

# NCS Update

## From our Principal:



I am so very thankful for the amazing staff and community of Newstead Christian School. As a small school I find that we regularly 'punch above our weight' in all we offer and do. This is only possible because of the parental support, the P&F, but most of all the dedication and passion of the staff. Due to our size, each staff member invariably wears many hats. The Senior School camp last week was arranged and orchestrated by Ken Green and Jon Targett, both of whom worked hard to make the camp accessible and enjoyable for all concerned. The willingness of these two teachers, together with Mel Pearce and Craig Townsend, to leave their own families to spend three days with our students enabled the trip to be a great success. Today (Monday), Ken will turn around and do it all again as he and Susan McCormack head off on the Year 5/6 camp. Meanwhile back at the ranch, Mel Duffy, Narelle Preece, Alex Nielsen and Russell MacKenzie are working hard with others to make sure our Twilight Fair is as successful as ever. These are just some of the things that our teachers, along with other staff and volunteers, are doing, quite apart from working diligently to provide top notch learning opportunities and pastoral care for their classes. Please do keep all of the staff, and their families, in your prayers.

It is a privilege to work with such dedicated colleagues and be on this mission for God together. I trust my staff, knowing that each one works harder than expected and puts their heart and soul into all they do, they love God and they love our students. At the start of the year, I was keen to remind them of the importance of self-care, something I've had to learn for myself. Learning to eat well, exercise, make time for self, family, friends and fun are just some things that can help manage the demands and stress of any job. Nothing though is more important than making time to be with Jesus.

In our busy and demanding lives, it can be easy to forget the importance God and Jesus place on resting in Him. The world would say we need to work to earn our rest but the Bible offers a different perspective. We see this in Genesis 1 where Adam and Eve spend their first full day of existence resting with God (Gen. 2:1). They, as we, were called to work, but from a place of rest. The Bible is littered with reminders that this is the way to life in all its fullness (Jn 10:10). It is not simply referring to doing more Bible study, praying for longer or going to church more often, rather it speaks of having a heart and attitude that are at rest in Jesus.

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Psalm 127:4a –

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

## Notes to Parents:

**A friendly reminder that children can be dropped to School after 8.30am and collected before 3.30pm**

Please 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**. **Thankyou**

## Prayer:

INVITATION for all parents and teachers

When: 2.30pm every Monday

Where: Music Room

Who for: Our School Community

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and wonderful results" James 5:16

## ASSEMBLIES WILL BE WEEKLY

Thursday morning's from 9am and held in the Senior Hub.

One week a class will present the Assembly and the following Thursday is presented by our Principal, Di Hooley. A roster for classes presenting will be coming out soon.

## PARENTS PLEASE FEEL WELCOME TO ATTEND

### Ladies Morning Walk

Every Tuesday morning at 9am the ladies are meeting for a walk along the river.

Please join us if you are free. Contact Claire Scaife on 0459 392 532 for more details.



Rest takes radical trust. A trust that knows, if I don't do it...and do it now...and in the way I think it should be done...and to the standard I expect, it *will* still get done and God *will* be glorified. As a recovering perfectionist and idealist, I have learned the slow (VERY slow), hard way that the very best way I can do anything is, of course, God's way. I have had to learn to let go, let good enough be good enough, trust that God will make a way where I can't see one, and it doesn't all depend on me. Letting go has been, and is hard, but it has given me eyes to see God's miraculous hand at work in my life so much more than before. I daily see God covering my weaknesses, offering me grace, nudging me to remind me to be somewhere or do something that I may have forgotten, and to pray for people and situations as they come to mind. This is why I can dare to disconnect from technology once a week, to not answer work emails in the evening or over the weekends, to make time to cook nutritious meals when I could more easily eat chips for dinner. I've only been able to grow in this area because of wise counsellors who have led by example, responded to my cries for help with love and challenge, and journeyed with me.

My questions to us, as a community and as individuals, are: In what area of your life is God inviting you to enter more fully into His rest? How is He asking you to do that? Who can you ask to help you?

In His Service  
Di Hooley

Just a few others include Ps 127:1-2, Prov. 3:5-6, Is. 30:15, Is. 40:28-31, Matt. 30:28-30, Jn 15, Heb. 4, 1 Pet. 5:7

## Meet Rachel Hamilton...



Over the course of the next few months, we'd like to give you a chance to get to know some of the new staff, here at NCS. We'll start with our High School English and History teacher, Rachel Hamilton.

My name is Rachel Hamilton and I am privileged to serve you and your children in years 7-10 as their English and History specialist on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I have been an educator for 21 years and love teaching teens because of their honesty, and because of the challenges they bring. I am never bored and enjoy their company immensely and delight in getting them to expand their horizons both academic and personal.

Personal reading is a thing that I ask all my students to do at the start of an English lesson. Educational studies have shown that reading improves learning across the whole curriculum so please encourage your child to read widely at home and prioritise this as an activity.

When I am not at NCS, I am a mum to 3 children and support my husband Martin in his role as a local GP. We are members of "Door Of Hope" and I have helped in the parenting team and been a co presenter at parenting events particularly aimed at teens. And of course I am an avid reader and dabble in creative writing myself!

I thank God for placing me here at NCS and look forward to getting to know more of you as time goes on.



Thank you for bringing in Sports for Schools vouchers. Keep them coming! They can be placed in the box in the Reception area in the Office.

# What is Happening in month

## **Monday 5—Wed 7 March 2018**

Gr 5/6 Camp to Camp Banksia

## **Monday 7 March 2018**

Gr 9/10 Swimming at Aquatic Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm

## **Thursday 8 March 2018**

Assembly 9am to 9.30am

Gr 7/8 Swimming at Aquatic Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm

## **Friday 9 March 2018**

Gr 9/10 Quamby Walk

## **Monday 12 March 2018**

Public Holiday

## **Tuesday 13th March 2018**

Glover Exhibition 9am-12pm

Gr7/10 Immunisations 12:30pm

## **Wednesday 14 March 2018**

Swim Squad at Aquatic Centre from 7am-8am

Gr 9/10 Swimming at Aquatic Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm

## **Thursday 15 March 2018**

Assembly 9am to 9.30am

Gr 7/8 Swimming at Aquatic Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm

## **Friday 16 March 2018**

Surf Day 9am-2:30pm

Twilight Fair 5pm-8pm

# What is Happening this month

## **Wednesday 21 March 2018**

Swim Squad at Aquatic Centre from 7am-8am

Gr 9/10 Swimming at Aquatic Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm

## **Thursday 22 March 2018**

Assembly 9am to 9.30am

Gr 7/8 Swimming at Aquatic Centre from 1.30pm to 3pm

## **Thursday 29 March 2018**

Assembly 9am to 9.30am

Gr 7/8 Tennis

## **Friday 30 March—3 April 2018**

Easter Break

Please note: Classes will resume on Wednesday 4th April.

(There is a misprint in the school diary)

Reminder winter uniforms are to be worn.

**SCHOOL FAIR 16 March from 5pm**

The count down is on!

The fair is going to be bigger and better. This year's fair will have something for everyone. Here are some examples: Food, drinks, COFFEE, Devonshire tea, mini market, jumping castle, laser tag, snakes, macaw parrots, a tricks pony, mini Jeeps, buskers and so much more.

Mark it on your calendar, tell your friends and if you would like to be involved please contact Mel Duffy on 0423157991. Text is fine.

We have lots of volunteer roles available. We are also seeking sponsorship or donations for prizes on the evening. Any help will be greatly appreciated!

[Blessings from the P&F team](#)