

MARCH/APRIL 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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Good Friday - Easter Sunday

Is it just me who has raised their head from the busyness to find it's almost the end of term? I know it isn't (only me, that is), and I also know there are many in our community facing trials and challenges, or feeling exhausted and overwhelmed at the moment. So, where's God in all of this?

He is near, and he is near with so many promises for us, it can be hard to take them all in. Sometimes, it can be hard to know He is near. He is still near. And He has promised: That we need not be anxious for anything,[1] but through prayer, we can cast all our burdens on him because He cares for us.[2] In this world, we will have troubles but we can take heart, He has overcome the world.[3]

Jesus was a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief.[4] He knew what it was to suffer. We need only read the story of His journey to Gethsemane and on to the cross.[5] I often wonder how the disciples felt at that time...lost? Confused? Desolate? Betrayed, even? I marvel at the dignity Jesus showed, and the grace and mercy as he hung on the cross, feeling the physical pain but far worse than that, feeling the total separation from God.

I wasn't always a follower of Jesus, I only met him in my late 20s. I know what it is to be separated from Him. Even in my walk with Jesus these last 20+ years, I know what it is to pull away from Him, to rail against Him, to be angry with Him, and to question His goodness, even His power and sovereignty.

And yet, in God's infinite mercy, He has used the trials of life to shape me to be more like Him. He has used them to heal me of the wounds that stop me from being the person He made me to be. In the trials of the last year, I have seen God's goodness and glory, and believe them all the more for the challenges I have passed through.

So, my prayer for each of us is this: That in the trials and desperate times, we would lean all the more into God, that we would rely on Him rather than ourselves, that we would trust that He is sovereign and He is mighty; that He is working all things together for good for those who love him. Though it may feel like a long Good Friday, may we remember that Easter Sunday will surely come, and the power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in our lives and in every situation. May we remember, we follow a resurrected Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

And so, as we head to these days when we remember the original Good Friday and Easter Sunday, maybe we can make some time to check:

Where am I at with Jesus, today? Is He still Lord of ALL my life? Or do I need to dedicate my life to him afresh, or even for the first time? There is no better day than today to invite Jesus to be Lord of all your life. I can testify from my own experience, life is so much better when He is Lord of all.

Praying you know resurrection power, love, and peace this Easter.

Di Hooley
Principal

[1] Philippians 4:6

[1] 1 Peter 5:7

[1] John 16:33

[1] Isaiah 53:3

[1] Mark 14-16

Parent Help & Volunteers Child Safe Induction

2:30 pm / Tuesday 2 May

At NCS we are always reflecting upon our child-safe practices, seeking to improve our understanding and implementation. We aim to provide a school where our students can learn and thrive emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually, in the safest and best environment we can provide.

A part of this is ensuring all our parents, carers and volunteers that come into NCS to help out in the form of excursions, camps, reading etc... go through a short Child Safe Induction presentation by the Principal.

Please indicate your attendance so that we can ensure we have a large enough venue to accommodate all those planning to attend



**NEWSTEAD
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TAS FIRE SAFETY LESSONS

Grades K-6 students recently had a visit from Tasmania Fire Service. The kids learnt how to stay fire safe, with tips and tricks like:

- Stop! Drop! Rock & Roll!
- Crawl Low and Go, Go, Go
- Two metres from the heater
- Smoke alarms save lives



Visit their website for more information: www.tfseducation.com.au

LEARNING FIRE SAFETY WHILE HAVING FUN!

TFS Kids is a website created by the Tasmania Fire Service specifically for Tasmanian children.

The website is designed to provide free fire safety information and educational resources that school-aged children can use in a friendly and engaging online environment.

The online activity interface invites children to:

- **Play**
- **Watch**
- **Learn**
- **Explore.**

Children can learn with informative activities on how to react in case of a fire related emergency and how they can help keep themselves, their family and friends safe.

The TFS Kids website includes a variety of dynamic activities and 360° videos designed to captivate kids attention and to show them how the Tasmania Fire Service operates.

<https://www.tfskids.com.au/>

SEAHORSE WORLD EXCURSION

On the 20th of March, the 5/6 and 3/4 classes went to Seahorse World. It was remarkably interesting with all the sea life they had there. The instructors were very patient with all of us. Both classes got to meet a man named Craig who taught us interesting things about shark jaws and how to identify what species it belonged to. We went to a tour of Seahorse World where we saw a room full of seahorses and different species of marine life. The second room was filled with baby seahorses. We even saw some of the breeders. But the coolest part for me was the Port Jackson shark that was in the last tank!

