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NCS UPDATE

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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 VICE PRINCIPAL

Identity and character are traits that are formed on the coal face of life. While Identity is partly an artistic and outward expression of a person's unique individuality, we understand that at its core, Identity is no accident, it is formed.

At Newstead Christian School we take very seriously the mandate to "train a child in the way they should go, and when they are old, they will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6) As a result, teachers try to accurately represent what it is to be a person who has been "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) in the image of our creator.

Indeed, we recognise that in the microscopes of scientific research and the pages of a maths book, there are clearly defined rules and patterns. Patterns that have been created. We realise that where there is a creation, then there must be a creator and we look to God as the creator and the ultimate shaper of identity and character.

Sometimes you might ask WHY? Why do we do the things that we do? Why do we say the things that we say? Why do we care so much about students. Point two of the senior student pledge states....

2. This school will recognise your individual identity. By identity, we mean your character, your effort and your care for others. We understand that character is as important as academic success and we will hold both in great esteem as a result.

We care about our students so much that we dare to tell them who God says that they are. This is both confronting and exciting. The bible encourages us to look forward and not repeatedly return to the past. The Bible tells us to be peacemakers. The Bible tells us to love each other unconditionally. The Bible tells us that we are special, important individuals that have a specific role to play in his story. We live life to the fullest when we hear the words of Identity spoken to us and then act on them in a meaningful way.

We consider it an honour and a privilege to be able to play a small role in telling students who they are and the value that they possess. We consider it an honour and a privilege to let them know that they are no accident, but are deliberate and purposeful in their creation and function. We consider it a great honour and privilege to be able to freely build into the character and identity of the next generation, that they would go on to do great things for a great amount of people, secure in the knowledge that they are deliberate and purposefully created.

The future looks bright.....Thank God for that..

Jon Targett
Vice Principal



A Small Reminder to Keep the Main Thing the Main Thing

Dr. Alastair McAlpine spends every day caring for children with life-threatening and life-limiting illnesses, working for the non-profit organization PaedsPal.

McAlpine recently decided to ask his terminally-ill patients what they enjoyed most in life and then shared their answers on Twitter.

In a tweet, he explained: “For an assignment, I asked some of my terminal pediatric palliative care patients what they had enjoyed in life, and what gave it meaning. Kids can be so wise, y’know.”

All of these children are between the ages of four and nine years old. Even though they are young, they still managed to hit the nail on the head when it comes to what makes life worth living.

1. Nobody wishes they’d spent more time watching TV and being online
2. Animals make life better
3. They love their parents
4. They love ice cream
5. They love books and stories
6. Worrying is a waste of time.
7. Everyone loves the beach
8. Kindness matters
9. Laughter is the best medicine
10. Kids love their toys
11. Family time is the best time

Dr. McAlpine wrapped up his findings with one last important recap:



Alastair McAlpine
@AlastairMcA30

Follow

Take home message:
Be kind. Read more books. Spend time with your family. Crack jokes. Go to the beach. Hug your dog. Tell that special person you love them.

These are the things these kids wished they could've done more. The rest is details.

Oh... and eat ice-cream. /End

Grandparents Day

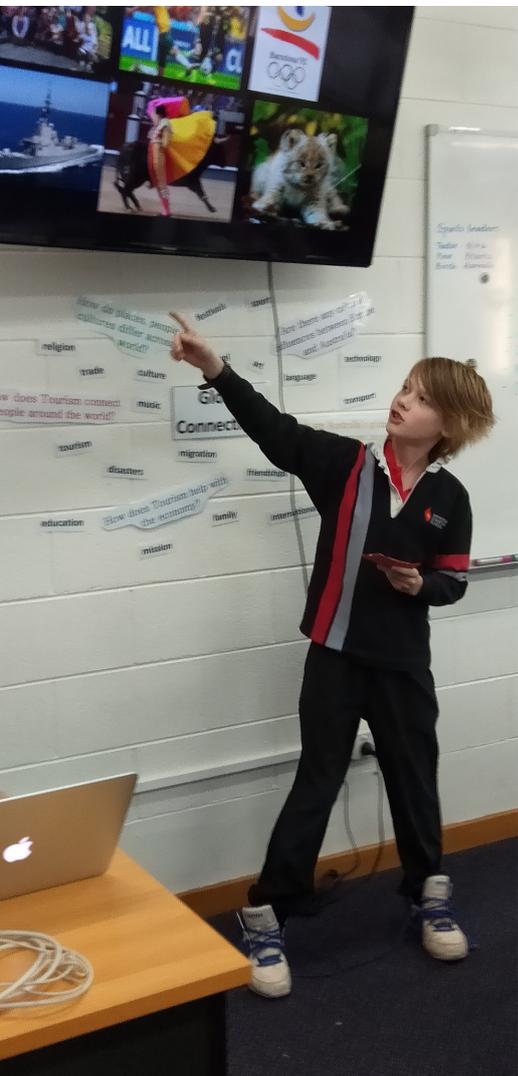


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"I feel happy to be working with my mentor. Today I did a piece of artwork"

- Inara



House on a Hill

By Inara 3/7/19

A house, person, duck and flowers. The hill is so floods don't get to the houses. The person is called Emily. The ducks name is Quack. Once upon a time a girl called Emily went for an adventure around her yard and saw a duck and kept it for a pet. She was so happy to have a pet duck.

The End

This Term students participated in 2 Interschool Cross Countries.

TACE - Geneva Christian College - Latrobe

28th June

Mutiara Smith - 1st Place

Judah Barker - 1st Place

Buddy Austin - 1st Place

Ella Crouch - 2nd Place

Isabel Flood - 2nd Place

Annica Scaife - 4th Place

Firfer Austin 0 4th Place

Romeo Austin - 4th Place

Participated

Mahalia Smith, Seraya Spark, Mac Crouch, Isabel Flood, Zara Danile, Jake Sinclair, Josiah Smith, Blade Hamilton, Talissa Mujinga, Ethan Morrison, Sam Barnes,, Ezra Smith, Hannah Foley, Josie Stott, Zac Holton, Kezara Spark, William Brinker, Liam Welsh, Stephanie Stott, Hadassah Spark, Fifer Austin, Sophia Welsh, Romeo Austin, Caitlyn Stott, Isla Nugteren, Sebastian Spark, Christian Austin

NHSSA - Kings Meadows High

25th June

Ella Crouch - 2nd Place

Mahalia Smith - 4th Place

Participated

Seraya Spark, Mac Crouch, Isabel Flood, Zara Daniel, Mikayla Shaw, Jake Sinclair, Frances Day, Josiah Smith, Blade Hamilton, Talissa Mujinga, Dakota Spark, Ethan Morrison, Sam Barnes, Atlanta Austin, Ezra Smith



Soccer

Grade 9-10 NCS defeated

Star of the Sea 4-1

Cross Country



Cross Country



NOTICES



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 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



Diary Dates

4th July

9am: Assembly

9am-11am: Pre Kinder

2:30pm: Prayer time in the Music Room

5th July

Last day of Term 2

23rd & 24th July

Uniform Shop Open - 11am - 2pm

29th July

First day of Term 3

1st August

9am: Assembly

9am-11am: Pre Kinder

2:30pm: Prayer time in the Music Room

6th August

School Photo Day

