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“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.” John 17:25.



A Superhero Power FM Breakfast

On Thursday 22 June our school was visited by the Power FM Breakfast Crew for a fun superhero breakfast.

It certainly made for a very early start to the day but the loss of sleep was more than compensated for by the enjoyment that was derived from this engaging community event.

Thank you to all the parents/carers who joined the early get-up crew in order to transport your children to school for this special program. Thank you also to those who were able to stay on and join with us in the activities and to the parents/carers who assisted with serving breakfast.

Crystal and Todd were excellent hosts and the program that they presented was full of healthy fun and enjoyment. There were also great opportunities to promote what is special about NCS to the many people who listen each morning to Power FM.

We appreciated the offer from Power FM to provide breakfast for everyone present and many of us couldn't resist buying a 'real' coffee from the coffee van in attendance!

The audience made a colourful spectacle as many accepted the challenge of dressing up in their 'superhero' costumes.

We were delighted to have a fire truck and crew join us for the morning and students were able to use the fire hoses in an attempt to hit a target. There were sporting activities, karaoke talent quests, Zumba dancing and the Waste Warriors team also shared their important environmental message with us in a creative manner. And, of course, we did have the local police arriving in a police van to 'arrest' Todd for being too talkative!



Congratulations to Charlie Giddings, Ollie Ellery, Blake Skewes, Elizabeth Curline, Courtney Nielsen and Will Grootenboer who have all been nominated for a Shoalhaven Superheroes Volunteer 'Service and Beyond' Award in the School Youth category. All these students have demonstrated the award's criteria by showing the 'true selfless act of helping others within their school or community. They demonstrate leadership, respect, and compassion for others.'

You may have already seen many of these stories on our website, but in case you missed them, we hope your family enjoys this hardcopy review of Term 2!

From the Head of Secondary - Mrs Meek

We are so thankful to our great God who has blessed us with wonderful weather and His continued protection as we kicked off Term 2 with the Secondary camp at Port Hacking. Many memories were created and this also marked the last camp for our current Year 12 students. As the term progressed, it was exciting to see our school captains and SRC student leaders organising the Biggest Morning Tea.

Staff have provided a variety of extra-curricular programs for the students this past term. I am thankful we can provide a variety of excursions, not only for educational purposes, but also to create precious memories with the students.

During Term 3 we are looking forward to many exciting activities that teachers have worked hard to research and put together. We are especially excited to meet potential Year 7, 2018 students in Taste 'N' See in Week 3. Our teachers, Mrs Arthur and Mrs Edwards, have been busy coordinating and planning Science Week in Week 4 for Years 7 - 12 with Year 10 students and with some help from Mr Clarke.

Our Year 12s are also busy finalising their major projects for Industrial Technology, Visual Arts and Music. Please pray for them as they complete their various projects, presenting them to their examiners (external) and as they are also busy preparing for the trial examination in Week 7.

Thank you for praying for all our past and future activities and we pray that God may be honoured and glorified in all that we do.



School NEWS

NCS Athletics Carnival

After being postponed due to weather, our Athletics Carnival finally went ahead on the last Wednesday of term.

The weather held off (despite a little bit of a sprinkle) and everyone participated well (a special mention to the number of seniors who participated). There were school records broken; Kye Irwin

in the 16 years long jump and Matt Becker in the 17 years high jump.

Despite excellent competition from both houses, Black Hawks ended the day with a decisive win.

A big thank you to all our parent helpers who were a wonderful support on the day.



NCS students shine at Stars of the Eisteddfod

A number of students from NCS represented our school superbly at the Stars of the Eisteddfod concert held in June.

This special concert is the culmination of the Eisteddfod and, in twenty acts, showcases some of the best performances throughout the whole program.

Congratulations to the following performers:

- Julia McMillan and Sapphire Bunyan - Impresario Vocal Group
- Aleah Gooding - Vocal Solo
- Joey Ellery - Vocal Solo
- Michael Beavan and Layton Walsh - Clarinet and Violin Duet

This year our vocal ensemble were also invited to perform but were not able to due to prior commitments held by some students.

It is a great honour to be invited to perform at the Entertainment Centre.



This opportunity involves much ongoing hard work and commitment by our students, their parents and their instrumental and vocal teachers. Well done!

Lest we forget - ANZAC Day 2017

Anzac Day Marches

On Tuesday 25 April, quite a number of students and families from NCS participated in ANZAC Day memorial services in the Shoalhaven area. The Greenwell Point Dawn Service and the Nowra Service were well attended. It was pleasing to see so many of our students, along with students from other schools, taking the time to honour those who have served in the armed forces, both past and present.

Thank you to parents, carers and staff who helped our school join in this special occasion. We value your support in honouring this important tradition.

Anzac Assembly - Monday 24 April 2017

On Monday 24 April, we held a special K-12 Anzac Assembly in the Church Hall. A number of parents, carers and extended family members were also able to join us for this event. NCS student leaders played a major role throughout this assembly, including leading in prayer, presenting Bible

readings and the laying of wreaths. Four NCS students, who are also either Navy or Airforce cadets, formed the catafalque party for our assembly. We were delighted to have a number of special guests at this assembly. Mr Fred Campbell (former parent) presented ANZAC books on behalf of Nowra RSL Sub-Branch. Navy Chaplain, Andrew Watters, was our guest speaker and provided a challenging message about the courage of the young men and women who have answered the call to defend our country when our freedom has been threatened.

