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NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School

"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior."

Psalm 127:4



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*"Thus far the Lord has helped us."
1 Samuel 7:12*

If you were to visit my home, you might notice a few piles of pebbles around the place. You would be forgiven for thinking I love the beach or just liked the aesthetic of piles of stones. Both of those things are true; however, these seemingly innocuous piles of rocks hold a more significant meaning. These stones are my Ebenezers, my 'stones of help'. These stones are tangible reminders of just some of the challenges and difficulties that God has brought me through, each one reminding me of a different situation.

An Ebenezer is mentioned in 1 Samuel 7:12. God had led the Israelites to victory against the Philistines and in remembrance of this, Samuel erected a large stone declaring, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." However, this is not the first or only time stones were set up to remind individuals and nations of God's faithfulness.

In Genesis 28:10 – 22, Jacob has a powerful vision of God while sleeping in which God speaks to him saying, "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." In this place, Bethel, meaning 'House of God', Jacob established a pillar to remind him and those who came after him what God had done in this place.

In Joshua 4:1-8, God commands the Israelites to cross the River Jordan, instructing 12 men, one from each tribe, to gather a boulder from the riverbed. These stones are then set up in the Promised Land in a place called Gilgal as a reminder of God's love, faithfulness and miraculous provision. Verses 6 – 7 read:

'In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.'"

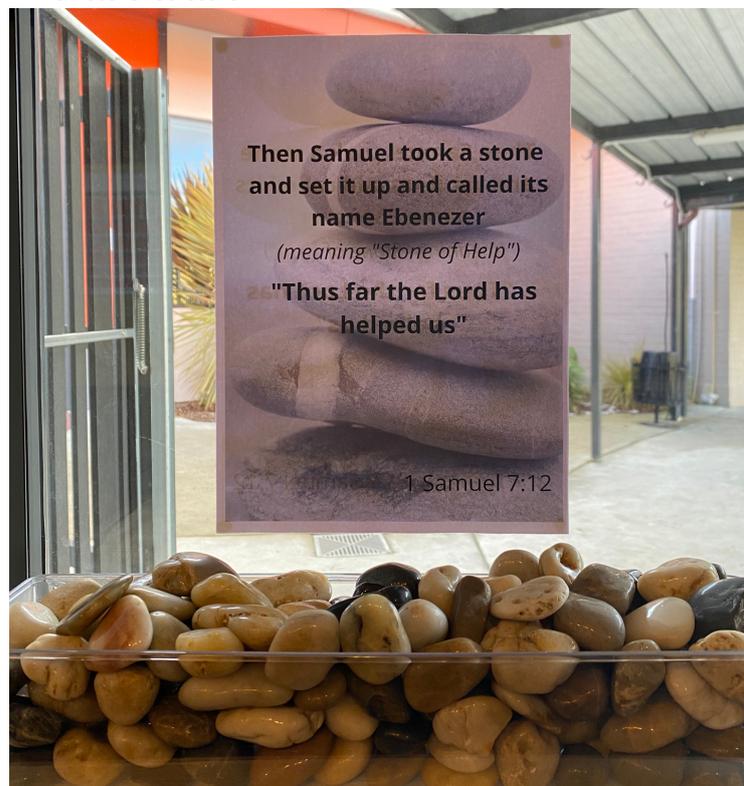
Last week was the first opportunity in a long while to gather face-to-face for a school assembly. Whilst we have made the most of Zoom assemblies and are grateful that they have given parents and grandparents around Australia a chance to join in, nothing beats gathering together in the same room and worshipping God together.

We know it is God who has brought us this far, kept us safe and enabled us to meet again in such a way and we are thankful. To commemorate this special assembly, we have created our own 'Ebenezer' with each student and member of staff placing a rock in a pile as a reminder that God has been our helper thus far and He has not brought us this far to leave us. These rocks are now in the school office, reminding us of the faithfulness of God. You may like to add your own rock, feel free, or even start your own Ebenezer at home.

We remain mindful that just across the Bass Strait our CEN partner school communities are once again facing the challenges of distance learning. Please keep them in your prayers, even as we give thanks that we are not in that situation.

In His Service

Di Hooley
Principal



Merit Certificates and Principal's Morning Tea

Principal's Merit Certificates:

Micah Green - displaying a caring, servant-heart in shovelling snow at school this morning.

