

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

One of the many benefits of moving to Australia was discovering the works of Michael Leunig. A writing of his that has always stayed with me is a comment on love and fear, it always reminds me of 1 John 4:18. When life is busy and there is so much going on, these words help me to check my heart and my motivation.

Since my early days as a Christian, I have often heard or recited the scripture, 'Perfect love casts out all fear.' I have quoted it to myself whenever fear seems to surround and overwhelm me. Several of these times have been when flying. It was on a particular nine-hour flight some years ago that I experienced the transformational power of these words as I looked at the whole book of 1 John. It was a Kairos moment that led me to leave my seat, find a private place in the plane (the bathroom), and do a little joy dance...I kid you not.

Love and Fear
By Michael Leunig

There are only two feelings.
Love and fear.
There are only two
languages.
Love and fear.
There are only two activities.
Love and fear.
There are only two motives,
two procedures, two
frameworks, two results.
Love and fear.

"God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:16-19

The verse speaks of fear having to do with punishment. As I sat on the plane, I was able to reflect on what my fear of flying was really based on. It became clear that I was afraid of dying before I had done all that God had planned for me to do. It was the fear of a servant facing the wrath of a harsh master.

In that instant, and it truly was an instant, I saw that I was relating to God as a master, not a father. I was fearful of getting things wrong, not completing the work set for me, and who knows what else. I was able to let God's perfect love truly cast out fear and liberate me to live as his beloved child. Right there. On a plane.

Needless to say, I still struggle with fear at times. This is when the quick heart check can be really helpful:

Am I acting out of fear or out of my identity as a beloved child of God?

Am I acting out of fear, or am I motivated by faith in my sovereign Father God?

Am I fearfully trying to control things or am I moving in the grace of knowing that my loving Father God is in control?

My dear NCS community, as we navigate this most challenging of years together, my prayer for each one of us is that we will continue to live and operate out of the love God has for us, that we will continue to let God's grace season each of our decisions, words and actions. I pray that we will allow God to show us where we are fearful, not so that we can be punished but so we might allow Him to minister his love into those fearful (and often hurting) places in each of us. I pray that we will remain a community that is known as Jesus' disciples because of the way we love each other.

In His Service
Di Hooley

Merit Certificates

Grade 7/8

Celina for being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning.

Lilyelle for being a motivated and independent student with a great love of learning.

Grade 5/6

Nathan for his hard work and organisation for the recent oral presentation.

Eden for being a caring and supportive friend.

Zac for his enthusiasm, creative ideas and participation in his oral presentation on Japan.

Joash

Josh for his mature approach in reflecting on areas for improvement.

Micah

Nina

Hosea for his preparation and organisation for his oral presentation on Papua New Guinea

Zara

Ebony

Grade 3/4

Annica scaife for her outstanding research and presentation on her History Project on Vasco da Gama

Caleb Coates for his amazing research and presentation on his History Project on Abel

Tasman

Ruben Ochs for his amazing research and presentation on his History project on Ferdinand Magellan.



Parents and Friends

THANK
YOU

After five years of faithful, enthusiastic and determined leadership, Mel Duffy is stepping down from leading the P&F. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of us all to publicly honour Mel and her service to our school community.

Mel, your 'can do' attitude, ability to draw together a team and get things done are amazing. Thank you for using these skills to bless us, your leadership will be much missed. Please bear with us as we learn to stop looking to you to organise barbeques, breakfasts, fairs, fiestas etc.

