

NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School

May the God of **HOPE** fill you with all
JOY and **PEACE**

Roman 15v13

Do you ever have that experience where everywhere you turn, God seems to be saying the same thing to you, over and over again? The medium may be different, the tone and the voice too, but the message and the messenger are the same. Or is it just me?

In recent times, God has been getting my attention on the matter of peace and trust and how these relate to Him. I was already feeling challenged about this (more on that later) when the sermon at church last week was about refusing to worry and instead, choosing to trust in God and rest in His peace. The message was that our enemy wants us to do things in our own strength and 'wisdom' yet true peace and wisdom require us to trust God, in all things at all times. Then my devotional this morning focussed on knowing where my hope lies, is it in the riches of this world? Or in my ability to get things done? What am I beholding and worshipping? It offered a caution to beware that I am in danger of becoming whatever I behold and worship.

I mention that I was already feeling challenged by this, deeply, and rightly so. A dear friend in the UK recently went home to be with Jesus. Thanks to COVID and Zoom, I was able to live stream the Thanksgiving Service from my living room and join in the tears and laughter as we celebrated a well-lived life cut short by cancer. Testimony upon testimony spoke of my friend's ability to love others, no matter who they were, of her creativity, and her passion to help others come to know and follow Jesus. Perhaps most challenging was the description from the pastor of his visits to her in the hospice. He spoke of how he and his wife would visit Lucy and of the peace that pervaded the room. He described it as 'a thin place', a Celtic Christian term for those rare places where the distance between heaven and earth collapses.

In the face of her toughest battle, Lucy had come to a place where she trusted in God and found peace and hope. Not only this, she allowed it to saturate the atmosphere around her so that others could also experience it. She delighted to take communion, wanting to eat and drink it all up in the presence of her enemy, death. In her final months, Lucy wrote a poem, reflecting on the invitation to trust in Jesus, in each and every situation. This poem challenges, invites and comforts me in equal measure and is printed below, I pray it will do the same for you.

Yours in the wrestle.

Di Hooley

Principal

Lean In

by Lucy Buckley

In the middle of the storm
Lean in.

I'm coming on the water
Walking on the stormy sea
Lean in and walk with me.

In the face of mountains
Lean in.

I am coming leaping across the mountains,
Bounding over the hills.

Lean in and dance with me.
In the presence of your enemies
Lean in.

I have prepared a table before you,
Right in front of your enemies.
Lean in and feast with me.

I am
Your peace
Your hope
Your joy
Your King

Lean in, affix your eyes
Walk, dance, feast and sing!

Merit Certificates



Prep Class

- Sean Rix for demonstrating an increasing confidence when facing new challenges in his learning with a positive attitude.
- Saige Barker for being reflective and continually taking feedback on board to improve in all areas of her learning.

3/4 Class

- Lilly Percy for her amazing work on contractions
- Ethan Smith for his amazing work on contractions
- Olivia Pearce for showing inclusion and resilience in group activities
- Sophia Welsh for her outstanding achievements and ability in Spelling
- Esther Coates for showing confidence in our Maths Unit on time.
- Ethan Smith

Certificate for most nights of Home reading for Term 2 for Grade 4

- Izzie Peet

Certificate for most nights of Home Reading for term 2 for Grade 3

5/6 Class

- Harmony Duffy for listening carefully and respectfully to instruction and making the adjustments accordingly.
- Nathan Lokoli for his improved leadership and confidence in Daily P.E. tasks



Dimensions Enterprise Business

Dear Community,

We are the Dimensions Enterprise Business.

Our key goals for the business are:

- To have fun and learn how an Auction Business may operate.
- To raise funds for the school.
- To raise community awareness of who we are and what we are able to achieve.
- To be the hands and feet of Christ.

We are operating our auction on the 16th of September from 5.30 pm -9.00 pm in the Senior Hub at Newstead Christian School.

We are asking for your support.

- Donations of creative works by the artist and craftspeople in our school community or the wider community.
- Donations of quality equipment or unwanted household items.
- Donation of business vouchers from businesses within and outside of our school community. If you would like to visit businesses in your area please contact us for the introductory letter and some business cards.
- We are accessing the Newstead businesses and some businesses in the city that have supported us in the past.



