

NCS Update



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SCHOOL

From our Future Principal:



Humbled.

This is the only way I can describe my response to my new appointment as Principal of NCS from January 2018.

I feel very humbled by the call and leading of God on my life, humbled by his love and faithfulness. I'm aware that I haven't been at NCS for very long and to many in our community I am largely unknown.

With this in mind, Bronwyn invited me to write a 'little' something by way of introduction. As it is, you might want to grab a cup of something and take a seat, I have more to share than I realised.

Although I'm a new kid on the block in Tasmania, I've actually lived in Australia for a little over ten years and have worked in the field of Education for 17 years, the last 13 of those as a teacher.

I gave my life to Jesus on a stormy night in Sheffield, UK, way back in March 2002. It was the final year of my undergraduate degree and I'd been accepted to complete a Post Graduate Certificate of Education, teaching High School German.

Within days of becoming a Christian, I felt compelled to defer my studies and instead complete a discipleship year at my new local church. At the end of this year, God made it clear that He was calling me into teaching and so, in obedience, I went.

My first years of teaching were a time of, ahem, 'stretching and refining'. I know I only kept going because of the conviction of the call and the prayers and support of my loving faith family. In this time, I also experienced the joys and challenges of living in a missional community: A group of us moved into a housing commission and sought to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the community around us and, perhaps most challenging, one another.

In 2006, I sensed God was preparing me to head to pastures new but it was a shock when it became apparent in 2007 that these new pastures lay on the other side of the world.

And so it was that, after a process of discernment with my church community and leaders, I landed in Perth Airport on August 1st 2007, somewhat shaken and dishevelled, into the welcoming embrace of strangers who were to become family.

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Psalm 127:4a –

"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior.."

Notes to Parents:

A friendly reminder to let the Office know if your child/ren will be off school due to illness or another reason.

You can do this by using our App - School Stream; emailing or calling the school before **9:30am**. *Thank you!*

Pre-Kinder 2017:

This Thursday (14th Dec) is the last Pre-Kinder for 2017.

We will have a break-up Christmas Party from 9am - 10:30am.

Please bring a plate (preferably gluten free).

Thankyou!



From our future Principal (continued):

I had no idea what God had planned. The only things I was clear on were that God was sending me to share what He had invested in me, like a bee cross-pollinating plants, and that I needed to 'go' to become the person He was calling me to be.

One other thing I at least was very clear on was that I would do anything but teach. Needless to say, God had other ideas.

My initial teaching experience in the UK had been hard, demotivating and, at times demoralising. But in Australia God clearly called me back into teaching, not just that I might be revived in my call, but that I might thrive and be more fully alive than I could ever have imagined.

After a year teaching German at Christ Church Grammar School, I was appointed Assistant Head of a pastoral house and the following year I was appointed Assistant Head of the Languages Department.

After four years in this school, I left to pursue some theological studies and worked part-time teaching K-6 Christian Education at Methodist Ladies' College. Every day, I was paid to do what I love, teaching children about Jesus. Every week, I was entrusted with sharing the Gospel with 400 girls, most of whom were not Christian.

I arrived in Launceston in January 2015, having accountably discerned a call from God to move here from Perth, W.A to help develop a church. Once again, I knew few people and was certain only that God was calling me and He would provide.

Once again, I laid down the call to remain in education, but this time with sadness and a trust that God knew what He was doing. Cutting a very long story short, in July 2015 Bronwyn discovered me relief teaching Year 9 Drama at LCS and in short order I became the High School Maths and History teacher at NCS.

These last three years in Launceston have been a time of pruning for me. My life in Perth bore much fruit and, as Jesus promises in John 15, our Father cuts off the branches that bear no fruit and even those that bear fruit, He prunes that they might bear even more.

Leaving another close community behind in Perth was costly, but I now feel settled and increasingly established here in Launie. I am humbled by the incredible way God has woven my life together these last years, through the many highs and lows He has been ever present and faithful.

He has given me a passion for our school and our community. I am committed to seeing people and organisations restored and developed to become all that God has called them to be and am excited at what God has planned for us in the years to come.

I look forward to partnering with you in God's work next year and pray you would know the joy of Emmanuel, our God with us this Christmas season.

In Christ's service,

Di Hooley

What is Happening

Wednesday 13 December 2017

Gr 9/10 to Trevallyn Dam 11.00am to 3.00pm

Gr 6 Celebration Dinner Night at Olives from 6.15 to 7.30pm

Thursday 14 December 2017

Last Playgroup and Pre-Kinder session from 9.00 to 11.00am—Christmas Party—Please bring a plate to share.

Practice for Presentation Night from 11.00am to 3.00pm for students

Friday 15 December 2017

School Picnic at Lagoon Bay from 9am to 3.00pm

Monday 18 December 2017

Water Fight and Ice-cream from 1.30 to 3pm - Free dress, no thongs - appropriate footwear

Presentation Evening at Zion's Hill Church from 7.00 to 9.00pm

Today is Last Day of Term 4 2017

2018

Wednesday 24 January 2018

Office open from 9am to 3pm

Monday 29 January 2018

Office Open from 9am to 3pm

Wednesday 31 January 2018

Uniform Shop will be open from 10am to 2pm

Thursday 1 February 2018

Uniform Shop will be open from 10am to 2pm

Friday 2 February 2018

Uniform Shop will be open from 10am to 2pm

Monday 5 February 2018

Office will be CLOSED

Tuesday 6 February 2018

Office open from 1pm to 3pm

Wednesday 7 February 2018

First Day of Term 1 9am to 3pm