

NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School

"Like arrows in the hands of a warrior."

Psalm 127:4



Read as if your life depended upon it.

At the recent CEN State Conference in July, we were challenged to read a book of the Bible together as a staff. And so it was that in Week 2 of this term, we began reading Ephesians as a staff, starting with chapter 1, verse 1. Seven weeks on, we have spent the last days of this term pondering Ephesians 2: 6-10.

We have taken a slow and deliberately ponderous approach, dwelling on one or two verses, maybe even five at a time. It has been a rich time of sharing together the things the Holy Spirit is highlighting and reminding us of the richness of His endless grace towards us who are nothing without Him.

I wonder how you read the Bible. Do you have a plan to read it through every year? Perhaps you linger for months in a book, or a passage, or even a verse? Do you read it alone? As a family? Do you have a predictable pattern, a reassuring rhythm to your family life in this unpredictable world? Do you have a 'go to' version or is 'pic n mix' more your style?

Perhaps you have never read the Bible, or your habits have fallen by the wayside in the busyness of life. Maybe you have yet to establish family rhythms that include reading the Bible together, talking about it and praying. The great news is, it's never too late to start good habits. Often, the trick is to start with manageable, bitesize goals. The other great news is, you don't have to be an expert.

Recently, Rev. Dr. Dale Stephenson from Crossway Baptist Church, Melbourne, spoke at Door of Hope about the Discovery Bible Method. DBM allows those reading the Bible together to discover God's truth for themselves, rather than relying on a leader. A 'leader' is there to empower participants and to pray, not to have all the answers. In fact, often the biggest challenge for the 'leader' is to resist playing the expert by bringing prior knowledge to the discussion and instead allowing the Holy Spirit to unpack the text for the group. Although he was talking about people who may not have a faith, the principles are applicable in the family situation too.

"So ,what?", I hear you cry. Well, one of the keys to a life in all its fullness is the meditation on the word of God, it feeds our souls in a way that nothing else can. If we want a life of fullness, we need to make time for the Bible. We will never have, or find, the time but, if we realise the priority that this is, we will make the time to do it. If we want our children to know and love God, and live a life of fullness, we need to model this key spiritual discipline to them. It's the same responsibility that we take for our children's dental health (do you give your children a choice about brushing their teeth?), just extended to their spiritual well-being.

So, as we head into the holidays, here's an invitation for you: Try establishing a family pattern of reading the Bible, discussing it and praying together. It can be short and sweet, it can be before breakfast, after dinner or before bed, whatever works best for you. The key to the forming of any worthwhile habit is to start small, and then keep going. Give it a try, you might just enjoy it. And, if you have never read the Bible before but would like to start, have a chat with me, I'd love to make time to read it with you, I know you would have a lot to teach me.

In His Service

Di Hooley

Principal

Merit Certificates



Grade 3/4

Memorisation of 12 bible verses:

- Izzie Peet
- Olivia Pearce
- Stephanie Stott
- Esther Coates

Memorisation of 24 bible verses:

- Stephanie Stott

Grade 56

- Annica - Communicating her feelings while remaining gracious and kind
- Amy - Regularly showing patience and kindness to others



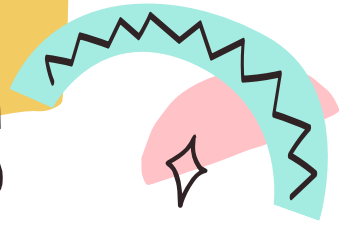
ODE – Indoor Archery



Photos: Tailah MacKenzie



MEET THE TEACHER **MRS BEAMS**



Hi, my name is Jess Beams. I am married to Stuart Beams and have two beautiful children who attend NCS. Grace is in Grade Two and Noah is in Kinder. We have a dog named Poppy and are very keen supporters of the Geelong Football Club!

We have a shack by the beach in the small, north eastern, coastal town of Tomahawk and love to go for walks on the beach exploring God's creation, and out fishing and diving in our boat.

Our home church is Door of Hope. Stuart and I are part of the welcome team and Grace and Noah love attending Hope Discovery Kids. They have just begun rehearsals for the Christmas production where they will be a part of the dance ensemble!

I commenced teaching in 2011 at West Launceston Primary School where I started out as a PE teacher before moving to a classroom setting where I taught on a Grade 5/6. I am currently at Exeter Primary School teaching on a Grade 3/4.

I am thrilled to be joining the wonderful team at NCS as the Grade 3/4 teacher next year and look forward to getting to know you all over the next few months.



Year 7 Parent Information Evening

Dear Parents,

I am writing to invite you to our Year 7 Parent Information Session which will be held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 in the High School from 6pm – 7.30pm. This session is open to parents whose children are currently in Year 5 or Year 6.

We understand that entering High School is an important transition and one that can be hard, even for those students who have been with us in the Primary School. For some of you, this may be your last child heading into High School, for others it may be your first and for each child the experience is different.

