

NEWSLETTER

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NORTH WEST
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NWCS CALENDAR:

May 25: K-6 & Year 11 return to school.

June 9: All other students return to school.



*Everyday may not
be good...
but there is
something good in
everyday.*

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As I have chatted with some parents, I have found a common theme – everyone is looking forward to students returning to school. So are the teachers! Bringing back just one element of ‘normal’ will bring a little stability back into life.

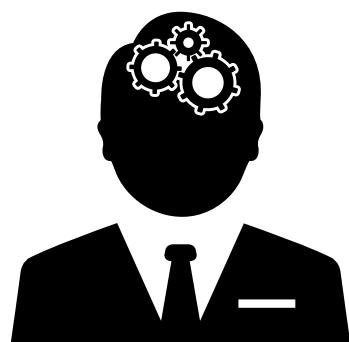
If you haven’t read it yet, please read the ‘Returning to School’ document. Please don’t just skim read it. There are things in there that we consider important to the returning process. Many believe that because restrictions are easing, we are now safe. But this is a time to be vigilant; thus the ‘guidelines’ that we are outlining in the booklet.

Remember, Years K-6 and Year 11 will be starting full time this Monday coming. It will be another 2 weeks before Years 7-10 will start back. Let me just stress that point – it will be two weeks before Years 7 -10 will be back at school full-time. The same restrictions apply for them as previously, if they don’t need to be here, they should be at home; if they are sick, they should be at home.

Moving away from restrictions and viruses, I’d like to welcome Mrs Weedon to our school family. Many of you would have read about our new teacher on Skoolbag. However, it doesn’t hurt to make sure that everyone has ‘met’ her.

David McNeill

Principal



BIBLE CRUMBS FROM PR. DAVE

"AND MY GOD WILL MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS." PHILIPPIANS 4:19

There has been a bunch of new buzz words since Covid 19 and isolation. Such as "social distancing", "unprecedented", "new normal". And the last one is the one I want to talk about. Trying to adjust to the what has happened in the last two months and defining normal has been difficult.

Some of us have had the heartache of losing jobs, not being able to attend a funeral of a loved one because of travel restrictions, readjusting our timetables with having kids doing school at home and not being able to visit family or friends have slowly been taking it's toll. How do we get resources to help us in these times? The Bible promise above tells us. I've been praying for God to keep this promise in my life too.

Here's what my new normal looks like. I have been working from home and there was a time where I had to intentionally discipline myself to stay away from anything to do with screens. Computer screen, mobile phone screen, TV screen etc. Now I must discipline myself to stay on them because of work and online communication. I can't wait to get off the screen now! My wife loves working from home, she is going to struggle having to go back to the office. I have a son in year one who needs at least three hours of one-on-one attention. A daughter in year four who only needs about one hour of one-on-one and gets the work done before 2pm everyday and then asks, "what do I do now?" And we have a son in year seven, who would rather watch YouTube videos (not related to schoolwork), listen to music and snack every twenty minutes rather than doing his schoolwork. This is not normal, and it is best that we acknowledge it as such.

It has been a hard reality for some of us in our community. It's certainly a stressful situation and a new way of facing life's challenges. But a crisis and change doesn't equate to being defeated.

Although it seems hard, God promises to equip us with what we need to get through. The promise that I've shared is that He will provide all our needs (not wants). Sometimes we don't even know what we need. But He does. I've had a few parents reach out already and it's been a joy to be there to help identify and adjust to this "new normal".

If you ever want to have a chat, prayer or a visit. Please contact me by phone 0432 454 548 or email chaplain@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au



GENERAL



Dear Families,

My name is Mrs Weedon and I am delighted to be taking on the role of class teacher for the Kindergarten, Prep and Grade One class. I am looking forward to a very successful year and I know that you are too. I have high expectations for your child and I will do everything that I can to help your child to achieve those expectations.

I grew up in Tasmania, in Launceston, and I have been teaching for four years. I have experience working in all primary aged classes in Tasmanian schools as well as schools in Germany and England. I am really looking forward to working with you this year and getting to know your child and helping them to succeed whilst here at school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sheridan Weedon

ISO - STORIES

Being in lockdown has certainly not been ideal but on the flip side, there has been a lot of time to do things that we might not usually be able to do.

We would love to know what you got up to!

If you:

- Created something
- Made something
- Painted something
- Wrote a story or poem
- Learnt a new hobby or built skills in a current hobby
- Taken photos
- Or done anything that you would like to share with our school community, please let the office staff or your teachers know so that you can be featured in the newsletter!

