Wow! What a busy term with Science Week, Book Week, Athletics, Billy Kart Derby, Work Experience, Outdoor Ed, Excursions, Concerts and the list goes on. Here I was thinking that this would be a quieter term.

NCS has also experienced a few staff comings and goings – We farewelled Ms. Stephanie Quinn (Art and Drama) a couple of weeks ago, Mrs. Melanie Morris this week (Support Teacher) and it looks like Mr. Daniel Chapman has secured a teaching position at Grammar for fourth term. Mr. Alister Austin will be back in his Chaplaincy role next term and I want to thank Mr. Noel Eagling for so capably filling that position over the last few weeks. I am very thankful that God always provides the necessary staff and volunteers that we need and he has blessed us with an amazing array of talented, gifted and godly people that are called to sow into the lives of our students at NCS.

As from next term, I have the wonderful opportunity to work alongside the teachers in a support role for the students that need that extra 1:1 time and will be working closely with consultants from Independent Schools Tasmania to ensure a successful transition. We have a wonderful team of parent and teacher Multilit volunteers but we still need a couple more. If you are able to assist with delivering the Multilit program to one student over three sessions per week, for approximately half an hour each session, please email me at principal@ncs.tas.edu.au to express your interest. You may get an out of office email this holidays as my husband and I are off to the Northern Territory during the break but I will make sure I get back to you in the first week of Term 4.

I would like to sign off with an expression of thanks to the P&F committee, headed up by Mel Duffy, who have tirelessly worked to fundraise and to facilitate deeper connections among our NCS families. Thank you!

Have a safe and restful holiday break.

Principal’s Days:
Mrs Eastley currently works
Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:00 pm
Kindergarten - Mrs Narelle Preece:

Exploring with loose parts - creating and designing.

This term the Kinders have been developing their skills in designing and creating. The art trolley was filled with loose parts for the children to investigate and explore. Their thinking was challenged as they collected bits and pieces from the trolley and set out to create the images they had in their mind. It didn't always go to plan but they learnt to adapt, change and recreate as needed. We also sought help from our peers by observing and asking questions. After building our creations we took photos and drew pictures of our designs to make permanent memories so we can look back on them to further improve our skills.

Our aim is to build on our skills so that next term we can successfully design and create a little bridge for our outdoor learning space. Our investigations into designing and creating will continue into next term as will our research on bridges. We have already created some amazing bridge designs so we are looking forward to seeing where our investigations take us.

Prep - Ms Grace Elkhair:

Entering into our final week of term, a Prep student approached me and said "Miss Elkhair, I hope Friday comes really soon because my brain is a bit full and I think I'm ready for a break!"

As we come to the conclusion of yet another eventful school term I know this feeling is one shared by many.

In Prep Elkhair, we have been working hard to learn our 2D and 3D shapes. We have enjoyed learning the names and properties of different shapes in order to help us recognise why and how they are used around our school.

In English we have been looking at story re-telling with a particular focus on retelling the story of the Gingerbread man. We have enjoyed learning the importance of characters and settings in a story and were able to explore this further through some class role playing as they showcased their drama skills to re-tell this story. We were even given the opportunity to design and make our own Gingerbread men!

As always in Prep we are thankful for the support of those around and we are looking forward to our Term 4 of adventures in Prep Elkhair!
It has been a fairly busy term for Grade 1/2. The students have been memorising bible verses from the book of Proverbs and how we can apply them to our daily life. It’s been fantastic to see the students get excited about scripture and ask me ‘Mrs Nielsen can I tell you the memory verse now?’.

This term has seen the class really engage with science by conducting a range of experiments exploring light and sound as well as participating in science week. During science week the class was broken into small groups and given the task of creating a robot for a secret mission. The students got really involved in this and as you’ll see they came up with some pretty cool creations. If you want to know what else has been happening free to drop into the classroom.

I’m back from a mission trip to Indonesia and enjoying your kids.

It’s a privilege to be with them. I’ve got to say it was so good to meet heaps of dads and grandpas at the recent breakfast.

Our whole approach to teaching Bahasa Indonesia is about preparing students for a real life visit. That’s a special opportunity this school provides. Grades 7-8 have been setting up an Indonesian Qarung (street café) in class, and this week made Nasi Goreng (Indonesian fried rice). It was yum!

Grades 5-6 have been doing a project preparing plans for a holiday visit to Bali and everything involved with passports, booking accommodation, maps and schedules and cartoon strip conversations about all that.

Prep, Grade 1-2 and Grade 3-4 have been enjoying new songs and Simon Says in Indonesian (Simon Mengatakan ) All lots of fun.