A big thank you to Mrs Varga, our School's Defence Transition Mentor, for her most professional role in organising this very important assembly.



From the Head of Primary - Mr McLennan

Term 2 has seen our primary school students involved in a range of extra-curricular activities. Spanning sport, Creative Arts, leadership, service and all key learning areas of the curriculum, these activities have involved a large number of our students.

Each event, whether at school or away, enriches our students learning experiences, helping them connect what they learn at school with the world around them.

As Term 3 approaches, we continue to look forward to sporting opportunities such as Athletics. Our Metro Cup Soccer teams have also progressed to the State competition. In addition to the various activities that each class will be involved in, we are looking forward to celebrating Science Week and Book Week this term.

We hope that you enjoy the variety of articles and photos that encapsulate Term 2, 2017.



Biggest Morning Tea raises \$830! *by Jasmine Dickinson*

On Monday 29 May, our Secondary School Prefects and SRC students hosted the Biggest Afternoon Tea, which was a fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

It was an afternoon filled with musical entertainment, baked goods, great fellowship and beautiful sunshine. It was held between 2.00pm and 4.00pm, allowing the whole secondary school to be involved, as well as parents and carers when they picked up their children.



The fundraiser was organised to raise money to support the Cancer Council in their cancer research, prevention programs and support services. The Cancer Council, during the months of May and June, advertise this fantastic event for people to host a 'Biggest Morning Tea' and, presently, have over 25,000 hosts in Australia! Nowra Christian School was privileged to be a part of this program. We, as a community, have been able to raise \$830!!

Thank you so much to all who participated in the event and donated, either financially or by baking tasty goods.

Thanks also to all staff who assisted in the setting up and packing up of this event. And a big thank you to the Secondary Prefects and SRC for organising this wonderful afternoon.

The students' goal was to raise \$1000.



On the Monday, they were able to raise \$830 through the multi-day and afternoon tea. This is a fantastic effort and we commend the commitment and enthusiasm that the Prefects and SRC showed in running this event.

Sorry Day March *by Mrs Stewart*

On Friday 26 March, five students from NCS joined members of the local community in the National Sorry Day March.

About 300 people marched across the Shoalhaven Bridge to the Bomaderry Children's Home. The day marked 20 years since the Bringing Them Home report was handed down, which detailed the trauma caused by the forced removal of Indigenous children because of the colour of their skin.

Those children became known as the Stolen Generations. The students heard both humorous and sad stories from members of the Stolen Generations who lived at the

Bomaderry homes as children.

We looked at historic photos and toured the memorial garden where purple poppies were laid in remembrance. We also enjoyed some Aboriginal music and dancing, food and story-telling.

Quotes from students:

"I connected with more of my background."

"I learnt the true meaning of Sorry Day."

"I learnt more about our history and the heritage of Aboriginal people. I learnt it was good for elders to pass



stories on to the younger generation so we can know about the tragic events that happened."

"Walking across the bridge was significant because we all marched together."

"I liked watching the Cullunghutti preschool students dancing the spirit dance and black cockatoo dance."

Slice of fun at defence afternoon picnic *by Mrs Varga*

Defence families kicked off the long weekend in June with a Friday afternoon picnic in the church hall.

It was wonderful to see so many of our Defence families gathered together in a relaxed, social environment.

We shared pizza and afternoon tea and watched as students let out some energy after a busy school week.



We finished the afternoon by decorating cupcakes. While there were many delicious looking creations, the winning cupcake design came from Mr Bray - hidden talents indeed!

Thank you to all those who participated and helped out. We look forward to our next get-together.

K-6 NEWS

Primary Metro Cup: that winning feeling! by Mr Parker

On Thursday 25 May, NCS sent primary junior and senior teams to the Zone Metro Cup held in the Southern Highlands.

Both Stage 2 and 3 boys and girls football teams played four matches against local Christian schools in Moss Vale.

The senior team started with two 3-1 victories before finishing 'with a wet sail' beating their opponents 5-0 and 6-0 to win their competition and take home the trophy.

Tane M played very well in goal, making some great saves. Olly E was top scorer with four goals, closely followed by Toby M and Reagan B – both with three and a few others with two. Captain Rohan B was delighted to pick up the trophy on behalf of the team.

The junior team played cautiously in their first game, narrowly losing 1-0 to the eventual winners, ICS Cordeaux with Cooper Luke in goal playing incredibly well to keep his team in the match. They picked up the pace in their next match winning 2-1, before going on a 'goal-fest' in their last two matches winning 8-1 and 5-3.

Millie W played very well throughout, as did Kent E and Aiden S. The team, captained by player of the tournament, Jackson Croft, finished second place over all.

Both teams have made it through to the next level of competition - the state finals - to be held next term on 10 August in Penrith, Western Sydney.

Special thanks to Noah's dad, Mr Tasker and Joel's dad Mr Harlor, who coached the senior and junior teams respectively. Thanks also to all the parents and friends who made the long journey up the mountains to enjoy the sunshine and sports action.