By Seth



On Monday the 20th of March the 3-6s went to Seahorse World as part of Outdoor Ed. Everyone enjoyed lots of the activities. We got to experience things such as holding seahorses, meeting My Guy the cuttle fish, looking at the species of marine life, finding Nemo, Evil Nemo and Martin the clown fishes. We met two Port Jackson sharks who we named Gummy Bear and Jackson. Last but not least we visited the Creation Centre where Caitlyn and I put on funny masks we looked hilarious! We all had a whole lot of fun at Seahorse World and The Creation Centre!

By: Izzie Peet from the Grade 5/6s

5/6 Camp – 22nd – 31st March







HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

Hello Everyone, welcome to an update on life in our High School. As Term One draws to its conclusion it is a good time to evaluate where our High School is at, what we have been achieving in Term One and where are we aiming in Term Two. Term One is the settling in term and saw us adopt the theme that change, and transformation require firm foundations. We have set new standards for students and have worked hard to make sure what we are delivering help them set firm foundation for this school year and for their lives. Students have adapted well and are to be congratulated for doing a great job at meeting our standards. A challenge I set for all students and teachers was to make sure that we know what is being learned in each class. Ask your high school students what they were learning about on any given day, and they should be able to tell you!

Term Two's theme will be Our perspectives shapes our world and our world shapes our perspectives. This was built on the events happening in our world. We have the coronation of King Charles, the Women's Soccer World Cup and debate around a referendum to inspire conversation and consideration of what shapes the world and how does our world shape us. We will also be focusing on teacher standards and making sure that teachers are giving the best we can to teach every student. Please feel free to contact subject teachers or myself at any time as we work in partnership to help every student be equipped and empowered to serve.

May God Bless you,

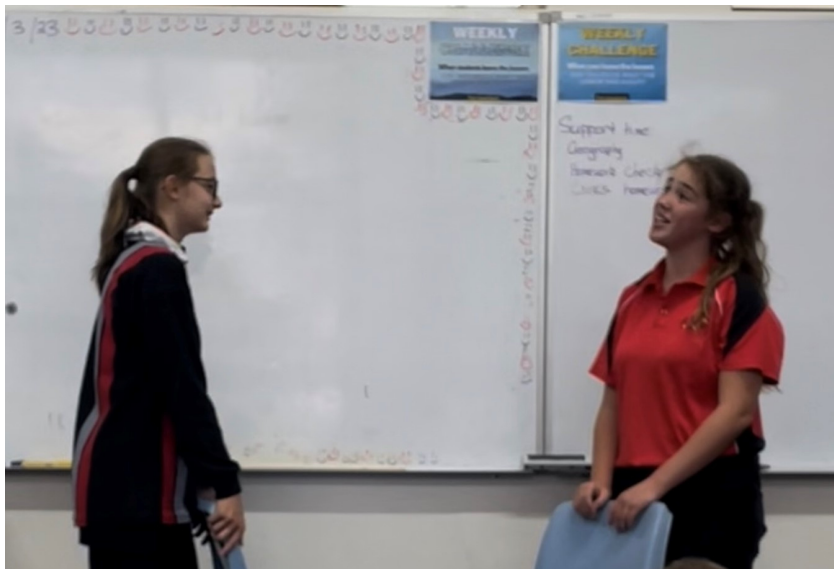
Russell MacKenzie
Head of High School



7/8 DRAMA

Year 7 and 8 students have been looking at relationships, role and character in Drama class this term, paying particular attention to creating tension. Working in pairs, they have composed their own scripts looking at relationship dynamics. For this, students have thought of a scenario between two characters and created a scene that shows relationship tension. They have then changed the relationship dynamic slightly and re-written the scene with this playing out.

Our first performance displayed a former student and her old teacher bumping into each other in a supermarket. In the initial scene, the ex-teacher was very chatty and friendly towards the apprehensive, adult ex-student. In the replayed scene, the teacher was disengaged from the conversation and attempting to exit. Well done to Miriam and Ella for creating tension so well!



EASTER FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Students from GR 7 -10 have been invited to help at the Easter Festival on **Saturday 8th April at Riverbend Park from 11 am – 2 pm**

Mrs Rowlands will be running an Archery station which has been very popular in the past.

Volunteers can put their name down for a time slot on the day and will help children with using the bow and arrow.

Mrs Rowlands will give the volunteers quick instruction at school before the day so no prior knowledge or skill about Archery is needed.

This is a great opportunity to serve the community at Easter demonstrating a friendly, kind and caring heart towards others.