Could all donations be delivered to Newstead Christian School before the **24th of August?**

Deliveries will be accepted by Mrs Madden, who will then notify us.

If you have a business card please enclose it with your donation or write the donor's name on the donation.

We would like to acknowledge and thank all those who are involved in our business adventure.



Thank you for your support

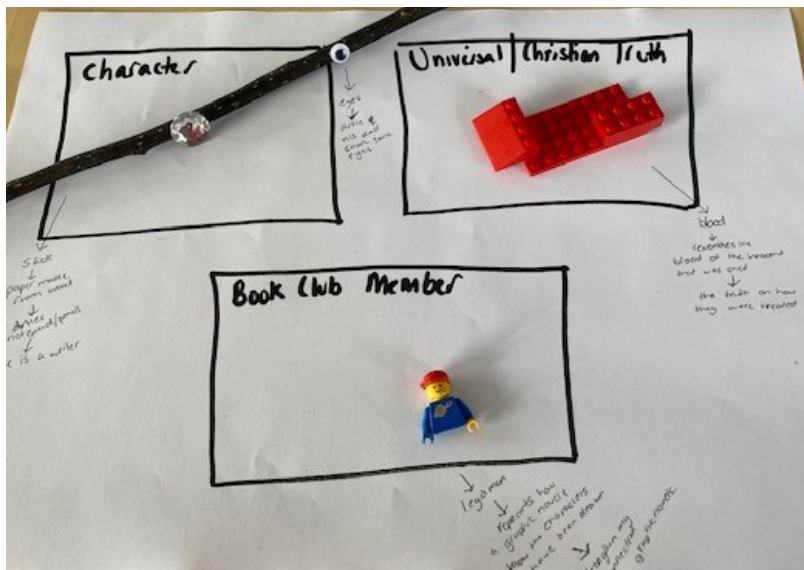
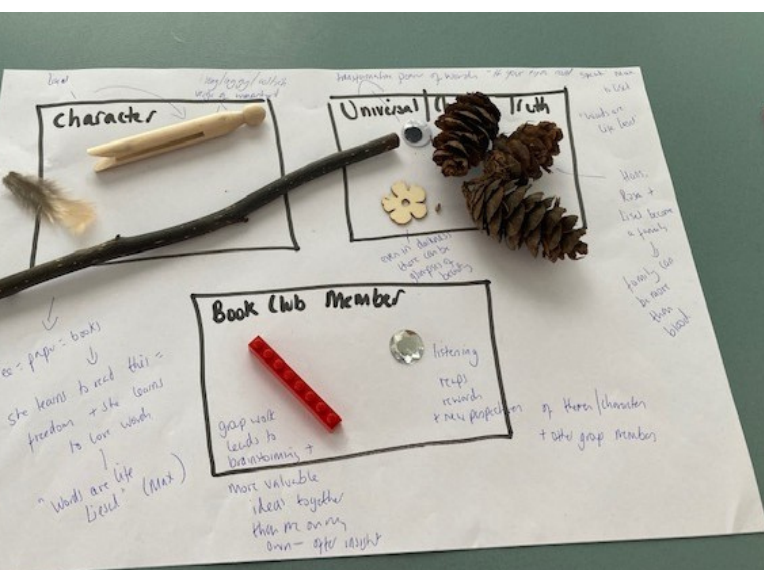
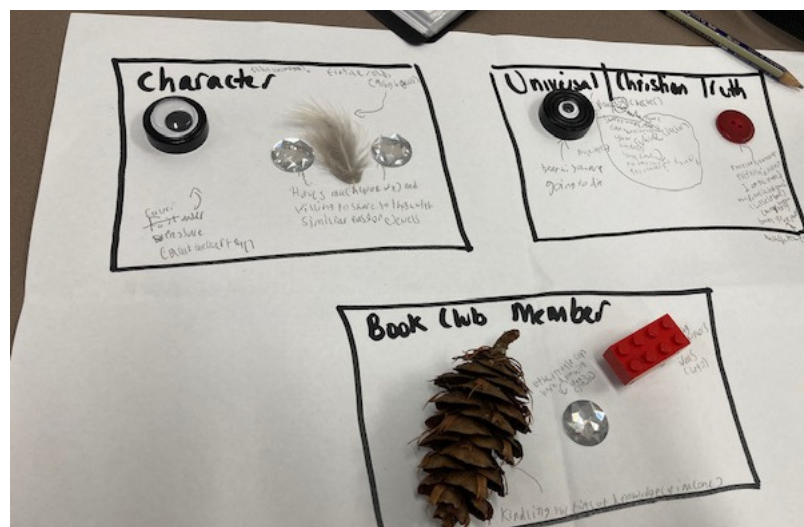
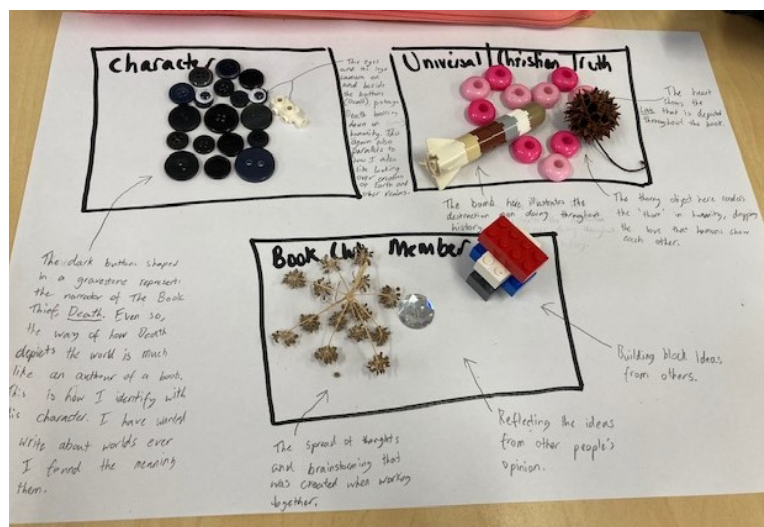
Talissa Mujinga & Tailah Mackenzie

