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If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9



Eisteddfod Choral Rap-up

Primary and Infants Choirs

Our Primary and Infants choirs performed exceptionally well at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod recently. Both choirs achieving 1st place.

Secondary Vocal Ensemble

17 students from our Secondary Vocal Ensemble showcased their talents at the Shoalhaven Eisteddfod. Stepping onto the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre stage our students pushed through excited nerves to present two fantastic performances which achieved scores of 93 and 98 out of 100.

We finished in a comfortable second place, narrowly defeated by Ulladulla High School. All students presented themselves

in a respectful and courteous fashion and deserve to be congratulated on the time and effort they put into rehearsing for the event, especially our Year 12 students Sarah Donovan, Erica Watling, Chloe Dickinson and Elise Burge who were great mentors to the younger performers in the ensemble.



A NOTE FROM MR SMITH



I hope that all our NCS families enjoy the June Chronicle that summarises some of the many happenings at NCS over the past month.

Across the School our students have participated so wonderfully well in a range of learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom.

I am so thankful to the teaching and support staff who on a daily basis strive to provide and deliver a quality Christian education. It is so important to provide experiences and opportunities that reinforce, extend and challenge the learning of our children and young people. It is also important that in this learning, our students are pointed to Jesus.

It is good for us all to be reminded of the NCS Mission Statement:

The mission of Nowra Christian School is to provide a Christian educational community as a centre of teaching and learning excellence, founded on Biblically based beliefs, values and behaviour.

Thank you all for your commitment to NCS. We look forward to presenting to you the second instalment of The NCS Chronicle at the end of this term.

School NEWS



Band Notes from Mrs Lawrence

Concert Band

With after school rehearsals in full swing this term, Concert Band is beginning to build up a strong repertoire. I am very impressed to hear these students start to make a great sound in such a short time, largely thanks to the focus and commitment of our Secondary instrumentalists. It is a real pleasure to direct them. Stay 'tuned' for more 'notes' on our progress, and future performances!

Stage 3 Intro to Concert Band

Stage 3 students have had the opportunity to experience music lessons in the Secondary School and learn a concert band instrument. It's been a very exciting time for them and thrilling for me to see 34 students decide to learn an instrument. Having received their instruments early this term and had four tutorials, Tuesdays are now awash with flutes, clarinets, trumpets and trombones! Our talented Years 5 and 6 students are quickly

learning to get a sound from their instrument, play different notes, and play together.

Stage 3 student Annelise Merison said: "I am learning to play the trumpet with this program. I wanted to play the trumpet because I thought that this would be a great opportunity and would help me musically.

"The lessons that we have had so far have been really fun. Everyone is enjoying their instruments and the lessons."

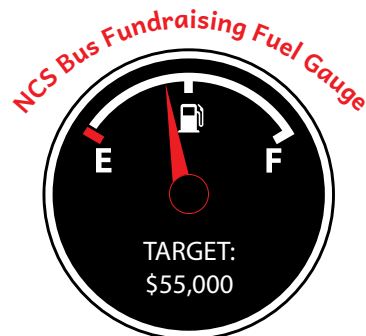
Jess Trost said: "I wanted to learn the clarinet because it's a bit easier to learn than the trumpet and sounds nice when you play a good note.

"I'm having a great time learning the clarinet."

Thanks to our tutors Mr West, Mr Whitehouse, Chloe Dickinson and Mrs Herring and to our Library staff for barcoding and labelling all our concert band instruments.

Bus Fundraising Update!

The application has been submitted to the Veolia Mulwaree Trust for further funding towards our School bus. We have asked for \$31 500 towards a good second hand vehicle – we hope to be able to purchase a 24 seater that will cost around the \$55 000 mark. The contribution that the School has amassed is \$24 105. We are not sure of course as to how much we will actually receive in the grant. The School should be informed some time during the July holidays.



Thank you for your wonderful support and prayer. If any families still want to contribute please do so as we will have other expenses such as signwriting.