This evening will offer an opportunity to meet the teachers and some of the support staff that will be working with your child as they enter our high school. They will share a little of what they do as well as some tips on how to help your child (and you) prepare for High School. They will also share some of the things we have put in place in Year 6 and in Year 7 to help students transition to High School life.

Some of our current High School parents will also share along the lines of, 'things we wish we'd known before our child started high school'.

As well as offering an opportunity to meet the teachers, tour the school again and meet other parents, there will be plenty of time to ask questions of staff and other parents.

This will be an informal time together with light refreshments. I do hope that you will be able to join us for this important time, please RSVP to office@ncs.tas.edu.au by 12th October.

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High School Maths

In high school during term four, we have been exploring measurement and in grade 9/10 this has meant working out surface area and volume. In a recent challenge given to students, they were asked to calculate the volume of each class and then work out which was the smallest room everyone could fit into, both with and without covid restrictions. An additional challenge was given of seeing what size cylinder or other shape would be needed to fit the volume of everyone in the school. Students measured the height of each person and used a standard base for different age groups. The aim of the task is to get students to understand what volume actually means and how to apply different methods and formulas for calculating volume depending on the size and shape of the item being measured.



Buddy Classes

On Monday for Mandarin the 1/2s and the 5/6s buddy classes got together to learn about the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival. Students got to find out some of the history, special foods and activities that happen during this festival. The 5/6s helped the 1/2s to create paper lanterns and design mooncakes. Many of the students got to try some mooncake for the first time. As you can see from the photos, they all enjoyed participating in this cultural learning experience.



Senior & Junior School: Shared Reading!

In NCS, we want to promote a culture of reading.

Here are some photos that capture the delightfulness of a recent shared reading experience for our school's Readathon. Senior students visited Mrs.Nielsen's and Miss.Jeysing's class to read story books with them. There were cuddles, funny voices and also giggles particularly over a picture book entitled "Rudie Nudie"! This was a great opportunity for increasing the links between the Junior School and Senior School and, for older students to practice the art of storytelling, refining their tone and fluency to make the reading engaging and fun. In addition, these books were added to everyone's tally of books read, so hopefully encouraging everyone to read more for an excellent cause.

Mrs. Hamilton



Read-a-thon

Firstly, thank you to all those who participated and raised funds for the NCS Read-a-thon. Initially I thought it was a bit ambitious of the SRC to set a fund-raising goal of \$1000 but thought we would give a good crack. I am greatly pleased to say that the students raised over twice that amount. The total funds raised were \$2,563 with a total of 651 books read in two weeks.

The awards to the most raised funds go to:

Kinder – Oliver Whitmore

Prep – Charlie Costa

1/2 – Layla Bradshaw

3/4 – Archie Nugteren

5/6 – Abigail Murray

7/8 – Micah Green

9/10 – Joshua Green

Ms Hooley also set a challenge by donating \$10 to one student from each grade who read the most books in their class.

These students are the recipients of that challenge:

Kinder – Billie Nugteren

Prep – Charlie Costa

Grade 1 – Isla Nugteren

Grade 2 – Grace Beams

Grade 3 – Izabella Peet

Grade 4 – Archie Nugteren

Grade 5 – Abigail Murray

Grade 6 – Miriam Ochs

Grade 7 – Micah Green

Grade 9 – Josh Green

Grade 10 – Samuel Burgess.



Josh Green, Micah Green, Layla Bradshaw, Abigail Murray, Oliver Whitmore, Archie Nugteren.
Absent: Charlie Costa

Once again thank you for taking part and the SRC looking forward to showing off the new resources we will be able to purchase for the school.

Alex Nielsen on behalf of the SRC.

Auction

A wonderful auction night was had on the 16th of September. The event was operated by two enterprising student groups - Dimensions; an auction business and Thorns and Petals a catering business.

The night was a culmination of hard work with students stepping out of their comfort zone and increasing understanding, skills and attitudes around collaboration, problem-solving, project management, creativity, curiosity and questioning, self-confidence and empowerment.

Dimensions partnered with Tullochs Auction House and were well supported by the school community and the local business communities around Newstead and Launceston. A BIG THANKYOU to all those who generously donated their time, services and goods.

Funds raised on the night were approximately \$4,197.00. The money has been earmarked for outdoor learning and future building projects. Dimensions will receive specific proposals for spending before the allocation of funds.

An exciting, entertaining and fun-filled evening serving and equipping all.





Athletics Carnvial

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

Final house results for the 2021 Athletics Carnival

Birch: 992 Tudor: 892 Pine: 729

Well done Birch!

Congratulations to our record breakers for their tremendous efforts on the day!

