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# Community Term 1 2017

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I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live. and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. John 11: 25-26



Nowra Christian School Open Boys Volleyball Team are CSSA State Champions for the 2nd year in a row.

On Wednesday 15 March Ben Lawrence, Jayden Norsworthy, Tyler Watkins, Matt Becker, Caleb Mackie, Ryan Davie, Lachlan White and Luke Somerville, along with Mr Lawrence, travelled to South Windsor to compete in the CSSA Volleyball Gala Day.

The team played extremely well and were undefeated in their 5 pool games against St George Christian School, Hunter Christian School, Illawarra Christian School, Toongabbie Christian School and Pacific Hills Christian School.

The boys then played the winner of Pool A, Wycliffe Christian School (who were also undefeated in their pool) in the grand final. The final between these teams was set to be a cracker!! And it was. Both teams fired up and went point for point in a fast-paced game. At the end of the time, we tied 1 set each but NCS won on count-back of points 41-38. Well done boys!

Jayden Norsworthy, Tyler Watkins and Caleb Mackie have been selected to represent NSW at the National Games in May. We look forward to hearing all about it next term!

## Our first Open Week a huge success

Week 9 saw us hold our first ever 'Open Week'! We have been very encouraged by the response with over 30 families coming through our school during the week.

The SRC students and Primary prefects who acted as tour guides did an amazing job and were thanked at a special morning tea this week. Thank you again to these students.



## A NOTE FROM MR BRAY

Can it really be possible that Term One at NCS has now reached its conclusion? So many amazing activities have occurred throughout these ten action-packed weeks, all of which have indicated to me that NCS is a thriving, teaching and learning school community!

You only need to skim through the pages of this edition of the Community Chronicle to see evidence of the wide variety of programs that your children have actively participated in. These range from sporting events through to art, music and cultural activities. Some have occurred at our School, whilst others have taken our students to locations in our local and wider communities. It is abundantly clear that rich educational programs come in a wide variety of 'shapes and sizes'.

The final week of term has also been a busy one. There's been Preliminary examinations, a Relay for Life carwash and our second P/C&F meeting. Today we concluded our term by holding a K-12 Easter Assembly. This was an excellent opportunity to remind ourselves once again that Easter is about much more than chocolate eggs and hot cross buns. We gratefully recognised the true Easter message which focuses on the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's one and only Son, through which all those who believe can have access to the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of eternal life.

Whilst we can now look forward to a well-earned two week break with family and friends, there are many exciting activities planned for the remainder of the year. Week one of next term includes Anzac Day, the Stage 3 Canberra Camp and our Secondary Camp. We have also just confirmed that 949 Power FM will be broadcasting live from our school in Week 9. Stay tuned for more details about this exciting event.

On behalf of all staff, I commend the students' efforts this term. We wish all members of our school families a safe and restful holiday break.

## School NEWS

## NCS Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 14 February our Years 3 -12 students gathered at Nowra Aquatic Centre for our annual swimming carnival.

The weather was kind and everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to













all our staff, students and parents who

fulfilled roles on the day and ensured

the carnival ran smoothly.











#### **Primary Age Champions:**

Senior boy: Ollie Ellery Senior girl: Lili Miles Junior boy: Joseph Petts Junior girl: Rubymay Pearce





#### **Secondary Age Champions:**

12 year boy - Jackson Rose

13 year girl - Tahlera Palmer

13 year boy - Malachi Drury

14 year girl - Jaysinta Smith

14 year boy - Joey Ellery

15 year girl - Olivia Condon

15 year boy - Joel Clifton

16 year girl - Tessa Marks

16 year boy - Layton Walsh

17 year girl - Rachel Hill

17 year boy - Sam Ellery

18 year girl - Taylah Anderson

18 year boy - Bailey Skewes

## NCS @ Defence Expo

On Saturday 4 February our school participated in the Defence Community Organisation's Expo held at Albatross.

The expo is held every year to welcome Defence families to the Shoalhaven and gave our school a wonderful opportunity to showcase what NCS can offer.

There was a lot of interest shown in the school and many information packs were given out.

Year 9 students, Lisa Burge and Olivia Condon did an amazing job spending the day painting little ones' (and Mr Bray's) faces.

Elizabeth, Rachel and Daniel Curline were kept busy spraying coloured hairspray in childrens' hair, another hit!

Thanks to these students, along with Mr Bray, Mr and Mrs Curline, Mr Hefferan, Mrs Varga, Mrs Bate and Mrs Herring for helping out on the day.