KidsMatter Update

KidsMatter is a national initiative for promoting positive mental health and wellbeing in Primary Schools. NCS are excited at the ongoing developing of our school within this framework. For more information about this initiative read this [Introducing KidsMatter Primary Factsheet](#) or visit www.kidsmatter.edu.au

So far we've focused on Component 1 - "Every face has a place" - building a community and sense of belonging. This has included:

- **Formation of a KidsMatter Action Team** - You can email the team on kidsmatteractionteam@ncs.nsw.edu.au
- **2 Information sessions** to introduce KidsMatter to our school community.
- **Staff training** and professional development
- **Surveys** of our students, staff and families - Further data analysis and whole-school planning is continuing.



Above: The KidsMatter Action Team

- **Stress Less Day** - October 2015 with positive, relaxing and stress-reducing activities to try.
- **Positive Paper Planes** in Primary activity - end of Term 4 2015 celebrating belonging and caring
- **"Every face has a place" Murals** - Term 1 2016 celebrating how we belong together!
- **Integration of community building and belonging activities and ideas into class activities and assemblies**, including a song!

What's next? We are about to launch Component 2 - "Knowing me, knowing you, and getting along too." This component is all about Social and Emotional Learning (SEL). More details



to come but we will be launching a brand new SEL program across K-6, as well as working in partnership with Anglicare to offer some education sessions/mental health workshops, and a few other surprises! Stay tuned...

How can you be involved? As well as staying up to date and using the KidsMatter website, we are seeking volunteers to help out with one-off activities/events. Please let us know if you are interested in helping in this way. We'd also welcome another parent on the Action Team. We have many resources in the library which can help in caring for the mental health of our kids and families. Please ask Mrs Creighton if you'd like some assistance with this. Finally, please keep talking with your family about how you can promote positive mental health and wellbeing together!

KidsMatter Action Team

School Calendar 6 June - 1 July

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
TERM 2	6 June	7	8	9	10
Week 7	CSSA Secondary Girls State Netball Gala Day Start of Semester 2 (Secondary)	Stage 2 & 3 Primary Metro Cup - Netball and Football - Wet weather back up date 14/6/16.	Year 3 - 12 Athletics Carnival @ Shoalhaven High School - Now postponed to 17 June.	K-6 Gymnastics. Sydney Olympic Park Tour de Worrigee	Secondary Zone Soccer Carnival 11.30am K-6 Assembly (Stage 3 leading) 1-4.30pm Peter Pan Rehearsal
	13	14	15	16	17
Week 8	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday	Stage 2 & 3 Hockey Clinics 6pm Board Meeting	Year 10 Teamworks at HMAS Albatross Verse Speaking Eisteddfod performances	CIS Cross Country Drama Eisteddfod performances K-6 Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews Secondary Volleyball	New date for Athletics Carnival Secondary only Assembly 12.30-11.00pm Year 3-6 CRU Group, Church
	20	21	22	23	24
Week 9	1.30pm Wollongong Conservatorium of Music Concert	Stage 2 & 3 Hockey Clinics 7pm P&F Committee Meeting	Senior EES Excursion to Australian Museum K-6 Parent/Carer Teacher Interviews	PASS Snow Excursion Stage 2 & 3 Athletics Field Events 5pm VET Awards Evening	PASS Snow Excursion 1-4:30pm Peter Pan Rehearsal Sat 25 June Stars of the Eisteddfod
	27	28	29	30	1 July
Week 10	Secondary Zone Basketball	Stage 1 - Author Philippa Cleal (Pepperpot) Senior Subject Information Night	Mufti Day Peter Pan Rehearsal - All Day	Year 7-10 Reports to students Year 9/10 Food Technology Excursion	Last day of Term 2 Primary visit to Chesalon Whole School Assembly - Caring Box

K-6 NEWS

Upcoming Events

- 07 Stage 2/3 Primary Metro Cup
7 June 2016
- 10 K-6 Assembly (Stage 3)
10 June 2016
- 14 Stage 2 & 3 Hockey Clinics
14 & 21 June 2016
- 16 Parent/Teacher Interviews
16 & 22 June 2016
- 17 Years 3-12 Athletics Carnival
17 June 2016
- 28 Stage 1 Author visit
28 June 2016

5/6 Camp: 'Wild years' and wildlife in Mogo

By Annelise Merison

On Monday 28 April Stage 3 students went to Mogo to learn about life in the 1850's during the Gold Rush and see rare wildlife up close.

