

Grow up into Christ

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For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6



## Silver DofE Award Hike by Jasmine Dickinson

Last month Katie Chittick, Jasmine Dickinson, Cohen Perry and Caleb Johnson set out for 3 days to climb The Castle, as part of their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award.

This was a very challenging hike for all of us as it was extremely steep, rising 810m in 5.5km. This section offered great views of Pigeon House mountain and Yadboro. Together we powered on and made it to our campsite, Cooyoyo Creek. After setting camp, collecting water and setting a fire for dinner, we spent the evening discussing the days events and planning for the following day.

The next day we left our tents at base

camp and went further into the Budawang National Park into Monolith Valley. The day was very hot, but totally worth it as we saw many incredible views. To enter Monolith Valley we climbed through Nibelung Pass and into Monolith Valley and around Mt Nibelung. On our return we took a side track and visited Natural Arch, scrambled through the Green Room to the Seven Gods Pinnacles.

Friday involved packing up our campsite, and retracing our steps down the mountain. We got back to school smelly and sweaty, ready to embrace our family.

It was a fantastic hike. Thanks to Mrs Edwards and Mr Whitehouse.



## Joy to the World

He will be a joy and delight to you,  
and many will rejoice because of his birth...

*Luke 1:14*



## A NOTE FROM MR SMITH



As we move closer to celebrating the birth of our Saviour and Lord, it is important to know God's plan for this world and for each of us. He sent His one and only Son, Jesus, to seek and save the lost. As our society becomes more and more anti-Christian, and totally ignorant of who Jesus is, so we must celebrate His birth even more with great joy and purpose.

We look forward to our Thanksgiving Night this Wednesday where as a community we can celebrate what God has done in and for our School over this past year.

As I write this final message I am struggling to find the words that express my feelings about the NCS community. I thank God for the privilege and honour of serving in His School. I thank all the families over the years for their support and commitment to Christian education. The staff, past and present at our School, are the most incredible group of people. My heartfelt thanks to them all.

There have been so many highlights in my 16 years here; far too many to list. My prayer is that NCS will continue to put relationships ahead of structures, that it will remain an authentic Christian School and that God's Kingdom will continue to grow through this place and that He will be glorified.

Please continue to pray for our new Principal, Mr Bray, along with both Mrs Meek and Mr McLennan, as together they lead our School.

Thank you.

Yours in His service

Phil Smith

# School NEWS

## Farewell and thank you Mr Smith!

Last Thursday we said farewell to Mr Smith at a special assembly. Students, staff and parents met to send Mr Smith off in the fashion he deserved.

Messages of thanks and best wishes were read by the members of the SRC; and, in recognition of Mr Smith's heritage, the Vocal Ensemble sang the traditional New Zealand love song - Pokarekare Ana; following this with a stirring rendition of the NZ national anthem. This was quite a moving and special moment for all those present - in particular, for Mr and Mrs Smith.

To top it off, we were treated to a medley of songs by the 'infamous' Sequin Sisters (Mrs Douglas; Mrs



Stewart; and Mrs Ellery) which, whilst reminding Mr Smith of how sad we are to see him go, brought a much lighter moment to the occasion.

Mr and Mrs Smith were invited to cut the Farewell Cake which was then shared with the whole school.



## Goodbye Mrs Creighton! *by Mr Smith*

Farewell to Mrs Fleur Creighton who has been our wonderful Librarian for the past four years. We thank God for her and we will miss her godly and gracious ways, her patience and her many talents. We thank Mrs Creighton for all her hard work, her creative work, and for the love she has shown each one of us EVERY day. We wish Mrs Creighton and her family God's richest blessings for the future.



## KidsMatter Update Term 4 by Mrs Davey

Term 4 has been exciting for our ongoing KidsMatter initiative. October was Mental Health Month, so we organised 3 significant events for our community to benefit from.

Week 1 saw the launch of the Buddy Bench, a fantastic opportunity for supporting kids having struggles in the playground and build up student awareness of and care for one another. This is an important precursor to the significant work we'll be doing across K-6 in Social, Emotional learning and skills next year (SEL).

In Week 2 we celebrated Stress Less Day across the Primary classes, with assorted activities enjoyed by students. These included bubble blowing, games, colouring in/art/drawing, skipping, sport, music and meditation/reflection time .

