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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

A very warm welcome to you all as you return to NCS for Term 4 of 2019, our final term of this year and for some, their final term at NCS.

I love this time of year, spring has sprung and with it comes renewed hope, fresh energy and an opportunity to spring clean and de-clutter. At the same time, there is much to be done and the goal to finish the year well remains firmly in sight.

The Bible speaks of both of these phenomena; the new thing that God is springing into being and that He commands us to behold, together with the call to run our races with perseverance, in unity, passing on the baton and leaving a legacy. I love how in the Bible these two states of being are complementary, not opposed to one another.

These same circumstances can be seen in our strategic planning process, let me explain.

The process so far has consisted of, **Stage One:** gathering feedback from students, parents, staff and board. Thank you to all who participated in this first phase of the planning by completing the surveys. This information was synthesised into reports that were distributed to all staff for further discussions. Your feedback was invaluable in helping us discern where God is leading us.

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**Stage Two:** On Wednesday last week, the strategic planning team were led through a process by an external facilitator, to help us discover the six key themes from the feedback gained so far. This was an exciting and energising time together, providing clarity, unity and an opportunity to discuss candidly how far we have come as a school, and what work remains to be done.

Now comes the exciting part of the process – discerning and detecting our future! Over the next two weeks, **Stage Three** will involve the planning team reflecting on key themes and discovering our future reality: where is God calling us to go as His school and how are we to get there. The outcomes of all of these prayerful stages of the process will be presented in the form of the NCS Strategic Plan 2020-2022.

I look forward to sharing the results of this process with you all in due course and inviting you to join with us as we continue to develop and mature to be all that God has called Newstead Christian School to be.

I thank you in advance for your prayers for this process as we look to honour the past and who God has called us to be, as we seek to faithfully steward the baton that has been passed to us and discern the new things that God is calling us to as a school. In all of this and in all we do, our deepest desire is to glorify our Heavenly Father and do His will in His way. Thank you once again.

Shalom

Di Hooley



The door to our class says

# THAT THIS IS THE CLASS OF THE STRONG, COURAGEOUS AND CREATIVE!

This term we have focused in on God's story and our part in it. We have been creative in many ways. The aim to get students to use what God has given them to tell their story as part of God's great big story. Here is what some of the students have to say about what we have been up to.

Harmony said, "I have enjoyed doing math with everyone, daily challenges and doing tasks with groups. Sharing what is happening in our lives and things we can pray for."

Amy-Rose said, "We have been doing science and drama and I have enjoyed music and decorating a card for dad for Father's Day."

Nathan shared, "We have been working on the layers of the earth and the Grade 4's had a homework task to do about explorers from the 15th to 17th century."

Inara shared, "We have been making a rocket that is called the NCS 1, with controls inside, which is not quite finished. It is in the classroom in the reading corner. It has silver over most of it and gold at the top. It has a few crinkles, but it looks cool."

Students have been working on many different daily challenges and some that take more than a day like our lunar rovers for the Science Week. Daily challenges have included drawing with just shapes or one line only or creating a parachute to carry eggs to the ground safely or a zip line to transport marbles or a spaghetti bridge. Students have enjoyed taking time every Wednesday to work on passion projects, involving areas of interest to them.



Grade 5/6

## WOOLWORTHS MASTER BLAST CRICKET COMPETITION



# City Park Radio

**96.5 FM / 103.7 FM**

**Tune into City Park Radio  
Thursday 24th at 4:30pm - 5:00pm  
to hear Celina, Josh and Ebony from Grade 5/6**

## Grade 7-10

- The students visited a working farm just outside Scottsdale where they had a tour to see a working farm first-hand.
- Zara and Mikayla went to Parliament House Hobart for the grade 9 Stepping Up program. They did us proud.
- As a part of Mission week, the grade 7-10 students visited City Mission.



## Grade 9/10 Creative Writing

In 9/10 English, our focus has been on improving our writing skills through creative writing.

The following two pieces are written by students.

The first "Pied Beauty" is based on a very famous poem by a well-loved poet Gerrard Manley Hopkins. After analysing the original, they were asked to emulate the unusual style and purpose of praising God'd creation of Hopkins' poem. This is Zara Daniel's excellent version.

