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And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:2



Great Eisteddfod results allround

Once again Nowra Christian School had many and varied entries in the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod from individuals through to large choirs. Many individual students entered speaking sections, singing and instrumental, while in the school groups, NCS was represented in the singing, instrumental, speech and drama. The organisers praised the students for their behaviour and participation and mentioned that NCS is gaining a reputation for high quality performances.

Three Primary classes rehearsed poems for the verse speaking section. Congratulations to Mr Terlich and Year 3/4 who achieved a 2nd place. We were very proud of how polished our performances in this section were.

The School Drama section of the Eisteddfod had heavy representations from Nowra Christian School. We had eight groups performing, covering every stage from Stage 2 to Stage 5 and 6. NCS gained first in every section.

A special mention must go to our Secondary directors who faithfully and patiently rehearsed and directed our Primary Stage 2 and 3 groups each Friday lunch. They

are an incredible group of young people, using their gift in drama to benefit students younger than themselves.

Between them they directed fifty six Primary students in six groups. Congratulations to our performers and our High School directors Harriet Thomson-Bennett, Tamsyn McPhail, Aaron Tasker, Joel Clifton, Alex Astill, Charlotte Dickinson, Libby Yusuf, Joey Ellery and Micah Perry.

A few of our students performed in the Stars of the Eisteddfod concert held last Saturday at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre. As well as the privilege of being included, it was also a great opportunity for them to gain more performance experience.

For individual results see page 2.



A NOTE FROM MR SMITH



Here at NCS we come to the end of another term. As you can see in our second edition of the new NCS Chronicle, the month of June has been filled with much learning, exciting events and a lot of hard work.

Eisteddfod involved a great deal of commitment for many students, as well as their teachers and their families. NCS contributed in a significant way to the success of the 32nd City of Shoalhaven Eisteddfod.

God answered our prayers re the Athletics Carnival and what a special day that was. Despite the awful period of weather we experienced, many sporting events, but not all, were still held.

The next major event for the NCS community will be the production of Peter Pan in Week Four of next term. It promises to be such an exciting time for students, staff and families. I know this will be wonderfully supported. What a rich experience for our students.

Please continue to pray for our School; that we will continue to be an authentic Christian school in every way. Pray for further enrolments. Pray for well-deserved rest and enjoyment for our staff. Pray too that our Conference Week will be a fruitful time of learning, preparation and fellowship. Thank you for your prayers throughout this year to date. May God bless all our NCS families over this holiday time.

School NEWS

Individual Eisteddfod Results

Congratulations to the following students who performed in Eisteddfod sections outside of school.



Saphyre Bunyan - received first place in all her sections: Traditional song, Classical song and Solo. Saphyre also received the Nowra

Rotary Lindsay Fowler Memorial Music Scholarship of \$500. Well done Saphyre!

Tane Morgan - received a Highly Commended in Pianoforte 10yrs and under.

Julia McMillan - received a third and a Highly Commended in the vocal solo sections and the choir she sings with, Impressaria, scored a first and second. Both Impressaria and Julia were invited to perform in Stars of the Eisteddfod.

Kayleigh Weissel competed in Solo singing and piano at the Eisteddfod.

Aleah Gooding competed in Vocal Section - Song in Costume. She sang 'Tomorrow' from Annie and received a Highly Commended. She also sang 'Girl on Fire' in the pop/country section.

Sydney Conservatorium of Music Concert

Our students were treated to a special music concert performed by talented musicians from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.



Save the date



Mental Health Workshops

The KidsMatter Team is delighted to announce that Anglicare is partnering with us in offering 2 workshops exploring mental health issues relevant to students and families. Full details will be provided closer to the sessions, but in the meantime please set aside the following dates to ensure you can make the most of these excellent opportunities:

Term 3 - Tuesday 23 August
6.30-8pm

Term 4 - Tuesday 25 October
6.30 - 8pm

We look forward to sharing in these helpful workshops together.

KidsMatter Action Team

Ollie Ellery received first place in the Vocal Section - Song in Costume. Sam and Joey Ellery received second place in the Vocal Section - Song for Duo.

