



Grow up into Christ

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Peter Pan a huge success *by Mrs Ellery*

All the planning, organising and rehearsing came to fruition last week as the school presented four performances of our Peter Pan production.

Our first performance was a matinee on Wednesday, and as well as our own school we were hosted three other school groups and a number of groups from nursing homes and community groups. The day had a lovely feel and the audience of 500 were so responsive to the show, giving our cast and crew the lift they needed.

The three evening performances also enjoyed wonderful audiences. Each night the laughter and applause encouraged our cast to better and better performances.

We want to thank everyone who took the time to come and be part of the shows. Over the week 1265 people came to see the show!

It is also important that we highlight the work that our students have put into the show and the professionalism they displayed. Many were unwell with a flu-like virus, but continued to perform. No one in the audience could have guessed the effort it took for many of them to continue.

What an amazing group of young people.

Presenting a show like this involves a huge team of people – not only staff who work on the music and staging, but crew members, snack sellers, greeters, ushers, chair movers, sound and light; the list goes on.

It was great to see the school community work together for this project.

We have prayed since the start of the process that God would bring honour to himself through Peter Pan. And, although we are thankful for the terrific performances, the most exciting thing from the production was to see the way students cared for each other and worked together with a sense of team. God truly answers prayers.



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School NEWS

Japanese Students Visit NCS



What a wonderful time it was for everyone. We thank our school community for your support and generosity for our recent Homestay. From the tears that were shed when the bus left, we know that this stay affected many.

Some of the comments from the families that hosted where -

We thoroughly enjoyed our time with Toranosuke, he was keen to be involved with everything our family did, extremely helpful and kind.

I had the teacher, Takahiro, stay with me. It was extremely rewarding sharing Australia's relaxed lifestyle with Takahiro and I enjoyed showing him our beautiful Shoalhaven region. He was mesmerised by the scenery,

from the dazzling white sandy beaches in Jervis Bay to the views from Cambewarra Mountain Lookout.

Being able to host and accommodate an international student was extremely rewarding, in that, we were able to share with him the spirit of love and unity as, and of, people regardless of race or cultural differences.....

It was fun surprising Tomohisa with an authentic Japanese meal which we eat regularly as a family..

We decided to host a Japanese student as we believe it's important for children to understand different cultures, beliefs and ways of life

These are excerpts from our host families.



Running the race at Crossroads

Due to the busyness of the term with Peter Pan and the Japanese students, only a handful of staff members were able to attend Crossroads.

It was, and always is, a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you to Mrs Stewart who was able to present



the Devotion for the evening.

The theme for the month was the Olympics and Mrs Stewart spoke on the importance of running the race set before us.

Thank you to staff who contributed to supper, it was very much appreciated.

Sowing and Growing @ NCS by Mr Howie Petts

This year at NCS we continue to be blessed with godly student leaders and keen students who want to grow in their Christian faith. This is the first in a series of snapshots of some of the key groups meeting in our upper Primary and High School in 2016.

Year 6 Girls Study

Led faithfully for the last 4 years by Chloe Dickinson and Elise Burge, we've been blessed to have this group equip our Year 6 girls for a life following Jesus. This year the group has been doing Two Ways to Live, and is now looking at True Princess - girls growing to be mature followers of Jesus the King. Please thank God for the leadership of



Chloe and Elise, and pray for leaders to be raised up to continue in the years ahead.

Senior Girls Mentoring

Some of our High School Senior Girls meet regularly for encouragement and mentoring with Mrs Kylie Hetherington and Mrs Alison Stewart. Thank God too for these ladies work in helping equip and encourage some of the key leaders in our school community.

FISH Lunchtime Group

Meeting every Tuesday lunch, this group run by Cohen Perry, Sam Ellery, Josh Davey and Will Grootenboer, has been in its current form for two years. It is open to all High School students, and with a core group of Year 8, has continued to grow and mature. This year the group has looked at John's Gospel, and is currently in Judges. Please pray that our leaders will continue to find time and energy to



prepare their talks, and that those going will grow in their boldness for Jesus.

Year 7 Girls Bible Study

One of the great things about a K-12 school is the continuity of our year groups, and this year our Year 7 girls wanted their own group as a continuation of their Year 6 group from last year. Under the leadership of Jessica Kettlewell, Sam Davies and Phoebe White, the group has been looking at the qualities of a godly woman from Proverbs 31. Please pray for our leaders and students, for continued enthusiasm and energy to meet together in the busy weeks ahead.