We stayed at the Old Gold Rush Colony for one night.

The Old Gold Rush Colony has two sections: one is a fun educational area and the other has cabins.

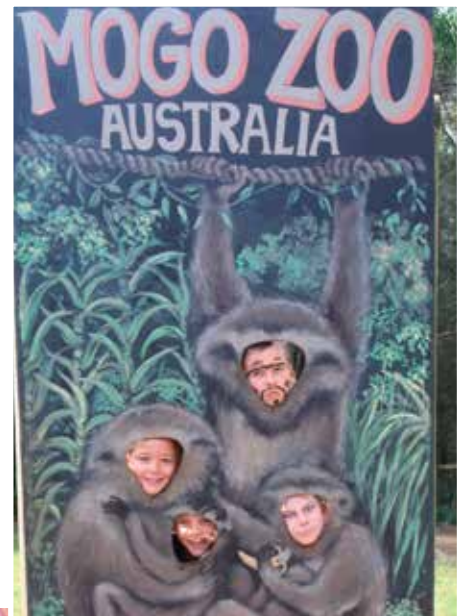
Once we had settled in the fun started!

Some guides split us into three small groups and took a group each around the educational area.

We saw a blacksmith and a carpenter at work, went through a small replica mine and saw a rebuild of a Chinese temple.

The next day we visited Mogo Zoo. We saw lots of animals such as white lions, brown lions, meerkats, otters, monkeys, giraffes, zebras, gorillas and more.

Overall, our Stage 3 camp to Mogo was really fun! Everyone had a great time and it was a great way to start Term 2 of 2016!



Year 3-6 CSSA State Cross Country



A wild, woolly and windy day greeted competitors at Horsley Park's Sydney Equestrian Centre for the Christian Schools State Cross Country carnival last month.

All 29 Years 3-6 Primary students who comprised this year's NCS team ran the challenging course with great vigour and determination.

With some races having almost two hundred competitors, just staying on their feet at the crowded start line was a feat in itself!

Year 5 student Caitlin Schaefer finished in 9th place in her race, making the Christian Schools team for the Combined Independent Schools event at Eastern Creek in a few weeks' time.

Well done to Bryce Clifton for his impressive performance, earning 12th place and just narrowly missing out on a CIS place this year.

Also the four team members from the NCS 11 year-old girls race: Jayla Beresford, Lili Miles, Caitlin Schaefer and Hannah Smith, who all finished in the top 50 and came third overall in the team event for their age category.



The 12 year-old boys team, Alec Dobson, Jye Moore, Archie Collison and Bryce Clifton had a great result too, all finishing in the top 70 places.

Other notable mentions go to Noah Tasker (22nd place), Corinne Clifton (26th place) and Lilly Davie (31st place).

An extra special mention goes to Blaze Clegg, who tripped and fell quite badly part way through his race. Unfortunately he was unable to complete the course and was helped back to our team area by a kind course official. He was very brave and grateful to have his dad there for consolation. It's not how many times you fall but the number of times you get back up that counts - a great lesson for life. Champion effort Blaze!

We are so grateful to parents and grandparents who made the long trek there and back. The atmosphere was electric, with much cheering and excitement. A special thanks also to parents who drove other people's children to and from the event. Parents whose children were driven, please ensure that you reimburse the drivers with an appropriate contribution to petrol costs. Thanks.

I am already looking forward to next year's event!

K-6 Cross Country



Fine weather, a well prepared course and a large spectator crowd provided the perfect setting for the Primary Cross Country Carnival on Tuesday 3 May.

K-6 students competed with enthusiasm, showing excellent spirit to finish their races.

Despite scoring a healthy 227 points, the Sea Kings couldn't match the Black Hawks' mighty 289 point tally.

It was wonderful to have so many spectators cheering on the students.

A big thanks to all who helped on the day, especially Mr Hefferan for making the course look so 'spiffy'!

Congratulations to every student who took part.