Metro Cup netball

We also sent junior and senior primary netball teams to the Metro Cup. Both teams played well and with great spirit,



despite not coming away with a win. The junior team did manage to win two of its games and the senior team was very competitive, working well as a team. The positive attitude, hard work and fair play displayed by all made for a fun and rewarding day. Thank you to Mrs Thuau for coaching and encouraging the teams on the day. A special thanks also to Jemimah Parker and Imika Bramble who umpired on the day.



Upcoming Events*

11	Crossroads
	11 August 2017
11	Primary Assembly (Stage 2)
	11 August 2017
14	Science Week
	14 - 18 August 2017
17	Dance Program
	Every Thursday in Term 3
16	Soccer Clinics
	16, 23 August 2017
18	K-12 Assembly
	18 August 2017
18	Primary State Athletics
	18 August 2017
21	Bookweek
	21 August 2017
22	Year 1-2 Grandparents Day
	22 August 2017
25	Primary Assembly
	25 August 2017
29	Stage 1 Pioneer Farm
	29 August 2017
31	Father's Day Stall
	31 August 2017
1	Kinder Crazy Hair Day
	1 September 2017
18	Kinder Art Exhibition
	18-19 September 2017
22	Last Day of Term
	22 September 2017



*Please refer to our website calendar for an exhaustive list of events.

Stage 3 Zoo Incursion *by Mrs Twitchen*

In Science last term, Stage 3 learnt about how animals adapt to their environments. As part of this learning, they got to meet some animals too.

On Wednesday 31 May we had a 'Zoo to You' incursion in the church hall. Everyone was excited. All of Stage 3 met some amazing native Australian animals.

Zoe from the Shoalhaven Zoo shared the animals with us as well as some amazing facts. Caitie and Matt M were chosen to hold the bearded dragons and came around to let us pat them.

Next we met a cute little ringtail possum. It had huge eyes with a long tail that curled up. Sarah came and held it in a little blanket to keep it warm.

Then came a rather spiky echidna. Zoe kept hold of the echidna because of its spikes, but she told us that if we were to hold an echidna that we would hold it on its soft belly.

Not knowing what the next animal was, Cody and Thomas volunteered. It was a carpet python which is a long green snake. Everyone patted the snake as we had shivers down our spines.

Next we saw a wallaroo. It is a cross between a kangaroo and a wallaby, but they are their own species. Abi W came around with the cute little thing wrapped in a blanket.

After the whole experience we had learnt so much about how animals adapt to the environment around them.



Stage 3 visits Canberra *by Lilly D and Katie S (Yr 6)*

On Wednesday 26 April, Stage 3 students and teachers went to Canberra for three days and two nights. On the first day, we all went to Parliament House. We split into groups and had a tour of the Senate and House of Representatives. We also had a look at portraits of all the Prime Ministers and took part in role plays to see what it was like being politicians.

When we had finished, we went to the National Museum of Australia, just across Lake Burley Griffin. We learnt about many things from Australia's history. Our tour leader told us about a few exhibits then asked us to go and find several of them. A few of the exhibits that we had to find were oddities such as a pig with two bodies and one head, a pack of male dingos hanging by their hind legs and Captain Cook's spyglass!

After a busy day we finally went to our accommodation. We put all our baggage in one corner then sat down on the mat. We heard about all the rules and we were given our cabin groups. We then got time to settle into our rooms. We made our beds (sort of), sorted out our suitcases, then walked across the veranda and into the dining room for dinner. We had pasta and meat for dinner. It tasted really good.

After dinner and showers we joined together for the bi-annual Stage 3 Talent/ No Talent Show. About half of the students participated. We did solos, duets and group acts. Everyone did really well. The night was really excellent! The judges narrowed it down to 6 groups or solo acts. In the end Toby A got 6th, Lilly D got 5th, Ameliese C and Amelia L got 4th, Amelia B and Charlie G got 3rd, Azriel M got 2nd and Abi W and Aleah G got 1st!

After a tiring day the teachers, parents and students all hopped into bed. The next day we went to learn about voting at the Electoral Office. We took part in elections and saw how our system of preferential voting works, first hand!

Old Parliament House was our next stop. Highlights included sitting in the politicians' comfy leather chairs and working in teams to learn how democracy works in different countries.

The National Portrait Gallery was our next destination. We did some drawing and learnt about some of the interesting paintings. One thing that most people found interesting was the death mask of Ned Kelly. After that we gobbled down lunch and went to the War Memorial.



We all walked around in different groups and learned about things such as the First and Second World Wars. We took part in a special wreath laying ceremony with a veteran from one of the armed forces. The lady was American and had been a combat nurse in the air force. She had some very interesting stories to share with us. D-Zone was popular with the students as we could dress up as soldiers, sailors and nurses.

After the big day, we went back to our accommodation. We munched our way through dinner and then drove to Questacon. I think everyone had fun in the first room. Most people had a go on the vertical drop slide. We had to wear jump-suit like things to go on it. There were heaps of other levels which helped us discover more about Science. Later in the night, we went back to our cabins to get a good rest for the next day.

On Friday, after a delicious hot breakfast, we headed home. First we went to the A.I.S. (Australian Institute of Sport). We had a tour, then went into a games room where we could do stuff like the real sports stars of Australia. We got to go and see a swimming pool that can shorten itself, and we got to see athletes lift heavy weights, gymnasts tumbling and the Australian ladies water polo team training!

