

Grow up into Christ

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Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6



Students tackle global issues at the South Coast Youth Leadership Forum *by Jasmine Dickinson*

During the weekend 21-23 October seven Year 10 students (Olivia Clifton, Jacob Thompson, Noah McMillan, Will Grootenboer, Josh Davey, Jasmine Dickinson, and Rachel Hill) were involved in the South Coast Youth Leadership Forum.

On the Friday morning, along with 65 other young leaders, we were greeted by a traditional welcome dance performed by Indigenous locals at the Council chambers. Inside the chambers, both our new mayor, Amanda Findley, and Federal member, Ann Sudmalis, spoke to us.

The weekend was spent doing workshops that challenged us in our leadership skills. These included: public speaking; finding our 'why'; stereotypes; and goal settings. These workshops were extremely helpful - giving us many insightful ideas and new skills and inspiring us in our leadership roles.

Throughout the weekend we worked in groups that revolved around global issues, such as poverty, gender equality, and climate change. We also split into smaller groups to brainstorm ideas around 'globalisation' which is a global issue first being solved locally. By the end of the weekend we were required to give a presentation, of our ideas, to the rest of the group.

This was to help us, as young leaders, to

use the skills we had learnt throughout the weekend to make a change within our community. Many groups are extremely eager to start implementing their ideas.

The winning idea!

Jasmine Dickinson and Rachel Hill were part of the winning group along with two Year 12 St Johns students and a student from Kiama. Their group chose the issue of 'poverty'; and in particular, focusing on the homeless and health.

They decided to make 'Bags for the Better'. They will make up different bags, containing hygiene items, for women, men, children, and babies.

They plan to meet, once a month on a Sunday afternoon, to make up the bags and then distribute them the following Tuesday night. The Vinnies Van goes around every Tuesday night, to the homeless, and the group thought it would be a good and safe way to distribute the bags to the homeless if they could go along on the Vinnie Van.

They are also planning on approaching companies to sponsor the bags, as well as asking various local companies and schools to donate items. They plan to put a box or bucket at each place so that people can drop in donations as they choose.

What a great idea girls, well done!

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A NOTE FROM MR SMITH



The months of September and October have been highlighted in many ways; from a broad range of excursions and extra-curricular activities across the grades, from the Kinder Art Exhibition and Creativity Night, to the many vital and exciting learning that takes place, and to wonderful blessings including God's provision in the purchase of our first School bus.

One particular highlight was our Compassion Fair. A staggering \$3200 was raised for our two Compassion children in South America. This continues to be a significant and important bi-annual event.

As Term Three came to a close, much of our focus turned to our Senior students and their teachers, and rightly so as they finished the year and prepared for their HSC exams. The Year 12 students who were finishing their schooling are a wonderful group of young people.

They conducted themselves in such God-honouring ways as they completed their time with us here at NCS.

At the time of writing the HSC exams are coming to a close, planning is taking place for the year ahead, and at the same time both staff and students are focussing on all the work that needs to be completed in order for all of us to "finish well" this term.

Please continue to pray for our School; that we will continue to be an authentic Christian school in every way. Pray for further enrolments. Thank you for your prayers over these past months. May God continue to bless and protect all our NCS staff, students and families.

School NEWS

Happy 60th Birthday Mr Smith

Mr Smith recently celebrated his 60th Birthday.

lovely morning tea with staff.

During recess the whole school sang Happy Birthday and he enjoyed a

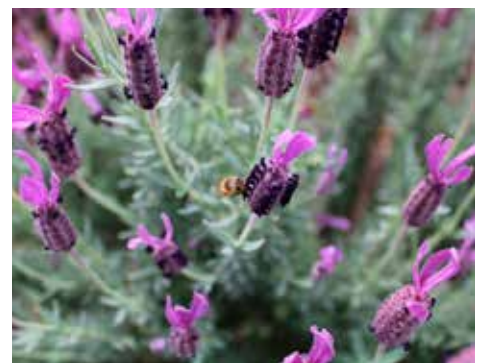
Happy Birthday Mr Smith.