Please pray that this event will prove fruitful and result in new enrolments.









## Happy Pi (w) Day! by Mrs Meek

Thank you for all the contributions towards  $\pi$  day. This joyous day was filled with some  $\pi$  scavenger hunts,  $\pi$  landscape artwork and  $\pi$  digits recitation. Of course, we had the most enjoyable time eating meat pies and apple turnovers with the  $\pi$  symbol!

Thank you especially to Mrs Wainwright, Mrs Perry, Mr Clarke, Mrs Stewart and each of you for making the day a fun and successful one!

We raised \$150, and, whilst we were going to use it on Mathematics resources, we feel it is more important to donate the money to those in need via Caring Box, which goes to Nowra Anglicare.

Our champion  $\pi$  recitation is Elizabeth Curline who worked hard and is able to recite up to 162 digits! Congratulations

All the other students who have successfully recited more than 25 digits in the Infants and Primary or more than 50 digits received awards.

#### Fun fact!

Did you know that this year when we celebrated  $\pi$  day, the date was 14/3/17?

14+3=17 How cool is that?







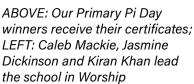
## Week 8 Whole School Assembly - Caring Box

On Friday 24 March we held our whole school assembly which also included our caring box contribution.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the caring box. These food items have gone

to help people in need of all ages and backgrounds in our local community through the ministry of All Saints Community Care.







ABOVE: All the wonderful Caring Box donations; BELOW: Mrs Davey leads the actions to a school during assembly; RIGHT: Mr Bray and Mrs Meek show off Secondary's amazing Pi Artwork.





## K-6NEWS

## Primary Zone & State Swimming Carnivals

bv Mr Parker

#### **Primary Zone Carnival**

In Week 5, under dark skies, 29 NCS students from Years 2-6 represented NCS at the South Coast Zone Swimming carnival held in Nowra.

The rain began early and only really let up for a few minutes at a time. There was, however, plenty to cheer about with 18 students finishing in the top three for their events and therefore qualifying for the State event at Blacktown.





Other highlights included both Lili Miles and Ollie Ellery finishing the day as Age Champions for 12 year old girls and boys respectively. Ollie also set a new zone record for 50 metres butterfly - finishing in a little over 36 seconds!

As the rain continued to pour, we finished the day with relay races - which were hotly contested.

Special thanks to a small army of helpers on the day who made the running of events so smooth. Primary parents and friends were there en-mass and Mr Harrison's Secondary PASS students: Joel Clifton, Taylor Clifton, Rachel Curline, Nick Hotchin and Libby Yusuf - who all gained valuable hands on experience of managing a sporting event. Special mention for Mr Barrie Hepburn of Nowra Swimming Club, who gave his time and expertise. Thank you to all of you who braved the weather and helped the day run so efficiently.



#### **CSSA State Swimming Carnival**

15 Primary students from NCS made the long trip to Blacktown for the CSSA State Swimming Carnival on Monday 6 March. They competed against the best swimmers from around Christian Schools in NSW, so the quality of competition was high.

Our students competed with great spirit, some recording their own personal best times. Most events had 3 heats with more than twenty competitors in total, so to finish in the top ten was quite an achievement.

Ollie Ellery and Lili Miles swam in every event they could! Ollie managed a fourth and fifth placing and Lili had two eighths. Other notable mentions go to Lila Collison and Amelia Bates who also recorded eighth placed finishes and Corinne Clifton who finished seventh in her only event.

Our senior boys and girls 4 x 50m freestyle teams won their heats and finished in the top ten.

Unfortunately, there are no swimmers who qualified for the Primary CIS Swimming Carnival this year, but we are hopeful, that with continued efforts, some will do so next year.

The South Coast Zone we represented finished the carnival in 3rd place (out of eight zones) on 262 points - a great result for our regional area.







## CRUgroup Excitement by Mrs Davey

Over 40 students were thrilled that CRUgroup started again for 2017 at Friday lunchtime in Week 9.

Mrs Davey, Mr Terlich, and our Year 6 student CRUteam leaders run CRUgroup once a term for students in Years 3-6. CRUgroup lets us 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 2017 is "New ID" and we're exploring how we can have a new identity in Jesus and belong to God's family. This time our focus was on God's love and grace in providing Jesus to rescue us from being dead and stuck in our sin, and offer us the undeserved gift of new life. We had a great time and look forward to discovering what our new identity in God's family means for us day by day.







