

NCS UPDATE

The official newsletter of
Newstead Christian School

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Romans 5:35

Dear NCS Community,

How wonderful it is to be able to greet you all again after a six-month absence. Thank you for all of your prayers and concern, it is a true joy to be back with you all again.

At the beginning of the year, you may remember that the 2022 verse for the school was Romans 5:3-5

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

What a word for NCS for 2022!!!

We could not have foreseen that I would be diagnosed with cancer and be away from school for six months, or that Covid would impact staff and student attendance as heavily as it has. We have also sadly lost some families for a variety of reasons and, though not unusual in a school community, it is always hard for the staff, students and parents that remain. These things could have derailed our community but, by the grace of God, He has held all things together. I am so grateful to God for providing Glenn Mace to wisely and ably lead in my absence. Thank you all for holding fast in this turbulent year.

You will be aware that we are currently working on the school's strategic plan for 2023-2025. A small group of staff and Board members are working with a consultant to unpack where we are at and where God is calling us. Pivotal to this are the surveys that you took the time to carefully complete, thank you for doing this. It has been wonderful to see the clear and consistent themes that have emerged across the four surveys: students, parents, staff and Board.

Please be assured that your comments have been heard and are being prayerfully considered as we seek God for the next steps in our development as a school. The planning team will be meeting again in three weeks and shortly after that the Board will release the Strategic Plan to you all. It is an exciting prospect and one that I would greatly appreciate your prayers for. My sense is that God is preparing us to go from strength to strength as a school and as a community. There is hard work to be done but it is exciting and purposeful. Not least, you will be pleased to know that there will be a relaunching of the Parents and Friends, albeit with a new name...watch this space for further details.

For now, I will leave you with another verse that has been important to me in times of challenge, this time from Hebrews 12:

25 See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? 26 At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." 27 The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, 29 for our "God is a consuming fire."

Shalom

Di Hooley
Principal

NHSSA INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On the 25th of October, a small but strong team represented the school again this year at the swimming carnival held at the Launceston Aquatic carnival. The students won lots of place ribbons and punched well above their weight against much larger schools. They should all be very proud of how they performed.

Mr Green and Mrs Van Dyk

Poppy – 1st 25m freestyle, 3rd breaststroke, 1st backstroke, 3rd freestyle relay

Josie – 1st 25m freestyle, 3rd 25m relay, 4th combined age relay

Inara – 1st 25m freestyle, 3rd 25m Butterfly, 3rd freestyle relay

Nina – 3rd 25m freestyle, 3rd 25m backstroke, 3rd freestyle relay, 4th mixed age relay

Stella – 4th 25m freestyle relay, 4th 25m breaststroke, 4th mixed age relay

Ethan – 4th 50m freestyle, 3rd 25m backstroke

Matthew – 4th 25m freestyle, 4th 25m backstroke

Haven – 4th 25m freestyle, 3rd 25m backstroke



A Little Update from Mr. MacKenzie's Classes

High School Math

In Year 7/8 Students are working on what is called SAM. This is the study of shape, angles, and measurement. Students are presently creating a flow chart for describing any shape. Their end of year Math Project will be to create a recycled art piece or a recycled material marble run. They will then draw it on the Cartesian plane, measure and explain its angles and dimensions as we explore the practical aspects of shape, angles, and measurement.

In Year 9/10 Students are working on understanding Linear Equations and having great fun. Maybe that is me having great fun 😊. We are getting them ready for the more serious math that awaits their future years.

High School History

In Year 7/8 Students are building on their historical skills by completing an investigation into an ancient civilization.

In Year 9/10 students are showing their historical skills as they undertake a detailed study of former Empires and Kingdoms from many years ago.

All this history work will be displayed in a timeline at the end of year showcasing their wonderful work.

7/8 Bible

In this class we are doing a few things. Exploring a Biblical Worldview & looking at a series called Christianity Explored.