Stress Less Day is aimed at reminding us of the need to both recognise and reduce stress. Making time to rest, relax and take part in activities you enjoy are great ways to build positive mental health and wellbeing, and reduce stress.



Then in Week 3 we had our second Mental Health Workshop presented by Anglicare staff. This was a helpful and practical exploration of some specific problems such as anxiety and depression, and considered positive ways of managing strong emotions. Our partnership with Anglicare will continue next year with further workshops planned and other opportunities being developed.

The KidsMatter Action Team have continued to meet, plus have undertaken significant data analysis and planning as we continue to build on this framework. We are excited to be launching Component 2 next year (SEL focus), so look out for a detailed update early in 2017! The Team also thanks Mrs Cindie Pearce and Mrs Fleur Creighton for their contributions, and look forward to announcing some new members soon. Please continue to share ideas and feedback

with the team by emailing [kidsmatteractionteam@ncs.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kidsmatteractionteam@ncs.nsw.edu.au) , and make use of the great resources and information on the KidsMatter website [www.kidsmatter.edu.au/](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/) You can visit sections for both Primary Schools and Families.



## Upcoming Events

07 Thanksgiving Evening  
7 December 2016

08 K-6 Picnic Day  
8 December 2016

08 Last Day of Term  
7-18 November 2016

2017  
30 First day of 2017 Year 1-12  
30 January 2017



# Primary Cricket Skills Day

by Mr McLennan

On a warm Thursday in Week 5 over 100 Stage 1 and 2 students from NCS headed to Bomaderry for a day of cricket skills and drills. We were accompanied by students from Nowra Anglican College and Southern Highlands Christian School. Students rotated between a variety of modified games and activities that were run by representatives from Cricket Australia.

Much needed lunch and drink breaks were enjoyed in the shade. The day concluded with an exciting catching challenge where a number of promising fielders from NCS made it down to the final few! After a busy day, everyone piled back onto the buses and returned to school. Thank you, everyone, for a wonderful time.



# Stage 1 Chinese Feast

by Mrs Hefferan

This term children in Stage One have been learning about life in China and different celebrations.

Last month Year 1/2H and 1/2P joined together for a special Chinese feast to celebrate our learning.

We enjoyed sweet and sour pork, BBQ

chicken, fried rice and spring rolls. The food was amazing! (Thank you to Mrs Lee from Greenwell Point Chinese Restaurant).

Some of the children dressed up in traditional Chinese outfits and they looked wonderful.

Mr Smith was our guest of honour and we think he might have had seconds!

We would also like to thank Mrs Jeffery, Mrs Staples, Mrs Case and the parents who helped us on the day, and Mr Parsons for delivering the lunch to school. We couldn't have done it without you!



# Stage 1 Swimming Program

by Mrs Hefferan

Year 1 and Year 2 have completed their two week swimming program at Meroo Meadow Swim School.

We have had a great time! The children really like catching the bus and it is amazing to see their swimming skills improve in such a short time. It is especially lovely to see some of the quieter children blossom as they grow in confidence and ability. We are so

excited that Kindergarten is joining us for the second week of the program. We would particularly like to thank our wonderful teacher's aides, Mrs Staples and Mrs Jeffery, along with Mrs Lancaster. They do such a great job helping us with BIG and little things on the day.... The teachers are very thankful for this opportunity to better equip the children in swimming (just in time for Christmas holidays!)



## Year 6 Graduation

This week our Year 6 students celebrated graduating from Primary at a special Primary assembly and afternoon tea.

Primary students enjoyed the skits performed by Year 5/6 students, Mrs Curline interviewed some of the students about their time in Primary and Mr Smith presented them with their Graduation Certificates.



The Year 5 students then hosted an afternoon tea to send the Year 6 students off to Secondary in style.

The Year 6 students are also enjoying a special excursion to Jamberoo as part of their send-off.

We wish all our Year 6 students the best as they join Secondary.



## Cross-eyed at CRU group

by Mrs Davey

Students in Years 3-6 have had the opportunity to come along to CRU group once a term during 2016. Mrs Davey, along with her CRU team of some Year 6 helpers, had a great time with about 35 students on Friday of Week 7 for our final group.

CRU group lets students explore the Bible, learn about following Jesus, have fun, pray, sing and encourage each other. It's a group for those finding out about being a Christian, and also those wanting to live out their faith at school.

