

FEBRUARY 2023

# NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of  
Newstead Christian School

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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## The Lord is Near!!!

Welcome! Welcome, one and all! Whether you are returning to NCS in 2023 after many years in the community, or just beginning your journey with us, you are welcome here. Like me, several of our students, families and staff have come from other places, even if only from the big island, or even Hobart. And also like me, God has a plan and a purpose in calling them to this beautiful isle, and our school, for such a time as this.

There is so much to be excited about this year, as with every year and, only three weeks into Term One, there are things going on all around the school, and beyond: Just today (Wed 22nd) there were students wheeling their bikes in through the Hart Street entrance, ready for the bike riding program that's running for the next few weeks. Meanwhile, at the Tudor Avenue entrance, the High School students and their teachers were busily loading food, swags, tents and bags into cars and trailers in readiness for their three-day camp in Weymouth. And all before 9am!

Walking around the school, as I often do, there is a sense of joy and energy, coupled with focus and determination. I am so impressed by how well everyone has settled into this year with a sense of purpose and an expectation that good things are going to happen. God is with us and has good things planned for us, both as a community and individually, let's be expectant of this and keep our eyes peeled for the goodness of God in our midst. God's word for us this year is: 'The Lord is near' and my prayer for each one of us is that we will remember this, in the good times and the challenges. He is near, He loves us, and He is able to do immeasurable more than we can ask or imagine. What a promise!!!

In His Service

Di Hooley  
Principal

# GRIP LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The SRC members went along to the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Tailrace Centre. The Primary students went on Thursday 16th and the Senior students on Friday the 17th.

The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school leaders. The goal is that student leaders would leave the conference with a clear vision, a solid understanding and dozens of ideas for their time as a leader.





# LUNCHTIME GROUP 'DE-CONSTRUCTION'

## Grade 3– 10

We will be starting up the Deconstruction Lunchtime program again soon.

We need donations of old electrical items that no longer work that we can pull apart (deconstruct).

If you have anything at home that you no longer want, please bring it to the office.

Thanks for your help.





## 1/2 Class Activity

On Friday, 17th February 1/2 Jeysing and 1/2 Nielsen, with the help of Renae and Andrew Hamilton, made wooden toy fishing rods. The students had to select a suitable stick, attach a wooden reel, thread their fishing line, and tie a magnet on the end. The students then decorated a fish to practise fishing with their newly made fishing rods. Seeing the students smile, laugh and have fun with their fishing rods was a delight.

If you have skills that you would like to share with the students, please feel free to contact us.

Ms Jeysing and Mrs Nielsen.





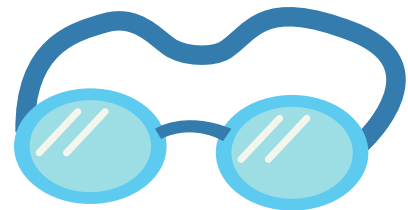
# NCS Swimming Carnival Information

**Friday 31st of March in week 8 at Launceston Aquatic Centre.**

The NCS swimming carnival is designed to be a fun event for the whole NCS community. We aim to cater for all swimming abilities, from non-swimmers right through to experienced swimmers. The event will include novelty races that involve walking, floating on a lilo, noodles, lifejackets, diving for rings and team challenges, which allows all students to be involved, no matter their swimming ability. Student helpers and staff will be on hand to assist students as required.

There will also be championship events for all strokes for students that wish to take part.

Kinder to Grade 2 students will participate in the shallow swim school pool, while the students in Grades 3-10 will be in the shallow end of the big pool (25m).





# EVERYTHING WE DO MATTERS!

This has been the message to staff and students as the 2023 school year began. Staff and students are being challenged to rise to new standards of behaviour, work and effort. Everything we do matters, so let's use the time well. Let's treat each other well and let's respect and embrace the opportunities before us. Students have risen to the challenge of a new homework schedule, along with new standards to make this a very successful start to the year.

As this newsletter goes to print and digital distribution, we will be on our way back from the 2023 High School Adventure Camp, where the themes have been Community, Courage and Creativity, alongside developing the heart of a leader by learning to serve others.

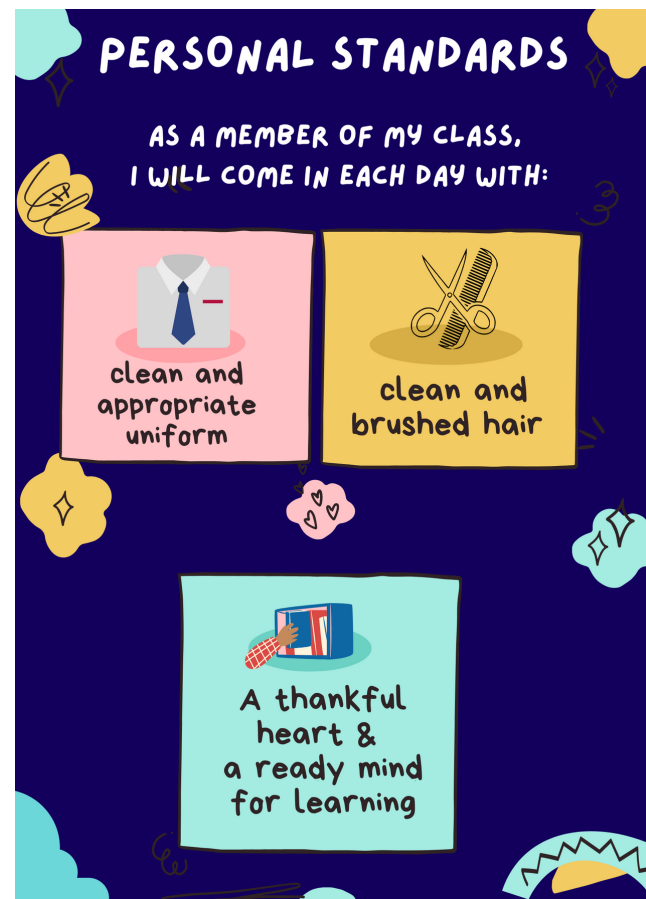
Please join with us in praying that we can make every moment matter and turn our High School to a place of excellence in everything we do, because everything we do matters.

I share with you here one aspect of new standards and some photos from the first couple of days of camp.

May God bless you

Mr M

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# Key Diary Dates

## **28 February**

Grades K-6: Questacon Science Circus

## **15 - 17 March**

Grades 3,5,7 & 9: NAPLAN

## **20 - 24 March**

Book Fair

## **22-24 March**

5/6 Camp

## **31 March**

NCS Swimming Carnvial

### **PRAYER WALK FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

**When: Every Tuesday, 2.30pm;**

**Where: Walking around the block, leaving from the Office;**

**Who: All school parents are invited;**

**Why: God tells us to;**

**"Keep on praying."**