Winners:

Kinder:	Sophie Harlor Cooper Brignell
Year 1:	Layla Miles Myles Condon
Year 2:	Rubymay Pearce Joel Harlor
8/9 years:	Millie White Blaze Clegg
10 years:	Corinne Clifton Noah Tasker
11 years:	Caitlin Schaefer Ollie Ellery
12/13 years:	Lucy Chittick Bryce Clifton



Team dazzles in Da Vinci Decathlon

By Lucy Chittick and Ellie Luke

On Wednesday 4 May, Nathan Groves, Ellie Luke, Hannah Smith, Lucy Chittick, Ollie Ellery, Annelise Merison, led by team captains Archie Collison and

CRUgroup begins!

Around 30 Years 3-6 students had a great time at NCS' very first CRUgroup last term.

CRUgroup is a group for students who are finding out about Christianity and who want to live out their faith at school.

Students explore the Bible, learn about following Jesus, have fun, pray, sing and encourage each other.

Chaplain and CRUgroup coordinator Mrs Davey was happy with the strong start.

"We were so encouraged by the enthusiasm of those who joined our first session.

"We enjoyed it so much we totally forgot to take photos this time... but we have another opportunity coming up," Mrs Davey said.

Term 2 CRUgroup is happening Friday lunchtime in Week 8 (Friday 17 June) and organisers Mr McLennan and Mrs Davey, along with some Year 5/6 students are inviting interested Years 3-6 students to join in the fun.

"We'll be continuing our 2016 theme of 'Cross-Eyed' as we explore the power of the cross of Jesus," Mrs Davey said.

CRUgroups are linked with Crusaders NSW, which is similar to Scripture Union but works in private schools.

Groups are supported through staff visits, teacher training and student leadership development.

Next NCS CRUgroup

Friday 17 June 2016

Years 3-6 in the church hall

Friday lunchtime Week 8

Micah Edwards, visited Illawarra Christian School's Cordeaux Campus for the Da Vinci Decathlon.

The team competed in Science, Philosophy and English during session 1 before returning to the hall after recess for session 2, which consisted of cartography, mathematics, art and poetry, and engineering.

In session 1 Archie, Ollie and Lucy completed a 60-second skit based on You've Got the Power.

For the engineering activity in session 2, the team was to make a percussion instrument.

They produced a wonderful drum kit and a football field with a poem about the FIFA World Cup Grand Final.

When all the teams had to come up with possible uses of a straw, ours came up with some pretty interesting things such as a 'toe-jam preventer,' 'ear wax cleaner,' CPR and a slide for little pet bugs.

After lunch students worked together on code breaking and general knowledge before taking part in two different activities to end the day.

The first was 'Where in Space-Time is Mona?'. Teams were shown a picture on



the big screen with Mona Lisa in the middle and had to guess where she was and what year it was.

The second game was called 'What If' and asked all the teams to come up with what would happen if all the world's water turned green.

At the end of the day our team walked out with a 3rd in Mathematics and two seconds in the Science and Art and Poetry categories. We were very pleased with our results.

A special thank you to the wonderful Mrs Merison, Mrs Perry and Mrs Creighton for driving us to the competition.

Year 6 students get a GRIP on leadership

Twelve Year 6 students got valuable leadership insights along with a taste of university life at the GRIP Leadership conference last month.

Held at the University of Wollongong (UOW), the conference provided an opportunity for Primary school leaders to learn leadership principles, meet student leaders from other schools and be equipped to combat bullying.

The students were accompanied by Mr Parker, Mrs Trost and Mrs Donovan.

Learning activities including a 'LOUD NOISES' segment that saw students get out of their seats to meet fellow student leaders and participate in fun competitions (who knew that the collective noun for frogs was 'army!').

Student leaders learnt how they could help combat bullying at their schools by being pro-active in the playground and classrooms, and got the opportunity to mingle with university students on the lush lawns and in the crowded eating

areas, gaining a first-hand experience of tertiary life.

The NCS delegation even 'bumped into' a former NCS student who now studies and works at the University and were encouraged to find she is 'powering on' for God.

The conference's last session included a Q and A time with Andy and the rest of the GRIP team, allowing students to ask questions about leadership and related issues raised in earlier sessions, followed by more 'LOUD NOISES' fun, ending the day with a dance party segment.

The Year 6 students got to strut their stuff - with moves such as 'the sprinkler' and 'shopping trolley', as well as 'running man' proving a hit!

A huge thanks to Mrs Donovan and Mrs Trost for being willing to plan your day around the excursion and drive the students there and back. You made it possible for the students to attend. BRAVO! Great start to Term 2 of 2016!



