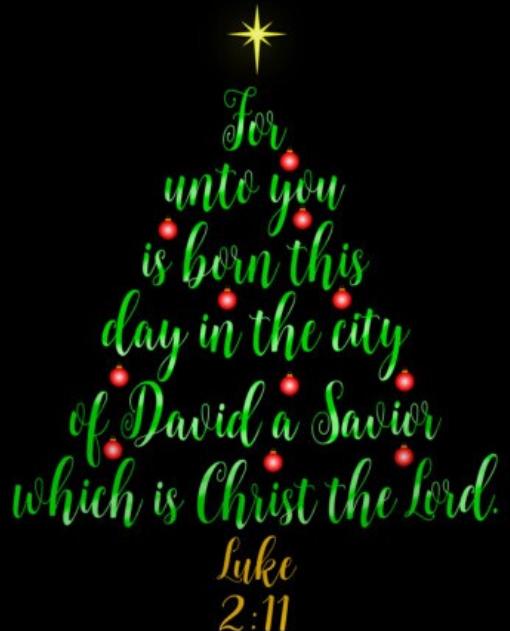


NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School



A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

I love Christmas in Australia. I enjoy the sunshine and warmth, the food, being outside and celebrating with the friends that I have made here over the last twelve years. It took some adjusting to though, I have to confess. Growing up in England with the short days, the dark evenings, the cold weather, and the comfort food was certainly different to my experience of Christmas now. In my early years as an Australian, I found comfort and familiarity in the traditions from home; the mince pies, the carols, the midnight mass to name but a few. Some of the traditions didn't quite fit though, particularly when I lived in Perth, WA; the bracing after lunch walk along the sea front had to become a swim in the heat of WA but in a short time these too became my traditions.

One tradition I've adopted since being in Australia is to read the book of Luke in the Bible through the season of advent. With 24 chapters, the book fits neatly into the 24 days leading up to Christmas Day.

This year, I am reading them in the Passion Translation. As I do, my heart is being stirred by the sense of joy, excitement and anticipation that radiates from the text. There's a sense that God has not forgotten his people or his promises. One line that especially caught my attention was verse 37 in Chapter 1:

**'Not one promise from God is empty of power,
for nothing is impossible with God!'**

In the busyness of this time of year, ticking things off lists and trying to wrap up 2019 whilst looking ahead to next year, I find it so easy to forget this truth and it is to my detriment. Taking time to immerse myself in God's word brings me back to the reality of God's rescue plan for the world, and for me. It reminds me that we live under an open heaven and that not one of the demands or challenges I might face is insurmountable for God and with God. In short, it reorients me and stirs up **hope**. Hope that one day, all that is wrong will be made right, all that is pain will be healed and all that is broken will be made whole. Most of all, confidence that God **is** at work.

Whilst I know for many of us, this time of year is a time of joy, of family and of anticipation, I remember that for others there is loneliness, there is loss or there is an ache for loved ones who are no longer with us. Of course, for many of us we find ourselves in both of these places at the same time. Wherever we may find ourselves this Christmas, and whatever state we may find ourselves in, my prayer is that we would know the hope that Christmas offers us as we remember that God chose to take on the helpless and vulnerable form of a human baby so that we might be restored to relationship with him, once and for all. **He** is faithful and **He will** do it.

May the love and peace of Christ rise up as joy within you this Christmas and may hope capture your hearts as we enter into a new year and a new decade.

With gratitude,

Di Hooley
Principal





SCHOOLS

LET'S RIDE PROGRAM

In PE, Preps to grade 6 participated in a bike program for 5 weeks. On their last week a few groups ventured out of school for a ride to the Hoblers Bridge Track. Everyone had a great time, some even got to ride through some puddles.



NHSSA DIV.3 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Atlanta Austin

Grade 7 100m - 1st place
Grade 7 400m - 1st place
Grade 7 Relay - 3rd place

Nelson Buist

Grade 9 100m - 3rd place
Grade 9 Relay - 3rd place

Ella Crouch

Grade 10 100m - 2nd place
Grade 10 400m - 1st place
Grade 10 relay - 1st place
Grade 10 1500m - 2nd place
Grade 10 800m - 2nd place

Stella Daniel

Grade 7 Relay - 3rd place

Zara Daniel

Grade 9 Discus - 3rd place
Grade 9 100m - 3rd place

Blade Hamilton

Grade 8 Relay - 3rd place

Joel Holton

Grade 7 200m - 3rd place
Grade 7 relay - 3rd place

Celina Koutsika

Grade 8 Long Jump - 3rd place
Grade 8 200m - 2nd place
Grade 8 400m - 1st place
Grade 8 100m - 1st place