After a great couple of hours at the A.I.S. we drove to see the many embassies in Canberra. We saw so many different countries represented. America had the biggest embassy.

The last attraction was the Canberra exhibition, which helped us learn how the city had grown from being sheep paddocks only about a hundred years ago, to being the great capital city it is today. We used lego to build new designs for buildings in Canberra. After a great last lunch and free time at the park it was time to head for home. Stuart, our bus driver, drove us to Nowra via Braidwood. Some of us enjoyed the movies being shown, whilst others talked or slept.

Primary Cross Country *by Mr Terlich*

On Thursday 18 May, we held our primary cross country carnival here at school. (View full image gallery)

It was a beautiful sunny morning with lots of parents, family and friends in attendance. Our students competed with great spirit and were cheered on by a supportive crowd.



The top four competitors in Years 3-6 from each age group were invited to attend the State Cross Country Carnival on Friday of Week 6. This was held at the International Equestrian Center at Horsely Park in Western Sydney.

Well done to all students who made it to State level! These students competed against 180 or so of the best runners from Christian Schools all over NSW.

Some particularly notable results included Caitlin Scahefer who came 18th in her age group, Noah Tasker who came 13th and Emily McLaren



who came 12th. These students narrowly missed out on progressing to the next level of competition! Well done Caitlin, Noah and Emily!

NCS takes the Stage

by Mr McLennan

Members of our Primary Drama club and their Secondary directors, accompanied by our talented Secondary Drama class, took part in the Drama section of the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod in June.

It required two buses to transport all the students; many of them nervous and excited and all dressed in costume. We had multiple groups entered in Stages 2, 3 and 5.

Although it is exciting to report that NCS won each section, what is more exciting is the way our students conducted themselves and gave the best performances they had yet given. A very special mention needs to go to our Secondary directors who have



given up their Wednesday lunchtimes for the last term and a bit to rehearse and prepare our Primary Drama Club casts. It is a big responsibility and these young people have done a fabulous job.

Congratulations also to all our performers. There is a lot of work involved in a performance - learning lines, rehearsing together, gathering costumes and props and encouraging each other. These young performers have shown commitment and courage to perform as they did. Well done!

Getting a GRIP on leadership *by Mr Parker*

On Friday 19 May, our primary prefects, house captains and vice house captains travelled to Wollongong University for a leadership conference called GRIP (Generosity, Responsibility, Integrity, People).

The GRIP conference is specially designed to help primary students in Years 5 and 6 become better leaders at their schools.

Our twelve participants enjoyed a great day of engaging, fun activities learning about important principles of leadership. On behalf of Cody W, Sarah K, Lili M, Rohan B, Tane M, Micah E, Lilly D, Jenna



G, Ollie E, Hannah S, Azriel and Julia M, thanks to NCS for sending the student leaders to this conference. Huge thanks, too, for Mrs Tabitha Gallanty who helped with transporting our dedicated dozen.

Instrumental Eisteddfod results

by Mrs Lawrence

This time a year ago two percussion groups from the primary school performed in the Eisteddfod. We had recently received a delivery of instruments to the school and primary school instrumental students had just received them and learnt to assemble them!

A year later, and I am amazed to have students who have enthusiastically learnt their instruments to a level of proficiency which has enabled me to form a Junior Band and take it to the Eisteddfod. They played very well and were placed second in their section of five bands.

I am very proud of our students, especially for their team work and the way they are able to play at such a high standard after such a short time. They are to be commended on their outstanding achievement!

Instrumental Eisteddfod results:

Matt Becker, Josh Davey, Michael Beavan - 1st Place Secondary Instrumental Group

Michael Beavan, Leyton Walsh - 1st Place Secondary Duet

Emily Kilby, Jonathan Walsh - 2nd Place Secondary Duet

Nowra Christian School Junior Band - 2nd Place Primary School Band

Year 4 Percussion Group - Highly Commended

A big thank you to Mrs Perry who accompanied us to the Eisteddfod and to Matt Drury and Mel Kilby who have been a wonderful support to the music program in our school.

Great result at CSSA State Gymnastics

On Thursday 8 June, three flexible girls from NCS's K-6 department, Charlie G (Y5), Charlotte S (Y4) and Amelia B (Y6) all went to Rooty Hill in Sydney to attend the 2017 Primary CSSA State Gymnastics Championships.

Amelia: My day was great. I had to wake up at 4.30 am to get ready to go up for gym. I didn't need to sign in until 11.15 am so I had plenty of time to look around and watch the competition. We warmed up and then got into our groups. There were four groups, two lots of Level 4 and two lots of Level 3. I was in the biggest Level 4 group. I had vault first, followed by bars, then beam and last of all the floor routine. I got a second place certificate for vault.



Charlotte: My impression of the venue was that it was a ginormous building. It was my first time at the S.G.A.C. Amelia, Charlie and I were in the same group. They started with Levels 5 to 10 first. At 11.15 am Charlie and I signed in, then we warmed up. Amelia went off to her group, the higher Level 4s. Charlie went in the higher Level 3s and I went in the lower Level 3s. I was on the floor first, then I went to vault next of all. I got 4th place for my vaulting. Afterwards I moved onto bars. I was the tallest competitor. My last event was beam. I got a certificate. We had a two hour drive back to Nowra. We had a great time at Rooty Hill.

