby Tin Mine Museum
- Friday, 26th Aug - Gr 9/10 - Outdoor Ed to go Mountain Biking
- Wednesday, 31st Aug - Terrapin Puppet Theatre for Kinder - Grade 6
- Thursday, 1st Sept. - Gr 10 - to LCS
- Friday 9th Sept. - All Seniors - 12:30—3pm Training @ Athletics Field - St Leonards
- Thursday 8th Sept. - Grade 5-6 to Leighlands Christian School Billie Cart events
- Wednesday, 14th Sept. - All Seniors - 12:30—3pm Training @ Athletics Field - St Leonards
- Wednesday, 21st Sept. - 10am - 12:30am - Prep - Grade 6 - Peter Pan @ Princess Theatre
- Friday, 23rd Sept. - 11:30am - 3pm - Grade 7-10 Bike riding around Launceston
- Friday, 23rd Sept. - Grade 5-6 & selected Senior classes to LCS for Billie Cart events
- Friday, 23rd Sept. - Last day of Term 3

Note to Parents:

Just a friendly reminder to let the Office or by using our App - School Stream know by 9:30am if your child / children are not going to be at school due to illness or any other reason. Thank you!
A reminder:

**Father's Day breakfast 2nd September - 7am - 8:30am - $5 per person**

We will be holding a breakfast for Dad's (or Grand-dads) and their children in the Senior Hub. Claire Scaife has offered to cater but will be looking for some ladies to help her on the day, please contact Mel Duffy if you can assist. Alister Austin will be speaking at the breakfast.

We have decided our next project is to **support the City Mission Food Frenzy**.


This year the Parents and Friends Association will be holding a stall at the Athletics Carnival—on **Friday 16th September**. This stall will have pre packaged food and refreshments available to people attending the carnival.

We are seeking volunteer parents/friends willing to help provide the pre packaged food (biscuits/muffins/cakes/sandwiches etc) and to work on the stall roster throughout the day. Please contact Mel Duffy at the email address mentioned above for more details.

**Next P & F Meeting - Thursday, 15th September @7pm in the school Staff Room.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

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**Twilight School Fair - 18th November**

How exciting - we will be hosting our own school fair. If you would like to find out more or want to be involved please contact Mel Duffy by email @ - [pearce_mel@hotmail.com](mailto:pearce_mel@hotmail.com) OR to be part of the Craft Group please contact the Office for a Stall Application Form. Cost per table is $15 (if you would like the actual table included it is $20) & you collect all proceeds.
Term 3 began as busy as any other for students in Learning Support. One day is never the same as the next - that is what makes things so interesting.

Students frequent the new break-out room for several main reasons: to work on their homework; for a quiet time away from the business of the day; to ask for assistance with almost any school work; to have a chat and "chill-out" in a bean bag; and sometimes for extra-curricular activities such as planning and working on their script for the Northern Secondary Readers' Cup inter-school final.

The Grade 7-10 students began reading the seven books set for the competition in the last few weeks of Term 2. Moana and Ethan Chamberlin, Cara Foley, Sebastian Wickham, Mahalia Smith and Seraya Spark made up the team representing our school at the inter-school final held at Scotch Oakburn College on Friday 5th August 2016. The competition is in two parts. First, teams had to present a creative response to between two and seven of the seven set books. Second, the team had to compete in a quiz about all seven books. The venue, was fantastic, a bit daunting as the students entered, but WOW what an experience. The stage floor and stage wings, sound system and tiered seating set the scene.

The students overcame their awe of the venue and performed their creative response very well. The Creative Response section of the competition finished with Newstead Christian School coming second. The teams from the four schools then moved to Briggs House Dining Room where tables were set out for the teams to sit around and answer up to fifty questions on the seven books set.