You could even send it to us on our Facebook (North West Christian School)

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Beginning on Monday the 25th, Kindy to Year 6 and Year 11 will be able to return to school.

From June 9 all other students will be expected to be at school and classes will run as normal at school with online lessons ceasing.

Buses will be running on their normal timetable from May 25. Parents are to advise the drivers / school if students will not be getting on the bus. As much as possible we will be practising social distancing as best we can on the buses.

Canteen will be closed for the remainder of Term 2.

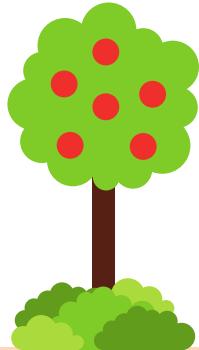
While we are slowly returning to normal, we do kindly ask that you keep your child/children at home if they are feeling unwell.

Please refer to the document on Skoolbag, Facebook and our website for more detailed information about our plans to return back to school and the measures that we are implementing to ensure we all stay safe and healthy.

FRUIT TREES

If you are interested in ordering some fruit trees please contact Brayden Morton via email (brayden.morton@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au) with your expression of interest.

He will be ordering sometime around June.



TASMANIAN COVID-19 ROADMAP



REMEMBER

If you have cold or flu symptoms, seek testing and stay home



Wash your hands

KEEP 1.5M AWAY FROM OTHERS

Vulnerable people are encouraged to stay home to protect their health and talk to their doctor about what is appropriate

11 MAY

- Funerals - increase to 20 attendees.
- Aged care visits - one visit per week and no more than two visitors.
- National parks and reserves - open to residents for exercise within 30km of their home.
- TasTAFE campuses and training facilities open for invited small groups of students only.

18 MAY

- Gatherings increase to 10 people (except visitors to households for any purpose, which is capped at 5 people) for indoor and outdoor, including real estate, small religious gatherings and weddings.
- Funerals: 30 people outdoors.
- Restaurants and cafes in all settings (including restaurants in pubs, clubs, hotels & RSLs) to open & seat up to 10 people at a time.
- Border controls remain in place, except Tasmanian residents can quarantine in their principle residence if it is suitable.
- Community and local government facilities & libraries: up to 10 people.
- Park exercise equipment & playgrounds, pools & boot camps open for up to 10 people.

25 MAY

- Kindergarten to Year 6 students return to learning at school.
- Year 11 and 12 students at extension schools & colleges return to learning at school.
- Aged care visits - two visitors, once a day.

13 JULY

- Indoor and outdoor gatherings increasing as determined by Public Health.
- Aged care homes allowed 5 visitors & multiple visits.
- Border controls remain.
- Consider opening bars, night clubs and casinos/gaming.
- Markets to open, subject to Public Health advice.
- Food courts and food vans at markets may open.
- Spas & bathhouses to reopen.
- Day trips & camping for school groups allowed.
- Outdoor community sport, indoor sport and recreation including pools with numbers to be guided by Public Health.

15 JUNE

- Gatherings increase to 20 people at a time for indoor and outdoor, including restaurants/cafes, cinemas, museums, galleries, historic sites, religious gatherings and weddings
- Visitors to households to be reviewed.
- Funerals up to 50 people.
- Accommodation, unlimited.
- Camping, overnight boating and shacks open.
- Open homes and auctions can resume with 20 people.
- Border controls remain in place
- Gyms and boot camps for up to 20 people
- Beauty services open for up to 20 people
- Park exercise equipment and playgrounds open for up to 20 people
- Outdoor community sport to resume with up to 20 people. Indoor sport and recreation, including pools with up to 20 people, no spectators

13 JUNE

- Racing resumes subject to review from Public Health

9 JUNE

- High school students from years 7 to 10 students return to learning at school

MORE DETAILS

www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

SURF GROMS

MEMORIES FROM TERM 1



STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE



MEDICALNEWS TODAY

Tips to Prevent Coronavirus Transmission



Wash your hands frequently



Cough and sneeze into the elbow



Dispose of used tissues immediately



Avoid contact with others



Avoid crowds and public gatherings



Avoid touching your face



Clean all shared surfaces frequently



Avoid all nonessential travel



Call ahead before going to a clinic or hospital



Isolate yourself if sick or at risk of complications



Work from home if possible



Only wear a mask if you are sick, have COVID-19, or are caring for someone with it

