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February 2026

# NCS Newsletter



## Key Dates

Every Friday – Assembly 9am

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dedication Special Assembly

Feb 18 – 20 – 9-10 Camp

Feb 25 – 27 – 5-6 Camp

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – School Photo Day

Sat 21st March – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Monday 30th March – Swimming Carnival

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# Message from the Principal

»» Mr. Glenn Mace

Welcome to Term One of 2026! And... a special welcome to our new students and families. We are so glad you are here.

I hope you all had a great summer break and you're ready to get into another exciting year of learning.

We are beginning 2026 with our **Dedication Assembly**, where we commit our year and our school to the Lord. We would love to see you all at this special assembly, which will be held **this Friday 13th February at 9:15 am**

This year, due to our growing numbers, we will be holding this service at the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church**, which is just a short stroll around the corner from school located at **33 Birch Avenue**.

Immediately after the assembly, a delightful morning tea will be served along with our very own Grounds for Grace coffee. Please stay and chat with us, we love spending time with our NCS community. It's going to be a great morning.

As part of our service, we will also be commissioning our Student Executive Leaders for 2026, which will be very exciting.

Community is so important, but it is only as rich as the people who invest in it. Please come on Friday and spend some time with us; you will be glad you did.



“Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love.

This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing.

In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.”

Hebrews 10:24,25 TPT



# First Day of School



What a joy it was to welcome all our students, new and returning, to school last Thursday.

May God bless each one of you this year.





# New Staff



We also welcomed some new staff at Newstead Christian School this year. We are excited to introduce our new teachers-aides, Mr Hudson Ochs & Miss Isabella (Bella) Topperwein.

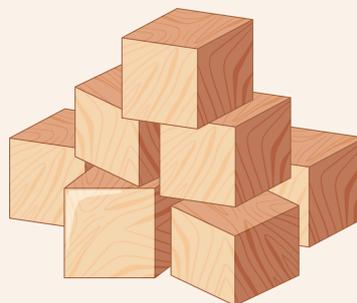
Mrs Katie MacKenzie will be teaching the year 1-2 students on Mondays and the 5-6 class on Thursdays and Fridays.



# Activity Boxes



We would be incredibly grateful if you have any dress-up clothes or outdoor activity equipment that you no longer need and would be willing to donate to the school. We're working to create some outdoor activity boxes for lunchtime fun, and donations of dress-ups, craft items, matchbox cars, and similar items would be fantastic to help us get this project off the ground. Thank you for considering supporting our school community!



# School Stream

The school stream app is our primary communication platform, and it is essential for staying informed and up to date. To ensure you do not miss any important information, it is of high importance that all families be on the school stream app, regularly check the school stream app and **ensure notifications are turned on**. Thank you for your support in using the school stream app as our main communication tool. If you need assistance accessing or using the app, please contact the school office as soon as possible.



Newstead  
Christian  
School

Dedication of  
School &  
Student Executive  
Assembly

9:15 to 10am Friday 13 February 2026

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
33 BIRCH AVE, NEWSTEAD  
(Just around the corner)

Parents/Carers and Family members are welcome  
to join us for Morning Tea  
after the service.

Parking in church carpark is available or  
a short walk from school.

Please RSVP  
to the office  
by Wednesday  
11<sup>th</sup> February.

The poster is framed by a decorative green vine with leaves. In the background, there is a faint, large graphic of a dove with its wings spread, symbolizing the Holy Spirit.



As students return to school, Teen Challenge Tasmania will be opening Our Place – our Launceston CBD drop-in space for young people – from this Thursday 5th Feb, 3.30pm–5pm. Our Place is a drop-in initiative designed for young people aged 10–18.

Staffed by trained volunteers, mentors and caring adults, it's a safe and consistent environment offering old-fashioned fun, real conversation and meaningful connection.

We're not running a program—we're creating presence. A calm, supportive space where young people feel seen and valued. Offering milkshakes for a gold coin donation and free bickies.

If you would like to know more, you are warmly invited to join us at our upcoming Information Sessions:

Monday 9th February 5.45pm – 6.45pm

Teen Challenge Tasmania, 90 St John Street, Launceston

Can't attend in person? Join via Zoom – just email [tanya@teenchallengetasmania.org](mailto:tanya@teenchallengetasmania.org) and we'll send you the link.

We will open every Thursday in the first instance and will soon be able to open Mondays as well. Our aim is to be open every weekday of school terms – all we need to do that is a few more volunteers.

Thanks for reading, please get in touch if you would like any more info or have questions.

### Our Place Info Session



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#### We are looking for volunteers who can offer

one afternoon a week or fortnight (3.00-5.30pm)

to sit with young people, ask them about their day, play a game of UNO, be a calm, loving presence in a chaotic world.

Find out more (no commitment required) at our Info Evening:

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**5.45pm - 6.45pm**

**Teen Challenge Tasmania, 90 St John Street, Launceston**

We also warmly invite parents and educators to join us to find out more.

#### Can't attend in person?

Join via Zoom – just email [tanya@teenchallengetasmania.org](mailto:tanya@teenchallengetasmania.org) and we'll send you the link.

Let's be the ones who stand in the gap. Let's bring light into dark spaces, hope into heaviness and real presence into young lives.

Find more information here: <https://www.teenchallengetasmania.org/our-place>



#### What Is Our Place?

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#### Next Training Session:

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
1-4 pm**

**Teen Challenge, 90 St. John Street, Launceston**

#### Book your spot:

email: [tanya@teenchallengetasmania.org](mailto:tanya@teenchallengetasmania.org)  
or call Tanya on  
**0412 300 850**

# Save the Date

# 30<sup>TH</sup>

## ANNIVERSARY

### OF

## NEWSTEAD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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SATURDAY  
21.03.2026

31-37 Tudor Ave, Newstead



## JUNIOR



# BADMINTON

## COME & TRY

(ADULTS MAY BE ABLE TO JOIN IN, DEPENDING ON NUMBERS)

WHERE - ELPHINSPORTSCENTRE (HALL 2)

WHEN - FRIDAY AFTERNOONS  
STARTING 13TH FEBRUARY

4:00pm-5:45pm



COST - \$5 per person



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