Charlie: After we dropped my sister off at school we went up to Sydney to compete. I got a first place in vault, third in beam and bar. Overall, I finished in third place for Level 3, so I got a medal. I had a great day of fun gymnastics and also met lots of people.

Well done DaVinci Team - 3rd Overall!

by Mrs Thuaux

On Wednesday 3 May Miss Thuaux and Mrs Perry took a team of 8 students in Stage 3 to Illawarra Christian School to compete in the Regional Da Vinci Decathlon Competition. The team did incredibly well, achieving an overall third place, with a first place in Cartography and second place in Mathematics.

This competition comprises 10 academic events including: Mathematics, English, Science, Engineering, Poetry and Art, Cartography, Creative Producers, Code Breaking, General Knowledge and Ideation. The students were given several tasks to complete at the same time and had strict time limits to adhere to. Teams worked together to complete the tasks without any assistance from teachers.

Over 30 teams competed in the event and came from independent, public and private schools.

A big congratulations to Micah Edwards, Hannah Smith, Jasmine Hall, Oliver Elery, Jenna Gallanty, Matthew McLennan, Amelia Leembruggen, Gabrielle Allen



and Linkin Pearce for their podium finish.

A few student reflections on the event ...

"The challenges were great and I learnt a lot, the atmosphere was electric." Micah.

"I felt really proud of my teammates and how hard we had worked to get where we were." Gabrielle.

'Wonderful World of Will' wows all watching!

By Mr Parker

Thursday afternoon on the first day of June was a special occasion as NCS hosted Bell Shakespeare's regional schools tour for its latest play: 'The Wonderful World of Will'.

Students and staff from Years 3-7 were thoroughly entertained and informed by the trio of talented young actors.

The storyline revolved around a tale of time-travel as a girl from modern day Australia was transported back to Elizabethan London to meet locals such as The Bard himself and Queen Elizabeth I.

Much fun then ensued as the fiery, flame-haired monarch had our time travelling heroine and

Shakespeare join forces to write her a play, otherwise they would have lost their heads!

Marcus N (Y7) enjoyed the references from Midsummer Night's Dream. Matt Spinks particularly liked the fight scene with a difference - a war with words! Nathaniel (Y5) and Caitlyn (Y3) Cox liked the character Queen Elizabeth I.



Secondary NEWS

Gold and bronze for our national volleyball champions!

In May, Caleb Mackie, Tyler Watkins and Jayden Norsworthy participated at the National Christian Schools Games 2017 as part of two NSW open boys volleyball teams. The boys were very successful returning with Gold and Bronze. Congratulations boys!

Jayden Norsworthy wrote:

Caleb Mackie, Tyler Watkins and I went to the National Christian Schools Games held at Homebush. We played in two teams, NSW Blue (Jayden and Tyler) and NSW White (Caleb).

Over the course of the games we played against Victoria and the other NSW teams several times.

The NSW Blue team ended up undefeated the entire competition and



were the Gold medalist. NSW White team ended up the Bronze medalist.

We stayed at Namaroo, which is a campsite in North Sydney. Throughout the course of the week we had talks about Jesus' identity.

We all had lots of fun! We enjoyed the games with the other states and players as well as learning more about Christ.

Flying off to State Finals by Mr Clarke

In May, eight of our Year 8 Technology students travelled to Ulladulla High School to take part in the Aeronautical Velocity Challenge (AVC) Regional Final. Teams from Bowral to Merimbula competed against each other to build their planes and rockets in the time period.

The planes team of Lincoln Davie, Micah Perry, Nathan Spinks and Harrison Thomas managed to produce a very fast plane, which came second by 0.02 of a second, and a height plane that won their round. Unfortunately, they had trouble in the dog fights and didn't place.

The rocket team of Isabelle McPhail, Hailey Frew, Mia Hunter and Courtney Nielsen faced some very difficult conditions, with rain and a strong headwind but still managed a respectable distance of 69.5m, which placed them 3rd by only 2 meters.

Both teams received wild card entries into the State Final which was held at the University of Wollongong in June.

Unfortunately the rocket team struggled at the final with technical



difficulties, which saw their rocket fail to launch in the first round.

The quality of the competition was extremely high, which produced some exceptional results in both planes and rockets.

The team managed a respectable 80 meters on both of its launches in the second round. The winner of the competition in the rockets shot an astonishing 150 meters.

The plane team worked well, but were disappointed with their height and speed planes. They did, however, manage to beat Ulladulla High in the dogfight section, which was a sweet victory as they beat us at the Regional Final.



Upcoming Events*

11	Taste 'N' See Experience Day 11 August 2017
11	Secondary Rugby Gala Day 11 August 2017
14	2018 Prefect nominations Open 14 August 2017, close 25 Aug
14	Science Week 14-18 August 2017
15	Science Week Future Food Fair 15 August 2017
17	Yr 10 English - Sydney Opera House 17 August 2017
18	K-12 Assembly 18 August 2017
21	CSSA Rugby Gala Day 21 August 2017
24	CSSA State Athletics 24 August 2017
1	State Basketball 1 September 2017
1	Year 7-12 Assembly 1 September 2017
21	Year 12 Graduation Assembly 21 September 2017
22	Year 12 Graduation 22 September 2017



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Youth Advisory Committee *by Mrs West*

On Wednesday 3 May, Tamsyn McPhail, Lachlan White, Elizabeth Curline and Jonty Beavan from Year 10 represented NCS at a Shoalhaven Youth Advisory Committee meeting held at the local council chambers. Students experienced life as a local council representative by participating in a formal discussion forum with students from Shoalhaven High School and Ulladulla High School.