Ethan Morrison

Grade 7 100m - 1st place
Grade 7 relay - 3rd place

Talissa Mujinga

Grade 7 shot put - 3rd place
Grade 7 200m - 1st place
Grade 7 100m - 1st place
Grade 7 relay - 3rd place

Akith Peiris

Grade 9 Relay - 3rd place

Pierra Scaife

Grade 7 Relay - 3rd place

Jacob Sheppard

Grade 8 Relay - 3rd place

Jake Sinclair

Grade 9 Relay - 3rd place

Ezra Smith

Grade 7 100m - 3rd place
Grade 7 Relay - 3rd place

Josiah Smith

Grade 8 200m - 2nd place
Grade 8 100m - 2nd place
Grade 8 Relay - 3rd place

Mahalia Smith

Grade 10 Relay - 1st place

Seraya Spark

Grade 10 Relay - 1st place

Sonny Targett

Grade 7 Relay - 3rd place

Sephora Tima Deba

Grade 10 Shot Put - 3rd place
Grade 10 Discus - 2nd place

Tia Tonihi

Grade 9 Relay - 3rd place

Harry Wise

Grade 8 Relay - 3rd place

Isabella Wise

Grade 10 100m - 2nd place
Grade 10 Relay - 1st place

STATE CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL RESULTS

Atlanta Austin

200m - 2nd place
400m - 1st place

Nelson Buist

400m - 3rd place

Ella Crouch

200m - 3rd place
400m - 2nd place
800m - 2nd place
1500m - 1st place

Mac Crouch

Javelin - 3rd place

Celina Koutsika

400m - 1st place

Ethan Morrison

200m - 1st place

Talissa Mujinga

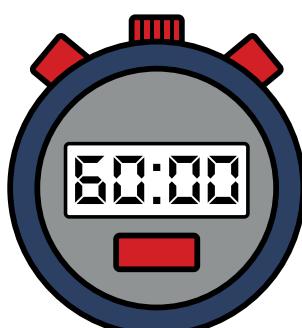
Shot Put - 1st place
100m - 1st place
200m - 2nd place

Pierra Scaife

100m - 3rd place
200m - 3rd place

Mahalia Smith

Long Jump - 1st place
Triple Jump - 2nd place
100m - 2nd place
200m - 3rd place



THE LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This year a new and exciting opportunity opened up for many of our students.

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 12.

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:

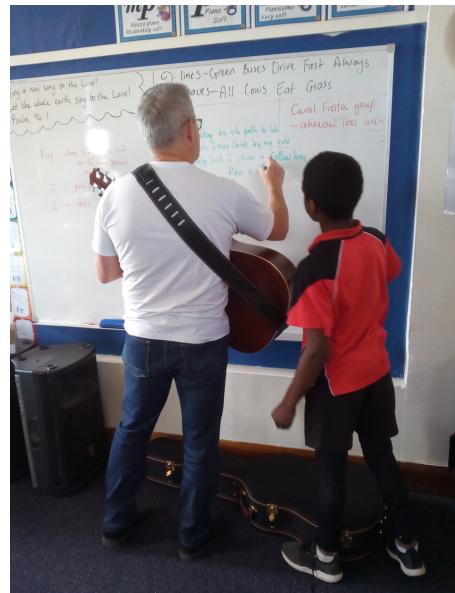
- Develop positive relationships between students/mentors in a safe, one-to-one environment
- Build confidence and self-esteem in students
- Support the successful learning of students
- Promote, encourage and value parent/caregiver and community commitment and participation
- Foster and strengthen parent/caregiver 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

Eight Mentors enrolled from within and without school community and over the year have contributed enormously to the fun and learning components of our dynamic community. We are extremely grateful for their skills, time and compassion.

If you would like to be a mentor for 2020 or would like some more information please contact nancyann.walters@ncs.tas.edu.au or phone 6331 1922

Nancyann Walters

Learning Support Coordinator



The Principal, Ms Diane Hooley
along with Staff and Students
of Newstead Christian
School would like to invite you
to

**The Newstead Christian School 2019
Presentation Evening**

**7pm – 9:00pm
Wednesday,
18th December**

Punchbowl Christian Centre
100 Punchbowl Rd, Punchbowl

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS



Did you know that we have
second-hand uniforms for sale?