Secretary and Media

Dimension Enterprise Group

9/10: English / History

Who says high school has to be boring! "Making writing" is a real thing, using playdough, natural objects, buttons, lego, old game pieces etc to symbolise a reader's thought process as part of planning writing. As part of our brainstorming process for a personal reflective essay on the transformative power of literature, on books set against the backdrop of WW2 and the holocaust, 9/10 students used these "loose parts" to create a 3D visualisation of their ideas before writing. They practiced symbolism by using objects to represent their ideas, then speaking them out before they then transitioned to alphabetic text. Students moved onto labelling their work, then creating sentences and then finally paragraphs in an intentional effort to slow the writing process down and to spark ideas. This was part of a cross-curriculum unit of English and History. Students had chosen to read either "The Book Thief", "The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas", the graphic novel "Maus" or "The Diary of Anne Frank" in literature circles, with lively discussion ensuing. Take a look at the photos to see their thoughtful ideas.



School Banking is a great way to practice regular savings.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Remember, there is no minimum deposit with School Banking, you can send as little as 5c per week in, saving regularly is what is important.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a School Banking reward item.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives a Regular Savers Contribution of \$5 for every 10 deposits processed per student as well as an Annual Contribution which is based on the number of students who made at least one School Banking deposit in the prior year. For more information about contribution payments, visit www.commbank.com.au/sbinfo.

If your child has lost their book, please contact your School Banking Co-ordinator for a replacement or visit any Commonwealth Bank branch.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at NCS. We would also like to thank the wonderful Victoria who volunteers as our School Banking Co-ordinator and process our banking every week.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2021 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



Savings tracker.

What to do

Work out how much you need to save to reach your savings goal and mark up the target amounts at each point on the thermometer. Then each time you save money toward your goal, colour in the thermometer.