The students contributed ideas about local community projects and shared

their opinions about issues affecting youth in the Shoalhaven. Some of the issues our students raised with the local councillors included improved access to local university courses and the future development of parks and recreational areas.

The Youth Advisory Committee will meet again later in the year to plan



an awards night that recognises the achievements of local youths throughout the community.

Illawarra Careers Expo 2017 *by Mrs West*

On Tuesday 9 May, students from Years 10, 11 and 12 traveled to Unanderra Basketball Stadium to attend the 2017 Illawarra Careers Expo. The expo hosted a large variety of stalls from universities, TAFE, private colleges and other employment agencies.

Throughout the session, our students moved around the stadium speaking to stall holders and furthering their post-school plans and opportunities. Here is what some of our students had to say:

'More careers are possible now, and my ideas of future work increased tenfold. I've even considered starting a stationery company.'

-Michael Beavan

'Today I learnt a lot about possible careers I may be able to pursue and universities I could attend. I was flooded with options. I found it to be a great day and I was very well informed with all the books and information given to us.'

-Jacob Selbie Thompson

'I learnt about different music career options and I learnt more about business management. People were really nice and helpful. It was fun and worth the time.'

- Jacob Lawrence



Kiama Electorate Student Leaders Forum *by Rachel Hill*

On Wednesday 10 May, Mr and Mrs Bray took Noah and I up to the Parliament of New South Wales in Sydney by train.

We spent a day with other school leaders from our electorate. Gareth Ward, Member for Kiama, led the day, giving us a tour of the Parliament from top to bottom. He spoke about the history of our government and told us about some of the interesting traditions that are present in our government even today. These include the lower house being green to represent the 'village green' that the people would meet on in different parts of England before any buildings were constructed.



We witnessed the upper house in action. Sitting at the same level made us feel like we were really a part of it as we could see their faces in detail and hear the booming, "All in favor say aye, I think the ayes have it, the ayes have it!"

After walking up and down the never-

ending staircases, Mr Ward gave us a chance to hear from various members of parliament, including our Premier. We were able to ask them any pressing questions we had, such as what is being done about house prices in New South Wales?

After lunch we ventured to the lower house viewing gallery to witness Question Time. We then headed home on the train.

Overall the day was very interesting and gave us valuable insights into how our government works. It changed our state government from being a thing that is 'far away' to something quite accessible, helping us to understand that even we can make a difference.

Year 10 Students Commandeer HMAS Albatross *by Mrs West*

On Thursday 8 June, 11 brave Year 10 students participated in the HMAS Albatross QuickLook Program. The program is designed to provide students with extended insight into careers in the Navy as well as basic practical training.

The day began early with Leading Seaman (LS) Gilmour picking the students up from NCS in the Defence Force shuttle bus. Once arriving at HMAS Albatross, LS Gilmour wasted no time getting the students into formation and marching.

Throughout the day students perfected the art of group marching and push-ups as they moved from building to building, checking out the air craft, apparel, training simulation rooms and other on-base facilities.

One of the most valuable aspects of the day was the many opportunities students were given to talk to a variety of Defence Force personnel. Students were given tours of work spaces and were able to ask questions regarding all things Navy and aviation. All Defence Force personnel were friendly and approachable and our students felt at ease starting up conversations about possible careers and training pathways.

The day was topped off with a practical at-sea helicopter crash survival course. Students were suited up with life jackets and helmets before taking a three metre leap of faith into the training pool. Students then participated in a series of at-sea team survival strategies before being winched back out of the pool in a helicopter rescue simulation.



The students maintained their enthusiasm throughout the day and their respect and courtesy shown to all Navy personnel did not go unnoticed.

Le Tour de Worrigeer and the French Day

by Madame Wilkinson

Wednesday 14 June, dawned bright and sunny for our annual 'Tour de Worrigeer'.

Students lined up in teams and they were off and racing.

The first stage was held in the area where the buses drop students off in the morning. The 'mountain' stage was the rectangle between the office and the Church building. The time trials were 1 minute each on an exercise bike.

There was great enthusiasm and speed as teams battled for the chapeau jaune (yellow hat) which was the winner's prize.

The next part of the day was baking mini chocolate croissants, constructing Eiffel tower models and doing jigsaws of French monuments. We then shared a French lunch together, with everyone bringing food to share. It was a feast!



The day ended with the movie, 'Ratatouille' and discussions of the Michelin guide for French restaurants (actually started by the Michelin brothers to sell more tyres, discovering more destinations for motorists to visit!).

Exercise / food / movie – what a combination! It was an exciting and fun filled day.

Already the class is proposing that they compete against the 2018 year 8, so that they can do it all again!

Congratulations Beck!

Rebekah Yusuf was recently awarded at the 'Shoalhaven Excellence in Vocational Education & Training Awards 2017'.