Isla Nugteren - displaying patience, kindness and self-control

Miriam Ochs - for leadership, initiative and servant-heart

Year 9/10

Zara Daniel - Excellence in Math

Harry Wise - Most Improved Mathematician

Year 7/8

Samuel Barns - Great Class Contributor

Samuel Barns - Excellence in Creative Writing

Joshua Green - Excellence in Creative Writing

Lilyelle Leedham - Working hard to get better at Math

Hudson Ochs - Excellence in Creative Writing

Pierra Scaife - Excellence in Creative Writing

Ezra Smith - Excellence in Creative Writing

Year 5/6

William Brinker

Josie Stott

Year 3/4

Judah Barker - for his positive attitude to learning and excellent holiday writing

Sophie Roy - for her positive attitude to all areas of her learning and for being a kind and caring friend



Fun Run

Congratulations to **Pine** for taking out first place, followed by Birch and Tudor.
Well done to all involved and to Mrs Nugteren for organising a great day!

Name	1 st place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Kinder: Girl	Taya Kamphuis	Audrina Farrell	River Hamilton	Saige Barker
Boy	Archie Dargan	Adriel Biamungu	Sean Rix	
Prep; Girl	Abigail Sheppard 7.03	Olivia Healey 7.56	Isla Nugteren	Charlotte Pickersgill
Boy	Ewan Welsh			
1; Girl	Arabella Farrell 11.22	Grace Beams	Cailtyn Stott	Sophia Welsh
Boy	Kingston Haberle 11.2	Keelan Hamilton 11.35	Reuben Kamphuis 11.46	William Pickersgill 12.16
2; Girl	Esther Coates 11.58	Maddy Shultz 13.00	Elodie Barnes 13.32	Febe Brinker 15.00
Boy	Micah Healey 13.00	Reuben Barnes		
3; Girl	Stephanie Stott 18.42	Sophie Roy 21.12	Grace Wells 21.48	Amy Murray
Boy	Judah Barker 14.28	Jayden Kamphuis 16.52	Ruben Ochs 19.40	Ethan Smith 22.6
4; Girl	Annica Scaife 16.13	Frankie Haberle 20.20	Amy-Rose Aldred 20.10	Summer- Rose Schultz 23.11
Boy	Liam Welsh 14.30	Caleb Coates		
5; Girl	Miriam Ochs 21.9	Anna Rix 27.33	Eden Barker 29.32	
Boy	Nathan Lokoli Henriquet 19.55	William Brinker		
6; Girl	Josie Stott 23.20	Nina Roy 26.30	Zara Smith 26.30	Ebony Aldred 29.20
Boy	Hosea Scaife 16.32	Zac Holton 23.1	Josh Burgess 23.02	Micah Green 23.15
7; Girl	De Celina Koutsika 23.57	Lilyelle Leedham 27.18	Tailah MacKenzie	
Boy	Ezra Smith 24.13	Hudson Ochs 24.34	Henry Barnes 26.31	Kasper Bough 28.02
8; Girl	Talissa Mujinga 29.31	Stella Daniels 29.33	Georgia Leedham 30.28	Pierra Scaife 37.40
Boy	Liam Shaw 22.07	Samuel Barns 23.37	Ethan Morrison 24	Joshua Green 24.30
9; Boy	Josiah Smith 30.52	Samuel Burgess 33.21	Blade Hamilton 35.24	Jacob Sheppard 35.31
10; Girl	Zara Daniels 35.50			
Boy	Harry Wise 24.16	Jake Sinclair 30.19	Aki Peiris 35.22	Tia Tonihi 35.29