Upcoming Events

06	Start of Semester 2 6 June 2016
15	Yr 10 Teamworks excursion to HMAS Albatross 15 June 2016
16	Volleyball vs Ulladulla 16 June 2016
17	Years 3-12 Athletics Carnival 17 June 2016
22	Senior EES Excursion 22 June 2016
23	PASS Snow Excursion 22-23 June 2016
28	Senior Subject Info Night 28 June 2016
30	Year 7-10 Reports to students 30 June 2016



Secondary NEWS

Silver Duke of Ed: Endurance brings enjoyment

By Phoebe White and Caleb Johnson

It was a cold autumn morning when we were driven to Nerriga, all of us bursting with excitement for the following days.

After getting out of the cars and putting on our packs ready to go, one of us had an altercation with a fence even before we really began.

Great start to the next three days...

We walked along a fire trail, past Round Mountain, until we stopped for a well-earned lunch.

The next part of our journey was met with hardly a path to follow.

Bush bashing for the next two hours, stopping only a few times to check we were actually on the right path and correcting our course when needed.

Once out of the bush we were met with a wonderful view of Quilty's Mountain and along the Budawangs.

After one of our teachers telling us "it's only another 15 minutes to camp", it turned out to be two hours. We finally made it to camp on the first night where we witnessed a magnificent sunset, lit a roaring fire and cooked our meals.

The windy night meant we were lucky to get any sleep, but the tents held up and we were somewhat refreshed for the new day.

The second day the wind died down \ and we set out towards Hidden Valley



where the boys went exploring while the girls took the opportunity for some reflection time.

At the junction to the Bora ground on Quilty's Mountain we were able to drop our packs and go adventuring, finding an amazing view towards Pigeon House Mountain when we reached the top.

We powered on walking through The Vines to get to camp in daylight, making it easier to set up camp and cook. We all went to bed pleased there was no wind but instead enduring temperatures in single digits.

Day three and we powered on, now only having three hours left to walk to the cars and finally be relieved of our packs.

In all, we walked 44 kilometres in three days, but it was a great experience.



Our students attend Leaders Forum at NSW Parliament House

Last month, five of our Secondary prefects attended the 6th annual Kiama Electorate Student Leaders Forum at New South Wales Parliament House.

The forum was hosted by the Member for Kiama, Mr Gareth Ward.

The student leaders were given a tour of NSW Parliament House, watched Question Time and during lunch in the Jubilee Room they were addressed by Premier of New South Wales Mike Baird, Minister for Mental Health and Women Pru Goward, President Don Harwin and Speaker Shelley Hancock.

Mr Ward said he was thoroughly impressed by the depth of ideas and talent displayed by each of the student leaders.

Mr Ward, during a round table discussion asked the school leaders what policy issues they would address if they were given the opportunity to be Premier for a day.

"Policy issues raised included youth mental health, tertiary education and skills, obesity, local public transport, hospitals and disability support," Mr Ward said."

The day concluded with a lively Question Time in the House, especially considering it was the same day Local Council merger announcements were made.

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet other school leaders and to get a greater insight into the workings of the NSW Parliament.

Our school was ably represented by Chloe Dickinson, Samantha Davie, Sarah Donovan, Sam Ellery & Bailey Skewes.



Young people enriched at RYPEN

RYPEN is the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment which is run, each year, to give young people self confidence and self esteem and to enhance a belief in their abilities and talents. Students from Secondary Schools, all around the Shoalhaven, attend. This year, Kristy Price, Michael Beavan and Beck Yusuf attended from NCS.

Beck Yusuf tells of her time at RYPEN:

Kristy, Michael and I spent the weekend at a camp in Mogo called RYPEN, it was a great experience & loads of fun. We met a lot of new

friends & everyone was so supportive & encouraging. There were some aspects of the camp activities that I was hesitant about but, because everyone was so encouraging, I felt more willing to participate & I came away from that feeling really good knowing I was able to accomplish something I might never have done or thought I could ever do.

Even though everyone was put into teams, everyone seemed to socialize with each other really well. I thought it was good that there wasn't a large amount of people because I was able



to meet & get to know the majority of them really well. The leaders have done a really great job with everything that they have to offer there & I really recommend it for anyone that has the chance to go.