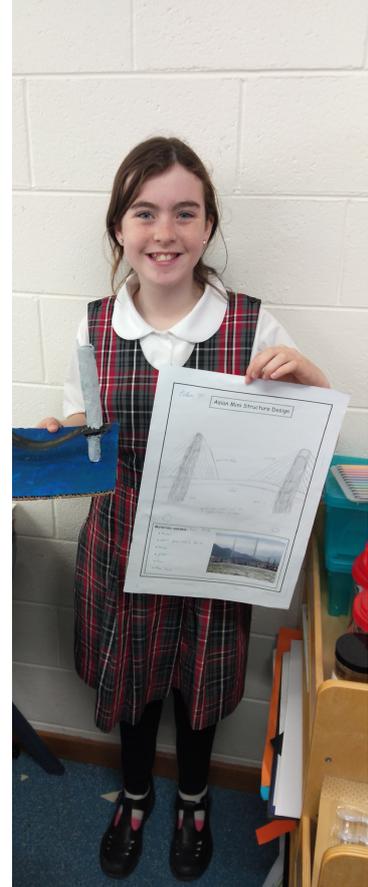
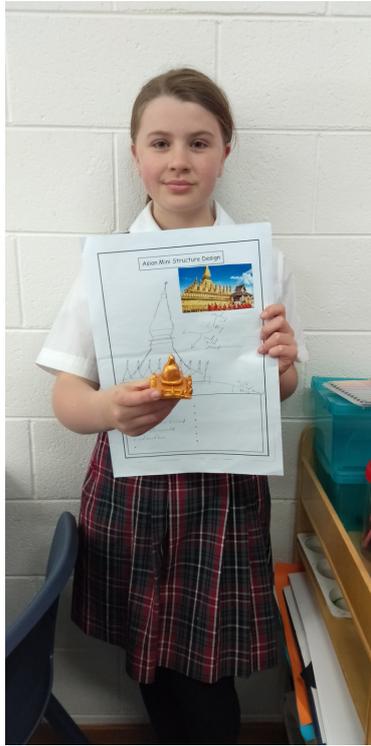
We pray for you and your family and give thanks that you are all part of our school.

Blessings, Di



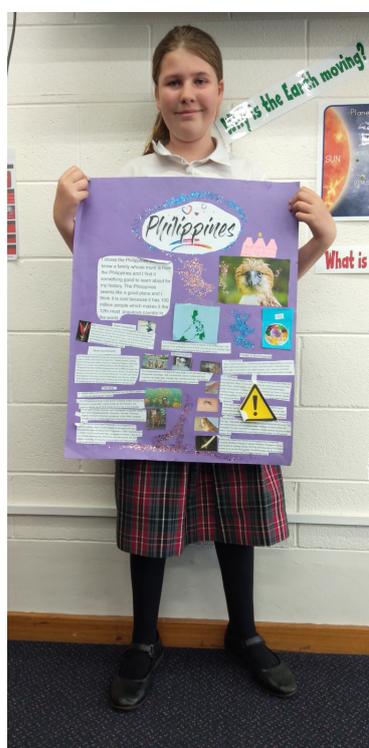
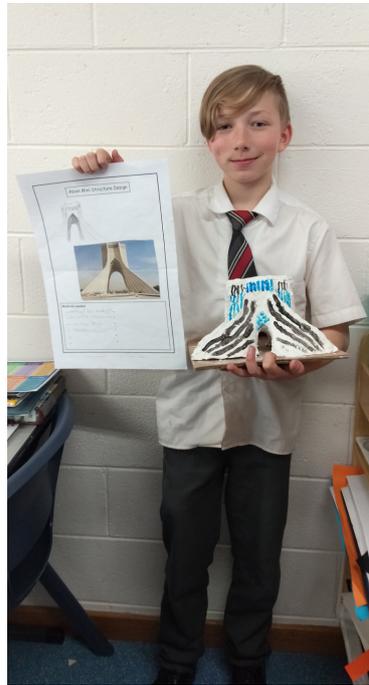
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STORYATHON!

Grade 7/8 students are given a theme each term, then they have to write a story in only 100 words with a focus on a great opening sentence, creating a visual image for the reader, making every word count and an unexpected twist at the end!

A Great Summer's Day

Ahhh...Another great summer's day on the 'luxurious' couch in the lounge. I see my mother is making salad in the kitchen, Dad preparing the snags on the BBQ. I can hear my younger brother is outside playing in the backyard, and I know that my older brother is sleeping in his bed. Nevertheless, I'm laying on a comfortable couch watching the cricket on the television. Who's playing? It's Australia and New Zealand. Who's winning? Well, I do know know... Then all of a sudden the Australian catches the ball mid-air, and I scream "YES!" Then someone yells, "Be Quiet!"