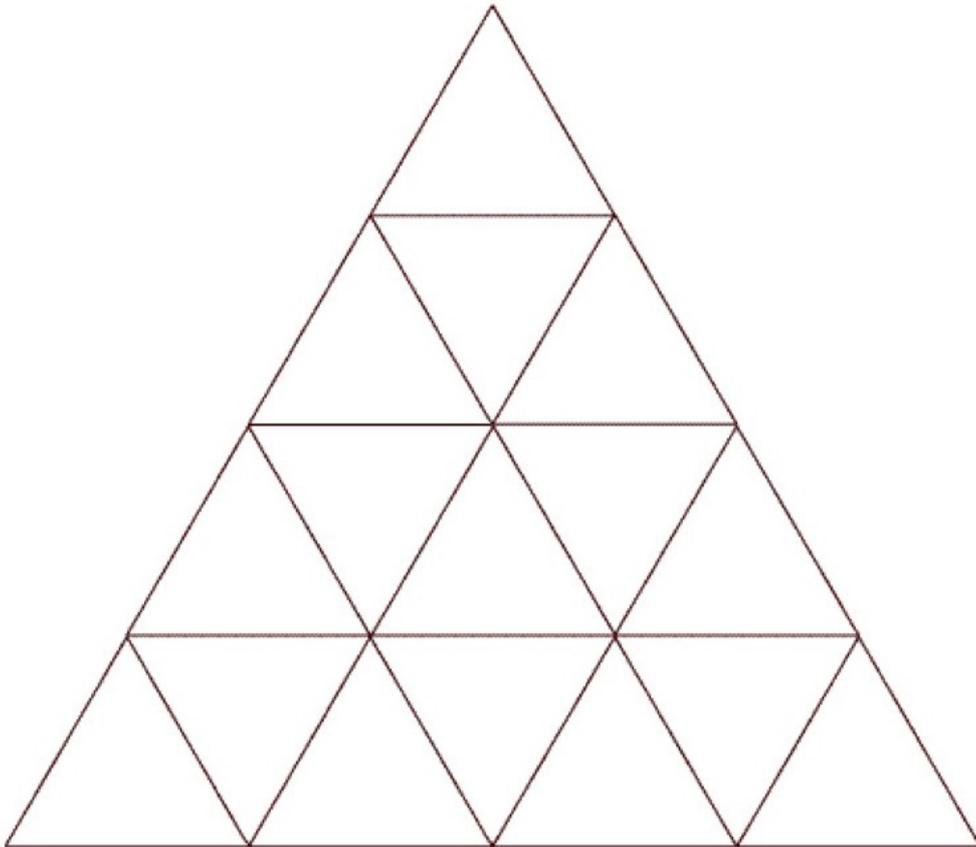


August Math Challenge

1st Challenge is to work out how many triangles are hiding in this picture below.

2nd Challenge is to *create your own picture* with triangles hiding in it. How many triangles can you hide? Can you fool Mr MacKenzie?

How Many Triangles 1



https://www.transum.org/Software/SW/Starter_of_the_day/starter_September23.asp

What's happening in the English and History department?

So students are back to learning how to become great writers and communicators this term. As part of our culminating assignment on the excellent Morris Gleitzman novel *Boy Overboard*, which focuses on the plight of a family fleeing Afghanistan and ultimately becoming refugees; the 7/8 class were asked to write their own additional chapter of the novel.

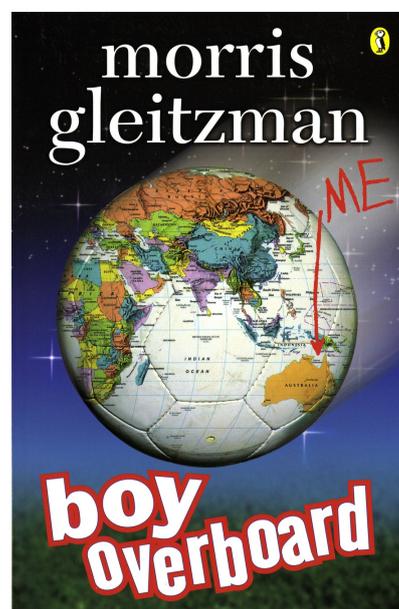
This could be inserted at any pivotal point in the narrative but they had to demonstrate a similarity of his authorial style including characterisation and make reference to previous events. I have enjoyed reading them very much, however special mention must be made of the following students who showed quality writing in terms of tight specific focus on an event, excellent vocabulary and use of descriptive language.

They are:

Pierra Scaife, Ezra Smith, Samuel Barns, Hudson Ochs and Joshua Green. Students were presented with a Merit Certificate recognising this at a recent assembly.

Mrs. Hamilton English and History Teacher

Ezra Smith's additional chapter is on the following page, I encourage you to have a read. On the skoolbag Newsletter you can also have a read of Joshua Green, Pierra Scaife and Hudson Ochs additional chapters.



Boy Overboard Additional Chapter

by Ezra Smith

Our boat is creaking and screaming against the mountain of waves. It feels like the waves are toying with our small boat in a desert of water.

Bibi and I huddled together, keeping each other warm. Kids and even adults are screaming. We are all below deck so we don't get wet and so one of us doesn't go overboard. The sailors give us some cold soup, I assume this is because they can't get the fire started. But even they look worried and unsure. My hip hurts so much, and Bibi is still muttering about how the pirates took our only bucket with all the valuables.

"Why are we here?" asks Bibi.

The waves are getting bigger and more violent, spilling my soup everywhere. Suddenly everyone towards the back of the boat starts panicking more. I wonder why? Then it hits me. The hum of the generator has stopped. This is what was keeping the water out. Water starts gushing in and everyone is screaming.

"Our boat is sinking".

Hurriedly, the sailors send us all to the top deck guiding us towards a small scruffy boat that was hanging on the side of our big main boat. I don't hesitate, and Bibi and I jump in it but then suddenly regret our decision. This small boat will be dwarfed by the mountains of waves. If we are in this, we don't even have a chance because the waves will swallow us up. The sailors know this, changing their decision and guiding us all back below deck .