High Country adventure teaches teamwork

Year 11 student Jacob Tobin learned teamwork and gained a firsthand experience of Victoria's notoriously rugged, unforgiving High Country during an Outward Bound adventure course last school holidays.

Jacob was sponsored by Nowra Lions Club to attend the 12 day adventure course and was very engaged for the first four days before

having to withdraw with a badly sprained ankle.

At a special dinner held recently at Bomaderry Bowling Club, all participants shared their experiences in the Victorian High Country.

They spoke of how challenging the course was, but how by working together as a team they could achieve way beyond all expectations.



NCS very much appreciates Nowra Lions Club's sponsorship and looks forward to other students being able to benefit from this amazing experience in the future.

Duke of Ed Adventure

By Tessa Marks and Ryan Davie

One early Friday morning the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh team set out by bus for a hike from Bundanoon to Kangaroo Valley.

The team consisted of Ryan Davie, Tessa Marks, Kye Irwin, Lachlan White, Zoe Plant, Caleb Johnson, Jonty Beavan, Michael Beavan, Noah McMillan, Mr Whitehouse, Mr Clarke and Mrs Edwards.

After arriving at Meryla Pass we started the long hike fuelled by enthusiasm. We hiked to Wombat Hill lookout, stopped for a break overlooking Lake Yurrunga and Kangaroo Valley, and then pressed

on through the rain to reach our campsite at the Griffins Farm ruins, where we met up with Mr Clarke and his KFC.

After arriving, lighting a campfire and relaxing in the creek, all the kids ate their two minute noodles and tucked themselves in for a well-earned sleep, while our teachers enjoyed lamb shanks

in mint sauce with vegetables.

The next morning brought creek crossings and mountain climbing.

Reaching the finish line was certainly a joy.



NCS takes off in Aeronautical Challenge

Ten bright eyed would-be engineers headed to Ulladulla High school last month to battle it out for airborne superiority in the Aeronautical Velocity Challenge (AVC).

Despite designing a plane to fly highest, fastest and destroy other planes in dogfights, the Year 8 team of Sam Chittick, Lisa Burge, Aaron Tasker, Joey Ellery and Libby Yusuf found the challenge of out-pacing and out-climbing two Year 9 teams too much and was defeated in the height and speed competition.

Although not the fastest, the NCS plane dominated the dogfights to beat both teams.

Team Rocket, comprising Year 9 students Nicholas Astill, Elizabeth

Curline, Ryan Davie, Thomas Plant and Zoe Plant entered the expert division only to find themselves competing against rookies.

In a display of good sportsmanship, the team talked designs with the less experienced Ulladulla Rockets team improve its distance by 15 metres by day's end while the NCS Team Rocket consolidated a good distance of 85m.

Both teams are now awaiting other entry information to determine if they will be taking off in the AVC state finals.

The challenge is a Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) initiative aimed at addressing Australia's shortage of scientists and engineers.



Year 8 compete in Language Perfect World Championships

by Madame Wilkinson

Language Perfect World Championships are now over. Students have been engaged in intense language learning over a period of 10 days. We held our rank of 2nd in NSW and 4th in Australia for the small school category. This is a fabulous effort. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard during this competition.

Thursday 9 June will be our inaugural "Tour de Worrige". Year 8 students will be competing in teams on scooters to be the victors in the open, time trials and mountain stages. If you are free between 8.45 and 10.25am you are welcome to come and cheer along our students.



Secondary Camp: A life changing experience



The annual Secondary camp continues to be a life changing experience for NCS students: a time of strengthening bonds, deepening faith and personal development. Here is what some students said of the 2016 camp...

Cole Oakes (Year 11)

Camp was, as it always is, an enjoyable time full of learning through physical experience, deep discussions, and top notch banter.

Each year camp finds a way to be a new enlightening experience. Senior camp has really tightened the bond between Year 11 and 12 which is vital in the HSC.

Talent night never ceases to bewilder me with its outrageous and diverse collection of "unknown" talent, as well as Mr Whitehouse's true brutal personality.

New friendships are formed with people you already know. You get to experience sleep deprivation and a new found fear of kookaburras.

