



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we move towards the end of the year, the staff at school have already begun planning for 2022. You may have heard that recently we as a school family sat down with our students and asked four simple questions:

1. What do you like about coming to school?
2. What barriers are there for your learning at NWCS?
3. What gets in the way of your success?
4. What can we do to help you succeed?

The students were very honest and open about what they liked about our school, and what may be some barriers for their learning at NWCS.

Using the answers the students have given to the teachers, the school can now look to set our goals for school improvement in 2022.

In 2022, the school will look to add the following to our program:

- o Implementing a student well-being program to help students gain identity and pride in themselves and the school,
- o Student Voice – The school will endeavour to implement a student leadership program where students will have an outlet to express their thoughts and views about the school,
- o The school will run parent and student information nights to help with understanding around TASC and TASC subjects for our year 9-12's,
- o Increased sporting opportunities representing the school and lunch time sports for students to enjoy,
- o More clubs and extracurricular activities for the students, and
- o More service opportunities for our students in 2022.

We are always looking to improve our program here at NWCS. We would love to hear your thoughts on the questions from above. What areas do you think the school can improve in 2022?

Feel free to send an email with you answers: principal@northwest.tas.edu.au

God bless,

Brayden Morton

NWCS CALENDAR 2021:

NOVEMBER 22-26
Yrs 9-12 West Coast Tour

NOVEMBER 22-26
Middle School Activity Week

NOVEMBER 30
Yr 12 Leavers Dinner

DECEMBER 13
Presentation Night

DECEMBER 14
Last Day of Term 4



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BIBLE CRUMBS

Bravery

“The LORD Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”
- Deuteronomy 31:8

I have quoted the referred Bible text at least three times in this past week. One for myself, another for my wife and another for a friend who was reluctant to engage in a much-needed discussion that was going to be incredibly uncomfortable. It is one of the texts that has helped me be brave in many situations and is the school value of the week which we are focusing on.

The great thing about this Bible verse is that it highlights that God goes in front of us.

When you have a leader that leads confidently in the front you can be guaranteed that we will be confident also.

I often ask God to keep this Bible promise for me before I engage in issues that make me nervous or reluctant to deal with. Sometimes I try and predict what would happen and the issue ends up being a huge monster I created in my own imagination. But calling on God to go before me, makes me confident that God has prepared the way for me to see that He is always leading and will never leave me.

It's always encouraging when I listen to parents and caregivers of the challenges and sacrifices that have been made to care for our children. Some of you need to be commended for the depths and the lengths that you have gone to for the sake of keeping your children safe and dealing with issues that they do not know (and may never know) about or appreciate.

God bless you for your bravery.

That self-sacrificial love toward your children is even greater from a God that loves you and me in like manner. For all the issues and challenges that you are faced with right now call on God to keep this promise in your life. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, be brave.



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards!
Keep up the great work!

Temperance Awards

Justace Schultz

Wisdom Awards

Angelique Nuttman

Aalijah Robbie

Meila Morton

Compassion Awards

Dason Caperida

Eomer Cayao

Hannah Beaty

Meila Morton

Eliza Jeffrey

GENERAL

New Sign-in Sign-out System

The school now has a new sign-in/out system. You will still need to use your check in app on arrival as well as our new electronic iPad system at reception. The staff are on hand to walk you through the process. This new system is for all visitors, students, parents, etc.

Year 5-8 Activity Week

With Year 9-12 on Camp during week 7, Year 5-8 will be participating in a variety of day trips during week 7.

Please refer to the information below:

Monday 22nd November

Ten Pin Bowling, Devonport and swimming at Splash Devonport Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

Tuesday 23rd November

Food trail: House of Anvers at Latrobe, Ashgrove Cheese Farm at Elizabeth Town and Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm at Elizabeth Town.

Wednesday 24th November

Day out in Devonport: Walk from Don Railway to McDonalds. Shopping in the Mall is optional.

Thursday 25th November

Dip Falls, Big Tree and The Nut at Stanley.

Friday 26th November

Planetarium at Launceston and lunch at Riverbend.

Permission notes have been sent home. Please return these permission notes to Mrs. Kofeloa by **Thursday, November 28th**. The permission note has all the details on what the students need to bring each day. Students need to wear their sports uniform each day.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Kofeloa on:

Keryn.Kofeloa@northwest.tas.edu.au

If your child/ren is not coming on the Activity Week, they will need to stay home as there will be no Middle School Staff to supervise them.

Thanks,
Mrs. Kofeloa.

Headlice

There are few things more frustrating than trying to get rid of head lice. If you have spent hours painstakingly combing through your child's hair, you would probably agree. Just a reminder that if you do discover that this pesky little problem pops up, please keep your child at home until free of nits. If you need information on how to get rid of headlice there is plenty of great information online such as what can be found on:

<https://headlicecenter.com/how-to-get-rid-of-nits/>

Walkathon

Praise God for the fine weather he provided on Monday, November 8th. Kindy to Yr 2 students walked from Cape Bridge Reserve to the East Wynyard Playground. Yr 3-12 Students completed the Bridge loop and then walked through Gutteridge Gardens to the East Wynyard Playground. A huge thank you to all the parents who came on the day. Also thank you to the parents, family members and teachers who have sponsored students. Once we have collected all Walkathon money we will let you know how much has been raised.

PLEASE NOTE: All Walkathon Sponsorship Forms and money to be returned to the Office ASAP.



COVID Safe

Staying healthy during these challenging times and staying on top of the effects of COVID-19 is a challenge.

Adults (including parents/carers) must still maintain physical distance from each other (1.5 metres). This does not apply to children.

Your child/ren should not be sent to school if they feel unwell with cold or flu-like symptoms including:

- fever
- runny nose
- cough, sore/itchy throat or
- shortness of breath

If your child/ren are showing any of these symptoms they should stay home and you should phone your GP or the Public Health Hotline on **1800 671 738** for a referral to be tested for COVID-19.



Athletics Carnival

On the 22nd of October we had our Athletics Carnival. It was excellent to see all of our students put in so much effort on the track. Everyone gave it their all and had fun. We also were honoured to have some friends join us as we welcomed some home-school students to participate in the day. A big thank you to all the parents that came out to show support and help with the running of the day.

