

NCS families,  
This is the final newsletter for 2020.



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.

  
*For*  
**unto us**  
*a child is*  
**BORN, unto us**  
*a Son is given*  
**and his name will be**  
*called, wonderful, counselor,*  
**mighty GOD, the everlasting Father**  
*the Prince of Peace*

## 2021

NCS Term Dates 2021. Some of you may be aware that the Dept. of Education has adjusted their term dates for 2021 to allow for the Easter weekend. After some consideration, we as a Leadership Team have decided to keep our term dates as we had arranged before this announcement. One of the reasons for this is, it gives us a rare opportunity to keep Easter separate from the rest of the holidays and we feel this is important, given that it is the highlight of the Christian year.

<b>Term 1</b> Wed 3rd Feb - Fri 9th April
<b>Easter Break:</b> Fri 2nd - Tue 6th Apr
<b>Term 2:</b> Tues 27th Apr- Fri 2nd July
<b>Term 3:</b> Mon 26th July - Fri 24th Sep
<b>Term 4:</b> Tues 12th Oct - Fri 17th Dec

## School Uniform Shop

The uniform shop will be open by appointment 25th January - 29th January as well as the 1st and 2nd February, 9 am - 2 pm.

# Languages Other Than English (LOTE) at NCS



After a year without a Language Other Than English at NCS (blame Covid), we are pleased to announce that we will be introducing Mandarin from the beginning of 2021. LOTE is an important part of the Australian Curriculum, not only for the opportunity it affords students to develop their skills in another language, it can also help their understanding of their native language, give them insight to another culture and prepare them to learn further languages in the future, improving their employability. Despite being a reluctant LOTE learner at school myself, the knowledge I learnt in classes gave me a solid basis for living in Germany and going on to study German at university, ultimately becoming a High School German teacher. While I personally have no experience of learning an Asian language, I am excited for this journey that we will be embarking on as a community from Kinder to Year 8 and hope you will be too. (Di Hooley)

## Uniform Update

As many of you will know, we encourage students to positively impact and improve our school community and welcome their ideas. At the beginning of 2020, Nina Roy approached me with a suggestion that our girls be given the option to wear shorts and trousers, as well as dresses and skirts. Nina has written a report to explain the process that this involved. I am very proud of her and how she has brought about a change in our community for the benefit of others. From 2021, girls are permitted to wear a choice of dress/skirt or grey pants/shorts. The shorts and pants that they are allowed to wear are tailored, smart, and can be purchased from **Midford's uniform shop at 132 Charles Street in town**. They are to be worn with the usual white cotton shirt and the red school jumper.

Hello, My name is Nina Roy, and I have been looking into getting the option of shorts and trousers for girls added to the NCS uniform. This will allow them more freedom to play and run without the fear of dresses blowing up from the wind. At the beginning of 2020 I came to Ms. Hooley with this idea, and she was very keen. After meeting with her a couple of times, we decided that we needed to get the students input into my idea. I sent out a survey to every girl in the school to ask their opinion, the majority of them said yes. I then met with Mr. Lambie to find out if this uniform was affordable. He replied that the dressers were more expensive than the pants anyway. Ms. Hooley then had a thought that I and three other people should go to the Midford uniform shop in town, to let people know what the uniforms should look like. These uniforms will be ready to purchase at the Midford uniform shop from the start of next year.