RAN Squirrel Helicopter visits our School

Year 1 and 2 have been studying transport this term. They approached a parent, who works in the Navy, about visiting the School and talking to the classes about transport in the Navy.

The idea snowballed into the Navy offering to land a helicopter on the NCS oval - which happened last Thursday 23 June.

A big thank you to Belinda Finlay who instigated the exciting helicopter visit; to Jeff Chartier and Tom Giddings who also came on the day; and, last but not least, to the crew from HMAS Albatross who made the helicopter visit possible.

It was very exciting for the K-6 students and even the Secondary students could not help but come and have a look!



School Calendar 25 July - 20 August

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 3	25	26	27	28	29
Week 1	First day of Term 3 7pm Japanese Student Information Session	Senior reports out to students Speak for Yourself Day, Sydney Opera House CWA Mongolia Day - Stage 3	Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Author Alison Tate (The Mapmaker)		K-6 NAIDOC Assembly
	1	2	3	4	5
Week 2	K-6 Primary Zone Athletics Year 7-12 Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews	Year 7-12 Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews		Japanese students visit (4-15 August)	9:30am Whole School Assembly
	8	9	10	11	12
Week 3		Secondary Zone Athletics, Beaton Park 6pm Board Meeting		K-6 Primary Metro Cup K-6 Gymnastics Program	Sat 13 Peter Pan Rehearsal
	15	16	17	18	19
Week 4	Japanese students leave	11am Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal English Excursion - Midsummer Night's Dream, Sydney Opera House	11am Peter Pan Matinee	HSC Business Studies Exam Revision Day, Goulburn 6.30pm Peter Pan performance K-6 Gymnastics Program	Whole School Assembly K-6 State Athletics 6.30pm Peter Pan performance Sat 20 5.30pm Peter Pan + BBQ

K-6 NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 25** First day of Term 3
25 July 2016

- 29** K-6 NAIDOC Assembly
29 July 2016

- 01** 3-6 Zone Athletics
1 August 2016

- 11** Primary Metro Cup
11 August 2016

- 13** Peter Pan Rehearsal
13 August 2016

- 16** Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal
16 August 2016

- 17** Peter Pan
17-20 August 2016

- 19** Primary State Athletics
19 August 2016



Primary CSSA State Gymnastics

On Thursday 9 June Charlie Giddings (Level 3) and Amelia Bates (Level 4) took part in CSSA NSW State Gymnastics Competition at Homebush, Sydney. Both girls represented NCS with great aplomb, competing in several disciplines, including vault, beam, floor routine and bars. Charlie came 11th overall with 33.375 / 40 points.



Amelia finished in 8th place with 34.425 / 40. Amelia had a great result in vault finishing second with 9.15 / 10, only 0.5 behind the winner. Both girls' families

travelled to the venue for the event and had a great experience watching the girls compete at this elite level. Great effort girls, you have done so well!

Stage 2 and 3 Hockey Clinics

This term, Stage 2 and 3 students have been encouraged to wear mouthguards to school on Tuesdays!

This was to protect their 'chompers' from potential harm related to flying sticks and balls whilst playing field hockey.

The coaches, Sarah and Jodie, both local ladies, have taken the students through their paces, introducing them to the fundamental skills involved in playing the game.



Our final sessions culminated in some half field games. Students were quite engaged and many enjoyed the opportunity to try a new sport.

Thanks to our Term 2 'Sporting Schools' grant, our coaching and equipment were provided free.

Keep a lookout in the local media for opportunities to have your child join in further coaching clinics or holiday fun days at Bernie Regan Sporting Complex in North Nowra, through the Illawarra South Coast Hockey organisation.



Primary Netball and Football Metro Cup

Primary Metro Cup for Netball and Football took place in Bowral and Moss Vale in Week 7. The bus picked up team members early and wound its way through a fog shrouded Kangaroo Valley and up the other side of the Southern Highlands.

A team of girls from Stage 2 and a team from Stage 3 competed in netball. Both teams played well and with great spirit despite not coming away with a win. Most of the junior girls had never played before and showed significant improvement throughout the day. The senior team were very competitive and worked well as a team to score plenty of goals. The positive attitude, hard work and fair play displayed by all made for a fun and rewarding day.