- Joshua.G..

Snow in Tasmania, Australia

Outside the cold winter weather, delivering junk mail, I begin to feel chilling water land on my catalogues and head. The water quickly turns to ice, and then to snow. My sister and I start walking back towards the car which was parked at the end of the street. As the snow begins to fall harder and harder, my fingers are getting colder and colder by the second. In a way I envy those Americans and British people who are having their summer, while I'm here in Tasmania in the cold. I'm happy I got to see the snow.

- Tailah.M..

Australia vs. New Zealand

Australia: The place to go if you want to be eaten! Come see the jaws of a great white shark! Or if stinging is more your death style, we have both wasps, and scorpions! If you want a nice, relaxing death, we're surrounded by perilous waters! Sociable spiders will have you for dinner with no second thoughts! If that's not enough for you, we also have horrible, dry deserts! Our ravenous locals are just as bad, and love flesh and vegemite sandwiches! At least we, however don't have a hole in our ozone layer, like New Zealand...oh. Right. Tasmania...

-Samuel.B.

Creepy Crawlies

I see dark black spots, flash across the windshield. Suddenly an eight-legged beast appeared, crawling treacherously up my window that is slightly cracked open. I tremble with fear, scared for my life, it scrambles inside the window and jumps right in front of me onto the dashboard. "Ahh, stop the car!" I scream. The beast makes its way down to the floor of the car and I lose sight of it. I soon realize the eight little legs are creeping their way up to my lap. Splat! I lift my reading book and down falls a squashed lifeless spider.

- Stella. D.

GRADE 7-10 ADVENTURES



NCS Athletics Carnival 2020

When – Thursday 17th September

Where – St. Leonards' Athletics Track

Time: 9am -3pm (Students are to be dropped off and picked up from the track)

The NCS Athletics carnival is fast approaching again. Mrs Nugteren and Mr Green are getting excited for the day and hope students have been practising their running and throwing.

Students will need to:

- Wear school sports shorts (or tracksuit pants), a t-shirt that is the colour of their house team: **Birch (Yellow)**, **Tudor (Blue)**, **Pine (Green)** and appropriate sports shoes and school rugby jumper, school spray jacket or rain jacket (for extra warmth)
- Bring a drink bottle, recess, lunch and a few extra snacks.
- Bring a sunhat and sunscreen.

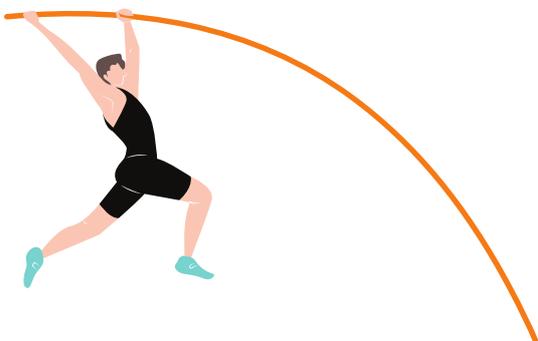
There will be a BBQ at lunchtime.

- Sausages \$2 each
- Fruit Boxes \$1.50
- Baked Goods will also be available to purchase.

Mrs Nugteren and Mr Green would be extremely grateful for as many helpers as possible from the parent community to assist on the day. If you are able to help please fill in the note that came home, or contact the office.

Also, parents are welcome to come and watch and cheer on the children. The normal school COVID safe procedures will apply, including hand sanitisers upon entry and physical distancing.

The Kinder days for that week will be Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.



L.A.P. has resumed

THANK YOU

To the volunteers who have returned again or who have signed up to the program for first time. You have helped to make a difference in the life of a student.

Younger students benefit from LAP because they enjoy:

- spending time with a special friend;
- having someone to talk to and learn from;
- working on special projects;
- sharing books, stories, activities and games;
- celebrating special occasions;
- having fun.