Mr Vidler's midnight snack booth offered multiple opportunities to discuss the day and unwind with card games, good food, and caffeine. Camp is the perfect place to help expand Christian values and open up about your beliefs and getting your most burning questions somewhat answered.

The speakers are always upbeat and engaging. This year's speaker was Andy who really gave us all some challenging thoughts on Christianity as well as answering very difficult questions from the audience but never strayed away from embarrassing life stories.

The greatest part of the camp of course is the stories, tales, and myths that it births, for example: Will in a bag, grass skiing, Mrs Hetherington falling in a creek, the broken toilet, the hooked nosed echidna, the broken tug of war and jelly wrestling.

Daniel Curline (Year 7 SRC)

Secondary camp was my favourite camp I have been to. It is because you get to do a lot of things that you wouldn't be allowed to do in Primary camps. For example, we did many things like pool rafting, going on water slides, mangroves, bush cooking, abseiling and low ropes. My favourite activity was the water slide. Also I really liked the Youthworks leaders because they were nice, caring and fun to be with.

Lisa Burge (Year 8 SRC)

Secondary camp is great fun for ages 12 all the way up to 18 with activities for everyone. The staff are kind and always putting your needs first. They teach you about God and each year we have a speaker. This year's was Andy Stevenson. He talked about some really great stuff from Romans 8 in ways directed at teens so we could really understand. Although everyone had different favourite things each and every individual enjoyed camp. With every year, comes a different theme. This year's was "Transformed by Grace" which taught us how to respect and

listen to each other.

Overall I loved it and know many others did as well.

Elizabeth Curline (Year 9 SRC)

Secondary camp was amazing. I could definitely say it has been the best one yet. There was a buzz of excitement from the crowd as we got off the bus. Year 9s were split into two groups for the activities. The activities were really great and challenged everyone at some point. For the activities, we went prussiking (climbing up ropes), sailing, fishing, navigation walk, the Amazing race and we went on the water slides. Each morning and evening after breakfast and dinner, we walked to Rathane (where the Seniors slept) and listened to Andy give talks on Romans 8. It was about being transformed by grace. Andy did very well in explaining Romans 8 and was a very good encouragement to everyone.

The food was very good and filling. There was food for everyone, even those with special diets. After the talks at night, we had talent night. It was a big highlight for me as it was fun watching people show their talent. The second night we had games night and it was really fun as it also involved everyone.

Overall camp 2016 was an amazing camp and I can't wait for next year's camp!



Gallipoli tour gives cadets new meaning of ANZAC spirit

Our Year 11 students and Australian Air Force Cadets, Ryan Power and Tyler Golding recently returned from a life changing experience exploring the battlefields in Turkey and attending the ANZAC Day dawn service at ANZAC Cove.

Ryan has been in the Australian Air Force Cadets for the past four years as has Tyler the past three.

They both jumped at the opportunity to attend the three week long Australian Air Force Cadet (AAFC) 2016 Battlefield Tour of Turkey and China.

"We have had so many great opportunities as Air Force Cadets including abseiling, flying and shooting, this tour was just another awesome opportunity presented to us as Air Force Cadets," Ryan said.

The Cadets were able to explore many local and historical sites in Istanbul, Turkey, where the trip began.

"We visited many Ancient sites from the Roman and Ottoman Empires. We really enjoyed visiting the City of Troy and the Temple of Zeus," Tyler said.

"We also visited many Battlefield sites, including Lone Pine, Shrapnel Valley and North Beach, the beach where the ANZAC's should have landed. Many of the sites we visited were war cemeteries."

The highlight of the trip was attending the Dawn Service at Gallipoli on ANZAC Day.

"I found the Dawn Service different to those we have attended at home because usually we play a role as Air Force Cadets in the dawn service so it was a different experience to be a spectator this time," Tyler said.



"We arrived at ANZAC Cove at about midnight the night before, as we had left early anticipating heavy traffic but that wasn't the case, so we were one of the first to arrive.

"The Dawn Service was due to start about 5:30am so we had a long wait in the freezing cold night air as we tried to get some sleep on the grandstand seats.

"We were able to see first-hand where the men had come ashore on that fateful day," Ryan said.

"We were struck by just how mountainous the area actually was.