Spring has sprung at NCS by Mrs Stewart

Thanks to Mr Adam Parsons and Mr Malcolm Stone for their wonderful work beautifying our School. The flowers have bloomed and attracted lots of attention from staff and students. The birds have been enjoying the bird bath. Take some time to stop, relax and enjoy this beautiful space next time you're at school. Praise be to God for His beautiful creation!

Photography by Hunter Lynch and Nathan Spinks- Year 7 Visual Arts.



Celebrate Creativity

You are invited to attend the opening night of Celebrate Creativity

Wednesday 16th November
6.00 - 8.00pm
in the MPC

Light refreshments will be served 6.00-6.30pm

RSVP 11.11.16 gulsainwright@ncs.nsw.edu.au

Featuring the works of
Stage 5 2016
Drama, Music,
Industrial Technology &
Visual Arts

Families connect at Defence Picnic by Mrs Varga

On Friday 14 October, we held an afternoon picnic for Defence families within our School community. It was a big success with 12 families represented.

It was wonderful to see so many families connecting as we shared a meal and some great company.

Thank you to the families who participated and the members of staff who came to show their support.

We currently have a number of Defence parents away on operations, exercises and training courses. Please pray for their families during this time and for their safe return.



School Calendar 31 October - 25 November 2016

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 4	31	1	2	3	4
Week 4	Year 7-8 Exam Period HSC Exam - Physics Year 7 Swim Program	Year 7-8 Exam Period	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Walk Year 7-8 Exam Period Year 1-6 Experience Day	Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Walk	9.30am Year 5-10 Assembly HSC Exam - Design and Technology Duke of Edinburgh - Silver Walk
	7	8	9	10	11
Week 5	Year 3-6 Swim Program Year 9-10 Work Experience Year 7 Swim Program	Year 9-10 Work Experience	Year 9-10 Work Experience	Year 1-4 Cricket Skills Day Year 9-10 Work Experience	Year 9-10 Work Experience No K-12 Assembly Year 6 at Sport & Rec 11am Remembrance Day
	14	15	16	17	18
Week 6	Year 3-6 Swim Program Foundation Studies and 2017 rollover for Years 7-9	6pm Board Meeting	Stage 5 Creative and Performing Arts Night	Zone Touch Football	Year 7 Orientation for 2017 (all day) No K-12 Assembly
	21	22	23	24	25
Week 7	Biology Local Ecosystem Field Trip Year 1-2 Swim Program	Southern Highlands Rugby 7s	Year 7 Zone Cricket Development Day		Year 6 at Sport & Rec

K-6 NEWS

Stage 3 UNSW ICAS English Competition

by Mr McLennan

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students who competed in last terms UNSW ICAS English Competitions. Those involved were: Azriel and Julia McMillan, Hannah Smith, Jenna Gallanty, Josiah Dootson, Lucy Chittick, Ellie Luke, Micah Edwards, Archie Collison, Jessica Trost and Lilly Davie.

Special mentions include: Lilly Davie (received a credit), Lucy Chittick (merit), Archie Collison (distinction) and Micah Edwards (distinction). Archie and Micah placed in the top 11% and 4% of students competing in the test in the Asia-Pacific region respectively.

Upcoming Events

02 Year 1-6 Experience Day
2 November 2016

04 Year 5-10 Assembly
4 November 2016

07 Year 3-6 Swim Program
7-18 November 2016

11 Year 6 doing Sport & Rec
11 & 25 November 2016

18 Year 7 Orientation Day
18 November 2016

21 Year 1-2 Swim Program
21 Nov - 2 Dec 2016



Niq Reefman Music Performance

By Mr McLennan

Staff and students alike were entertained and educated by Niq's performance. His 'History of the Trumpet', informed and engaged the audience. In the spirit of the 'wandering minstrel', Niq's wide musical repertoire and story-telling style provided something for everyone.

As well as the trumpet, Niq played the keyboard, loop machines, guitar, banjo, Indonesian flute and accordion combining them to create improvised pieces of music.



Stage 3 Basketball Gala Day *by Mr Parker*

On Thursday 15 September our Stage 3 Basketballers participated in the second annual Shoalhaven Stage 3 Primary Basketball Gala Day at Bomaderry Basketball Stadium.