Older students benefit from LAP because they enjoy:

- being treated as an individual;
- having extra time with, and support of a volunteer;
- sharing interests, tasks and activities;
- having someone to talk with and listen to;
- celebrating special occasions;
- having fun.

We at Newstead Christian School aspire to enabling all students to develop resilience and wellbeing through positive mentoring.

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A call for volunteers

If you or a family member are interested in learning more about being involved in this program please e-mail me (Nancyann) at nancyann.walters@ncs.tas.edu.au

I will then arrange a meeting with you to discuss the process and expectations.

Teachers will be considering students that would benefit from this mentoring and outline the possible area for mentor involvement.

Nancyann Walters
Learning Support Co-ordinator
Newstead Christian School



WE'RE TAKING IT IN OUR STRIDE ON FRIDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER

Well it's that time of year again when our school seriously starts talking about walking!

Not only is walking a wonderful way to get you where you want to be, but it also gets your health – and your child's health on the right track too. So that's why this year our school is participating in National Walk Safely to School Day on Friday 11 September 2020.

Walk Safely to School Day asks that we all consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. And although walking all the way to school isn't realistic for many of us, it's quite easy to figure out how you can build a walk into your family's daily routine.

You can teach your child the healthy habit of walking more by:

- Walking with them the whole way to school
- If they get the bus or train, walk past your usual stop and get on at the next stop
- If you have to drive, park the car a few blocks away from the school and walk the rest of the way.

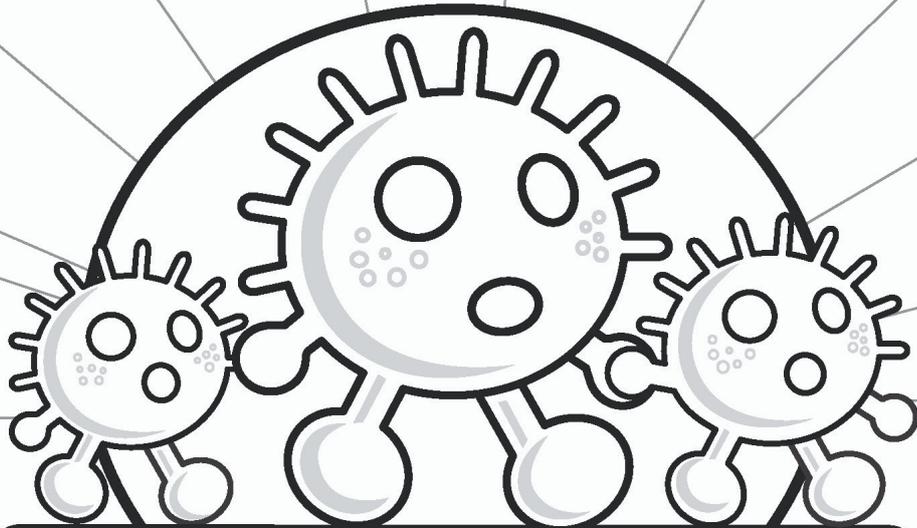
Regular exercise like walking with your child not only helps them (and you!) beat chronic problems like obesity, heart disease, behavioural and mental health issues and diabetes. It also gives you a great opportunity to teach your child safe ways to behave around roads and traffic.

Remember, Active Kids are Healthy Kids so get planning your own Walk Safely to School Day journey for Friday 11 September 2020!

For more information, visit www.walk.com.au



**ACTIVE KIDS ARE
SMARTER KIDS**



**WALK SAFELY
TO SCHOOL DAY**

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Until they're ten,
children must always hold an
adult's hand when crossing the road



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Attendance

Is your child feeling sick? Please keep them home.

Let the office know if your child/ren will be off school due to illness or another reason. You can do this by using the Skoolbag app, emailing, texting or calling the school before 9:30am. Thank you.

office @ncs.tas.edu.au / 0466 108 298 / 6331 1922

Senior students who arrive after 9 am
&

junior students who arrive after 9:10 am need to be signed in at the office.

To join our NCS prayer group,
send a text to **0491 129 230**
with the words, *sign me up*.

Prayer requests will go out on
Tuesday afternoon or as needed.

