

NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School

*'This world and its desires are in the
process of passing away,
but those who love to do the will of God
live forever.'*
1 John 2:17 (TPT)

Welcome to Week 3 Term Three, the second last term for 2022! Hope you all had a great break from school and are recharged ready to take on the back part of the year.

Just recently I was reminded of John 17 where Jesus prays for His disciples. Let's just think about that for a minute. Can you imagine what it would be like for Jesus to pray for you? It's a pretty amazing thought, but that is exactly what Jesus did. In verse twenty it says, *'And I ask not only for these disciples, but also for all those who will one day believe in me...'*(TPT)

It is significant to note that in verse twenty-one Jesus prays, for us *'all to be joined together as one.'* In the following verse He repeats, *'...so that they will be joined together as one,'* and continues *'and experience the same unity that we enjoy.....experience perfect unity.'* If Jesus, in praying for us implores us to live in unity and mentions it four times, it is obviously very important. If it is important to Jesus, it *must* also be important to us.

God knows exactly how He created us, all so diverse and unique. We think, feel and act all vastly different therefore, we are never going to agree all the time. However, that doesn't mean we can't be unified. Just because we don't agree doesn't mean we can't *'follow the will of God'* just as the last part of the above verse in 1 John 2:17 states. I have lost count the amount of times God has asked me to do something that I have no understanding of why I'm doing it, but He is simply asking me to obey and to follow His perfect will for me. Each one of us will have situations where we don't fully comprehend the 'why' behind the 'what' but we just need to trust the One who is asking us to simply obey.

God's will and His desire is for us to live in unity. May we love and aspire to dwell in the centre of God's will, living and working together in unity.

*'It is good and pleasant
when God's people live together in peace!'*
Psalm 133:1 (NCV)

The Red Cross Visit the Grade 3/4

On Tuesday the 9th of August the Red Cross came to do the pillowcase program with the grade 3/4s and we met two lovely ladies Kim and Sharyn! We had to pick eight things we would take in our pillow case if there was an emergency. Then we got to decorate our own special pillowcase and on the front, there had to be 3 things or more that you would bring with you in an emergency!! We had lots of fun with Kim and Sharyn from the Red Cross!!

By Izzie and Gold!!



**Australian
Red Cross**



For the last few years, some NCS staff have participated in the Women's 5km walk/run. This year we would like to open it up to the NCS community to continue to show our support to the cancer council and raise funds for such a great cause, which is even closer to our hearts this year.

Below is the link for registration for our team;

<https://www.womens5k.org.au/fundraisers/NewsteadChristianSchool249>



ODE

On the 24th of June, 2022, the grade 9/10 went to the George Town bike trails to experience some mountain biking and a walk. The George Town bike trails are a mountainous area, surrounded by many plants such as the Black Peppermint, and many industries, including the Aluminium plants, the docks and the wood chip shipping area. One of the riders said, "I was very happy when I got to the end." Another said that "I enjoyed the ride, the last bit was the best." We eventually got to the top of the George Town trails and saw many landmarks like George Town itself, Narawntapu national park, the Tamar River (or using the aboriginal name, Kanamaluka) and Green's beach. George Town was one of the first European settlements in all of Australia, although before that it was inhabited by the Leterremairrener (Port Dalrymple) Aboriginal tribe.

By Sam Barns

This term students in the high school have had the opportunity to go to Ben Lomond in order to build skills, resilience and courage. Students have participated in snowboarding, tobogganing and Igloo building.

While the weather has been less than Stellar, students have taken it in their stride and have had the opportunity to learn about Alpine safety, first aid, self-management and organisation as a result.

This is definitely one of the bright spots in our NCS high school outdoor education program. Some students were able to see and experience the snow for the very first time and relished every moment.

It was both an honour and a privilege to take students on this adventure and on behalf of both Mr Green and myself, we would like to thank students for making it so easy to take them on adventures.

At Ncs we work hard so that we can play hard. This is who we are.



Book Week Celebrations

Bedtime Story Evening- Come to school ready for bed!

24th August @ 6.30pm-7.30pm

Reading is a fun activity at school and at home and is a great activity to share with others. As part of our Book Week celebrations, we would like to invite your family to join us on Wednesday 24th Aug for a bedtime story evening.

We are encouraging our 5/6 and 7/8 students to come and read stories to our junior students from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.

Any parents who would also like to read a favourite children's story are welcome to join in. The more reading and sharing of books the better. Students can come in PJ's, hoodies, dressing gown, slippers and bring a favourite teddy bear. After sharing books together, we will have a hot chocolate, Bible story and prayer before going home to bed.

Could you please indicate by phoning/messaging the Front Office and informing us of your attendance for catering purposes?

We look forward to seeing you there!



Character Parade

26th August @ 9:30am

We want to make this a special week of celebrating Children's Literature - in particular Australian authors. **We will be encouraging students to dress-up as a character from their favourite book on Friday 26th August.** There are so many amazing children's books available. We would love to see the students thinking about characters that originated from children's literature first, not particularly ones that came from TV or computer games.

We will be holding a parade at 9:30 am in the Senior Hub on that day. Parents are most welcome to attend. There will be prizes for the most creative costumes for each grade as well as a special prize for the costume that best fits the theme for Book Week, 'Dreaming with eyes open'. If the students do not want to dress up as a character from a book, they will need to come in their school uniform - as the whole purpose of dressing up is to celebrate books and the joy of reading.

We will also have a reading nook set up in the Primary Junior Hub break-out space, and we encourage all Primary parents and carers to come and spend some time with their child/children sharing a book or 2 together. The short-listed books will be there on display, so this would be a fantastic opportunity for you to look at these books together and discuss which ones are your favourites. We hope you can take the time to enjoy this time with your child/children at least once during the week.

We are also encouraging and promoting the High School students to be involved in the Parade this year and to join in on the fun, excitement, and celebrations of Book Week. For all those students in High School going on the Agfest excursion that day, they will be able to change into their normal school uniform after the parade and then head off to Agfest.

You can view the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) shortlist at CBCA for more information.



It is that time again; I can't believe it has been 2 years since we last supported this amazing organization - Samaritans Purse.

Ask your child how their class has chosen to support.

Some ideas are:

- Hygiene - toothbrush, soap, hair clips, combs
- Toys - cars, teddies, yo yo's, tennis balls, musical instruments
- School supplies - pens, pencils, notebooks, paper
- Clothes/accessories - thongs, t-shirts, socks, beanies, jewelry, caps

Donations need to be new items.

Thank you for your support in this ministry, the students are very excited to be able to change the lives of other children around the world in such a simple way.

Speech Pathology Tasmania
presents

CIRCLE OF SECURITY PROGRAM™

with Rosie Martin

Term 3 program
Tuesdays 8:00 - 9:30pm
Aug 2 - Sept 20

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8 sessions
online via zoom
small group



NEED TO PLACE YOUR ORDER?

ORDERS CLOSE SOON!

You'll need to hurry, but school photos
are still available to be ordered.

Ordering is quick and easy (Online
ordering open until Tuesday 23rd August)

If you have any questions,
please reach out.

We are here to help!

Key Diary Dates

23 August

Denis Austin visiting the 5/6 class and 9/10 class

24 August

K-2: Swim Program

Bedtime Story Evening 6.30pm - 7:30pm

25 August

9-10: Launceston College Day

26 August

Book Parade

7-10: Agfest

29 August

9/10: Weymouth

30 August

7-10: Interschool Futsal Tournament

31 August

5/6: Interschool Futsal Tournament

K-2: Swim Program

1 September

3/4: Interschool Futsal Tournament

9/10: Newstead College Open Day

