

NCS Update



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From the Principal:

Life has been a bit hectic that I have missed the opportunity to write in our school newsletter in the last few weeks but there have been a couple of big announcements and I wanted to make sure that I communicated on a more personal level with the school community; hence the late edition of our newsletter.

Firstly, let me officially congratulate Ms. Di Hooley on the appointment of Principal of Newstead Christian School and Mr. Jon Targett as Assistant Principal. Di has been at NCS approximately two and a half years and prior to coming to Tasmania, was in key leadership roles in Western Australia and the UK. Jon has already been Acting Principal in my absence this year and both will be a formidable team, alongside our Business Manager, Mr. Jim Lambie, to steer NCS into the next season.

Retirement is a word that does not aptly describe the next phase of my life. I won't be ruling out the possibility of future work opportunities in Education but am planning to have a break and focus on some other goals in 2018 – my craft business, completing a children's book, travelling to Florida and Hawaii and being willing and available to explore new opportunities that God brings along. I will be able to spend time with the students as a relief teacher and guide Di through the transition stage to Principal. I want to thank the school community for their love and support over the last 14 years – 10 as a classroom teacher (six as Head of Primary) and the last four as Principal. What a journey we have been on transitioning from CCA into NCS and what an absolute privilege for me to be given the opportunity to 'steer the ship through the storms as well as the calm seas'. God is good!

On a Sad Note – Please keep the Duncan family in your prayers. Anne Duncan, our Learning Support Teacher, along with her husband Craig and daughter, Amanda, recently lost their precious, eldest daughter/sister, Zoe, aged 28. Zoe had battled several illnesses over her short life and died unexpectedly in the early hours of last Monday morning. Her celebration service was held at the Tail Race two days ago and it was a beautiful tribute to such a courageous young woman of whom I had the privilege to know and love when Anne and I were work colleagues at West Launceston and shared the 'after school care arrangements' for our children.

As the year draws to an end, there are many events happening and there is much to celebrate. Make sure you check the calendar updates and transfer them on to your calendar at home.

In His Service,

Mrs. Bronwyn Eastley

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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!*

When your child/ren are late or you are taking them out of School for an appointment or a personal reason, please remember to come to the Office to sign them In or Out.

Thank you!

Upcoming Dates for 2017

Friday, 15th December - School Picnic @ Lagoon Bay 9am to 3pm

Monday, 18th December - Last Day of School and Presentation Night 7pm

Principal's Days:

Mrs Eastley currently is available

Monday - Thursday 11.30am - 4.00pm

Business Manager's Days:

Mon, Tues & Fri 9am - 3:00pm

School Mobile:

0466 108 298

Tuesdays:

Uniform Shop is open from 9am to 2:30pm

A Note Regarding Uniforms :

Just a reminder to students to come dressed in their appropriate uniform/s as we draw closer to the end of the year. I have been concerned about the tardiness and relaxed attitude of some students in regards to their wearing of the correct attire. For our everyday uniform (not sport), sandshoes and other flat, canvas style shoes are not acceptable. Black leather or vinyl lace ups (or T Bar for girls) should be worn, grey socks for boys, white for girls (not sport), grey shorts for boys (no cargo style pockets), preferably the school hats with the logos should be worn (too many baseball caps are making an appearance) and boys ... don't forget your tie!

In regards to the sports uniforms, students should wear proper runners/sandshoes that offer good support (not flat canvas) – white or black sport socks should be worn. Newstead Christian School has a uniform that we are proud of so let's make sure that the students represent us well by wearing the correct attire. For those that are hanging out for a new purchase of shoes etc. next year, would parents please provide a note explaining the situation your child's classroom teacher.

Lastly, a reminder that the NEW GIRL'S SUMMER UNIFORM is scheduled to arrive in time for Uniform Sales prior to the commencement of Term 1. The style is the same as the current one with the white peaked collar and sleeve cuffs, but the colours have changed to eliminate the last of the bottle green! – charcoal grey, red, white and black.



Some Information for you :

Thank you for a great year of School Banking.

We would like to thank all of our students who have participated in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program this year.

Our final School Banking day for 2017 will be Wednesday the 15th of December. If your child is eligible to order a reward item please ensure that they have nominated their chosen reward and returned prior to Wednesday the 8th of December. Any tokens that have not been redeemed this year can be used in 2018.



Kids Giving Project

Purchase a heart and help provide another child a gift who would otherwise go without this Christmas.

Share your finished product on Instagram [#openyourheart](#)

PLEASE NOTE: Kit does not include needle or glue

The best thing to open this Christmas **is your heart.**



Dear All,

In conjunction with City Mission's Christmas Appeal, this week the organisation is launching its new Kids Giving Project. [The aim of the project is to inspire kids to help each other and realise the greatest gift of all can be in giving to someone else.](#)

Through the project, children will have the opportunity to purchase a Christmas Heart decoration kit for \$5 with all funds going towards providing a gift for another child who would otherwise go without on Christmas Day. The heart theme coincides with City Mission's Christmas Appeal message, 'The best thing to open this Christmas is your heart'.

Our Kids Giving Project is another way kids can get involved in helping those less fortunate in their own community. Once children have finished their decoration, they can hang it from their Christmas Tree as a reminder they've helped make a difference to another child's Christmas. We hope this may become a tradition for some families with the kits featuring a different theme each year.

