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# NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of  
Newstead Christian School



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

A friendly reminder that children can be dropped to School after 8.30am and collected before 3.30pm  
Students that arrive after 9:10am need to be signed in at the office.

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 - Skoolbag; emailing, texting or calling the school before 9:30am.

Thank you!

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## A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Today the Prep class celebrate their 100th day at school. It was wonderful to spend some time with them this morning hearing their reflections on these last 100 days. The thing they are most celebrating is learning to write. These curious, energetic and joy-filled students are just starting out on their life-long journey of learning and it is exciting to consider the possibilities we can offer them over the course of their all-to-quick years with us at NCS.

The staff here at NCS are also committed to life-long learning, ensuring that we are equipped and able to offer all that we can to our students, spiritually as well as academically. In this edition of the newsletter, you will find reflections from some of the staff on how they spent the Staff Study Week. I commend these snapshots to you, they are just a small reflection of the amazing things that our staff did in that week to hone and develop their knowledge, skills and understanding. And me? I was one of the three staff members from NCS who were privileged to attend the International Transforming Education Conference (ITEC) 2019 in Adelaide, a conference organised by Christian Education National and attended by 1000 people.

The theme of the conference was 'Reimagining Practice', with keynote speakers from around the world helping us to consider the question, "How can we use our God-given creativity and imagination to consider better practice in the classrooms, playgrounds, staff rooms, and board rooms of Christian learning places?" It was a stimulating, challenging, encouraging and timely three days. I say timely because the Board and the Leadership Team are embarking on the development of our next Strategic Plan ready for 2020 and ITEC has given me much food for thought and I am excited!

The first step in our strategic plan process is to gain an overview of the existing culture here at NCS as this will be key to the success of any strategic plan. Parents and guardians will soon be receiving a short electronic survey to allow you to share your insights and views regarding our culture. Can I please encourage you to make time to complete this, your considered feedback and input are a valuable part of the process of NCS moving forward into all that God has for us.

A vital part of NCS moving forward into all God has for us is the remembering and celebrating of our history, our heritage and those who have prepared the way for us. After ITEC I was able to go to W.A. and while there I caught up with Alan Greenwood, the founding principal of CCA (now NCS). It was wonderful to connect with Alan and honour the dedication, commitment and love for our school that he and his wife, Caroline, have displayed, both in the past and to this day. It was great to hear how God led him to start the school with Richard Holloway and to hear some of the stories of sacrifice, challenge, breakthrough and blessing that are foundational to the school we are today. With this in mind, next term we will start an annual tradition of having a Founders' Day celebration. This will be a chance for us as a school to hear and retell ourselves the stories of us: who we are, how we started and where God is leading us. Above all it will be a celebration of God's goodness and faithfulness to us, an opportunity to rejoice, give thanks and draw courage from Him as we move forward into His plans for us as a school community. Details of this event will be sent out later this term.

All that remains to say is, "Welcome Back!" It is a joy to see you all again and I look forward to all that God has in store for us together this term.

In His Service

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## Nancyann Walters

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Mel trying out the Crash Circuit with Carolyn supervising.



A collection of sensory equipment for home or a classroom.

All Teacher Assistants met with myself to spend the day pondering and refining the power of informative observations to support the teaching practice of the class teacher. Feedback from those attending was positive with many developing or extending a useful resource package to promote the ease of recording a variety of professional observations and sharing results.

### Feedback from a participant

*"It has been really good to have the time to learn about making better observation choices and how we can be more effective in our observations by considering the target audience and the purpose of our obs. I found it particularly encouraging to consider what God tells us about observations and how to "see". It was good to remember how He sees each child as the precious intentional wonderful creation He made, gave purpose to and died for, and, how He looks at the inside, beyond what is seen on the outside."*

Another day was spent at Northern Support School where Anne Wadley Robinson and some of the classroom teachers spoke about the benefits of the TEACCH program, offering a structured environment to support student on the Autism Spectrum. The staff from NCS who attended were appreciative of the opportunity to see and hear this program in action.



## Katelyn Van Dyk

Study week for me was a great chance to have some focused and uninterrupted time with my fellow year 2 classroom team members to discuss how to better implement new and useful observation techniques in regard to record keeping of data in our classroom.

## Mel Nugteren

I had the opportunity to meet one of the PE teacher at the Northern Support School, to see ways they help students with sensory issues and low muscle tone. One activity that I had a go at was the crash circuit which you crawl around and crash down on obstacles. This a picture of me using my body weight to get through a fit ball pit. I certainly felt my core getting a work out.



## Rachel Hamilton

As many of you know, reading and improving literacy across the school is a key passion of mine. With this in mind, I recently embarked upon a 2 year MEd in Reading and Literacy with Torrens University. And I am loving it despite it making my brain ache! During study week, I was working on assignments. It is always good to model to our students that we are all lifelong learners.

## Narelle Preece

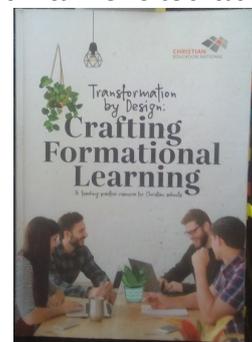
I was grateful for the opportunity to do some research and planning for science week. I also did some reading related to nature pedagogy specifically how environmental landscapes can enhance children's learning and physical development. I will be writing an assignment on the article as one of requirements for the Journey into Nature course I'm currently participating in.