THE UNIFORM SHOP WILL BE OPEN:

19th & 20th Dec

10am - 2 pm

and

3rd & 4th Feb

10am - 2 pm



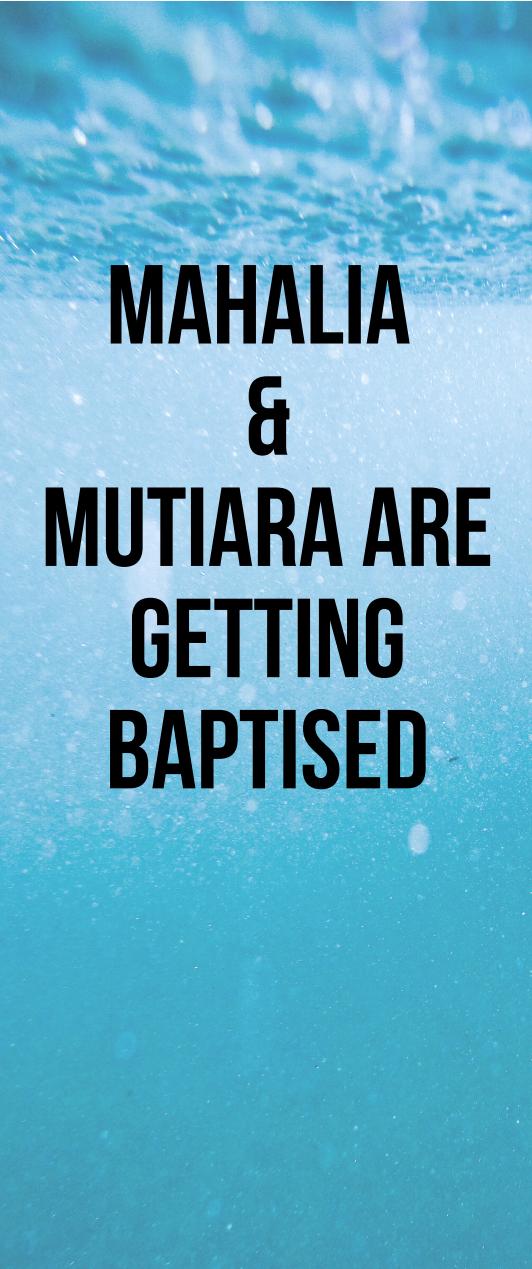
SCHOOL BANKING

The last day for school
banking will be
Tuesday 10th Dec.
No banking in week 10.

JUST A REMINDER



please make sure to return any books to the library before the end of term.

A large vertical image showing an underwater scene with bubbles and light rays filtering through the water.

**MAHALIA
&
MUTIARA ARE
GETTING
BAPTISED**

**TUESDAY 17TH
DECEMBER 4:30PM
WAVERLEY LAKE**

All are welcome

If you would like to stay for a sausage sizzle afterwards, please RSVP to Jaimee 0429 944 918 so we know how many to cook. BYO drinks, salads, snacks, chairs, rugs, etc.

WHAT CAN YOU SEE?

FAMILY CAMP NORTH



A fantastic opportunity for families, couples and people of all ages to be refreshed through art, adventure, fellowship and fun in a caring, Christian environment.

Who: All Ages

Where: Fingal Valley, Scotch Oakburn Campus

When: 23-27 Jan 2020

Cost: Adults (16+) \$270; Children (6-15) \$210, (0-5) free

Register: www.sutas.org.au/family-camps

To find out more
contact **Stephanie**

0427 553 424 or email
stephanie.sebastian@sutas.org.au

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03 6244 8422 admin@sutas.org.au

YEARS 7-10 BUSHn BISCUITS OVERNIGHT BUSHWALKING ADVENTURE



Spend two days among wombats and the beauty of God's creation in a stunning World Heritage area.

Where: Cradle Mountain

When: 28 Feb-1 March 2020

Cost: \$60 per person

Register: sutas.org.au/bushnbiscuits/

Drop-off 4.30pm Fri 28 Feb, Pick-up 5pm Sun 1 March
Barney's Anglican, 17a Georgetown Road, Newnham

To find out
more contact
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ROBOTIC TASTER WORKSHOP FOR 11- 16YR OLDS

by Metal Minds Robotics Inc



Want to learn more about robotics?
We will be holding a one day workshop for students interested in lego robotics and tech robotics.

About this event

Join us for a taster workshop working with EV3 Lego bricks and structures and see what our 11- 14 year old team members do.

For older 15 - 18 yr old students come and find out what our older team members do to build a competition robot, how they design, build and what language they use to program. Gain experience through this taster workshop what it takes to be a team member of Metal Minds Robotics

Date And Time:

Sun., 2 February 2020
10 am – 2 pm

Location:

St Aidan's Church
Arthur Street
Launceston



\$50pp

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/robotic-taster-workshop-for-11-16yr-olds-tickets-82306084715>

DIARY DATES

10th Dec

Last school banking for 2019

12th Dec

Reports go home

Grade 9/10 Leavers Dinner

13th Dec

Whole school picnic at Low Head

18th Dec

Last day of term 4

Presentation Evening

7pm - 9pm

Punchbowl Christian Centre

19th - 20th Dec

Uniform Shop Open - 10am - 2pm

3rd & 4th Feb

Uniform Shop Open - 10am - 2pm



Back to School

5th Feb

First day Term 1!