7/8 Civics

Students have been considering two statements. "We cannot create a harmonious nation," and "All values are equally good for the Identity of a nation."

They will be soon beginning an assignment to consider these topics:

- What does it mean to be Australian?
- How and when should we celebrate what it means to be Australian?
- What should the Australian Flag look like?
- What should our National Anthem be?
- Who should the Australian head of state be?

Each will be based on research and the students' opinions. These are very important topics for students to think about and develop well-grounded positions on.

They will be assessed on their ability to understand the question and not their opinions.

ODE for Year 7/8

The Ark takes center stage for our ODE programs on a Friday Afternoon as we continue to serve City Mission on this project.

Students will also be developing some survival skills during Term 4.

Bible in the Primary School

Doing Bible with all Primary Classes is so much fun! I love it and I think they enjoy it too!

Preps are looking at David, Daniel, Nehemiah and then Jesus!

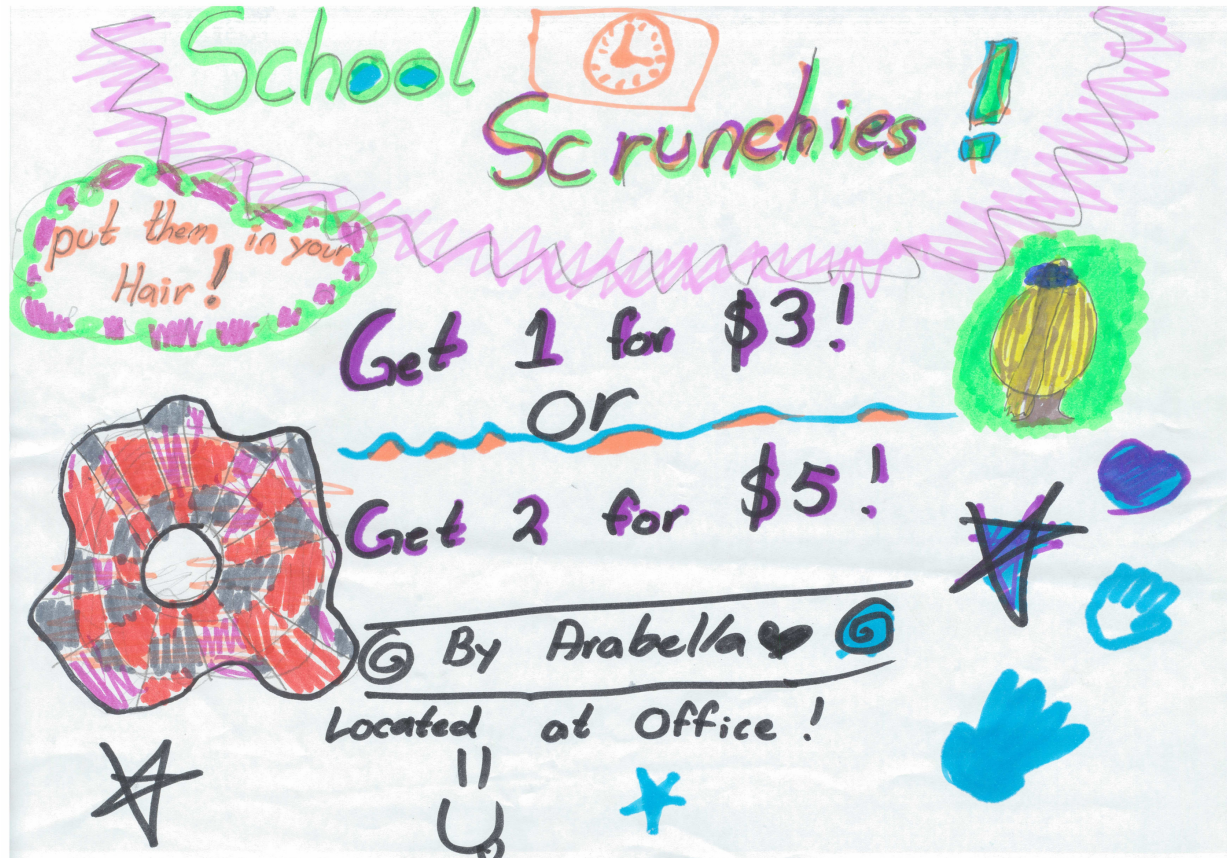
Years 1 to 4 are learning what it means to be a Kingdom Kid

Year 5/6 are learning to read the Gospel of John and what it means to have a Biblical Worldview.