Beck received both a Certificate of Excellence in Tourism and Events as well as the VET Student of the Year in Tourism and Events Award. Mr Bray also attended the event. Congratulations Beck on these well deserved awards!



CSSA Girls' Netball

by Mrs Dickinson

On Monday 19 June, ten of our Secondary girls travelled to Penrith for the CSSA Netball Gala Day. It was an early start for all us, leaving at 5.45am!

The girls played seven games of netball. The day started well with the team winning their first two games. We then came up against some really hard teams. These were teams that play together on Saturday mornings in their local competition. The girls showed great team support and played admirably against these harder teams. As the day progressed, their skills improved and they were really playing cohesively as a team.

The girls showed great sportsmanship, not only to other teams but especially in their own team. They were helping each other and were very encouraging with one another. It was a privilege to see this team, which included girls from Year 7 through to Year 9, come together. Well done girls!



Sing a song of first place *by Mr West*

On Thursday 25 May, twelve of our secondary students, along with Mr West and Mr Harrison made their way to the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre to compete in the High School Choral section of the Eisteddfod and came home with the first place award.

The group performed two contrasting pieces 'Sing a song of sixpence' and 'When I grow up' which featured at last year's Thanksgiving Night.

Our sections included: Soprano - Jasmine Dickinson, Lisa Burge, Tamsyn

McPhail. Alto - Rachel Hill, Charlotte Dickinson, Courtney Nielson. Tenor - Joel Clifton, Joey Ellery, Sam Chittick, Micah Perry. Bass - Sam Ellery, Caleb Mackie.

Everyone was excited and nervous, especially standing next to Ulladulla High which had around 60 students competing. After a nervous start, we enjoyed ourselves on the stage and sung the best that we could.

While the adjudicator announced first place to NCS, there was much surprise and excitement amongst all the students. All in all, it was a



fantastic day and we all look forward to competing again next year. A special mention goes to Sam Ellery who participated in his final competition with NCS.

The group also performed 'Sing a Song of Sixpence' acapella, for their peers at the Secondary Assembly this week.

CSSA Secondary State Cross Country *by Mr Harrison*

Our State Cross Country Team had a great day at the International Equestrian Centre recently. We sent a team of nine students, all of whom have qualified during the Cross Country unit in PE lessons during second term.

Most of the age groups have between 150 and 200 competitors at this level, so there is very strong competition in every race. Our students showed a very good team spirit, although it was a little disappointing that several of our better runners were unable to attend due to other commitments.

Congratulations to all of our students who competed: Alyssa Smart, Leo McMillan, Hunter Lynch, Lincoln Davie, Cassie Beavan, Jemimah Parker, Maddie Pedro, Jayden Blackmore and Blake Skewes.

A huge thanks to parents who assisted, came to support their runners or provided transport. Your help is a blessing to our school and very much appreciated.



Girl's Rugby 7s at Kiama *by Mr Harrison*

On Wednesday 31 May, our under 16's Girls Rugby 7's travelled to Kiama to compete in the Junior Rugby 7's Tournament.

Competing against rugby-orientated schools such as Illawarra Sports High and TIGS, our girls showed they were a match for their more experienced competition, going down in their first match against ISH 4-1, but acquitting themselves very well against this selective sports group.

The girls had a long break and a little more training in the cold, windy conditions and came back in their second game against the much-fancied TIGS team, defeating them comfortably 5-1.

This is a great effort from our girls who have had very little experience, but who more than make up for it in intelligence,



teamwork and courage. The team was well led by our own NSW and Illawarra representative, Ruari Von Prott.

We look forward to some more games in the coming months.

Congratulations to: Alyssa Smart, Charlotte Dickinson, Liz Curline, Eden Green, Tessa Marks, Zoe Plant (absent from photo), Rachel Hill, Paris Lynch and Ruari Von Prott (absent from photo)

Hamlet Symposium *by Mrs Thompson*

On Friday 16 June, the Advanced English class travelled to Sydney to attend a symposium which explored the text "Hamlet."

It was a long day as we caught the train at 6.30 am and returned at 6.30 pm. The day was very worthwhile as students were able to see various scenes of the play performed and discussed.

Five hundred students attended the symposium.

Students from NCS found the

discussion interesting as there were opportunities for students to give their opinion about various aspects of the text. We enjoyed lunch in Newtown before catching the train home again.



Secondary Camp: friendship, fellowship and fun

by Bailey Skewes, Camille Dewell
and Jasmine Dickinson

On 26 April, all of secondary travelled up to Youthwork's Port Hacking conference centre for what was an incredible experience at secondary school camp. This provided amazing opportunities to build on existing friendships, begin and develop new relationships in an outside-of-school environment, and to take part in Christian learning and worship. Students from Year 7 all the way through to Seniors got to experience a number of different activities that were both challenging and exciting.

These activities, run by Youthworks leaders, helped us develop skills both as individuals and as part of a team. These included a thrilling high ropes course, stand up paddleboarding (only for seniors), dragon boating, canoeing, water sliding, river rafting and a number of ultimately rewarding team-building exercises. Mr Bray joined us on Thursday and enjoyed the variety of activities including the Sky Web and bush cooking.

