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NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School

"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior."

Psalm 127:4



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How does your family prepare for a journey?

Are you a 'pack a week in advance' family, or is 'throw it all in the car on the day,' how you roll?

Do you take everything needed for any disaster, natural or otherwise or are you more, 'have a credit card, will travel'?

And what about the home that you leave, maybe yours is an 'abandon ship, let's go!' approach or is 'clean and tidy before leaving in case there's a break in' more your style (heaven forbid burglars might judge us)?

Perhaps you're the person who reads up on your destination, carefully planning how you might make the most of your time away with a huge schedule of people to see and places to go. Or maybe you leave those details for your fellow traveller to manage, engaging only once you're in the car/plane/ferry.

These last couple of weeks, I've watched our 2021 Kinder students preparing for their next journey. They've attended Pre-Kinder and are now getting their uniforms, the joy and anxiety for both the child and the parent evident as they start to prepare for the transition to school. I'm watching children that I've known since they were born try on their uniforms and prepare for the next step of life.

Then there are the Year 6 and Year 10 students. Each in their own ways, preparing for the next leg of their journey. Like me, I am sure you are proud and anxious in equal measure. Have we prepared them enough for this next step? Will they be okay? (Will we be okay???)

So much of life is like this, our hearts swelling with joy and pride that a child is ready for the next phase of life but the same heart simultaneously breaking that they are growing up so quickly.

Then I remember that December is just around the corner and with it comes the season of Advent, the time of preparing for the coming of the King. My mind drifts to imagining what it might have been like in heaven as God prepared to send his only Son on a rescue mission in the most vulnerable human form possible, a helpless and dependant baby, all because He loved you and me so much that He wanted to make a way for us to return to Him. I ponder how Jesus, though being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, rather he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness (Phil.2:6-7). I consider Mary and Joseph and their journey to Bethlehem that would change E.V.E.R.Y.T.H.I.N.G.

And I remember. I remember that God has made a way. I remember that God has a plan for each of us, young and old alike. It's a plan to prosper us and not to harm us, a plan to give us hope and a future. Not only that, He has gone before us, He is in us and He has and is equipping and empowering our children, and us, for the journey ahead. No matter what interim destinations, we know that heaven is our final destination and in light of this assurance, we can rest, in Him.

As Advent approaches, I am making space, in this busy time of year. I am making space to ponder the journey that Jesus took, from heaven to earth and back to heaven. I am making space to reflect on my own God-led journey, including these interim destinations. I'm making space to give thanks, for the big things and the little things. I'm making space to give my worries and hopes and fears to Jesus. I'm making space to prepare room in my heart for the coming king this Christmas. This is my next journey. Care to join me?

In His service

Di Hooley
Principal



HELP MY 12 YO IS STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL!

Dear Parents of NCS

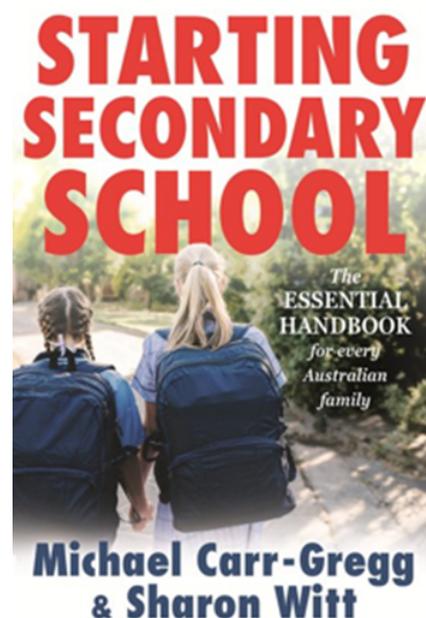
Hi! My name is Jo Green and I have been a parent at NCS for the past 15 years and staff member for 4 years. I have three boys aged 19, 14 and 12. My baby is in year 7 next year! You would think I would have this covered by now, but no ... each child is so different and unique just a God planned.

This year NCS promoted a webinar hosted by three amazing people who are cheering us parents on with some great resources to support our children as they head into grade 7. Sharon Witt (teacher, author), Micheal Carr-Gregg (child psychologist), and Susan McLean (cyber-safety expert) covered very practical ways to support, plan and encourage your child as they enter year 7, the importance of talking and keeping the communication lines open, what to do about devices and cyber safety, how to plan with your child to organise homework, importance of friendships, ... and a whole lot more (bullying, perfectionism, mental and physical health included). One thing I have taken away from this material already is talking with my youngest about what ideas he has to help himself to be organised around his time management of homework, and how I can help support and resource him to achieve that.

