WE ARE NT CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Dear friends,

Greetings from the Territory! In this beautiful part of the world our Wet season is drawing to a close, dragonflies fill the air and we are enjoying the promise of less humid, beautifully clear Dry season days ahead. Praise God for his beautiful creation!

We trust you enjoyed your Easter break. While in many ways it already feels like a very long time ago, we want to continue reflect on the very real hope that we have in Christ at Easter time and all year round. This hope is the focus of our newsletter this time. The ultimate symbol and cause for hope is commemorated in the resurrection of Christ on Easter Sunday, passing from death to life. Hope that death – the symbol of finality and silence – will not be the last word.

It was shortly after the initial Easter event that one of the most profound miracles of Easter began to happen. A bunch of fearful, anxious men with low self-esteem and no hope; were transformed and made confident, empowered, courageous and daring. God gave them the gift of the Spirit and said to them, you’ve already got everything you need, here is my blessing, now go and heal other people.

Through the hope of Easter we were promised that despite our compromise and weakness, God will be with us no matter what. Despite the very real tragedy and evil that surround us in the world, God promised that hope will triumph ultimately. Despite the fact that we will all die, life will triumph over death. We can be anxious about the meaninglessness of our brief existence but God’s transcendent life will fill the world with purpose, despite our anxiety.

NTCSA lives in this hope, and seeks to offer the same hope to others through our various ministries. We’re excited about the changes we are making....

Do you feel a stirring in your heart to be a part of something exciting?

NTCSA has a range of opportunities coming up...

- Teaching and non-teaching
- Remote or Urban
- Leadership
- House parents ...and more!

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Araluen Christian College (Alice Springs)
Gäwa Christian School (Elcho Island)
Mäpuru Christian School (NE Arnhem Land)
Marrara Christian College (Darwin)
Nhulunbuy Christian College (Gove)
Palmerston Christian School (Darwin)
Sattler Christian College (rural Darwin)
Woolaning Homeland Christian College (adjacent to Litchfield NP)

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We all go through times of joy, celebration or smooth sailing, & we all go through times of challenges, disappointment, sadness or the stormy seas. As a believer in Christ, we can & should look to Jesus to walk us through each moment. The plants are a sign of hope and the people on the beach are worshipping God, because through all our circumstances God is indeed good all the time. This mural is a visual reminder for us.

"Smooth Sailing, Stormy Seas: Look to Jesus."

The Mosaic project was an opportunity to add some more splashes of colour around the Nhulunbuy Christian College school grounds, each telling a biblical story. Even though it was a lot of work, it was well worthwhile for all involved.

The Mosaic project has been able to happen because of the Artists in Schools Program. Our Artist in Residence was Alie Kruize. All students participated in the Mosaic Project from Transition to Year 9.

Alie Kruize is a brilliant self-taught mosaic artist who commissions to friends. She has completed some beautiful work, but this was indeed her largest, most complex and logistically challenging project. She loved working with the students and spent much time in the Art room preparing for each of the classes.

We pray this mural can be a special visual reminder of each of our journeys through life – and may it be here for many years as a legacy of this great opportunity.

Throwing in a sought after teaching position in a senior school in Perth for a “job in the bush” was one of the most difficult decisions of Peter van Dam’s life. It has also been one of the best. A science teacher in the state school system of Western Australia for 23 years, Peter was tired of teaching about God’s world without being able to mention God. “I was in a very comfortable and secure position at a state school with a great academic reputation,” Peter says. “Yet I was increasingly uncomfortable with leaving God out of teaching.”

The experienced teacher now lives with his family near the Nhulunbuy Christian College where he has tasted the freedom of teaching from a Christian perspective. “Real education is connecting skills and knowledge with what life is all about,” he explains. “Teaching everything from a Christian perspective is so liberating and good for the soul.”

A seasoned science teacher, Peter now also works as Middle School Coordinator at the school, and values the freedom he has to teach what he enjoys in his field of interest. Peter says he has also enjoyed the opportunity to be challenged and extended in his profession, explaining “as a ‘pure’ science teacher for many years, I’d never have imagined myself teaching, for example, Drama and Life Skills. Yet I have, quite successfully, showing sound teaching skills are transferrable across the disciplines.”

“You will find that people are not here primarily for a job but for a passion – the same passion,” Peter says. “Staff generally enjoy their work, support each other and go beyond the call of the job description. We encourage each other to see the big picture and that all of life is for God’s glory.”