To give the adjudicator’s time to mark the questions, luncheon was served. After lunch the scores for both sections were announced. All were doing mental calculations and YES we won!!! Three years in a row. No school has ever done this before and here were the students from NCS having entered only three times and winning each time. God has blessed our students' energetic dedication yet again. Tremendous congratulations to all the students who participated and to Mr Targett for encouraging so many to read so much. It has been terrific.

An Announcement:

Mrs Jessica Whitmore together with husband Russel have welcomed a baby boy. Born 10th June weighing 8lb 14oz - Congratulations!!
New Group - Mrs Susan McCormack:

Monday Milo Meet

Every Monday lunchtime, the girls from Grades 6-10 have been getting together through Term 3 for some social time.

Cara and Seraya have set up a hot milo station in the Grade 5/6 room and some of the girls with the help of Amy How have been doing some needlework flowers. Others come in for lunch and chat, socialize and connect with others, while some are creating awesome drawings and colourings. If you are female and in the area on a Monday from 12.45-1.30 please drop in for a visit.

Hi There!
Been into Grade 3/4 MacKenzie lately to see what is happening in our classroom? Maybe it’s time you dropped by to have a look at all that is happening.

On your visit you will find student work displayed, a puzzle in progress, shoeboxes being packed, food collected for the City Mission and of course our pets.

Through much toil and trial (mainly for Mr MacKenzie) we have welcomed two seahorses and 13 fish, of four different varieties and finally they have settled in.

We have also begun to sponsor Linal through the Compassion Child Sponsorship program. We look forward to getting to know him more.

A big project for us is our history journals, which document our journey from England in 1787 to Australia. Students have been adding each week to their journal experiences of life in London, reasons for sailing to New Holland and most recently what life is like on the open sea. Our journey is set to take us to Rio where we will get fresh supplies. A great journey of discovery and reflection as we consider how European settlement effected Australia and what we would do in the same situation.

Here is one student’s view of this journey ...

“1st of August 1787. I cannot see land anymore. I am on the HMS Sirius. We still have 5 more days to go. We are going to Rio. Waves are splashing up the sides of the ship. My Mum is feeling seasick and the rest of the people were getting tired of this long journey.”

Each morning you will also find some breakfast for anyone who was not able to have breakfast at home. We look forward to seeing you in our classroom.
Soccer & Netball - Ken Green:

The interschool teams continue to perform outstandingly in the NHSSA rosters. The Grade 9-10 Soccer team are now starting to win their matches consistently after working on and improving a few strategies. Top goal scorers have been Isaac Nes, Moana Chamberlin, Joey Kennedy and Cale Green. Sebastian Wickham has been working on his goal keeping and is proving to be a good back up to Nate Wise. Well done team!! They are equal 4th on the ladder and should reach the semis.

The Grade 7-8 Soccer team is also improving each week and getting stronger in defence. They drew 6-6 with a strong Prospect High team last week who beat them 18-0 in round one. So a great improvement. Well done again to Ethan and the team for playing hard but fair.

Thanks to the sports leaders, Moana, Isaac N and Isaac J for helping with the Grade 7-8 team and especially Mo for her great refereeing when it’s her turn.

The Netball team has also been gradually improving and getting some draws now and close wins. Thanks to the Awesome coaching skills of the Kennedy sisters.

Outdoor Ed - Ken Green & Mr Targett:

The Outdoor Education team have had a couple days up on Ben Lomond trying snow boarding and skiing.

They have also had a fun session of indoor rock-climbing at the PCYC [see photos] they will be tacking the international mountain bike course at Hollybank in the next few weeks.

Technology - Mr Ken Green:

The Senior classes are making a variety of projects of their own choice. For example a wooden, Japanese drum, audio speakers, various tables of different sizes. I’m impressed with the confidence and skill many of them are showing.

The Grade 7’s are now starting out in woodwork and doing some relatively small projects to help develop their skills and craftsmanship.