TECH with Mr Green



SCRUNCHIES STILL FOR SALE



LUNCHTIME GROUP 'DE-CONSTRUCTION'

Starting Tuesday 8th November, we have a lunchtime group starting called "De- construction" in the fish bowl.

We have a parent volunteer coming in who is an electrician and we will be taking items apart "De-constructing" them to see how they work and what's inside.

This will be open to high school students one week and Gr 3 – 6 the other week.

What we need are any old electrical items that don't work anymore that we can de-construct. Eg DVD player, mixer, computer, heater etc.

We also need any old screwdrivers that you don't need anymore. We will need a variety of sizes but especially smaller screwdrivers.

If you have any items to donate, please bring them to the office or to Mrs Rowlands

Thanks for your help and support.

WANTED

Wanted: Anything that might help make a marble run.

Tubes, cardboard roles and the like would be very much appreciated.

If you have any, please bring them into the Year 7/8 room; thanks!

Mr MacKenzie

COOK AND CLEAN LAUNCESTON

Hi, I'm Annica's Mum and the also owner of Cook and Clean Launceston. I'm in need of cleaners to join our team, cleaning residential houses in the Launceston area. It's rewarding work, flexible, school-friendly hours. We form great relationships with our clients, and they really value the work we do.

If you are friendly and kind, hard working and have great attention to detail, please contact me for more details. If you're interested but can only commit to a couple of hours of work a week or fortnight that's absolutely fine.

The pay rate is \$29 per hour + 10.5% Super.

To apply or for more details contact me - Claire Scaife on 0459 392 532 or via messenger to Cook and Clean Launceston.

CALENDARS BY BEN WINWOOD

Ben Winwood has made some amazing 2023 calendars. They are \$20 each. Contact Ben via Facebook messenger or on 0438 352 138 if you would like to purchase one.





SUPPORTED LEARNING
WITH JESSICA

Does your child have difficulties with reading or spelling? Supported Learning with Jessica offers 1:1 support to students who need additional support in literacy, including those with dyslexia. Lessons are personalised to suit each student and centred around the science of reading and MSL (Multisensory Structured Literacy).

Vacancies are now available in the Launceston area.

Please contact Jessica Whitmore on 0458211117 to discuss how I can help.



taking on
GOLIATH! ARE YOU READY FOR A CHALLENGE?

WHEN: 5–7 Nov 2022
WHERE: Bay of Fires, Binalong Bay
WHO: Years 6–8 **COST:** \$130
REGISTER:
sutas.org.au/goliath
Closes Tue 18 October
Drop-off 9.30am Sat 5 Nov, Pick-up 4pm Mon 7 Nov
St Aidan's Church, 21-23 Arthur St, East Launceston

Pit yourself against the elements as you go on an adventure through the beauty of God's creation.

To find out more contact Nick Sands
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Key Diary Dates

11 November

Grade 9-10 ODE Walk - Mount Cameron

Grade 6 -8: Ark Visit

Grade 3-4 Camp

14 November

Grade 7 Immunisations

15 November

Health Lunches by B.E.L.

Lunchtime group - De-Construction for grade 3-6 students

18 November

Grade 6-10: Session with Pen Beeston and Sam Shand

21 - 23 November

Grade 5-6 Camp

22 November

Lunchtime group - De-Construction for grade 7-10 students

25 November

Grade 6-7: Ark Visit

29 November

Orientation Day

1 November

Grade 9-10 Celebration Dinner

