

## "Like arrows in the hands of a warrior."

Psalm 127:4



'I know all that you've done for me—you have worked hard and persevered....

I also know how you have bravely endured trials and persecutions because of my name,
yet you have not become discouraged.

But I have this against you: you have abandoned the passionate love you had for me at the beginning.

Repent and do the works of love you did at first.

Revelation 2:2-5 (TPT)

This week, as a school, we have just completed your child's Mid Year Report, which you will receive in the next few days. As teachers, our aim is always to provide positive feedback to encourage and build up each student, but we will also include constructive comments for the purpose of improvement so your child can achieve even better results.

When I first read the passage in Revelation chapter two, I was instantly reminded of our reporting process.

In Revelation chapters two and three, Jesus writes letters to the seven churches. These letters evaluate the spiritual health of each church. Jesus declares, 'I know all you've done for Me.... but...' in each letter there seemed to consistently be a 'but'. Jesus was making it clear that nothing was going unnoticed by Him. He knew about everything they were doing in each of the churches: the good, the bad, the things performed openly, but also those things that were carried out in deep dark well-kept secret places, presumably hidden from the world.

If God wrote a letter to you, which virtually read like a report card, what do you think it would it say?

In Revelation, the Word of God (the Bible) is referred to as a double-edged sword. This double edge symbolises to bless and correct. Jesus' supposed report card or letter to us, would have words of blessing and undoubtedly suggested areas that need correction and growth.

Self-evaluation is a great practice, but even better would be to sit down with our Heavenly Father to ask Him what He desires to bless and correct in us.

'Investigate my life, O God,
find out everything about me;
Cross-examine and test me,
get a clear picture of what I'm about;
See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong—
then guide me on the road to eternal life.'
Psalm 139:23-24 (MSG)

In His Service

Glenn Mace

Friends of Di have created a Go-Fund-Me page to help cover some of the financial needs that she is facing with her lengthy recovery. If you are interested in being a part, more details can be found online: https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-di

## **City Park Radio**

On the 26th of May, students had the opportunity to produce their own show and broadcast live on City Park Radio. It was a great experience to know what it was like to work in a radio station.









## **Tinikling**

Lately, the primary school classes have been doing tinkling in P.E., which is a dance from the Philippines. Tinikling was an amazing opportunity to try something new. Everyone enjoyed it and it was really fun! If you have a chance to try it, we would recommend it.

By Milly and Febe!









## **Interschool Cross Country**

On Friday the 17th of June, Newstead Christian school's Cross country team travelled to Geneva Christian college to compete against other schools. It was a beautiful sunny day however there was heavy rainfall the days before, causing the track to be the muddiest it had ever been. There were many slips and trips along the course, but everyone kept up a positive attitude and completed the course. Students' hard work didn't go to waste as we could buy sausages in bread and treats from the canteen. All students placed very well and had an amazing time socialising and competing with other Christian schools. The Bus trip back was a good time for students to rest their legs and weary muscles.

By Stella Daniel













## **Hagley Farm School**

On Monday 6th June, the 3/4 class went to Hagley Farm School to experience what life was like over 100 years ago.

Students got to dress up in olden days clothes and experience school in the olden days, as well as visit the home life and machinery museums to look at and play with different items you might find in a 1900's house.

They were also given the opportunity to go to the old cottage, where they participated in wool spinning, bread and butter making and candle making.



























### Senior Hub Kitchen Garden

During Term One the Grade 9/10 Maths group raised money through a school BBQ for the development of a Senior Hub Kitchen Garden. In Term Two the students have individually been working on designs for the Kitchen Garden. The process has involved measuring the allocated space, contacting dial before you dig for the location of assets, and considering what design features to place in the space and locations of those features. The students were tasked with constructing a model to communicate their design, along with photos, measurements, and an explanation. The students presented their designs and concepts to the Principal, Mr Mace, the Business Manager, Mr Lambie and the Head of High School, Mr Targett. These models are on display in the Senior Hub. Once a design is finalised and we begin putting things in place, donations toward making it are very welcome and very much appreciated.



#### Ark

Just down the road, at the old site for the Community Christian Academy senior school, sits what is now known as the ARK. This is a project by City Mission, as they work to create a space for children and youth to find respite from the troubles they have faced and do face in life. A garden was built on site, and the fruit trees have been nursed back to life and preparations are being made to make the site fit for its new purpose.

One the core values for our Outdoor Education program is service and so the Year 7/8 Class went down to offer our time and effort to contribute to the project. Students raked many leaves, shifted mulch, dug holes ready for fruit trees, pulled a few weeds and planted other small shrubs, trees and plants. It was great to see students work so hard and so willingly to help at the ARK. This will be the first of many visits as we see the ARK come to life and bless the lives of many young people. Our next visit is on Friday July 8th when we once again spend an extended time at the ARK. During Term Three we will seek to go down regularly and do small jobs that will help those taking care of the ARK.







## **Readers Cup**

Northern Secondary Schools Reader's Cup is an annual inter-schools competition organized by the Australian School Library Association (ASLA), and generously supported by the Tasmanian Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia.

This year, a group of students (Stella Daniel, Celina Koutsika, Nina Roy, Micah Green, William Brinker, Miriam Ochs and Josie Stott) from the High School came together to form a team for this competition. Since the beginning of Term Two, the team had been spending time reading the books and practicing the skit that was written by Stella.

On 16 June, the team headed off to St Patrick's College where the event was held. They worked together to answer short questions based on the seven selected books by the organisers and presented an original and creative skit that showcased important elements from the chosen titles.

We are immensely proud of the team's hard work and effort, and we would like to congratulate the team on attaining 3rd place in the competition.





# say cheese

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## **Key Diary Dates**

#### 4 July

3:30-6 pm - Parent-Teacher Interviews - Prep-4

#### 5 July

3:30-8 pm - Parent-Teacher Interviews - All Grades

#### 8 July

9-10 ODE Derby MTB Last Day Term 2

#### 25-29 July

Student Free Week

#### 1 August

First Day Term 3

#### 3 - 5 August

Proposed ODE Snow Trip to Ben Lomond

#### **16 August**

School Photo Day