NCS entered two teams of boys and a team of girls. There were wins for all three teams in the group stages. Boys A team beat Nowra Public 15-10, with Azriel McMillan and Nathan Herring, stand out players. Boys B team beat Nowra Public 8-4 with Levi White, Matt Spinks, Nathan Groves and Jye Moore all contributing well.

The girls had a massive 30-0 win over Nowra Public, with Julia McMillan and Tahlera Palmer contributing strongly.

All three teams made

the quarter and semi-finals.

All students participated with enthusiasm and represented their school very well.

Huge thanks to one of our Secondary boys, Noah McMillan, who coached the teams with great maturity on the day and also took lunchtime training sessions in the months leading up to the gala day. Your enthusiasm for the game is infectious! Great job.



Kinder Tummy Tour @ Uni of Wollongong

by Mrs Norsworthy

Twenty-four very excited Kindergarten students headed to Wollongong to visit the Early Start Discovery Space Centre.

On arrival we filled our bodies for the adventures ahead. Firstly we explored the outdoor water area before going inside to discover what laid ahead.

We travelled through a tummy to see what happens to the food we eat.

We went shopping at The Store, using the little shopping trolleys and then paying for our items.

We sorted food items into the different types of foods - Proteins, Dairy, Vegetables, Fruits, Grains and 'sometimes foods'. The Shipyard was a hit, as we dressed up and went back in time sailing the high seas and putting cargo on and off the ship. It was hard work!

It was then time to head to the construction site and start building. Safety gear on first! Lastly it was off to the Cave. This was the most exciting as we explored with our torches in the dark and played hide and seek.

It was a wonderful day of adventure and learning.



CSSA State Triathlon

by Mr Parker

The CSSA State Triathlon / Biathlon was held once again at Penrith Regatta Centre in Western Sydney on Thursday 20 October. An amazing day's sport was had by all involved. There were 14 Primary students in the individual and team events. In the Primary Individual Biathlon events Lili Miles finished 11th in a time of 17 mins 14 seconds. Ollie Ellery came 22nd in 16 mins 32 seconds. In Primary Team Biathlon events Ollie Ellery (swim) and Alec Dobson (run) finished 7th in 12 mins 50 seconds, an amazing result. Archie Collison (swim) and Nathan Groves (run) were in 22nd place, whilst Lila Collison and Caitlin Schaefer finished in 15th place. Amelia Bates (swim) and Lilly Davie (run) finished in 47th place, Isaac Petts (swim) and Rohan Beavan (run) were 67th and finally Jye Moore (swim) and Levi White (run) finished in 75th place overall. Teachers and parents were very proud of the efforts of all the NCS students who represented their School so very well at this elite level.



Upcoming Events

- 31** Year 7-8 Exam Period
31 Oct - 2 Nov 2016

- 31** Year 7 Swim Program
31 Oct & 7 Nov 2016

- 02** Duke of Ed. - Silver Walk
2-4 November 2016

- 07** Year 9-10 Work Experience
7-11 November 2016

- 11** Year 6 doing Sport & Rec
11 & 25 November 2016

- 18** Year 7 Orientation Day
18 November 2016

- 14** Foundation Studies and 2017 rollover for Years 7-9
14 November 2016

- 16** Stage 5 Creativity Night
16 November 2016

- 17** Zone Touch Football
17 November 2016

- 22** Rugby 7s - Southern Highlands
22 November 2016



Secondary NEWS

CSSA State Triathlon

by Mr Harrison

On Thursday 20 October we sent a team of eleven secondary individual and team competitors to the CSSA State Triathlon/Biathlon held once again at the International Regatta Centre, Penrith.

Sydney turned on a beautiful mild day and there were some very accomplished athletes amongst the 750 competitors present.

Our students can be very proud of how they competed, with many competing in their first triathlon.