The first night of camp brought one of the yearly highlights: Talent Night. This year's night was "Game Show" themed, and had the prefects running the night dressed in ridiculous costumes and spinning a "Wheel of Fortune" between acts. They had students participating in quizzes about music or teachers, playing games inspired by "A Minute to Win It" or receiving free lollies on the rare "Confetti" segment of the wheel. The night showcased exceptional musical performances from Emily Kilby, Caleb Mackie, Nick Astill and Jacob Lawrence as well as the hilarious skits of the Year 9 English class and Will Grootenboer's return to the stage for "Life in a Bag". The teachers also participated and we heard a rendition from Mrs Wilkinson as she read a funny poem, Mr Clarke & Mr



West in their special duet number called "Jenny" and Mrs Stewart, Mrs Douglas, Mrs Hetherington, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Thompson, Mr Clarke & Mr West performed a song called California Dreaming.

On the second night of camp, house captains and prefects hosted the annual Games Night, which consisted of a number of games played with Sea Kings and Black Hawks going head-to-head for points in the highly competitive yearly house competition. Students got involved in games such as bullrush, dodgeball, tug-of-war and the yearly game of AM tunnel ball. The night also saw extensive house support and cheering, jamming to music and the return of 'Sweet Caroline'.

On top of all this, students got to listen to, and engage in, a series of talks given by guest speaker Mr Ryan Heard, where he explored the authority Jesus held over the natural, spiritual and physical worlds and what our response to this should be. The ideas and concepts presented in the talks were then elaborated on and discussed further in smaller groups led by Youthworks leaders.

Secondary camp was, once again, an incredible experience for both students and teachers alike, remaining one of the definitive highlights of the school year. A big thank you especially to Mrs

Wainwright and Mrs Dallimore for all of the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make this amazing event happen every year; your efforts did not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

A few quotes:

What are your camp highlights this year?

"Lots of fun with friends and teachers."
(Camille)

"Learning various new skills and a bit of competition. Also, spending some time with peers outside of the school stress."
(Nicholas)

What did you learn from the talks?

"That God can take on any problems and He is so strong and powerful."
(Alyssa)

"I learnt primarily about Jesus' authority over the physical, natural, and spiritual. Also, that He used authority instead of His power." (Bailey)

"I didn't really learn anything new, but Ryan definitely deepened and increased my knowledge of Jesus' authority. I learnt more about the amazing power of God and His Son." (Lydia)

Visit our website 'gallery' for images.

Tessa reports on RYPEN

by Tessa Marks

Every year Nowra Christian School gives students from Year 10 the opportunity to attend RYPEN.

RYPEN stands for Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment and the local Rotary Clubs sponsor each of the participants.

The program is designed to encourage teenagers to interact with peers from different backgrounds, and to improve

their teamwork and leadership skills.

The camp was held at Old Mogo Town over the weekend of 12 - 14 May, operating over three days. The program consisted of interactive sessions with leaders from significant organisations, workshops, sporting events and entertaining activities.

Throughout the duration of the camp I learnt many things, had



great experiences and made strong friendships.

Stage 4 and 5 take on the DaVinci Decathlon *by Mrs Ellery*

On 4-5 May, four teams travelled to The Illawarra Grammar School to compete against other schools from the region in the Da Vinci Decathlon. This is an academic competition in which teams of eight complete tasks across ten disciplines including cartography, engineering, maths, science, English and future problem solving.

Our Stage 4 (Years 7 and 8) teams were, some of them, experiencing this for the first time, and they were struck by the challenging nature of some of the tasks. They worked well together as teams and were a pleasure to take away for the day. As staff, we can always be so proud of how our students conduct themselves when on excursions.



The Stage 5 (Years 9 and 10) were also a joy to accompany. As more seasoned campaigners, they came away with a third in the Science (Year 9) and second in the Drama (Year 9) and a first in the Engineering (Year 10). Congratulations to all four teams, including our hard working reserves.

Michael heads Outward Bound *by Mr West*

While the remainder of the NCS community were enjoying their Easter holidays, one of our senior students, Michael Beavan, was navigating a hike around Mount Tennent with his 20kg pack.

Michael was selected and sponsored by the Bomaderry Lions Club earlier this year as part of the 'Outward Bound' project in which students embark on a twelve day, 120 kilometer hike in order to discover hidden inner qualities and to develop leadership skills. The hike took place during the Easter school holidays during which the hikers enjoyed the luxury of one small Easter egg.

Michael made the following comments about his experience.

'Looking back on the hike, I found it to be enjoyable. While I was there, I found it painful and quite challenging. An interesting story from the hike was one morning at 5:30am while we were sleeping under our bivvies, we woke up to frost. My head was soaked and cold as I sat up and hit the top of the bivvie with my head. During the 12 day hike,



there were no showers until the last day. We had no toilets to use and had to dig holes if we needed to go to the toilet. Every morning we ate muesli with powdered milk. Overall, I learned more about myself than I knew. I also learned some great leadership qualities and how to navigate through mountainous terrain.'

Michael and his fellow hikers from the Shoalhaven enjoyed a celebration dinner on Wednesday 10 May. They were presented with certificates of completion and each gave a speech to recount their experiences of the adventure. The night was a huge success and friends and family were invited to share in the achievements of the hikers.

Upcoming Events

SAVE THE DATE

NCS Thanksgiving Evening

**Wednesday 6 December
@ 6.30pm**

Our Annual Thanksgiving Evening will be held on Wednesday 6 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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