In PE a highlight of the last few weeks has been watching all the students practising high jump and hearing them report today how they went last Friday.
The **Father's Day breakfast** held on the 2nd of September was a huge success. A real sense of community was felt amongst those in attendance and a delicious breakfast was enjoyed by Grandads, Dads and their children. In fact the smell of bacon frying was so good it was too much for the fire brigade to resist and they had to come to investigate and see for themselves what an amazing breakfast was being served at our school. Their visit was certainly a highlight of the morning.

A **big thank you** to Claire Scaife for cooking up a storm and for all the mums and teachers that helped make the morning such a success. Also to Alister Austin who spoke a short message (& had to compete with the Fire Brigade) to the group.

**Athletics Carnival BBQ** - after a minor setback the BBQ and sale of biscuits and muffins proved very successful, raising $310. Thank you once again to all those who gave up their time to help run this event.

**School Fair:** Mark the date in your calendar - 18th November, 5pm - 8pm. It is shaping up to be a fantastic event so tell your friends and spread the news. If you want to help out chat to the staff and Mel Duffy and we can soon find you a role to play.

We will be holding a Table Tennis tournament on the night as well, so all those competitive adults out there start training now, there will be a trophy.

Trash and Treasure stall will be looking for unwanted saleable products to sell at the fair. School holidays are a great opportunity to clean out those overcrowded cupboards, so whatever you don't need or want anymore might be something you can put aside for the Trash and Treasure stall. You can drop off anything for the stall the week of the fair.

**Next Meetings:**
October 13th - 7pm in the Staffroom
November 10th - 7pm in the Staffroom
All parents and staff welcome to attend. Meetings are not long and usually finished by 8:30pm, so still plenty of time to get home for your beauty sleep.
HIT A SIX WITH A SIGNED TASSIE TIGERS BAT

Your chance to win a signed Tasmanian Tigers cricket bat with School Banking in Term 4.

Every time you make a School Banking deposit into your Youthsaver account from 10th October until 2nd December in Term 4, 2016, you will receive an automatic entry into the draw to win one of two cricket bats signed by the Tasmanian Tigers cricket team.

For more information, simply contact your School Banking Specialists, Annette Roberts on 0457 513 197 or Michelle Rowell on 0457 513 199.

Connect: commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Things you should know: Prizes will be drawn on 07/12/2016 at the Commonwealth Bank Regional Office, Level 1, 185 Sandy Bay Road, Sandy Bay. Entry is open to all Tasmanian School Banking students. The promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 41 125 397 194. Terms and conditions apply, see over for details.

Featuring
Worship Director of Zion's Hill
Carolyn Billing

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 27  7-8.30PM
GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
FOOD AND ACTIVITIES FROM 6PM

An offering will be taken to support the Gateway Thailand Mission Team.
Gateway Baptist is located at 23 Wellington St Launceston. For further information, contact the office on 6324 3222 or email gatewaybaptistslaud.com
Wow! The end of Term 3 already and another busy term over. The students have completed work in the following areas;

- Maths – length, perimeter, area, volume, capacity, mass, lines and angles
- English – Procedural Texts, Poetry – we created a portfolio of poems including - Limericks, Haiku, Cinquain/Diamante, Shape/Concrete, Acrostics
- Science – Light and Electricity, various experiments for Science week
- History – Federation, Citizenship, Australia’s Constitution and the Stolen Generation
- Geography – Our connections with the continent of Asia. Looking at Asian countries and the cultural differences/similarities. Finishing with a project and oral presentation.

This term we have been involved in making and racing Billy Carts. We travelled to Ulverstone to take part in the Billy Cart Grand Prix with Leighlands Christian School and had such a blast that even Ken, Noel and I participated in the teacher races. Thank you to Noel Eagling for organising and helping with this event.

Once again we were able to be involved in the Science experiments and Math problem solving at Newstead College where the students experimented and learnt about the effects of dry ice as a solid, liquid and gas. (Have a look at the pictures included).

*We enjoyed the Terrapin Puppet Theatre production recently and are looking forward to the Peter Pan performance, where we will see our very own Frances Day performing. *Well done to all the primary school participants in the Premiers Reading Challenge, a wonderful effort this year by those involved. *Monday Milo Meet has been a great opportunity for the girls at N.C.S in Grades 6-10 to meet over a milo and chat, enjoy a craft, draw or play a board game. A big thank you to Cara Foley and Seraya Spark for helping set this up each week & Amy How for teaching the quilting flowers.

Through our devotions recently, God has continued to speak to us about caring and loving one another, being thankful in our individual circumstances, strategies to remove our negative moods (our ‘huffs’) and putting ourselves in the shoes of those less fortunate with a specific focus on Samaritans Purse Organisation. What a joy it has been this term to watch these exceptional grade 5/6 students put into action what God is speaking into their lives. I am a very proud of their actions and their positive influences on their peers.