The awesome part about this webinar is that it was based on a book written by Sharon Witt and Michael Carr-Gregg.

If you have a child who is going into grade 7 next year, I HIGHLY RECOMMEND this resource to you. A copy of this book (and a whole lot of other amazing resources) can be purchased at www.sharonwitt.com.au for \$32.00.

Jo Green



Merit Certificates

Grade 9/10

- Samuel Burgess for an excellent World War One History presentation.
- Zara Daniels for an imaginative art-work that demonstrated good symbolism of the effects of colonisation on our First Peoples.
- Anna Mackenzie for a thoughtful and in-depth History presentation on the impact of colonisation on our First Peoples.
- Mikayla Shaw for her hard work in creating her artwork using Aboriginal symbols.
- Harry Wise for a well-prepared World War One History topic
- Aki Peiris

Grade 7/8

- Ethan Morrison for demonstrating leadership and critical thinking in activities

Grade 5/6

- Ebony Aldred for her kindness & compassion towards others in her quiet, gentle way.
- Amaya Barnes - Increasing her sense of responsibility in the class
- Josh Burgess - Encouraging and helping others with their school work
- Micah Green for listening to instruction and persevering with his tasks
- Hosea Scaife - Accepting constructive feedback and applying it to his tasks to improve
- Zara Smith - Accepting constructive feedback and using this to improve both her schoolwork and friendships

Grade 1/2

- Elodie Barnes
- Febe Brinker
- Esther Coates
- Arabella Farrell
- Keelan Hamilton
- Caitlyn Stott



Parents In Partnership (PIP)

The events of 2020 have highlighted how strange it is when we as a community cannot connect as often and as freely as we usually might. As a Leadership Team, this has caused us to reflect on how we can create opportunities to strengthen parent/staff relationships and support parent involvement in the school. With this in mind, in 2021, we are looking to create a PIP group (Parents in Partnership). This will be an opportunity for staff and parents to gather together on a regular basis to discuss school matters, hear from each other, pray, bring ideas. To help us work out how and when to have these sessions, we would be grateful if you could complete a survey, which will be emailed to you next week via survey monkey.

Presentation Service

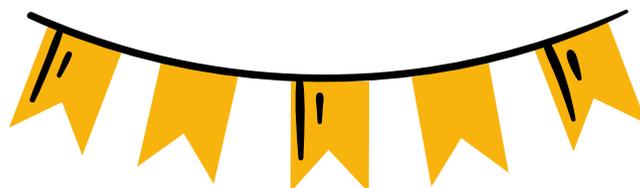
Tuesday 15th December
2pm - 3pm
Punchbowl Christian Centre

As part of our required COVID plan, this will be a ticketed event to enable easier contact tracing and ensure we adhere to COVID restriction. Families of Year 6 and Year 10 students will be allowed to have up to two family members present, other families will be allowed to have one. Please reserve tickets accordingly.

The service will be filmed and shared electronically to allow all families to watch and celebrate together later if they would like to.

After the service, students are to travel back with their parents to the school for the Celebration Picnic.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/presentation-service-tickets-129804937061>



Celebration Picnic

Tuesday 15th December

3.30pm - 5pm

**Newstead Christian School - Hart St Entrance
(Parking available at the netball courts)**

In place of our Christmas Fiesta, we will have a community picnic after the presentation service.

Bring your picnic blanket and afternoon tea. Enjoy catching up with other members of our community.

Tour the classrooms, see the students work and enjoy the musical items prepared for you by our students.

There will be a sausage sizzle, they will be \$2.50 each with the profits going to Scripture Union.

Please pre-order and pay for your sausages at the office by Mon 7th Dec.

Ticketed Event – for COVID contact tracing purposes. This will be an outdoor event so we expect to be able to accommodate all who would like to come.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/celebration-picnic-tickets-130521466219>



Thorns & Petals Enterprise Group



Senior Tech

Chin up bar made from scrap steel in senior tech.

GRADES 5/6



**Thank you to Dennis Austin
who visited to speak with the
students about business
enterprise.**

Here are a few pearls of wisdom we learnt after talking with our business mentor Mr. Dennis Austin.