For more tips and activity sheets visit commbank.com.au/beanstalk

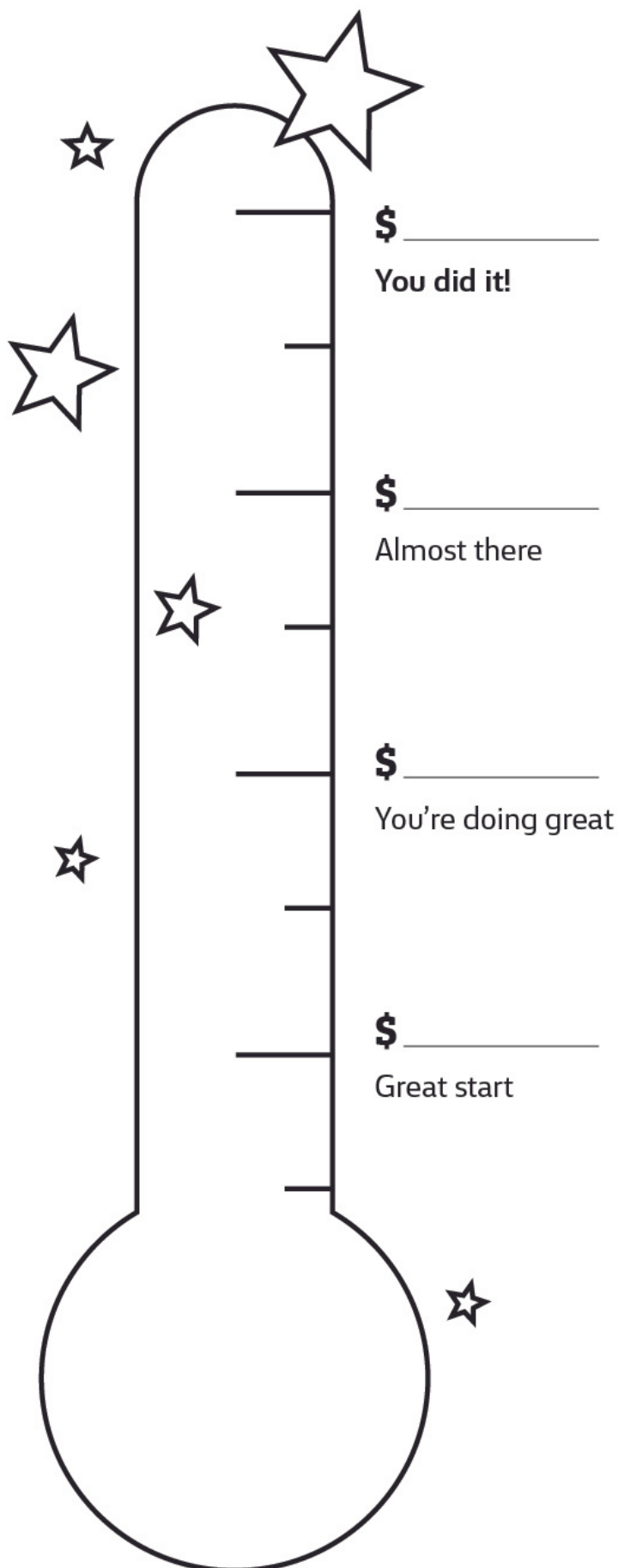
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of what you want