Long Jump	3 girls	Olivia Pearce (2.9m)	2021
		Tanita Nortje [2.51m]	2010
	9 boys	Ethan Morrison (5.3m)	2021
		Eli Nes [5.20m]	2010

High Jump	8 girls	De Celina Koutsika (1.3m)	2021
		Shelley Owen [1.25m]	2010
		Nicole Moorehouse [1.25]	2015

Vortex	4 boys	Judah Barker (33.9m)	2021
		Jacob Burk [32.20m]	2012

Javelin	6 girls	Miriam Ochs (16.55m)	2021
		Keelin Smedley [13.50m]	2010
	9 girls	Talissa Mujinga (18.29m)	2021
		Jada Hamilton [17.73m]	2017

Tennis Ball Throw	4 boys	Judah Barker (32.7m)	2021
		Oliver Bain [32.00m]	2012

Soccer Ball Throw	Kinder boys	Sonny Farrell (3.64m)	2021
	1 girls	Isla Nugteren (7.13m)	2021
		Selina Bough [6.40m]	2017
	2 Boys	Reuben Kamphuis (8.75m)	2021
		Judah barker [8.50m]	2019



Shot Putt	6 boys	Nathan Lokoli Henriquet (9.22m)	2021
		Jonny Burk [8.50m]	2011
	7 Girls	Zara Smith (8.22m)	2021
		Celina Kutafitus [7.95m]	2020

Discus	6 Girls	Eden Barker (13.1m)	2021
		Nina Roy [9.77m]	2020

70m	Kinder girl	Reese Miller (16.2sec)	2021
		Isla Nugteren [17.03 sec]	2019
	Prep Girls	River Hamilton (12.56sec)	2021
		Kayla [12.76 sec]	2019

100m	6 boys	Nathan Lokoli Henriquet (13.44 sec)	2021
		Jesse Brown [13.73sec]	2010

200m	6 boys	Nathan Lokoli Henriquet (28.25sec)	2021
		Ue Tonihi [31.00sec]	2015

400m	8 girls	De Celina Koutsika (1.17.6min)	2021
		Moana Chamberlin [1.19 min]	2014



Photos: Laura Eastley

Highest Scorers

Grade	Champion	Runner Up
Kinder Girls	Sandra Heron	Hope Richard
Kinder Boys	Sonny Farrell	Joshua Howard
Prep Girls	Audrina Farrell	Taya Kamphuis
Prep Boy	Charlie Costa	Archie Dargan
Grade 1 Girls	Isla Nugteren	Charlotte Pickersgill
Grade 1 Boys	Ewen Welsh	Charlie Peet
Grade 2 Girls	Arabella Farrell	Caitlyn Stott
Grade 2 Boys	Reuben Kamphuis	Ellijah Porsobro- Pedersen
Grade 3 Girls	Olivia Pearce	Esther Coates
Grade 3 Boys	Micah Healey	Eli Sheppard
Grade 4 Girls	Stephanie Stott	Lilly Percy
Grade 4 Boys	Judah Barker	Seth Duffy
Grade 5 Girls	Annica Scaife	Inara Hamilton
Grade 5 Boys	Liam Welsh	Caleb Coates
Grade 6 Girls	Miriam Ochs	Josie Stott
Grade 6 Boys	Nathan Lokoli Henriquet	William Brinker
Grade 7 Girls	Nina Roy	Zara Smith
Grade 7 Boys	Hosea Scaife	Zachary Barns
Grade 8 Girls	De Celina Koutsika	Lilyelle Leedham
Grade 8 Boys	Kasper Bough	Matthew Heron
Grade 9 Girls	Talissa Mujinga	Stella Daniel
Grade 9 Boys	Ethan Morrison	Liam Shaw
Grade 10 Boys	Harrison Wise	Jacob Sheppard



Work Experience

A big thank you to Launceston Library, S. Group, John Calvin School Launceston, Think, Launceston Trophies, The Baker Group, Finney Funeral Services and Hotel Grand Chancellor-Launceston for investing in our students.



Photos: Laura Eastley and Think

Key Diary Dates

24th Sept

Last Day of Term 3

11th Oct

Student Free Day

12th Oct

First Day of Term 4 - Change to Summer Uniform

19th Oct

Grade 7 & 10 Immunisation second visit

6 pm: Year 7 Parents' Info Evening



TOP EXPERTS ON ISSUES AFFECTING OUR CHILDREN & TEENS

EBONY BIRCH-HANGER
Speaker, educator, therapist

SHARON WITT
Author, educator, speaker

SUSAN MCLEAN
Cyber Safety Expert

DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG
High profile psychologist

MICHELLE MITCHELL
Author, educator, speaker

PAUL DILLON
Drug and alcohol specialist
Founder of DARTA

Resilient Kids

CONFERENCE

SPEAKING TOPICS

- Building every day resilience in children and teens
- The secrets of post pandemic wellbeing in young people
- Caring for our own wellbeing as adults
- Cultivating resilience in the presence of Autism and Anxiety
- Navigating the online world – lockdowns and remote learning
- What to do – alcohol and drugs and teens

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