## Rebecca Thiele

The study week provided valuable time for instrument maintenance and repairs, and well as researching Music pedagogy and learning how to improve my teaching practice.

## Russell McKenzie

What a great blessing to go to Adelaide and be a part of ITEC where I discovered and got excited about Formational Learning. I read the book *Crafting Formational Learning* upon my return and I am excited about making sure everything in my class helps students know God's story and their part in it.



## Karyn Barns

It was wonderful to have such a variety of choices for profession development. I attended a day with fellow teacher aides where we reflected on what we can learn from God in relation to observations and how we can improve observational practices, and developed some practical observation resources for classrooms.

I was privileged to visit the Northern Support School to observe programs, resources and adjustments used to assist students with additional needs. I read a book released by Autism Speaks, which is a kit for families with newly diagnosed school aged children. It was informative about autism, impact on students and their families and friends and types of support which can be offered.

- Karyn Barns Prep/1 TA.

## Susan McCormack

Study week provided a wonderful opportunity to plan further for term 3 and catch up on some reading I had been wanting to do for awhile now - *7 Habits of Highly Effective People* & *Making Thinking Visible* while also enjoying some rest & quality time traveling with my husband. The staff retreat day on the Friday was a very special time of fellowship & prayer with a focus on looking after our mental health. After listening to other staff members that day, it was evident the positive impact, value & unity the study week had had on all staff at N.C.S.

P.s- 'feedback from retreat'

I appreciated that it wasn't a P.D day but rather a retreat where we could fellowship together and be refreshed. I went away not feeling bogged down or full of information.



# say cheese

## School Photo Day is Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 *Have your child's school memories captured forever*

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points:



- **Online ordering is now available for individual student AND sibling photos.**
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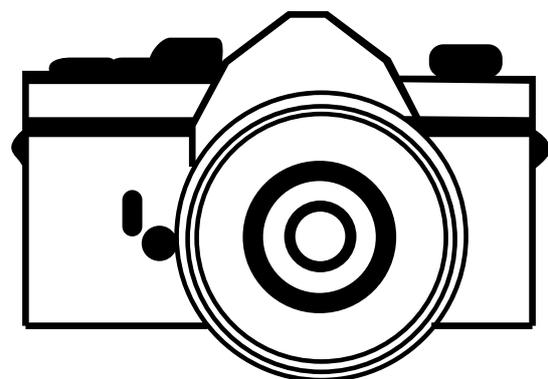
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# NOTICES

## Join us in Prayer

An invitation for all parents and teachers to join in praying for our school community.

2:30 pm every Thursday in the music room.



## MOPS is coming to NCS in 2020

And we are on the lookout for motivated, faith filled, encouragers to join the team and be the driving force behind this intentional mother's group.

If you feel in your heart that this is something you would love to engage in and be apart of then please contact Mel Duffy either in person at the school or via email [pearce\\_mel@hotmail.com](mailto:pearce_mel@hotmail.com) to discuss what areas you would like to participate in.

These areas include; MOPS Kids, hospitality, discussion group etc. This is a very exciting opportunity to bless mothers within our school and the local community .

Mel Duffy



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## OUR VISION



If you would like to invest in the future of Newstead Christian School via a tax-deductible gift, please contact the office or fill out the form on the back of this brochure.



### 2020

Refurbishing of older classrooms.

### 2022 / 2023

Creation of purpose-built classrooms for Science, Cooking and Art



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**St. John's Anglican Church:** Tuesdays 3:15 (or when you get out of school) - 4:45pm

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**Thursday** September 19, **Friday** September 20

**6.30pm-9.30pm**

31-37 Tudor Avenue, Newstead, Launceston

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# Womens 5km

It is that time of the year to get walking and running on the pavement, ready for the Womens 5km walk/run. We would love as many people as we can to join our team, so please feel free to invite others from the Newstead Christian School Community.

To join me at Women's 5km Walk/Run 2019 on 15th September and lend your support.

<https://secure.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/registrant/startup.aspx?eventid=51718&langpref=en-CA>

Look for Team name; Newstead Christian School.

If you can't join me, you can still help by sponsoring our team participation in this event. To sponsor us by making a secure donation online, click the link above and search for me or the Newstead Christian School Team.

I look forward to seeing who can join me. Happy walking and running.

Regards,

Mel

P.S. Will inform you about t-shirts as soon as it is worked out.



# Diary Dates

## 6th August

School Photo Day - Sibling photos starting from 8:30am

## 7th-9th August

ODE Ski Trip

## 8th August

9am-11am: Pre Kinder

2:30pm: Prayer time in the Music Room

## 15th August

9am: Assembly

9am-11am: Pre Kinder

2:30pm: Prayer time in the Music Room

## 22nd August

9am: Assembly

9am-11am: Pre Kinder

2:30pm: Prayer time in the Music Room

## 29th August

9am: Assembly

9am-11am: Pre Kinder

2:30pm: Prayer time in the Music Room