This is a 'broadcast only' group,
so you will not be able to respond
to the whole group.

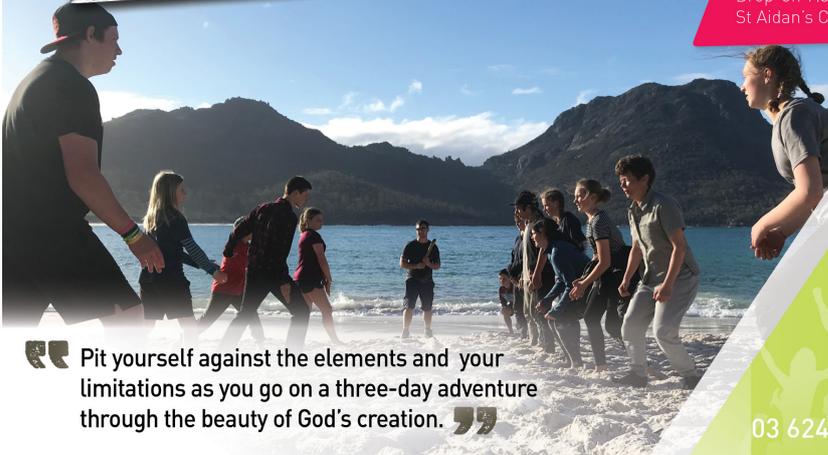


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taking on

GOLIATH.

ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?



“ Pit yourself against the elements and your limitations as you go on a three-day adventure through the beauty of God’s creation. ”

Where: Freycinet N.P.

When: 8–11 October 2020

Who: Years 6–8 **Cost:** \$130

Register: sutas.org.au/goliath/
(closes Tue 28 September)

Drop-off 9.30am Thu 8 Oct, Pick-up 4pm Sun 11 Oct
St Aidan’s Church, 21–23 Arthur St, East Launceston

To find out more contact
Nik Sands
0429 387 777

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03 6244 8422 admin@sutas.org.au

SUPACAMP NORTH



WHEN 26–29 September 2020

WHO Years 4–6 **COST** \$170

WHERE Carnaroo Site, Paper Beach

REGISTER sutas.org.au/supa-north/
(closes Wed 16 September)

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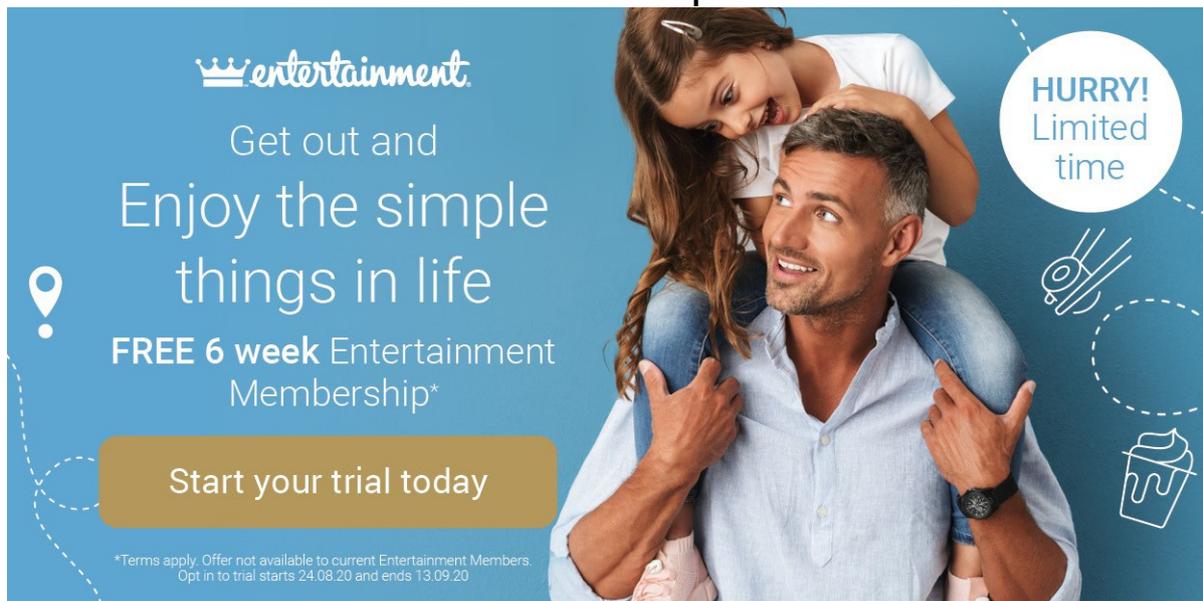