#### Primary CSSA Football Trials by Mr Parker

On Thursday 2 March, four NCS Students took part in CSSA's Primary Boys Football Trials to pick a squad to represent our association at CIS level.

They travelled up to Western Sydney's Valentine Sports Park in Glenwood. Smooth astro-turf pitches and very professional surroundings greeted the boys as they kitted up in numbered bibs for rounds of trial matches.

Although the boys didn't make it through to represent CSSA there were plenty of highlights. Toby McDonnell scored a close range goal in one of the matches and Jacob Fakhoury made it past the first 'cut' into the second round - so must



have impressed. Both Ollie Ellery and Jackson Croft also gave good account of themselves and enjoyed the experience. Jackson was (I think) the only Year 4 student present and according to Ollie, 'Ran rings around the opposition' for certain periods of his matches.

Well done boys! We are very proud of you.

## NCS Prime Movers' Relay for Life

by Mr Parker

On Saturday 25 March our NCS Prime Movers Team of 28 students, 4 teachers and many keen parents hit the Nowra Showground for a 10 hour long walk / run fest!

The weather meant we walked under leaden skies and a smattering of rain, but that didn't dampen our resolve nor our fervour! We were there to put the FUN into FUNdraising! There were great stalls selling or giving away lots of goodies, entertainment aplenty from dancing to bands, as well as lots of food and beverage outlets to keep us 'fueled up' during the long hours.



Thanks to the following students who were part of this amazing team effort: Amelia L, Thomas B, Abi W, Aleah G, Corinne C, Kayleigh W, Dylan W, Cody W, Charlie G, Noah S, Gabby A, Jacob F, Cooper C, Julia M, Azriel M, Lilly D, Charlotte B, Luke B, Ollie E, Eloise R, Chloe G, Hamish M, Darien M, Hannah S, Tobias H, Matt M, Lili M and Cohen S.

#### Relay for Life Car Wash

26 super keen Stage 3 students from our NCS Prime Movers Relay for Life team took part in a sponsored car wash on the last Thursday of Term 1.

The staff brought their vehicles to the school basketball court to be washed clean by the hard working team. Mr McLennan and Mr Parker assisted, but the majority of the 'elbow grease' was supplied by the earnest team members. In the hour and a quarter we managed to wash fifteen cars and one ten ton truck (thanks to Mr Andrew Davie for that!).

BIG Thanks to Mr Hefferan, our groundsman, for his work behind the scenes setting up and packing away.

#### Relay for Life - An amazing result!

With cash donations expected to be made over the next few days it looks like the team will have raised almost \$5,000 including online, cash sponsorship and car wash donations. This is a tremendous result which will benefit many people around our area and beyond. All the funds raised from the Nowra RFL event go to the Cancer Council to help fight against the many forms of cancer that are prevalent in society today. It is so encouraging that our dedicated students wish to work hard to assist others in our area who are 'doing it tough', all 'in the name of Jesus' Well done NCS Prime Movers - We are very proud of you and your efforts this year.



## Stage 3 Girls Netball play Nowra Anglican College by Ms Thuaux

On Friday 3 March Nowra Anglican College played two friendly games of netball against the stage 3 girls from our school.

The games were played well and everyone displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the event.

In the first game NCS score 4 goals and NAC scored 7. In the second match NCS scored 11 goals and NAC scored 3. The girls in stage 3 had been training every lunch time leading up to the event and are to be commended

on their commitment to improving their netball skills.

The girls will have the chance to compete in gala day later in the term and possibly a rematch against NAC.

A big thank you to Charlotte Dickinson and Olivia Condon for umpiring the matches and assisting with training the girls. Well done girls! You played very well and should be proud of yourselves.







## St George NRL RESPECT Assembly

by Mr McLennan

RESPECT is a common word with significant meaning. During Week 3 our primary students had a chance to reflect on its meaning when we welcomed members of the St George Illawarra Dragons to our school.

Jono Dallas, Luke Potter and Jason Gillard presented strategies for making friends and illustrated examples of respectful attitudes and behaviour.

They explained to us how important this is for a team like the Dragons and

also for the many sporting teams that our students are involved in. They then expanded this to the school classroom and playground context.

At school, our shared goal is to learn and grow up into Christ. Respectful relationships towards each other whether it be staff, students and parents help to build a strong community and help us all achieve that goal.