School Calendar 29 August - 23 September

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 3	29	30	31	1	2
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
	5	6	7	8	9
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
	12	13	14	15	16
Week 3		Secondary Zone Athletics, Beaton Park 6pm Board Meeting		K-6 Primary Metro Cup K-6 Gymnastics Program	Sat 13 Peter Pan Rehearsal
	19	20	21	22	23
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 Chess Competition

by Matthew McLennan and Micah Edwards.

On the August 2nd, nine students from Primary went to Illaroo Road Public school and played chess against other students from four other schools. There were two teams from our school, the Rookies, (Micah Edwards, Micah Procter, Abby Heard and Hamish McLaren) and the Champions, (Matthew McLennan, Nathan Herring, Azriel Mcmillan and Rohan Beavan) and our reserve (Sarah Kilby).



The Champions played seven matches and the Rookies played five. Overall the Champions came sixth and the Rookies came fifth. Everyone enjoyed the day and played with and against other students in various ways.



Thank you to Mrs Perry for taking us and to Mr McLaren for driving and helping on the day.

Mongolia - hats, horses and huts *By Mrs Creighton*

The Country Women's Association chose Mongolia for students to study this year. Nine Stage 3 students researched this remote country and created slide show presentations to showcase their work. Bryce Clifton discovered that ice cream may have been accidentally invented in Mongolia by horsemen carrying bags of cream through the freezing weather. Lucy Chittick was pleased to find out that Mongolia is also known as the Land of Horses.

Annelise Merison, Micah Edwards and Ollie Ellery also produced great PowerPoints. We all enjoyed the visit and learnt more about Mongolia from the ladies. Thank you to Mr Hefferan for driving us.

At the Nowra CWA branch meeting we met the ladies and showed them some of our PowerPoints. Nathan Groves and Ellie Luke enjoyed dressing up in traditional Mongolian outfits (courtesy of Mr McLennan). Archie Collison was awarded first place for his PowerPoint which included great information and interesting pictures. Congratulations to Hannah Smith on second place and to Nathan Groves on third.



Primary Zone Athletics by Mr Parker

Early this month 30 of our Primary students attended the South Coast's Primary Zone Athletics Carnival in Wollongong.

Six Christian schools from as far away as Cooma participated and we were blessed with a dry and still day.

NCS's team represented their school in a sporting manner and with great enthusiasm. All day we were locked in a battle for first place with Cedars from Wollongong. In the end a matter of only 16 points separated our two schools and we were just pipped into second place.

This was a fantastic result for NCS, our best in some years. Congratulations to Jacob Fakhoury who sat a Zone record in Junior boys high jump - a staggering 1.29m. We ended the competition by

all four of our relay teams finishing in second place.

22 students qualified to represent South Coast Zone at the Primary State Athletics.

Congratulations to our school's Zone - Age Champions - Jayla Beresford, Jacob Fakhoury, Ollie Ellery and Bryce Clifton.

Thanks to the parents and other family members who made the trip to Wollongong to support the students and our whole team. You and our students are a great credit to our school's Christian community.

A great result at Primary State Athletics

by Mr Terlich

Our school was very proud to be represented by such a large team of 22 talented primary students at the recent State Athletics carnival.

The event was held on a beautiful sunny day at Blacktown International Sportspark. Quite a few students managed to better their zone results, including our four relay teams who all ran about 2 seconds faster.

Tahlara Palmer threw her discus a whopping five meters further than at zone and Ollie Ellery improved his long jump PB by about 30 centimetres.

There were gutsy performances from a couple of students recovering from recent illness and two athletes, Alec Dobson and Ollie Ellery, even progressed to the CIS carnival to be held in Week 8. Alec came second in the 800 metres, whilst Ollie finished second in high jump.

Our overall team performance was three 'medals' (two silver and a bronze) which was the highest of any school in



Allison Tait visits NCS by Mrs Creighton

Local author Allison Tait visited Stage 3 students at NCS Library.

She told us all about the process of writing a book and shared the challenges and highlights of being an author.

Allison wrote the popular *Mapmaker Chronicles* about a boy called Quinn who is in a race to map the world. Along the way he discovers more than he ever imagined.