Charlotte- That the greatest gift a life can offer is working hard, at work worth doing.

Anna- Ask people for help.

Joash- Teamwork is important.

Nathan- People want it to happen, people wish it would happen, but the most successful people make it happen.

Zara- Work hard as a team.

Hosea - Be committed to your business

Ebony - It is okay to start small, your business will grow. Don't expect it to grow straight away.

Miriam - you are never too young to start a business



B.E.L.

We just wanted to say thank you to everyone for supporting our Business Enterprise Learning project (B.E.L) by buying the lunches each team put together on a Wednesday. Over the 4 weeks, together we sold 301 lunch packs. Over the last few months we have learnt many things about running a business and we're excited to share with you all the profit that we made and who we are donating the money to...

Imperial Edibles- \$429.90 – Samaritans Purse

Nutrients Air Force- \$380.93- Launceston City Mission

Num Nums- \$404.96- Salvation Army

Healthy Nourishers- \$279.32- to be confirmed

We would like to thank Mrs McCormack, Mrs Pickersgill & Mrs Walters for their time and support during this whole learning process. Also our team mentors - CEO - Miss Hooley, Secretary - Mrs Madden, Media Rep - Miss Eastley & Business Manager - Mr Lambie

Eden Barker on behalf of the Grade 5/6



CITY PARK RADIO

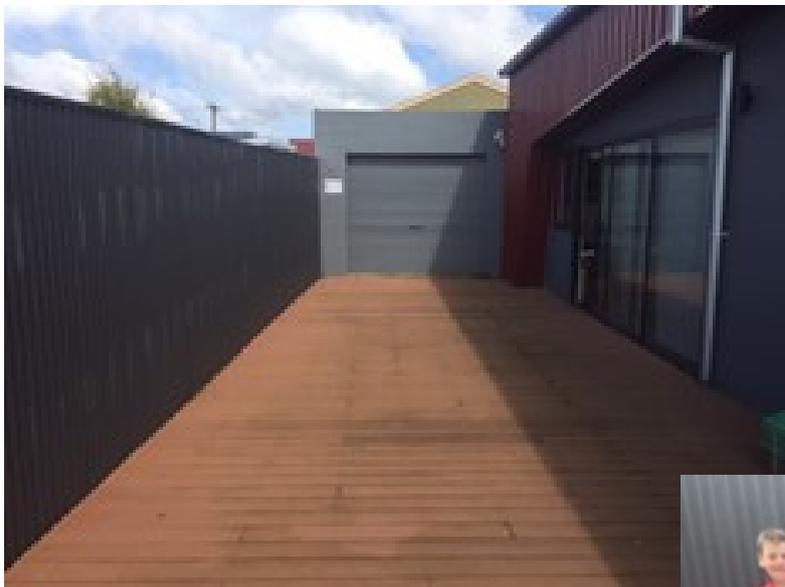
On Thursday the 12th of November, we had the opportunity to be on City Park Radio for a thirty minute segment. Josh & Eden hosted for the first 15 minutes and then Nina & Ebony hosted for the remainder. We included an interview with Mrs. Preece about outdoor education, we interviewed students about what they were going to do in their summer holidays, and Hosea told us more about the animals living in his house. We also included a song that the 5/6 class wrote, this was sung and recorded by Mr Cooper and Mrs McCormack. It was an amazing experience to know what it was like to work in a radio station and I believe that future 5/6 classes will also have the same rewarding experience as we did, if they get the opportunity next year. *And a BIG, thank you, to Mrs Pickersgill - we couldn't have done this without her!
Kind regards - Josh, Eden, Ebony and Nina



GRADE 3/4

In October 2020, the Grade 4 students wrote to local Nurseries seeking assistance to enhance the Grade 3/4 deck area and to make it a more welcoming outdoor classroom space. We were delighted when Bunnings (North Launceston Store) contacted us offering us a “shopping spree” of \$200 at their store. As a class, we researched their on-online catalogue and prepared our wish list. The students chosen to go shopping were amazed at the generosity of Bunnings – as they also gave us a 20% discount on the day (which allowed us to purchase extra items)! Bunnings staff on the day congratulated the students on their behaviour and manners and were impressed by the students using sign language to say thank you at the end! The students enjoyed putting the planters and bench seat together (with assistance from the 9/10s) and planting the plants as well as taking on the responsibility of watering and caring for them. I am sure you all agree our deck is already looking amazing!