Quickly we all go below deck and start scooping the frantically flowing water away from the generator. If we are to have any chance of surviving, it's with this generator. Frantically we get our soup cans and start scooping our lungs out. This slows the water down, but not for long. We are tired, my head hurts, and it feels like there is a hurricane in there. People start cheering, then I hear the beloved hum of the generator a wave of relief hits me. Water is still coming in but the generator is keeping up and getting it out as fast as the water coming in. We're safe, but I don't know for how long.

Exciting News: Pre Kinder sessions will commence in the classroom from 6th August

Pre-Kinder sessions will commence at **9am** finishing at **11am**. The sessions will be run by the Kindergarten Teacher - Narelle Preece and will be held in the Kindergarten room every Thursday morning during school terms until the end of the year.

Parents/guardians are required to accompany their child throughout the session engaging with them in the various activities set up around the room. Children are welcome to bring some morning tea and a water bottle.

A time will be provided towards the end of each session for them to sit and chat with their newfound friends whilst they enjoy their morning tea.

Pre-Kinder sessions provide a great opportunity to familiarise the children with Kindergarten. It also provides an opportunity for the children and the Kindergarten teacher and Teacher's assistant to connect and get to know each other with the hope of making a smoother transition into school next year.

Jo and I are looking forward to getting to know the next year of Kindergarten students and their families.

Narelle Preece
Kindergarten teacher



L.A.P. is returning

An Invitation to all, from Nancyann Walters on behalf of the students and staff of Newstead Christian School. To be involved in the...

Learning Assistance Program

What is L.A.P.

LAP is a student-centred and volunteer-based mentoring programme designed to assist schools to implement one-to-one learning that supports, guides and enriches the wellbeing and learning outcomes of their students from Kindergarten–Year 10.

It focuses on the wellbeing, academic, social and emotional needs of students through the powerful and positive contribution of mentors.

L.A.P. assists schools to:

- Develop positive relationships between students/mentors in a safe, one-to-one environment
- Build confidence and self-esteem in students
- Support the successful learning of students
- Promote, encourage and value parent/caregiver and community commitment and participation
- Foster and strengthen parent/caregiver and teacher relationships to benefit students
- Create a genuine, supportive and positive school community
- Provides a mission field for those that have been called to be Spiritual parents.

We at Newstead Christian School aspire to enabling all students to develop resilience and wellbeing through positive mentoring.

Like arrows in the hands of a warrior Ps 127:4.

A call for volunteers

If you or a family member are interested in learning more about being involved in this program please e-mail me (Nancyann) at nancyann.walters@ncs.tas.edu.au

I will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss the process and expectations.

Teachers will be considering students that would benefit from this mentoring and outline the possible area for mentor involvement.

Nancyann Walters
Learning Support Co-ordinator
Newstead Christian School



Snow Day 5th August



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Attendance

Is your child feeling sick? Please keep them home.

Let the office know if your child/ren will be off school due to illness or another reason. You can do this by using the Skoolbag app, emailing, texting or calling the school before 9:30am. Thank you.

office @ncs.tas.edu.au / 0466 108 298 / 6331 1922

Senior students who arrive after 9 am
&

junior students who arrive after 9:10 am need to be signed in at the office.

To join our NCS prayer group,
send a text to **0491 129 230**
with the words, *sign me up*.

Prayer requests will go out on
Tuesday afternoon or as needed.

This is a 'broadcast only' group,
so you will not be able to respond
to the whole group.



NCSPrayer
@Whatsapp

2020 Missed School Immunisations

For any students that have missed their immunisations earlier in the year when Council visited the school, you are able to catch up any that are now due at the weekly Wednesday Immunisation clinic which has now been moved back to Town Hall as of 1st July 2020. (Temporarily held at Tram Sheds and is stated on correspondence sent home). There is now a booking system in place to help comply with the Covid19 social distancing rules.

<https://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/Community/Children-and-Families#section-2>

On any given day, thousands of children across Australia need a foster carer.

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**THANK
YOU!**

Thank you to all the parents who attended parent-teacher interviews. It is always good to be able to sit down face-to-face to discuss students. It was also wonderful to have parents back in the school.

Diary Dates

Monday 10th August

Grade 3-6 Hagley Farm Visit

Friday 14th August

Grade 9/10 ODE Snow Trip

Grade 5/6 Sport

Tuesday 18th August

Grade 7-10 Futsal Tournament at Elphin Sports Centre

Thursday 20th August

Grades 3-6 Futsal Tournament at Elphin Sports Centre

Friday 21st August

Grade 9/10 ODE Snow Trip

Grade 5/6 Sport

Friday 28th August

Grade 5/6 Sport