Allison shared lots of great story starter ideas and really encouraged our students to delve into their imaginations to create "a world without limits". We saw Allison's first manuscript for Book 1 - *Race to the End of the World*. It is 55,000 words, covered in yellow sticky notes and revised 9 times before it was ready for publication! Allison's enthusiasm for writing and her funny stories resulted in a great author visit enjoyed by all the students.



Feast of Football - Primary State Metro Cup *by Mr Parker*

On Thursday 11 August selected students from NCS Stage 2 and 3 footballing community travelled to Penrith for the State finals of the CSSA Metro Cup.

We left very early at 5 a.m. to make it in time for an 8:30 kick off in Stage 3's first match. A beautiful day greeted us at Jameson Park, as we finalised details, made camp and students warmed up for their first round of matches.

Seniors began the day against red hot favourites for the title, Mamre, a football academy school from Sydney. They finished 3-0 winners, but we certainly weren't disgraced and even had a clear chance to open the scoring, but missed our opportunity.

Tane Morgan played an outstanding match in goal, saving the team at least twice with excellent shot-stopping, reflexes.

In the next match against Maitland the game was even throughout. Levi White was a workhorse, tackling anyone who moved! In virtually the last play of the game, we conceded a soft goal from a corner and with no time remaining, went down 2-1.

The final match was against Northcross, a fairly large K-6 school from Sydney. The team set about playing with attacking flair. Bryce Clifton opened the scoring with a 25 metre bullet free kick, which nestled right in the top corner.

Jye Moore helped himself to a second, before Ollie Ellery scored a header and Archie Collison got a brace to put the game beyond doubt. Ellie Luke was stoic in defence, as was Nathan Groves.

The group stage ended with us securing 3 points from 3 matches. If we had drawn the game we lost in the last second, then we would have made the 1/4 finals!

The seniors ended the day with a friendly game against Cedars CC a team from Wollongong with whom we shared a coach. There was plenty of fun and games and a few of our players even turned out for them as they were missing a few.

The juniors fared well throughout the day, causing their 'army of parents' many smiles and also a few groans of anguish. For them, it was also a case of so near, yet so far! In their three group

games they lost 2-3 twice and won 1-0.

Linkin Pearce was a goal machine, netting 3 times, with Jackson Croft and Jacob Fakhoury also getting on the score sheet once each.

Their first game was hard-fought. 3-0 down to Inaburra, the team fought back to finish only a goal behind. In their next match they played Medowie and managed a 1-0 win, in a tight affair. The team needed at least a draw to progress into the 1/4 finals and with 5 minutes remaining in their last match against Pacific Hills (a Sydney powerhouse school of football) they were leading 2-1. Unfortunately they conceded 2 late goals and went down 3-2.

Goalkeeper and defender Noah Tasker was tireless and spirited throughout. Toby McDonnell showed plenty of trickery in his dribbling and passing.

It was a great day, which was well worth our while participating in. Playing against quality opposition is the best way to hone skills and the teams we took on were certainly of a high standard. Well done all.

Huge thanks go to Mr Ross Tasker - coach of the junior team, Mr Kurt Clifton - assistant coach of the senior team, Mr Mark Beavan - team(s) photographer and the many parents who made the long trip up and back. It was very much appreciated.

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

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16 August 2016

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17-20 August 2016



Super Soccer Stars

by Mr Clarke

On the last day of Term 2, NCS sent three high school teams to compete in the Zone Soccer Gala day. It was a perfect way to end the term, with the weather and the soccer both amazing.

Both the senior Boys and Girls were unfortunately outclassed in their matches. But this did not stop them from giving their best in every game. There were a number of girls who scored goals, and Cohen Perry scored the only goal for the senior team, even if it was an own goal.

The Junior boys team on the other hand, ended with better results. The junior boys team managed to win every one of their matches, with 7 different players scoring a combined 10 goals, only conceding 1.

The boys will now be heading off to



Penrith on Thursday to compete in the State final.

Congratulations to all those who competed and good luck boys at the state final.

Year 7/8 History & English Excursion

by Mrs Douglas

Last Tuesday, 16th August, Year 7 and 8 joined the triumvirate of Mrs Hetherington, Mrs Thompson and Mrs Douglas for an excursion in to the urban jungle of Sydney. We escaped relatively unscathed.

We visited the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney, where we investigated the beliefs and practices of the ancient Egyptians and Greeks, and looked at a Lego model of the site at Pompeii.