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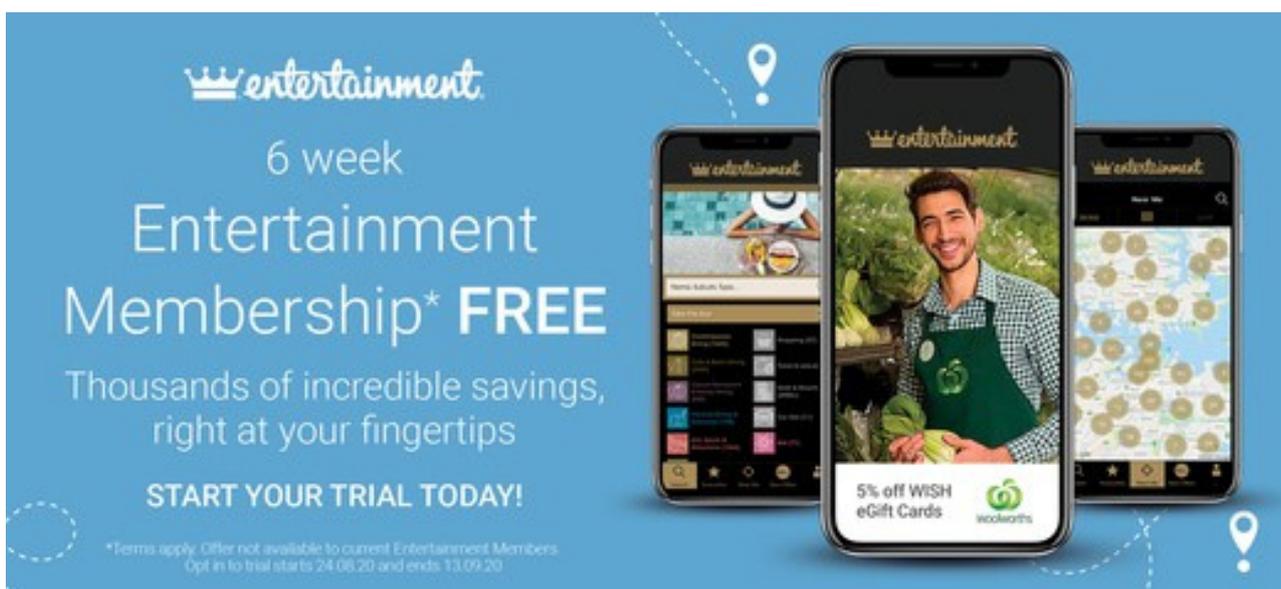
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Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th September

Grades 3-6: Gymnastic Program at PCYC

Thursday 10th September

Grades 9-10: Newstead College Orientation Day

Friday 11th September

National Walk Safely to School Day

Cross Country at Geneva Christian College (selected students only)

Sarah Courtney MP to speak with the 7/8 class

Wednesday 16th September

Grades 3-6: Gymnastic Program at PCYC

Thursday 17th September

NCS Athletics Carnival at Northern Athletics Centre, St Leonards

(Students are to be dropped off and picked up from the track)

Friday 18th September

Grades 1/2 & 7/8: Shopping trip for Operation Christmas Child

Tuesday 22nd September

Grades 7-10 Science Challenge at Newstead College

Wednesday 23rd September

Grades K-2: Gymnastic Program at PCYC

Friday 25th September

Grade K - 4: Day at Low Head

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Monday 12th October

Student free day

Tuesday 13th October

FIRST DAY TERM 4

