

NCS Update



Information from the Principal:

It's so good to be back at work and in good health. I moved into my office three weeks ago and yesterday was the first day I got to actually utilize my new surroundings. I am extremely thankful for such a beautiful space to work in and to not 'share' with all the other admin staff. Thanks to Miss Hooley's class for giving up their classroom for a term and a half so we could have a temporary office space. Also, a big thanks to everyone that prayed, for Mr. Targett capably stepping into the role as Acting Principal in my absence, for Rachel Hamilton, our relief teacher for some of Mr. T's lessons, for the staff that continued to go above and beyond during this very busy report writing time and for all the students who kept on being their awesome selves. I heard the last assembly was amazing and was very sorry I missed it. There is much to give God thanks for.



Today we have a visit from the School Registration Board and on Thursday, the CEO of Christian Education National, Mrs. Michelle Dempsey is also paying us a visit.

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Psalm 127:4a -

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

Note 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!*

It's a big week with swimming, school excursions and preparing for parent/teacher interviews next Monday and Tuesday. There is never a dull moment at NCS. I trust the upcoming holidays will be a time of refreshing and recharging for staff and students. I know I will be taking Mrs. Mace's advice by doing a 'screen detox' (next page), going for walks and catching up with family.

See you in Term 3. Remember, that most of the staff will be in Hobart for a State CEN Conference on Monday and Tuesday the 24th/25th July and school will resume for students on WEDNESDAY 26th July.

Pre-Kinder 2017:

Pre-Kinder (this is for children who will be going into Kindergarten in 2018) will run every Thursday from 9am to 11am. It will be run by Jo Green, Kindergarten TA.

Parents are asked to stay with their child throughout the session and engage with their child in the various activities set up around the room. There will be a story time and singing, plus children will need to bring some morning tea and a water bottle.

Thankyou



Duty of Care

Please remember that we have a teacher on Duty to care for your children between 8:30 - 9am and 3 - 3:30pm each day. Should your child/ren arrive at school early, please note that NCS does not have duty of care over students prior to 8.30am.

Principal's Days:

**Mrs Eastley currently is available
Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 4pm**

Business Manager's Days:

**Mr Lambie is available
Mon, Tues & Fri 9am - 3:00pm**

**Please make an appointment if needing
to see the Principal or Business Manager
Phone the Office on - 6331 1922**

Tuesdays:

Uniform Shop is open from 9am to 2pm

A Word from Karen About Screen Time:

Social and Emotional Development

It's particularly worrying that evidence is mounting that when we use screens to calm our children or to keep them amused, their empathetic abilities – the near instinctive way you and I can read situations and get a feel for people – will be dulled, possibly for good. When they miss out on valuable face-to-face time with you, they also miss out on moment-by-moment interactions that teach them how to engage, connect, respond, and be attuned to emotions of others, and manage socially.

Below is a link to an interesting article that explains the dangers of too much screen time, including how the recent research is pointing to screen time being addictive – affecting the brain in the same way cocaine addiction does!

<http://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/warnings-about-the-dangers-of-excessive-screen-time-on-children-s-brains-development-1.3289309>

So, enjoy the holidays, and by all means let the kids have fun with their electronic devices. Some of you may already have this in hand – well done if you have! For others though, maybe use this time as an opportunity to have a look at how much time your child is spending in front of a screen. If it's too much, perhaps you could start setting some boundaries such as designating specific places and times when they won't have access to their devices. And, if they don't yet power down at meal times, and are taking their device into the bedroom, now might be a good time to change that!

At NCS we want to see our kids grow and develop into the people God has created them to be. For that to happen they need time with those who can model what its like to know and love God much more than they need to spend hours interacting with an electronic device.

If you would like to chat with me about the above, or anything else, please contact me so we can make a time.

Happy holidays!

Karen

What is Happening in the next Fortnight?

TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2017

Gr 3-6 Swimming @ Grammar Pool from 9am to 12pm

WEDNESDAY 28 JUNE 2017

School Banking in the Junior Hub with Nicole Day from 9am

Gr 3-6 Swimming @ Grammar Pool from 9am to 12pm

Gr 9-10 Soccer/Netball Interschool Sport (around Launceston) from 12.30pm to 3.00pm

THURSDAY 29 JUNE 2017

Gr 3-6 Swimming @ Grammar Pool from 9am to 12pm

Playgroup-Pre-Kinder in Kinder/Prep Room from 9.00am to 11.00am

Gr 9/10 Animal Farm Play Performance @ Tram Sheds from 10.45am to 1.30pm

Gr 7-8 Soccer/Netball Interschool Sport (around Launceston) from 12.30pm to 3.00pm

FRIDAY 30 JUNE 2017

Grs 3-10 Cross Country Carnival with Geneva Christian School @ Latrobe from 9am to 3pm

What is Happening in the next Fortnight? (cont)

MONDAY 3 JULY 2017

Assembly 9 - 9:30am (Gr 7/8)

Gr 3-6 Swimming @ Grammar Pool from 9am to 12pm

Parent Teacher Interviews from 3pm to 7pm

TUESDAY 4 JULY

Gr 3-6 Swimming @ Grammar Pool from 9am to 12pm

Parent Teacher Interviews from 3pm to 7pm

WEDNESDAY 5 JULY

School Banking in the Junior Hub with Nicole Day from 9am

Gr 9/10 Soccer/Netball Interschool Sport over Launceston from 12.30pm to 3.00pm

THURSDAY 6 JULY

Playgroup-Pre-Kinder in Kinder/Prep Room from 9.00am to 11.00am

Gr 7-8 Soccer/Netball Interschool Sport (around Launceston) from 12.30pm to 3.00pm

FRIDAY 7 JULY

Gr 9/10 Outdoor Ed—Zig zag track @ Duck Reach from 11.30am to 3.00pm

Last Day Term 2 for staff and students 9am to 3.00pm

HOLIDAYS

WEDNESDAY 26 JULY

First day of Term 3 for staff and students 9am to 3pm

Gr 9/10 Soccer/Netball interschool sport over Launceston from 12.30pm to 3.00pm

THURSDAY 27 JULY

Playgroup-Pre-Kinder in Kinder/Prep Room from 9.00am to 11.00am

Gr 7-8 Soccer/Netball Interschool Sport (around Launceston) from 12.30pm to 3.00pm

MONDAY 31 JULY

Assembly 9 - 9:30am (Principal)