The next piece of creative writing by Seraya, used a photograph of her choice as a writing stimulus for this very sensitive and melancholic in tone piece. Enjoy!

### Branched Beauty

Glory be to God for branched things  
For the layered brushstrokes strewn across a  
stripped gumtree  
The growing arcs, wooden discs, imperfect rings  
Spindly pines spryly-shrill in the whispering  
breeze  
The abode of bumbling cicada wings; their  
iridescence, mesmerizing  
Where carolling birds reside among the toothed,  
Eden-green leaves.

For all things tangled, twisted, proper and prim  
The laced grains in the wooden rafters  
Opal-rays glimmering through the shadows trim  
For the captivating creation of our divine crafter,  
Praise Him.

By Zara Daniel

# Autum Heartbreak

It was late Autumn when we met. The leaves fell from the trees in an array of bright colour, bathed in the yellow warmth of the autumn sun, air fresh, but without a chill. We met in high school, I can still remember being led around the school and seeing her face amongst all the other students. Her long chocolate brown hair laying in a loose braid over her shoulder, and her deep ocean blue eyes gazing up at me as I was introduced to the class.

I wish my 16 year old self could see me now. She became my best friend, I knew her inside out and let her into places I wouldn't let anyone else. I spent every moment I could by her side and dreamed for the day we could be together forever.

It was late Autumn when we had our wedding. The warm colored leaves fell as she walked down the aisle. I could reminisce about that moment forever. Her pure white dress moving in the breeze, her eyes glistening in the sunlight, her smile as big as ever as she placed her hands in mine. The next few years were the best ones of my life, living everyday, every adventure, every heartache by her side. We became the best team, and through everything we stayed together, living the best life we possibly could. I should've known it was too good to be true.

It was late Autumn when I drove her to the hospital. I told her she would be okay - that would be the biggest lie I've told. They told me they could save my wife and my baby son. They were wrong, I never got to meet him. Never got to hold his little hand, or hear his first word or watch him grow into a man.

I'm too devastated to even shed a tear, I simply just stand staring into the distance remembering every little detail about her face, the way she smiled, the sound of her voice and praying to God that I will never forget. I never want to leave my wife... but it is getting late and the graveyard gates are about to be closed.

by Seraya Spark



## A big THANK YOU to everyone for helping out and making the day a success!

At our recent Athletics Carnival we had a number of track and field event records broken! Congratulations to our record breakers for their tremendous efforts on the day!

### 70m

Prep Boys - Ellijah 12.01 sec ( Previous record 14.22 sec)

Prep Girls - Kayla 12.76 sec (Previous record 13 sec)

### Kinder

Boys - Christian 15.13 sec (Previous record 17.50 sec)

Kinder Girls - Isla 17.3 (Previous record 18.90 sec)

### 100m

Grade 4 Boys - Nathan 14.28 sec (Previous record 13.32 sec)

Grade 8 Boys - Josiah 15.57 sec (Previous record 13.53 sec)



### 200m

\* Grade 8 Boys - Josiah 28.00 sec (Previous record 28.00 sec)

Grade 10 Girls - Mahalia - 30.70 sec (Previous record 31.45 sec)

### 400m

Grade 6 Girls - Celina - 1 min 18 sec (Previous record 1 min 24.95 sec)

### Long Jump

Prep Girls - Arabella - 2.6m (Previous record 2.15m)

Grade 2 Boys - Fifter - 2.68m (Previous record 2.45m)

### Vortex

Grade 2 Boys - Judah - 28.24m (Previous record 23.00m)

### Soccer Ball Throw

Grade 2 Boys - Judah - 8.50m (Previous record 8.15m)

### Shot Put

Grade 10 Girls - Seraya - 7.50m (Previous record 7.15m)