The Stage 3 footballers had a great day's sporting competition. They won some tight games, including a tight 2-1 against Tongarra thanks to a last second penalty from Nathan Groves. Some other games were easier, including a 13-1 romp, in which the team were trying to set Ellie Luke up to

score her first goal of the tournament. There were hat-tricks for Bryce Clifton and Ollie Ellery, and plenty of others on the scoresheet too. Rohan Beavan, Jye Moore, Tane Morgan and Levi White each took turns playing in goal. The last game proved a tough one and after a tight first half, the team eventually ran out of steam and lost to eventual tournament winners Cedars. Finishing in second place the seniors have made it to the next level in Penrith in August.

The Junior Football Team had an amazing day of fun and competition. The boys worked well as a team and displayed great sportsmanship on and off the field. They won all five of their matches, scoring an incredible 30 goals over the day. Special thanks to Mr Ross Tasker for coaching the team. The boys head off to the State Football Carnival next term.

Special thanks to all our parent helpers, our coaches and the Secondary school referees / umpires Aaron Tasker, Charlotte Dickinson and Leah Hill. Lovely job, one and all!



Primary CIS Cross Country

On Thursday 16 June, Caitlin Schaefer from Year 5 travelled to Eastern Creek, NSW, for the CIS Cross Country Championships. Caitlin ran the tough 3 km course well. There were long hills and plenty of other challenges on the way, but she managed to finish in 56th place - a fantastic result at this very high level. Very well done Caitlin, we're proud of you!



Secondary NEWS



Upcoming Events

- 25** First day of Term 3
25 July 2016

- 26** Senior reports to students
29 July 2016

- 01** Yr7-12 Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews
1 - 2 August 2016

- 04** Japanese students visit
4 - 15 August 2016

- 09** Secondary Zone Athletics
9 August 2016

- 13** Peter Pan Rehearsal
13 August 2016

- 16** English Excursion - Midsummer Night's Dream
16 August 2016

- 16** Peter Pan Dress Rehearsal
16 August 2016

- 17** Peter Pan
17-20 August 2016



EES visit the Australian Museum

On Wednesday 22 June, the six members of the Senior Earth and Environmental Science class took the train to Sydney to visit the Australian Museum.



At the Museum the students took part in a workshop to determine the cause of the extinction of the Australian megafauna.

Students were able to examine fossil bones and teeth and determine what

creatures they belonged to. By measuring the length of a Megalania vertebra and comparing it to the length of a modern goanna vertebra, they were able to infer that the ancient goanna-type lizard would have been 5.6 metres long!

After the workshop, students were able to explore the wonders of the museum, including many dinosaur skeletons.

Yr 10 Teamworks at HMAS Albatross

On Wednesday, 15th June, a group of ten Year 10 students went to the Creswell Naval Base for a day of teamwork and leadership building exercises. This helped them to understand what the Navy is like and what physical and character attributes are required to successfully serve in the Navy.

The students were able to tour

the facilities and were involved in exercises such as Rock climbing; a giant obstacle course challenge, over the pool (Michael Green won) and a variety of rope exercises using a big rope called Bessie. All these were team building exercises. Students were treated to a freshly baked cake for morning tea and lunch by the sea, rounding off a very worthwhile day.



NCS host Volleyball match against Ulladulla High *by Mr Lawrence*

Last week we had the privilege of hosting a friendly volleyball competition against Ulladulla High School here in our MPC Gym.

We had two NCS teams selected for competing. A junior mixed Team and our senior boys team.

Unfortunately Ulladulla were unable to bring two teams as planned. Our NCS juniors were able to play against Ulladulla. They played three sets. A very close game with NCS winning 2 sets to 1. Well done.

We created a team for our NCS seniors to play against. This consisted of the teachers (including myself), coaches and the best few Ulladulla players. Our NCS senior boys smashed us. Winning convincingly in 3 sets.

Overall a fun and exciting day. Well done to our NCS volleyball teams, great sportsmanship and awesome to see your skill and teamwork continue to improve.



Junior Rugby 7's Tournament *by Mr Harrison*

In May our under 14's and 16's Rugby teams travelled to Kiama to compete in the 'Future Tahs' Junior Rugby 7's Tournament.