A huge thank you to Bunnings from Grade 3/4 students for their kindness and generosity!



UNIFORM UPATE COMING SOON

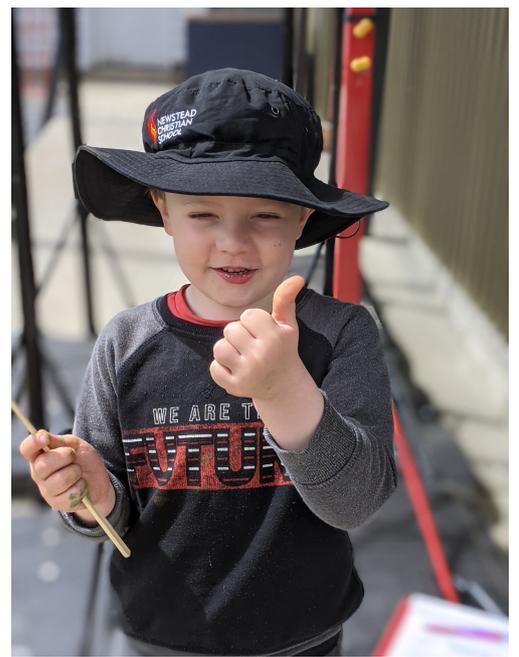


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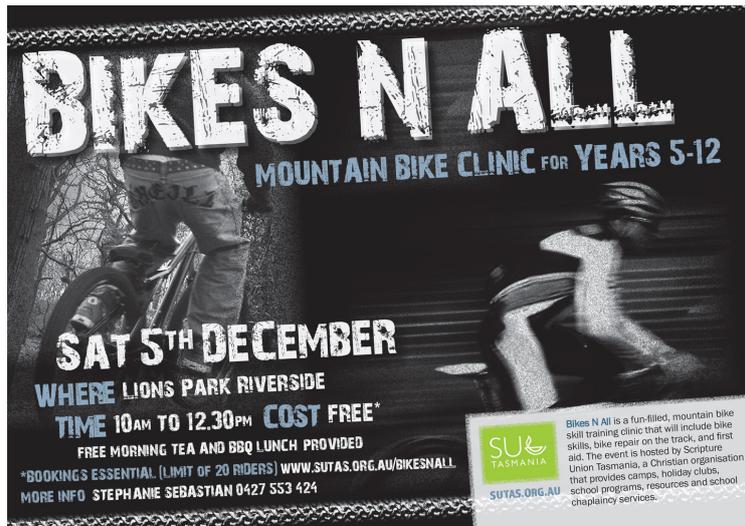
A big thanks to our wonderful LAP mentors for 2020. Students have looked forward to the time they have shared with each of you. LAP will be operating in 2021 and we already have two new volunteers. If you know of anyone interested in mentoring our students in 2021 please contact the school.



OUTDOOR CLASS ROOM DAY



SCRIPTURE UNION ACTIVITIES



Love your mountain bike?
Then join us for a day of learning new skills and challenges.
For Grades 5-10 Lion's Park Riverside
Saturday 5 December 10:00 am - 12:30 pm
Cost: FREE Enquiries:
Contact 0427 553 424

An overnight bush-walking adventure for grades 7-10.
Spend two days among friends and wombats in a stunning World Heritage area
Cost: \$60 Enquiries: Contact 0407004245

FAMILY FUN EVENT

MANY CULTURES

one team

BASKETBALL CLINICS: AGES 8-18

GAMES AND CRAFT: AGES 2-8

AFTERNOON TEA: MUMS AND DADS

DETAILS **NEWSTEAD BAPTIST, SUN 29 NOVEMBER**
14 WENTWORTH ST, NEWSTEAD

SUMMERHILL BAPTIST, SUN 6 DECEMBER
87 STANLEY ST, SUMMERHILL
3.00 PM TO 5.30 PM

For further information email Stephanie
stephanie.sebastian@sutas.org.au or 0427553424