You are welcome to join your child and volunteer with them.

Please contact me if you need further information.

Sue Rowlands

Learning Support Coordinator

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How many can you do?



Bike tracks and trails, skate parks, walking trails, waterfalls, flying fox's and pirate ships
there's plenty to do around Launceston.

www.launceston.tas.gov.au/52things

Children and Families Festival on Easter Saturday

LIVING HOPE - NO FEAR

Celebrate Easter



FREE:

- Games
- Arts & Craft
- Face painting
- Sports
- Sausage sizzle
- International food

**Saturday 8th of April
2023, 11am to 2pm**

**Riverbend Park Launceston
Lindsay Street, Launceston**

www.launcestonalive.org
www.sutas.org.au



Presented by Launceston Alive, SU Australia and local churches of Launceston

RESILIENCE KIDS CONFERENCE

Launceston tickets now open:

Saturday, May 6th.

9.30 - 3.00pm

Details here: <https://www.resilientkidsconference.com.au/launceston-2023/>

Maggie Dent: Ten Building Blocks to Resilience

Parent Educator | Host of Parental as Anything Podcast

Michelle Mitchell: Surprising Science Behind Confident Kids

Parenting Educator | Tweens and Teens Specialist

Karen Young: Stronger Than Anxiety

Neuroscientist | Anxiety Specialist

Dr Justin Coulson: Boys, Girls, Brains and Behaviour

Parenting Expert | Co-Host of Channel 9's Parental Guidance

Extra Special Guests: Equally as special is that Sharon Witt (RKC founder), Dubsy (famous RKC MC), Troy (extraordinary tech support), my staff including Doc, Angie, Matt and Amanda will be attending too.



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LOST PROPERTY

We recognise that it is inevitable that items will be misplaced by students and visitors to the school.

Are you missing anything? Now is a good time to have a look in the tubs, as they are cleaned out at the end of term. Below is a copy of the lost property policy.