Our theme for 2016 was "Cross-Eyed" and we've been exploring the power of the cross of Jesus. Crusaders staff worker Jacqui Woods looked at the amazing forgiveness of sins that Jesus' death on the cross provides, and the power we can then have to forgive others!

We are looking forward to more CRU group fun, growth and encouragement next year.



## AMC Mathematics Competition

By Mr McLennan

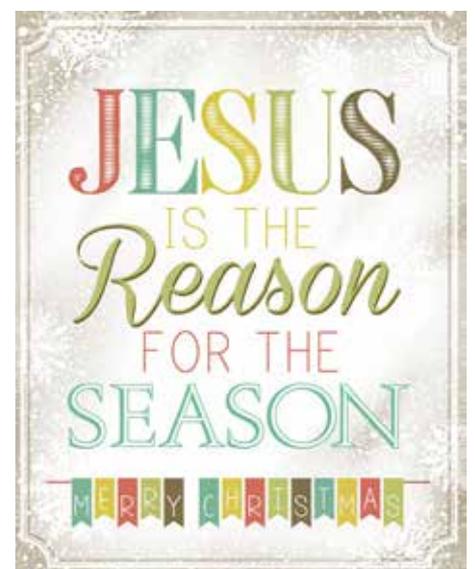
Last term, a selection of students from Stage 2 and 3 entered the AMC Mathematics Competition. Over 14 million students from around the world enter this competition from Years 3-12.

Congratulations to the following students for demonstrating their participation and proficiency at this level: Jenna Gallanty, Sarah Kilby, Josiah Dootson, Rohan Beavan,

Shehnaaz Rhandawa, Ellie Luke, Lucy Chittick, Alec Dobson, Jessica Trost and Azriel McMillan (not pictured).

Special mention goes to Matthew McLennan and Micah Edwards for achieving a credit award in the Year 5 exam.

In 2017, students in Year 3-6 will be given the opportunity to enter this competition.



# Secondary NEWS



## Upcoming Events

07 Secondary Service Day  
7 December 2016

07 Thanksgiving Evening  
7 December 2016

08 Secondary Beach Day  
8 December 2016

08 Last day of Term  
8 December 2016

30 First Day of Term 1, 2017  
30 January 2016



## Fish, Chips & Biology

by Mrs Edwards

On Monday 21 November, ten students from the Senior Biology class headed out to Tilbury Cove, Culburra to investigate the rock platform ecosystem.

The students identified a range of living things and used transects and random quadrats to determine the abundance and distribution of some particular species. The students hard work was followed up by a relaxing fish and chip lunch from the local shop.



## Disabled Surfing Mollymook Beach

by Mr Harrison

On Saturday 12 November a group of NCS secondary students were accompanied by Mr Lawrence and Mr Harrison to Mollymook Beach to assist once again with the Disabled Surfing Association's second South Coast day for 2016.

Perfect weather and ideal surf conditions provided the ideal backdrop for what has become one of the most satisfying and worthwhile service events on the School's calendar.

The participants range in age from Primary school to those in their 50's, but age and ability become irrelevant in the fun and fellowship of the day.

Quite a few of our students have become veterans of this event and are forming acquaintances with the regular participants.

We look forward to making the trip again next year.



## Concert Band in 2016

by Mrs Lawrence

The Secondary Concert Band has had an exciting year. They appeared for the first time at Compassion Fair and then last term they ran a very special primary assembly where they not only performed but also demonstrated their instruments.

This term they have performed at a Taste of Christmas, Celebrate Creativity evening and the Worrigeer Community Christmas Carols.

If you have missed hearing the Concert Band this year you still have the opportunity on the lawn prior to our Thanksgiving Service.

As we have launched this new band

program I have been aware of God's blessing from the outset. He provided the right amount of instruments at exactly the right time and the right price for our School. He has blessed us with an excellent team of dedicated tutors who have shared their skills and love of music with the Stage three students. We have been blessed by the involvement of Mr Drury, and Mr Hodge who has begun to teach brass and woodwind lessons at the school.

I suspect that our God who created music takes great delight in our exploration and enjoyment of it!

What a privilege to be involved in the Concert Band Program.

# Southern Highlands Rugby Visit by Mr Harrison

Last Tuesday, our friends from Southern Highlands Christian School, Bowral joined us for a day of Rugby 7's, fun and fellowship which included a BBQ lunch very kindly supplied by Mr Hefferan and our Secondary SRC and helpers.