Thank you to the Dragons for an interactive and engaging assembly.

## Junior Concert Band

by Mrs Lawrence

Our Year 6 students who have continued learning their instrument from last year have just formed a Junior Concert Band.

This Band is made up of twelve students on flute, clarinet, trumpet and trombone (with a tenor sax and a mellophone in the wing!).

It is an exciting initiative of NCS, and fantastic to see these students making such great progress in their musical endeavours.

In Week 9 the Concert Band performed publicly for the first time at our K-6 Assembly. The whole band are to be commended on the amazing performance.

Thank you teachers and parents for your support.





## AFL Gala Day

Our K-4 students enjoyed learning new ball skills at AFL Gala Days in Term 1.







#### Year 3 Make Sushi

In week 8, Year 3BW enjoyed making Sushi as part of their study of Japan. They were ably assisted by Year 9.







## Year 5/6 Get F.I.T. by Mrs Davey

On Tuesday 21 March, Mrs Davey and 40 Stage 3 students from NCS hosted the Crusaders 'School Ministry Team' and 25 students from Shellharbour Anglican College & Illawarra Christian School for our twice-yearly Followers In Training (FIT) event.

FIT (Followers in Training) is a Christian leadership program designed to help Year 5 & 6 students grow in their faith, and to understand what a Christian leader is and how they can serve God at school.

This term the theme was "CRU leaders are servants" and students explored what the Bible has to say about this important topic. They also attended a practical elective session. The three options were: 1. Teaching a memory verse at school 2. Leading a game 3. Great ways to serve at school. Students and staff also enjoyed a delicious morning tea with home baked treats provided by some of our awesome families, and crisp apples generously donated by Shoalhaven Fruit Market.

Here's some comments from two of CRUgroup student leaders.

Lilly Davie writes: Last week on Tuesday I went to FIT with some other students from NCS, Illawarra Christian School



and Shellharbour Anglican College. We all went up to the MPC and had some yummy morning tea. We then went inside and listened to the bible talk. Next, in small groups, we went and did some small dramas of how we can serve other people in our community. We then divided into our electives. I was doing Jesus through games. I learnt, not only how to run games, but how they can relate to God. Overall I thought it was really fun! I learnt a lot about God and would definitely recommend it for anyone in Years 5 or 6 this year and in the coming years.

Darien Moore reports: FIT is an awesome event where you get to meet new friends. I got to play games and learn how to teach them too. FIT is when you are a "Follower In Training" to learn about Jesus. FIT is fun and exciting. I'd specially recommend FIT for anyone who wants to be encouraged to serve Jesus and others at school.



# Secondary NEWS

# Secondary Zone & State Swimming Carnivals

by Mr Harrison

The CSSA Zone Swimming Carnival was held on Tuesday 28 February at the Nowra Aquatic Centre. There was a great feeling of camaraderie amongst the Zone's competitors as well as the healthy competition in the water.

It was encouraging to see several of our students taking out the Zone Age Championship.

Zone Age Champions:

- Tahlera Palmer 13 years girls
- Olivia Condon 15 years girl
- Samuel Ellery 17-18 years boy

Nowra Christian School came 3rd out of the 6 competing schools, after Illawarra CS Cordeaux and Cedars CS.

Congratulations to our students for their great effort against larger teams.

Our qualifiers for State Carnival were:

Olivia Condon
Charlotte Dickinson
Eden Green
Tahlera Palmer
Tessa Marks
Jaysinta Smith
Siobhan Von Prott
Malachi Drury
Jackson Rose
Bryce Clifton
Samuel Ellery
Levi White
Joel Clifton
Lachlan White

Nathan Spinks

A big thank you to the many parents who came along to help or simply to support the students, especially Mr Patrick Condon who time-kept all day.

#### **CSSA State Swimming Carnival**

On Monday 27 March, six of our students travelled to Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre to compete at the CSSA state swimming carnival.

Our team, though relatively small this year, competed well.



Special mention must go to Sam Ellery who took out first place in his pet event, the 50 metre butterfly in his final year. This caps off an impressive swimming career at NCS for Sam who has taken out age champion every year since year three as well as several CSSA Zone championships.

Siobhan Von Prott also represented our school with pride, making her state debut in her final year.

Also making their first appearances at secondary state level were Tahlera Palmer and Malachi Drury in year seven. Malachi was our most prolific competitor, competing in four events and it is great to see such talented swimmers coming into secondary.