Production of the kits has been a collaboration between City Mission staff, the Launceston iSEE Church and Morton's Place clients and they will be available from City Mission Shops throughout the North and North West of Tasmania from Wednesday 22nd November.

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!



Parents & Friends Assoc. - Mrs Mel Duffy:

As the 2017 school year draws to a close, I am thrilled to look back on such a productive year for the Parents and Friends Association and all their achievements.

Though small in numbers, this team never fails to link arms and make things happen. This year we have hosted the School Fair, Mothers Day stall, Fathers Day breakfast, athletics carnival barbecue and have assisted with other events such as Grand Parents day, End of Year Barbecue and we will also help out at this years Presentation Evening.

Not only have we worked to build community within the school, we have also raised much needed funds that have assisted in building the lovely front fence, purchasing the junior hub fridge and new home readers.

This team is a delight to be apart of and I encourage any parents interested in joining to chat to us and ask how you can be involved.

The P & F would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has supported us or any of our events throughout 2017. We appreciate your help and encouragement.

We especially want to thank Bronwyn for her ongoing support and for taking hold of the vision for the P & F at NCS and initiating it. We will miss you dearly and we wish you well as you begin your next chapter.

The Parents and Friends team wish everyone a blessed Christmas and we pray that everyone stays safe and well over the holidays period.

We look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

What is Happening in the next Fortnight?

Thursday 30 November

Uniform Shop Open Thursday 8.30am to 3.30pm

Playgroup-Pre Kinder 9am to 11am

Gr 7/8 Outdoor Ed Taster Surfing at West Head from 9am to 3pm

Gr 10 Leaver's Dinner (+Gr 9) Riverside Golf Club from 6pm to 9pm

Friday 1 December 2017

Senior's Futsal Game against John Calvin School @ Elphin Sports Centre 12pm to 3pm

School Celebration BBQ from 5pm to 8pm

Monday 4 December 2017

Gr 3-6 Kim Roe Dance at the Princess Theatre from 10.30am to 1pm

Tuesday 5 December 2017

Gr 3-4 Surprise trip to Laser Tag. 1.15pm to 3.00pm

Wednesday 6 December 2017

Gr 9/10 Bear Grylls Camp @ Port Sorell from 9am **returning Friday 8 December 3pm**

Thursday 7 December 2017

Playgroup-Pre Kinder 9am to 11am

Friday 8 December 2017

Gr 9/10 returning from Bear Grylls Camp at 3pm

Monday 11 December 2017

Assembly (Gr 3/4) 9.00am to 9.30am

Water Fight and Icecream from 1.30pm to 3pm

Tuesday 2017 12 December 2017

Gr 6-8 Trevallyn Dam from 11am to 3pm

Dates to remember for 2018

Uniform Shop Open: 31st Jan., 1st & 2nd Feb - **10am-2pm**

Admin Office Closed: All of Mon. 5th Feb & Tues. 6th Feb until 1pm

We re-open Tues., 6 Feb 1pm - 3.30pm

Business Manager - James Lambie:

'Bring Your Own Device' Program Device Specification 2018



All devices must meet all of the following requirements:

Form Factor Laptop, tablet device with keyboard or convertible device, iPad Pro (with keyboard)
A tablet device (eg Microsoft Surface Pro) must have a physical keyboard attachment with separate keys for A – Z and 0 – 9 and which physically move when depressed.
Physical Dimensions Minimum Screen Size: 11.1"
Maximum Screen Size: 15.6"
Operating System No LESS than Microsoft Windows 7.
No LESS than Apple MacOS X 10.
Wireless Compatibility Device must have 5GHz 802.11n or 2.5GHz 802.11ab support
Battery Life Advertised battery life of at least six hours

Please take special note of the Wireless Compatibility requirements. This is the most difficult requirement to verify yourself for Windows laptops. If you are unsure, consider purchasing a recommended device.

Additional Considerations:

The following are not requirements of the Bring Your Own Device program, but are considerations which you should direct your attention to:

Recommendations Maximum weight: 2kg
Minimum RAM (laptops): 4GB
Disk configuration (laptops): Solid State disk (SSD)
Considerations Accidental loss and breakage insurance

Software Specifications:

Additionally, the device must meet all of the following functional requirements pertaining to software:

Web browser At least Google Chrome
Additional Software Word Processor, Spreadsheet (A free Office 365 is available with Microsoft registration using your child's school email).
Security Software All laptops (Windows and Mac OS) should run an up to date virus/malware software

Possible outlets for laptop purchases are:

- Harvey Norman,
- Proprietary online (eg Dell, MacShop),
- Carbill Computers (they offer refurbished devices),
- Jessup's Computers (they offer refurbished devices),
- Another Computer Store,
- PCZ4U,
- Office Works,
- MacShop (they offer discounts for students, you will need a school email),
- JB HiFi store or BYOD Portal www.jbeducation.com.au/byod and using out school code NEWSCS2018

Please regard your purchase as an investment and the better computer you can purchase the better your child's experience and the longer it will last.

The school can help you purchase a laptop with a payment plan – please ask if you have any questions.