Competing against Rugby-orientated schools such as Edmund Rice College, Holy Spirit College, NAC and St Joseph's Albion Park, our U16's showed they were a match for their more experienced competition, defeating St Josephs in their first match with help from a beautifully improvised kick and chase from Caleb Mackie and Michael Green.

The NCS U16's were very strong in defence all day even against hugely experienced opposition, once again demonstrating the courageous spirit that has been a feature of our rugby teams over the last few years.

The older boys lost narrowly to Edmund Rice and NAC in their other pool games.

Our junior boys had their first ever

hit out in any form of rugby and came away with great experience, some bruising (topped easily by Sam Chittick's broken nose in the first five minutes of game one) and showed some real promise on an individual and team level. Whilst narrowly missing a win in their final game, the boys showed tons of promise and a keenness to understand and develop in the game.

Both teams were commended by other coaches and the convener for both their conduct and their ability on the field, with Will Grootenboer in particular being commended on his sportsmanlike response to a high shot which attracted a red card for the perpetrator from the opposing side.

A special mention to Bryan Lee who has been a faithful member of our sides and played his final tournament for NCS at Kiama.



I would like to thank Mrs Chittick, Mrs Hotchins, Mrs Frew, and Mrs Tasker for assisting with travel, support and first aid duties!

A full report of the NCS Yrs 3 - 12 Athletics Carnival, including Age Champions and House results, will be featured in the next edition of Chronicle.

Trio perform at Stars of the Eisteddfod

Congratulation to our Secondary flute trio (Elise Burge - Year 12, Olivia Clifton - Year 10, and Emily Kilby - Year 8) who came second in their instrumental section at the Eisteddfod and represented our School at the Stars of the Eisteddfod concert held last Saturday.



PASS snow trip: let it snow and it did!

Last Thursday the Year 9 and 10 elective PASS class headed to the snowfields for their 'Enhancing Performance' field trip. As usual, we were fortunate to stay at the Southern Cross Alpine Lodge at Smiggin Holes.



having had little or no experience of boarding or skiing, and some never having seen snow before, the heavy conditions presented some exciting challenges. With no exceptions,

With patchy snow in the lead up to the trip, we all waited nervously to see whether there would be anything to ski and snowboard on.

We needn't have worried. On Wednesday the heavens opened and it didn't stop snowing for the entire trip with 50 cm falling in the mountains over the two days we were there.

With the vast majority of the class

the students took what they had learnt in class and applied it extremely well to the difficult task of learning to snowboard and ski.

Every student came home with some amazing stories and memories and they will now complete an assignment based on what they learnt in class and on the slopes.

Special thanks to Mrs Paula Smith as she reprised her role of nurse, camp mother and ski instructor.

Congratulations Secondary Cross Country Winners

	Girls	Boys
12yrs	Sarah Foley	Jayden Blackmore
13yrs	Hayley Frew	Mason Beresford
14yrs	Leah Dobson	Taylor Clifton
15yrs	Tessa Marks	Kye Irwin
16yrs	Ruari Von Prott	Aiden Clifton
17/18yrs	Chloe Dickinson	Nick Anderson

Final house results for Secondary:

Black Hawks – 134 Sea Kings – 108



Secondary State Cross Country

A small but dedicated team of our NCS runners braved the windy and cool conditions at the Equestrian Centre in Sydney on Friday 29 May.

The runners were well supported by an equally dedicated group of family supporters. Notable performances at this level were Alyssa Smart 18th, Ruari Von Prott 31st, and Aiden Clifton 28th. Leah Dobson was our star performer

on the day, coming second in her 14 year age group. A brilliant result.

Leah then competed exceedingly well at the recent AIS Championships. Congratulations to all our competitors. You represented our School wonderfully well.



Upcoming Events



Peter Pan Musical

Wednesday 17 August (Matinee)
Thursday 18 August
Friday 19 August
Saturday 20 August

Tickets on sale NOW!

[Click here to buy tickets](#) or go to our website. Seating is allocated so the earlier you buy your tickets the better the seat! The P&F are hosting a fundraising BBQ before the Saturday night show. Save time and pre-order your dinner when you purchase your tickets.

Stay up to date

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8am - 4pm

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