Senior Science - Mr Ken Green:

The senior science classes have been investigating such things as ecosystems, atomic theory and the various elements of the periodic table and testing various elements melting points and reactivity with other elements, leading to exciting and dramatic results. The students get to see God’s handiwork in all aspects of science, especially most evident in the natural world around them.
Food Studies - Melanie Pearce:

This term the **Grade 10** class is focussing on methods of food preservation and so far have made a large quantity of kumquat marmalade (courtesy of Ms Hooley) which we will sell at the school fair; frozen and bottled apple pie filling and will be looking at pickling some onions, making lemon curd, and maybe even trying out a dehydrator.

The **Grade 8** class will be honing their basic skills as we look at microwave cooking, the art of recipe writing, kitchen equipment and how to measure ingredients accurately. We will also be exploring the design process and learning how to answer a design brief and evaluate our products.

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Alex Jermalonek’s Potato

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Geography - Melanie Pearce:

The **Grade 7-8** class are being peer teachers this term as they team up and prepare 15 minute presentations on their chosen landscapes. These include mountain landscapes, rainforest landscapes and water landscapes.

The **Grade 9**’s are exploring the concept of food security and what this means for various nations. We set our own $1 challenge, shopping and eating off a very limited budget for a school week. We also had the privilege of being able to question Pastor Justine from Uganda about real life issues such as famine and war and how this affects food security.

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Careers - Mr Jon Targett:

Well it certainly has been an interesting couple of weeks in the Senior area.

There is never a dull moment as we seem to go from one adventure to the next. By the time you read this, Grade 9/10 students will have been on work experience and will have returned safely to the fold (school). This year we tried to make work experience as strategic as possible and sent students to very specific places as a result. Those that wanted to pick up part time jobs went to Target in the city and Coles at Newstead.

Others went to Braaap, S Group, Cocoon Living, the RSPCA, Crowe Horwath Accounting, Vos Building and Construction, Barber on George and Another Computer Store. One brave student even tried her hand at Early Primary School Teaching.

The reports thus far from all employers has been very, very positive and I am sure that all businesses have considered the students to be a blessing. A very big thanks goes out to all of the above mentioned businesses for taking the time to sow into the next generation and even bigger thanks goes out to all parents and guardians for raising such wonderful young people. We pray that you all will be blessed in return. God bless.
Drama - Mr Daniel Chapman:

Students have developed a retelling of a Bible story through symbol and movement. They have been rehearsing a short issues based play that we wrote as a class. They have also created some short workshopped films while they have been learning about acting for the screen, filming and editing techniques.

Music - Mr Daniel Chapman:

Preps and Grade 1-2s have been learning traditional songs and dances and also some new children’s songs from Suzie Splitter. They have also been doing some listening activities where they have been drawing the rhythms and structures in contrasting music.

In the Grade 3-4 classes we have been focusing again on the recorder belts program after having a break to do rock instruments and rhythms and movement.

Our Grade 5-6s have been doing song composition and been playing the ukulele, drums, guitar and keyboard.

Recently I have had the Grade 7-8s for music on a Wednesday. So far we have learned some new chords for ukulele, guitar and keyboard and learned some notes and rhythm patterns for drums and bass.

Earlier this month I attended a music workshop where I learned some new classroom composition techniques and dances. It was refreshing to network with other music teachers and share lesson ideas and to discuss approach to learning and assessment.

Chaplain - Mr Noel Eagling:

Hi, I’m Noel Eagling and I will be doing some chaplaincy work in the school for the rest of the term. A little bit about myself - I have over forty years of experience in the educational arena, including nineteen years as a school principal, having led at Circular Head Christian School for seventeen years and more recently at the Ulverstone campus of Leighlands Christian School. As well as having many years of educational experience.

I am also an ordained pastor in The Southern Cross Association of Churches and have extensive pastoral experience gained from leading churches for over fifteen years. I have a passion for prayer and preaching. My main interests include coaching and mentoring, music, painting, most sports but especially athletics, Aussie rules football and tennis and sports cars.

I thoroughly enjoy working with students and look forward to developing a close relationship with our students, parents and staff members over the coming weeks.