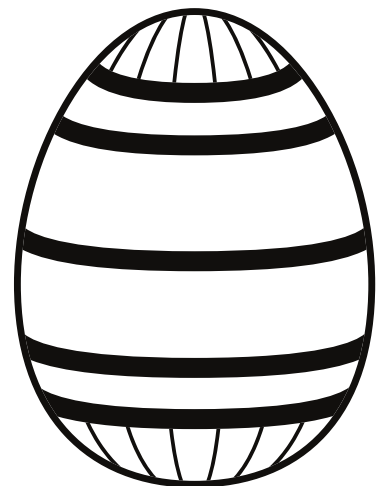
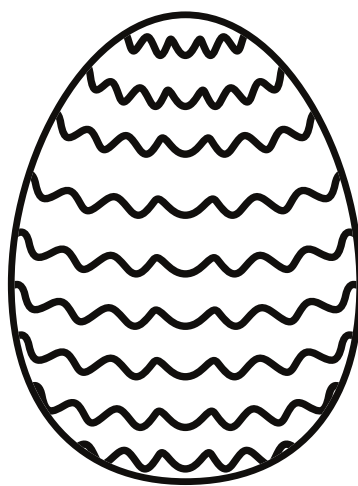
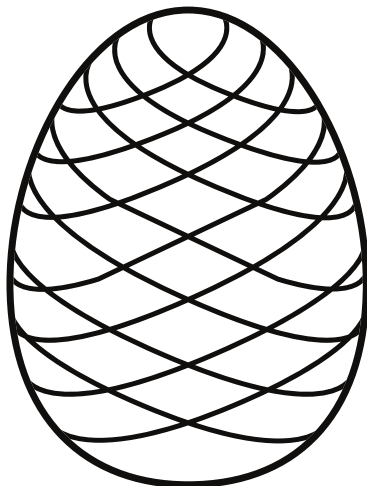
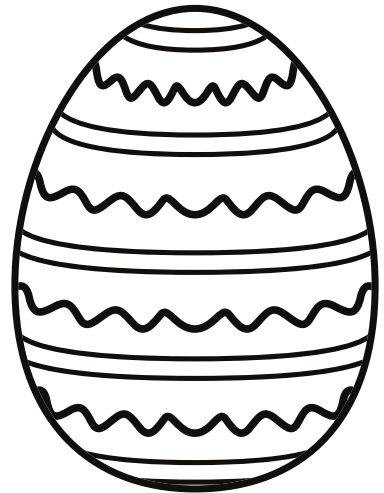
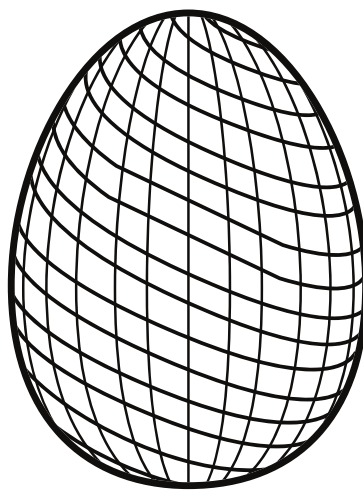
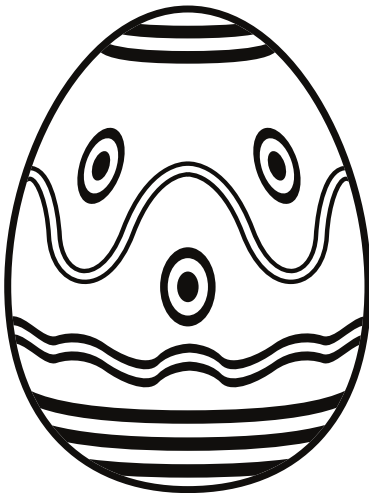
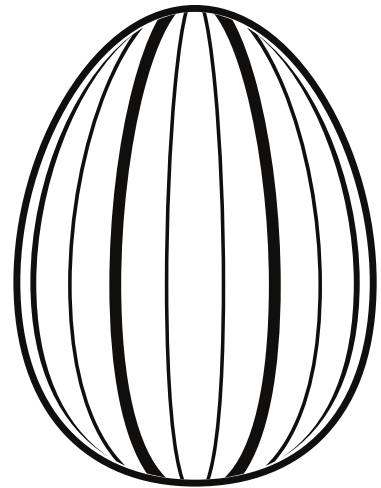
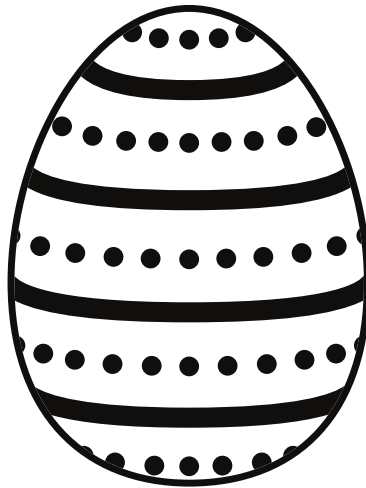
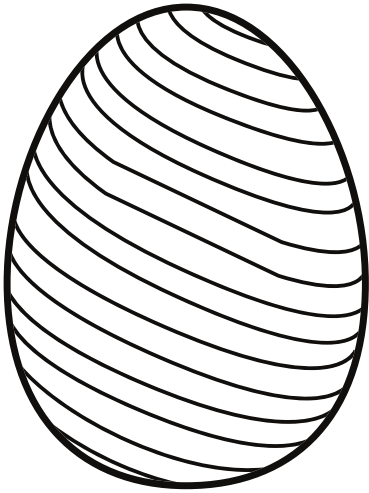
There are two collection points for lost property. One is located in the senior hub and the other is in the junior hub, where children and adults can look for missing items.

- Parents and students are encouraged to name and label all personal items including clothing, books, and stationery.
- Misplaced items that are inappropriate to be returned to students will be delivered to the principal who will contact parents to collect items.
- Parents or students seeking lost items should check the lost property to claim items.
- Unclaimed but named items will be returned to their rightful owners after each clean-up of the lost property.
- Unclaimed and unnamed items will be displayed by the members of the SRC in a prominent place on the last assembly of each term.
- Unnamed uniform items that are still unclaimed will be washed and placed in the second-hand uniform store or disposed of, at the end of each term.
- **Other unclaimed items will be disposed of or donated to charity (eg. City Mission) at the end of each term.**
- Camp and excursion lost property will be displayed at the next assembly and any unclaimed items will be disposed of at the end of the term.



Easter Coloring

Color & create the most amazing Easter Eggs



Key Diary Dates

6 April

Last Day Term 1

Sausage Sizzle & Fun Activity Afternoon

24 -25 April

Student Free Days

24 April

Uniform Shop Open 10 am - 2 pm

26 April

First Day Term 2 - Change to winter uniform

2 May

Parent Help & Volunteers Induction

12 May

Mother's Day Stall

19 May

Fun Run



PRAYER WALK FOR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

When: Every Tuesday, 2.30pm (during school terms);

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

Who: All school parents are invited;

Why: God tells us to;

"Keep on praying."