Special congratulations goes to Ruari Von Prott who achieved a third place in the intermediate girls division, and a special thanks to Mr Clarke in his role as team manager and transition manager for the event, Lily Oakes for her excellent assistance and to Mrs Kim



Von Prott for transporting. It was great to have two former students involved as course patrol in the form of James Harrison and Luke Hill. Our secondary competitors were:

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| Ruari Von Prott | Olivia Condon |
| Leah Hill | Ethan Von Prott |
| Charlotte Dickinson | Jacob Chittick |
| Libby Yusef | Liam Condon |
| Leah Dobson | Kye Irwin |
| Trinity Clegg | |

CSSA National Volleyball Team selection

by Mr Lawrance

Congratulations to four of our volleyball players, Jayden Norsworthy, Caleb Mackie, Tyler Watkins and Matthew Becker.

These boys have been selected for the CSSA open boys National Volleyball Team. This team will be made up of

students from a number of Christian schools across the state. They will represent NSW and compete at the Christian Schools National Games which will be held in Sydney next year, 2017.

A great effort and big well done boys!



Southern Highlands Secondary Netball Gala Day *by Jasmine Dickinson*

On Monday 17 October, ten girls from Years 8, 9 and 10, along with the Rugby boys, went up to the Southern Highlands to play against their teams in a game of Netball.

The first half was very close, with only a few goals in it, but by 3/4 time we were up by 2 goals. However, Southern Highlands managed to catch up to us and win the game.

After the game, we all had hot chocolate together and got to meet and chat with the Southern Highlands students.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, it was a lovely day and we can't wait to play them again later in the term.



Southern Highlands Rugby/Netball Gala Day *by Mr Harrison*

Our Secondary Rugby 7's and Netball team made the journey up the mountain to join our friends from Southern Highlands Christian School for the first game in our 2016 series.

The Rugby game was a see-sawing affair with Highlands coming away with a narrow victory. Excellent efforts from all of our boys, but special mention must go to Jacob Chittick with his barrelling runs and brick-wall defence, as well as Kye Irwin and Noah McMillan on very impressive Rugby debuts.

Our Netball girls keep on getting better as they come up against older and more experienced teams. Again, the lead went back and forth with some

very impressive shooting from Jasmine Dickinson supported brilliantly by the whole team. Whilst Highlands came away with the win, it was great to see the camaraderie and spirit within the team and with the Bowral girls.

We look forward to hosting the return visit in week 7.

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who competed and very special thanks to Mrs Dickinson who coached the girls, Mr and Mrs

Chittick, as well as Mrs Brown and Mr Condon who made the trip to Bowral to transport and support our teams.



Transport Snacks! by Ms Axtens

As part of their yearly examinations 9/10 Food Technology prepared a child's snack plate with a transport theme. The students used their excellent knife skills, good hygiene and creativity to produce some excellent presentations. The healthy snacks were then consumed enthusiastically. Noah McMillan produced a terrific train, Jaya Brown-Abeleven a fabulous plane and Lachlan Frew a delicious bicycle.



Primary Music Tuition Concert Assembly 2016

by Mr McLennan

Throughout 2016, students across the NCS Primary have been learning instruments at school. Music tuition has been available for students learning guitar, piano, violin, cello, flute and singing.

During Week 3, K-6 students were privileged to hear a number of our students perform at our Primary assembly.

It was thrilling to hear the progress that has been made over the year by all students.

Congratulations to Caitlin Cox, Abigail Heard, Tamsin Walsh, Joseph Petts, Isaac Petts, Jonathan McLennan, Ollie Ellery, Micah Edwards, Hayley Edwards, Tane Morgan, Miriam Davey, Caitlin



Schaefer, Abigail Warne, Jonathan Walsh, Kent Ellery and Lilly Davie.

The students and staff would like to thank Mr Antonio, Mrs Warne, Miss Ellison and Mrs Smyth for their dedication throughout the year to ensuring that our students have the best opportunity to grow as musicians.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument in 2017, please contact school reception.

Upcoming Events

NCS Thanksgiving Evening

**Wednesday 7 December
@ 6.30pm**

Our Annual Thanksgiving Evening will be held on Wednesday 7 December. This is a great evening where the School community comes together to recognise the faithful efforts of students at NCS.

We strongly urge all families to attend this special event. While some awards are given on the night, the main focus is to recognise and celebrate everyone's hard work and to give thanks to God for what He has helped us to achieve throughout the year.



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