The day began with our girls Rugby team playing their first game for the year after a long and patient wait. Ably led by our own Illawarra and NSW representative player Ruari Von Prott, the girls surprised everyone (even themselves) with their skill, organisation and toughness in the 34 degree heat. They easily took control of the game but, in the true spirit of the event, lent some players to the Highlands team after they lost some players to injury and the heat. It was a very encouraging re-entry into rugby for our young ladies after a break of several years. Watch this space.

Following the girls, the junior boys played only their second game together against a very polished and experienced Bowral team. After taking a little while to get their structure together, they rallied and came back to get within a try of the opposition, and all the signs look good for their future ventures as they get more games under their belt.

After winning the first game, Southern Highlands went in as favourites in the Seniors game, but it soon became clear that our boys were there to play, with some stunning defence in the first two minutes. On the back of this

the boys were able to control the game and put on some quick tries. A fantastic effort from every boy gave them an unassailable lead despite a late rally from Highlands.

The BBQ that followed was a great time to continue building the relationship that has been established between the schools, and we look forward to continuing this in the coming years.

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who competed and special thanks to Mr Hefferan, the SRC helpers and the parents who came to support our players.

Ruari Von Prott  
Jasmine Dickinson  
Rachel Hill  
Liz Curline  
Eden Green  
Tessa Marks  
Zoe Plant  
Leah Hill  
Charlotte Dickinson  
Olivia Condon  
Alyssa Smart

Noah McMillan  
Will Grootenboer  
Kye Irwin  
Jaya Brown  
Caleb Mackie  
Matt Becker  
Liam Condon  
Jacob Chittick



Jayden Blackmore  
Zac Barber  
Sam Chittick  
Taylor Clifton  
Joey Ellery  
Jamieson Maulget  
Vili Morgan  
Aaron Tasker  
Joel Clifton  
Nick Hotchin

SRC helpers: Lisa Burge, Emily Frith,  
Emily Kilby, Leah Dobson



# Study Skills from Elevate Education and Year 7 Orientation by Mrs Meek

On Friday 18 November, students from our 2017 Year 7 enjoyed an orientation day and all Secondary students had the opportunity to learn some study skills provided by Elevate Education.

The following are the different workshops that were presented:

- Year 7 Study Skills Kick Start
- Year 8 & 9 Junior Time Management
- Year 10 & 11 Study Sensei
- Year 12 Student Elevation

Here are some of the feedback from students:

- To not have a fixed mindset
- How to set goals
- How to plan my school work and my life together
- How important it is to practise exam papers
- This was amazing, I really will take



this on board

- Learnt how to study, organise books and memory chunks.
- Trigger words
- Colour coding
- How to set a timetable and manage assignments
- To not leave work to the very last minute
- To do hard homework first and leave the best homework last

Students found it really helpful. In fact they wanted to have more time learning how to improve their study skills.

We are hoping to invite Elevate to run some more study skills workshops each year so that we can encourage students to apply some of these skills into their learning.

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## Stage 5 Celebrating Creativity by Mrs Ellery

On Wednesday 16 November the school held its annual "Celebrating Creativity" evening, where Stage 5 Music, Drama, Art and Woodtech students had an opportunity to display the work they had done in these subjects. Although each of these subjects is very different, the calibre of creative work produced was equally impressive.

The evening opened with the School Concert Band entertaining on the lawn. Guests were able to mingle and enjoy the art and woodtech displays in the MPC Gallery and supper outside. Many guests enquired about the possibility of buying or commissioning works by the artists! Then the crowd of hundreds (or

at least one hundred) made their way into the music room to be wowed by the performances of instrumentals, singing, monologues, short films, dance and ensemble pieces – both musical and dramatic.

Mrs Stewart was our warm and funny host, setting the casual and appreciative tone for the whole concert. And the audience was a terrific audience, appreciative of every single act. We can be thankful not only for the gifts that God has given our young people but also the support and enthusiasm shown by family, friends, staff and wider school community.

A big thank you to all the students involved – especially to those who stayed after school to help with set up. Chicken nuggets are a small thank you for the work you did so cheerfully.

It was a great night and a great way to finish off these subjects for the students. Thank you to all the teachers involved, but especially to Mr West who did so much of the planning and organising.



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