We had the privilege of handling some ancient and prehistoric artefacts. Mrs Douglas was particularly thrilled to be able to handle an oil lamp from the early church, and appreciate her connection with the believers through the ages – united as brothers and

sisters in Christ through time!

We then travelled to the Sydney Opera House, and narrowly missed being cast as extras in the new Jackie Chan film that is currently being film on the site of the Opera House.

We enjoyed the Bell Shakespeare Company's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. The play was creatively and sensitively interpreted for the intended audience, and had some of us laughing till we cried at the mayhem unleashed by Puck and the other players on stage. This experience was thoroughly enjoyed by (nearly) all with Yrs 7 & 8 enduring the long bus trip admirably. Well done, Stage 4. Living the dream!



Like the Soccerroos at the State Final! *by Mr Clarke*

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final), 2-0 Loss to Maitland (also made the grand final) and 3-0 to Pacific Hills. Finishing 4th in their pool, the boys played Oxford Falls, and managed a contentious 1-1 draw.

Congratulations boys, you played your best and represented NCS very well.



My ANZAC adventure *by Noah McMillan*

On the 14th of July I embarked on an adventure that I will never forget. Myself and 23 other students were accompanied by 3 teachers and 3 other adults on a tour of the Western Front running through France and Belgium.

The first two days of the tour were spent sightseeing around Paris visiting sights like the Eiffel Tower, Arc De Triomphe, Place De La Concorde and Notre Dame Cathedral. We also had the opportunity to visit the Australian Embassy and have morning tea with Mr Stephen Brady, French Ambassador for Australia and His Excellency General the Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd).

We then went to Ypres visiting the Cloth Hall and museums throughout Belgium and Ypres. We also walked through the Western Front and were allowed a first hand view of the land where the some of the atrocities of The First World War took place.

We visited the Fromelles Centenary where we commemorated the Australian soldiers that fought there 100 years ago. After the commemoration we paid tribute to the soldiers at many cemeteries throughout France such as VC Corner, Le Trou Aid and Rue Pétillon.

The following day we had the immersive experience day at the Passchendaele where we were taken through Trenches and the Villers-Bretonneux museum, marching from the museum to Tyne Cot Cemetery in

authentic WWI gear, going through different drills and WWI battle strategies.

We were able to visit many cemeteries, museums and battlefields throughout the Somme such as the Battle of Messines where you can still see the impact of the war on the landscape with the 19 huge mines that were let off at this site.

Our final day was spent on the Western Front was at the Centenary Commemoration of the Battle of Pozieres where more than 23,000 soldiers were killed, captured or wounded in six weeks.

The whole tour was the most amazing experience and is sure to be something that I will never forget and I can't thank all the people that were involved enough for making this a reality.

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Boomers Beware! Basketball Gala Day

by Mr Clarke and Mrs Dallimore

Last term four NCS Secondary teams attended the CSSA South Coast Zone Basketball Gala Day in Berkley.

Both boys basketball teams had success on the day. Managing some good wins and were only beaten by the team that came first.

The junior boys team of Taylor Clifton, Joey Ellery, Michael Green, Hunter Lynch, Leo McMillan, Noah McMillan and Aaron Tasker were very good at earning their wins from thrilling finishes. Their last match, won by 2 points, was dependent on the other team not scoring from some penalty shots.



The senior boys team made up of Nick Anderson, Michael Beavan, Aiden Clifton, Liam Condon, Lachlan Frew, Jayden Norsworthy and Jacob Thompson managed to finish second. Notable efforts for the day was the super sub Lachlan scoring a 3 pointer against the team that won the competition. Also, Nick managed to take a page out of Scott Sterlings book and managed to intercept the ball with his face, leading to

the boys scoring some extra points.

The senior girls were very competitive on the day scoring a win, a loss and a draw. Great sportsmanship and effort from all



involved. Well done to Taylah Anderson, Olivia Clifton, Teleah Coleman, Jasmine Dickinson, Rachel Hill, Kristy Price & Ruari von Prott.

Well done also to the junior girls team. They had a win in their first game and fought hard with the next three games, going down to much stronger opposition. We were undersized against some of the other teams but showed great spirit and determination. Congratulations to Trinity Clegg, Elizabeth Curline, Rachel Curline, Leah Dobson, Isabelle McPhail & Alyssa Smart.

Well done all teams

Upcoming Events

NCS Compassion Fair

Wednesday 14 September

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