Well done to our State team: Olivia Condon, Malachi Drury, Sam Ellery, Tahlera Palmer, Nathan Spinks and Siobhan Von Prott





#### Senior Music head to the Opera House by Mr West





Week 8 saw the Senior Music class and Mr West head to the Sydney Opera House to see last year's best of the HSC performers.

The group caught the train from Bomaderry station and arrived with plenty of time to have lunch at Martin Place before the show. The concert was titled 'Encore' and the name did not disappoint, as every performance was very technical and well rehearsed. The main concert hall was full of other school students who had made a similar trip from different areas of NSW.

The program worked in favour of our students as many performances related to their instrument or were studied in class. Some stand out performances included a Jazz piece which featured the drummer heavily, a vocal piece titled 'the road to Parramatta' and a Chinese piece featuring a Zither.

The excitement was clear on the train ride home and now the students can now look forward to their own HSC performances later in the year.



#### A serious day at the beach by Mrs Arthur

During Week 4 Year 10 Geography students had a day out at Currarong Beach. This was no walk on the sand though! The students were investigating the erosion and damage that has occurred at the beach due to

the strong storms during the winter of 2016.

Students had the assistance of Mrs McCarroll, an expert in coastal management who helped them to expand their geography skills in transect making, slope measurement and vegetation identification.

Students assessed the beach, the damage to local infrastructure and houses and will now investigate the council's response to the issue as they put together their Research Action Plans in class.





#### Artists in the making by Mrs Stewart

Senior Visual Arts students enjoyed a perfect day studying the landscape at Bundanon on 21 February 2017.

The property on the banks of the Shoalhaven River is a rich treasure for Australian art history.

We were invited to study the work and practice of the Boyd Family, Brett

Whiteley and John Olsen.

Students toured the homestead and Arthur Boyd's studio. The students also participated in a drawing workshop and created a 'super panorama' of the magnificent scenery including Pulpit Rock- which featured in many of Arthur Boyd's landscapes.





#### Students to find musical 'Genie-us' by Mr West

Wednesday of Week 3 saw an excited group of Stage 5 and 6 music and drama students bused up to Sydney to watch the hit musical Aladdin, at the Capital Theatre.

After having a brief lunch at Darling Harbour and enjoying the friendly company of the local seagulls, the students made the short walk to the Theatre. The show was a fantastic witness to our young NCS performers as the music, sets, costumes and acting were all brilliant.



All staff and students should be extremely proud of how our students represented themselves and the school. They were a fantastic witness to one particular lady who stopped Mrs Ellery outside the door to express her delight at their behaviour during the show.

With a chorus of 'A whole new world' led by Mr Harrison on the bus trip home all students and staff were left with lasting memories of a great musical experience.

#### Poetry in Action by Mrs Douglas

Years 8, 9 and 10 were treated to an outstanding performance on Wednesday 15 March, by a troupe of actors, from a company called Poetry in Action.

They performed poetry in a show called "The Citizenship Test". The show interwove a narrative about Australian identity with the diverse works of Australian poets, ranging from Banjo

Patterson to Oodgeroo Noonuccal, to some of the newest voices from Australian rap artists.

The actors were both entertaining and challenging, engaging us in a thought provoking and dynamic performance. They provided much food for discussion in our classes after the show.

Who ever said poetry was boring?!



## Shoalhaven Youth Advisory Committee

by Mrs Hetherington

On Wednesday 8 February 2017, Tamsyn McPhail, Jonty Beavan, Elizabeth Curline and Lachlan White attended and became members of the Shoalhaven City Council Youth Advisory Committee.

The students were introduced to the procedures and protocols of formal meetings and Council proceedings.

The Youth Advisory Committee has been running through local council for twenty years. The students in the meeting became aware of their responsibilities and the nature of the delegated authority of the committee. Students were briefed on local



government initiatives and town planning.

As the year progresses, students will have growing opportunities to serve the local community and to advise Local Council on youth issues. I think the students would confirm that this is an interesting and exciting opportunity.





#### Thursday 22 June from 7.30am

949 Power FM are bringing Sam & Todd's Breakfast Show to our School!

The 949 Power FM Breakfast Show will broadcast live from our school on Thursday 22, June 2017.

The 949 Power FM crew will bring Breakfast for the kids available from 7:45am - 8:45AM, as well as games and a STACK of fun!

We are looking for volunteers to help serve Breakfast and assist with games. Please see the office if you are available.







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