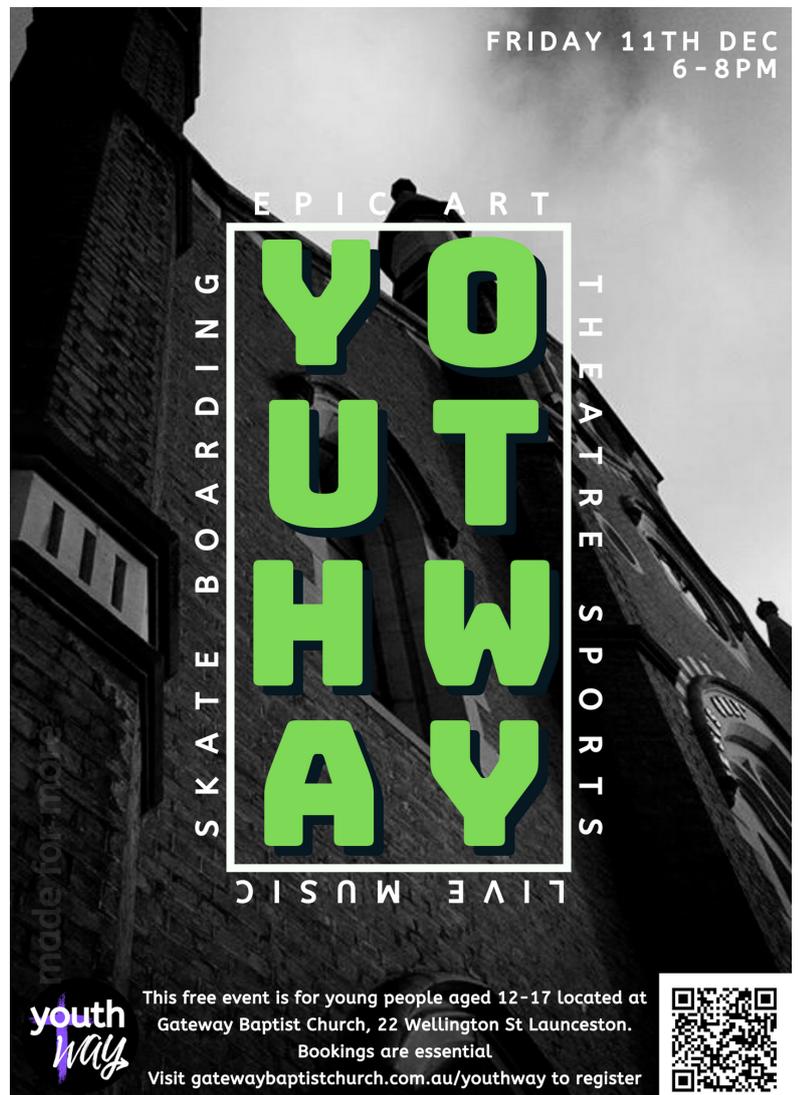
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"made for more"

Youthway will be recommencing shortly featuring weekly connect groups, monthly youth events and pathways to explore mission both locally and globally. Youthway will feature weekly connect time at Gateway. If you can't make it in person, Zoom in and join in on the catch up! One Friday each month, Youthway will host an amazing night of creative art, drama, sport and skating with our amazing Youthway team. There will be loads of food and prizes, as well as the odd live tunes to be played. We can't wait to get this going and other Youth Groups are welcome to book in. Book in now for the Youthway Launch event on December 11!

<https://www.facebook.com/GatewayBaptistLaunceston>



FRIDAY 11TH DEC
6-8PM

E P I C A R T

S K A T E B O A R D I N G

Y O U T H W A Y

T H E A T R E S P O R T S

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This free event is for young people aged 12-17 located at Gateway Baptist Church, 22 Wellington St Launceston. Bookings are essential. Visit gatewaybaptistchurch.com.au/youthway to register



Diary Dates

Wed 2nd

Grade P-6: Kim Roe Dance - The Town that forgot Christmas
Grade 9/10 Leavers dinner at Riverside Golf Club

Thu 3rd

Grade 6 Celebration Dinner

Wed 9th

Grade 9/10: MTB at Derby

Thu 10th

Grade 9/10: Bush Skills at Burns Creek

Fri 11th

Grade 9/10: Surfing at Scamander
Reports to go home

Mon 14th

Whole school picnic at Lagoon Bay

Tue 15th

2pm: Presentation Service at Punchbowl Christian Centre
3.30pm -5pm: Celebration Picnic at NCS

Wed 16th

Last Day of Term

FIRST DAY OF TERM 1 WED 3RD FEBRUARY