Have a wonderful term break with your family and I look forward to continuing to teach your children in Term 4.

Susan
Senior Maths - Ms Di Hooley:

This term has been all about shapes and Geometry in the Senior school Maths classroom. With the help of many a Pringles’ box and Toblerone prism, the students have been investigating how to find the surface area and volume of different prisms. It has been enjoyable to watch the students engage with a ‘hands on’ investigative approach to Maths, using common sense and creativity to solve the problems at hand.

Senior History - Ms Di Hooley:

It’s been another busy term in Grade 7/8 History where we’ve been learning about the legacy left to us by the ancient Greeks. One obvious thing is, of course, the Olympics but there’s also philosophy, medicine, maths, literature and language to name just a few areas. This coincided beautifully with their studies in English which included looking at the origins of the English language. It also offered an opportunity to examine aspects of the New Testament in its original Greek language, with students choosing verses and practicing writing them out in their original form.

Meanwhile the Year 9 and 10 classes have been ensconced in the Industrial Revolution, looking at the impact these many changes had on people’s everyday lives, both for good and ill. It has been impressive to see the empathy skills of the students developing in this area and their ability to recognise that many of the harsh conditions that so shock us about the past still exist in this world today.

Open Day

We will be holding an Open Day for new students on Tuesday, 18th October - 9am - 3pm.

The new students should come dressed in their current Sport’s School Uniform, bring recess, drink bottle and hat.

A BBQ lunch will be available on the day. Order forms will be sent out the first week of Term 4.

If you know of any other families that are thinking about enrolling their children at NCS, please let them know about our Open Day. Bookings can be made through the school office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 6331 1922.
## NCS Athletics Carnival – 2016 Record Breakers

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Chaplain - Mrs Karen Mace:

Use Your Smile to Calm You and Your Child

I love working at NCS. We have a great group of teachers and beautiful children. Sometimes, as is normal in everyday life, we can become stressed, and often our automatic response is to do what our ‘fear circuit’ tells us to do - this is the circuit that jumps into operation when our brain is faced with stress. For a child that can mean acting out in some way. When this happens we can react in a way that causes the child to act out even more! But ... many studies have been carried out that show how effective a smile can be in calming a reactive child ... or adult for that matter! The following might sound a bit 'scientific' but it explains what happens in our brain when we get a positive signal from another person.

Oxytocin influences so many processes of the body/mind that it’s difficult to identify a calm and connection circuit that would be similar to the fear circuit. But, like the fear circuit, the hypothalamus and pituitary gland play a central role.

The hypothalamus releases oxytocin directly into the parts of the brain that handle positive social interaction. It also sends some to the pituitary gland for release into the bloodstream, where it affects our internal organs.

Many parts of the brain process different kinds of positive interactions with other people; what links them is that they all can take in oxytocin. Even though there's no one, simple piece of the brain that embodies the calm and connection system, Pepperdine University psychologist Louis Cozolino has named this group of structures the "social brain." That's a simple and effective way of thinking of it.

What seems to happen in the brain is, when we get a positive signal from another person, such as a smile, touch or kind word or action, the hypothalamus releases a bit of oxytocin into the brain. This oxytocin stimulates cells in the social brain to release still more oxytocin.

Oxytocin calms down the activity of the amygdala, reducing fear and anxiety and helping us to respond to the other person. Amazing that God made us so that we have the power to influence with just a smile! Think about that.

Grade 9/10 Careers - Mr Jon Targett:

What an exciting term we have had! All Grade 9/10 students participated in work experience this term and were very well received. We understand that businesses sacrifice their time and staff in order to make this happen and we would like to thank very sincerely the businesses mentioned below for opening their doors. They all demonstrated a legacy mindset and were willing to sow into the next generation because they believe in them, and we are very grateful for it. If you require any of the following services, then please feel free to use one of the businesses below and thank them for sowing into the students’ lives at NCS while you are there.

Towards the tail end of this term, students have been researching and planning small businesses after a visit from a prominent local businessman (including a most generous offer), but more about that later.

In no particular order we would like to acknowledge the following businesses for sowing into the next generation and training them to be productive and effective members in society. We salute you.

S Group
Crowe Horwath Accounting
RSPCA
Coccoon Living
Braaap Launceston
Another Computer Store
George St Barbers
Target (City store)
Coles (Elphin Rd)
Mrs Nielson, Miss Elkhair and Mrs Preece
Vos Construction
Mr Ian Flowers

May you all be blessed as you have blessed us.