"I could not imagine being my age and having to climb those cliffs wearing their heavy coats, carrying their packs and guns and all the time being shot at.

"Being able to picture it definitely brought new meaning and understanding to what they had to go through."



Secondary Team at Da Vinci Decathlon

The team achieved second place in Cartography at the Da Vinci Decathlon.



Secondary Cross Country and State Cross Country results will be featured in next month's Chronicle.

My School, My Responsibility



130 students from 10 public and private high schools between Ulladulla and Shellharbour descended on NCS on Friday 6 May for the 2016 SECET event 'My School, My Responsibility'.

The gathering, hosted by NCS for the second consecutive year, included talks and workshops centred on the theme: 'Sharing our Hope in an Uncertain World'.

Opening speaker Jai McMordie (All Saints, Nowra) spoke on the strong and secure hope we have in Jesus as an anchor for our soul (Hebrews 6:9). The NCS assembly band led worship and Marty Richardson (SECET, Shoalhaven High) finished the day with a sharing and prayer time.

SECET and volunteers provided a fulfilling and much-appreciated morning tea and lunch. Thank you!

Other workshops led by Christian organisations or individuals included:

- Compassion ('Biblical Justice')
- Scripture Union ('Sharing the Gospel')

- Crusaders ('A Community of Hope')
- Ali Stewart (NCS) ('Creative Arts')
- Josh Murphy (All Saints, Nowra) ('Youth Culture')
- Mrs Humphrey (NAC) ('Hope for those Struggling')
- Jim Dayhew (NAC) ('Sport'), and
- Andrew Perry (SECET, Nowra High) ('Party Scene').

These engaging, thoughtful and practical workshops were the highlight and left students better equipped to minister the hope of Jesus in their context.

As well as having 15 high school students attend as participants, NCS students did a great job supporting the event in various ways and Prefect Cohen Perry raised over \$130 for persecuted Christians by selling drinks to attendees.

Thanks to SECET's Marty Richardson, and the organising committee of Jim Dayhew and Joshua Murphy for helping to organise the day.

Community NEWS

Parents, friends and students, past and present,



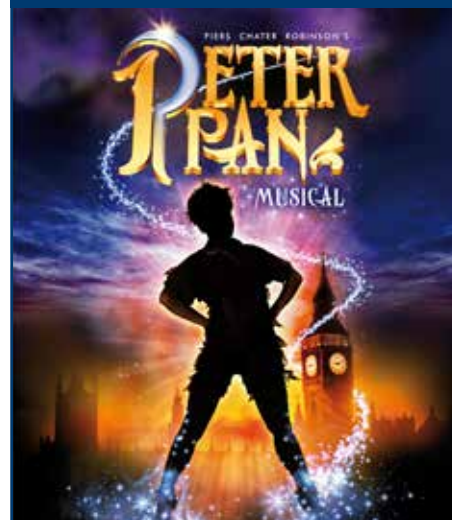
This year, REGENTS PARK CHRISTIAN SCHOOL is celebrating its 40th anniversary! Established in 1976 as Christian Community High School, our school has grown from only 14 students in a converted church hall to an expanding K-12 campus, with a body of striving students and dedicated staff.

Join with us to celebrate and commemorate the endurance of our school – absolutely everyone is invited! We welcome past and present students, staff, families and friends to participate. Official activities will take place on:

August 27th – Gala Day
August 28th – Thanksgiving and Dedication Service
September 14th and 15th – Showcase Performances

We will be collating memories and messages, both written and photographic, throughout the year. All are encouraged to contribute. Like [Regents Park Christian School](#) on [Facebook](#) for details and to RSVP. Email to 40years@rpcs.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events



Peter Pan Musical

Thursday 18 August
Friday 19 August
Saturday 20 August

Tickets will be released soon! Keep a watch out in NCS Bytes for the ticket release date, you will not want to miss this tremendous performance!

NCS Thanksgiving Night

Wednesday 7 December

Just a reminder that our Thanksgiving Awards Night will be held on Wednesday 7 December. Please keep this date free.

Stay up to date

Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#). Also download our Skoolbag app. Both are great communication tools we use to keep you informed.



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8am - 4pm

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7 - 12 8.25am - 2.50pm
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