This costs \$ _____

I already have \$ _____

I need to save \$ _____





Australian Conference On Neurodevelopmental Disorders

Coming Together – 17-18 September 2021

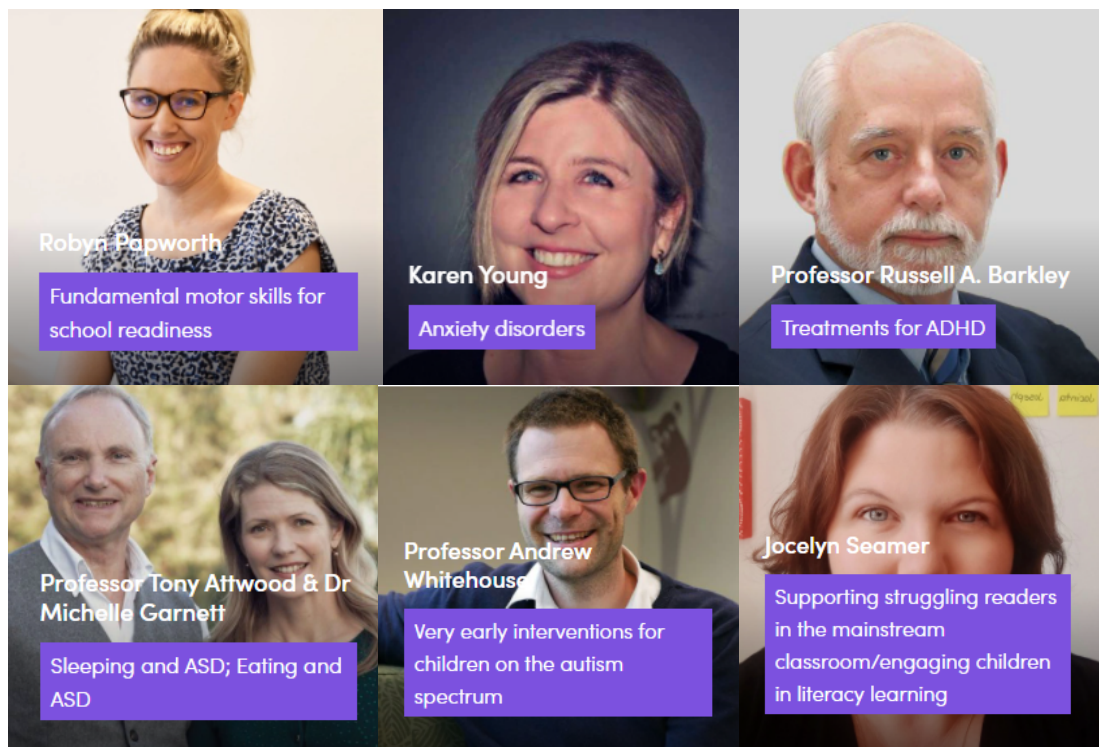
Supporting parents with strategies

ACND provides a program tailored for families, sharing the most recent research-based, evidence-driven strategies developed to improve life outcomes for those living with neurodevelopmental disorders.

This conference uniquely blends the perspective of lived experience with the experts and invites collaboration across disciplines to enhance the management and treatment of neurodevelopmental disorders.

More information can be found at www.acnd.org.au

Introducing a selection of our 2021 speakers.



NCS may be able to stream the conference.

Register your interest at the office.



SCHOOL REWARDS!!

SHOP & WIN for your school

Register at schoolrewardsmeadownews.com.au and submit your receipts to start collecting points for your school today!

The schools with the most points win a share in \$2,000*.

PLUS, for every receipt registered we will donate \$1 to The Smith Family.*

11 Aug - 19 Sep

* Donation capped at \$500. Terms and conditions apply. For more information visit the centre website for details.



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SUPPORT and **EDUCATION** for those
who live and love someone with ADHD.

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www.adhdsupportgroups.com.au

Key Diary Dates

11th August - 13th August

ODE: Snow Camp

11th August

K/P, 3/4, 5/6: Gymnastics

17th August

7-10: Interschools Futsal Tournament

19th August

3-6: Interschools Futsal Tournament

23rd - 27 August

Book Week

27th August

Book Week dress-up. Theme: Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds

27th August

9/10: Theatre Trip to Shrek the Musical

1st Sept

1/2: Gymnastics

Prayer Opportunity:

Our CEN brothers and sisters in NSW would very much appreciate our prayers.

Here is a list of the schools and their principals.

Calderwood Christian School	Darren Hutton
Covenant Christian School	Melissa Brown
Illawarra Christian School	Simon Lainson
Kuyper Christian School	Ian Shaw
Mountains Christian College	Charlie Justins
Nepean Christian School	Cameron Nunn
Tyndale Christian School	Rebecca Hall
Wycliffe Christian School	David Johnston