## Highest Scorers

### Kinder

Ethan Uche-Amanze and Isla Nugteren

Runners up: Charlotte Pickergill and Christian Austin

### Prep

Romeo Austin, Arabella Farrell and Caitlyn Stott

Runner up: Elijah Porsbro-Pedersen

### Grade 1

Eli Sheppard and Kayla Uche-Amanze

Runner up: Mutiara Smith

### Grade 2

Judah Barker and Sophie Roy

Runners up: Seth Duff and Stephanie Stott

### Grade 3

Liam Welsh and Inara Hamilton

Runner Up: Annica Scaife

### Grade 4

Buddy Austin and Annabelle McKeand

Runners up: Nathan Lokoli Henriquet and Eden Barker

### Grade 5

Joshua Burgess, Zac Holten and Nina Roy

Runner up: Josie Stott

### Grade 6

Kasper Bough, Ezra Smith, De Celina Koutsika

Runner up: Lilyelle Leedham

### Grade 7

Joel Holton and Talissa Mujinga

Runners up: Sonny Targett and Stella Daniel

### Grade 8

Josiah Smith and Frances Day

Runner up: Jacob Sheppard

### Grade 9

Jake Sinclair, Tia Tonihi and Zara Daniel

### Grade 10

Ue Tonihi and Mahalia Smith

Runners up: Kynan Snooks and Seraya Spark



# NOTICES



Congratulations to Isaac Jacobson on his award!  
"Young Achiever of the Year in the Tasmanian Transport Industry"

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## Join us in Prayer

An invitation for all parents and teachers to join  
in praying for our school community.  
Contact Brendan Foley for more information

0423 243 211

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# ICE CREAM ON THURSDAYS

MADE BY ZAC AND MICAH



**\$1.50**

# Father & Child Camping

When: Fri. 15 Nov - Sun. 17 Nov.

Where: 23 Skemps Road, Myrtle Bank.

COST: OVERNIGHT IN CENTRE

Adults: \$18 Children under 14: \$9

CAMPING WITH USE OF THE CENTRE

Adults: \$14 Children under 14: \$7

DAY VISIT

Adults and Children: \$4

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RSVP or for more info:

contact Brendan by 28th October on

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or

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NEWSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL  
31- 37 Tudor Ave, Newstead

# Christmas Fiesta

December 6th  
5:30pm - 7:30pm

**This exciting event features:**

Live Music  
Photo Booth  
Carol Singing  
Christmas Crafts  
Face Painting  
Pre-loved clothing sale  
Food Stalls  
+ more!





A child's future can be forged in just eleven fast years of their early lives and will be shaped by the culture they're immersed in. When and how they spend those years will influence and mould them into who they are as adults.

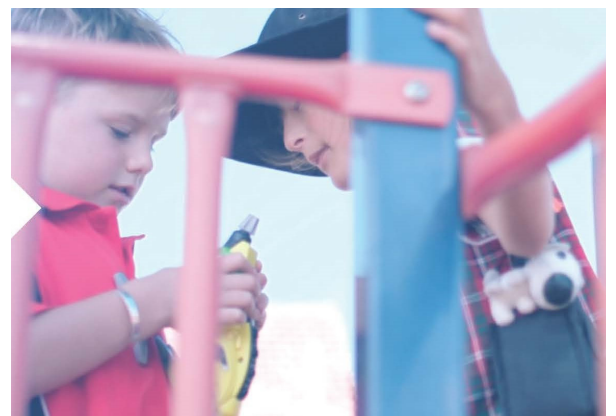
Newstead Christian School is a place where children can grow academically, physically and spiritually, however, seeing success in the growth of children also requires growth on our part. As our children grow, we want to grow alongside them. We need to ensure the learning environment we provide remains current, safe and relevant.

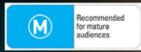
With your help, the upgrade and continued maintenance of our facilities will enable Newstead Christian School to provide a place of education and support of superior quality for generations to come. Invest in the kingdom. Invest in the future.

Invest in our NCS Building Fund today.

All donations to our building fund are tax deductible, so please ensure we get your address to send you a tax receipt.

You can donate online: <https://ncs.tas.edu.au/building-fund/>





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Wednesday 6th November at 6:45pm

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FOR RECOMMENDED,  
SEE UNPLANNED WITH YOUR  
FAMILY AND FRIENDS."

— FRANKLIN GRAHAM,  
PRESIDENT OF SAMARITANS PURSE

Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the states, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokes-person for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America.

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