

NEWSLETTER

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NORTH WEST
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NWCS CALENDAR:

June 8: Queen's Birthday
public holiday

June 9: Years 7-10 return to
school.



*We're all in the
same boat so let's
sail through this
storm together!*

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Learning for tomorrow

character for eternity

A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I have noted with an element of pleasure, that the government is easing some of our restrictions. It is great that we seem to be past the worst of COVID-19. Life will gain an element of normality again. This coincides with our High School students being back to face-to-face studies next Tuesday, 9th June.

Has life changed permanently? Only time can tell. However, life has changed in the short term. We will still act cautiously here at school. We will still practise our safe hygiene: washing hands often, keeping our distance as best as possible, and if we are sick stay home. Many believe that as the restrictions are removed, there will be a spike in COVID numbers. Whether this happens or not, we will be doing our part in minimising its spread.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all those parents out there who have supported the distance education program that we have been running. Times haven't been easy and sometimes stress levels have risen. Thanks for sticking with it. Thanks for asking when things weren't clear. Thanks for checking to see how the teachers were faring. Just thank you.

On a different note many of you will be aware that three of our staff members were recently trained in the Duke of Edinburgh Award. This is a great program that we have been a part of in the past. Our Year 11's have already signed up to participate in the Gold Award. Over the next few weeks we will be talking with other senior students in the hope of some of them wanting to start their Bronze level award. The Duke of Ed award will support students working towards their TCE and foster the development of positive character traits.

David McNeill
Principal



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AT NWCS



The Award equips young people for life and work, whether it is through new unique activities, meeting new people or exploring an unfamiliar environment. North West Christian School has been involved in the Duke of Edinburgh program since 2000. Three of our senior staff have just completed their Award Leader Level 1 Training. It is an exciting journey for young people and their families. Through a strong yet flexible framework, your daughter or son can uniquely design their Award, choosing activities that spark their interest and challenge them to achieve great heights. You play a vital role by providing support and encouragement as they work towards their goals.

Wayne Pepper

The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award is an internationally recognised program for young people, building their skills to equip them for life and work. By creating opportunities for young people to develop skills, get physically active, give service and experience adventure, the Award can play a critical role in their development. The Duke of Edinburgh awards are available to all students aged 14 and over. Starting from Bronze, to Silver and Gold.

This week some of our teachers were able to be trained in Duke of Edinburgh administration. This allows North West Christian School to become one of only 37 schools across the state to have access to run the award. It works excellently with our thriving outdoor education program and will give students opportunities that they cannot get in many other schools. With one in four employers in Tasmania preferring potential employees to have a Duke of Edinburgh award, North West Christian School is giving our students a leg up to their future employability. The other big opportunity this gives our students is that it makes up a percentage of their TCE points for year 11 and 12. A gold awardee will receive 38 points toward their 120 TCE points.

Our current year 11 students will commence the Gold award to be completed next year and we will be opening applications for bronze award to year 10's to be completed before the end of this year. We as a school are excited by the opportunity to have this program running at NWCS. It will fit in perfectly with our mentoring program commencing soon in middle school and will be a continuation of this work with the students' focus to be outward, looking at what they can give back to the community.

If you would like more information regarding this award, please email brayden.morton@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au or look up this email address: <https://dukeofed.com.au/doing-the-award/>

Brayden Morton

BIBLE CRUMBS FROM PR. DAVE

“THEN I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL FLYING IN MID-AIR, AND HE HAD THE ETERNAL GOSPEL TO PROCLAIM TO THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE EARTH—TO EVERY NATION, TRIBE, LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE.”

REVELATION 14:6



It is so disheartening to see the racism, rioting and looting in America. It comes on the heels of being isolated for two months around the world (more or less) and bush fires in Australia. And it's not even halfway through the year!

Racism is the theme of America's heartache, and it has been for an exceptionally long time. The referred bible verse is one of great importance to the Seventh-day Adventist church. The wider story of that one sentence is a dream/vision of three angels that have a distinctive message each. But I will only deal with one of those angels.

The first one says that the eternal gospel is for every nation, tribe, language and people. That is what I love about the gospel, and the church and school community I belong to. It is our mission to ensure that the gospel is our central focus, and it is for everyone regardless of their nation, tribe, language or people.

The eternal gospel of Jesus transforms the mind to see that everyone is the same as you and that they are a child of God just like you and me. I have found that as I work together with people from various backgrounds, we learn how to navigate through our differences together in a relationship of love and humbleness. It is not easy, but it comes together because of the eternal gospel.

Talking and walking through differences is difficult because it takes effort. Effort means getting uncomfortable, and talking about racism, well it's uncomfortable! Following Jesus and proclaiming the eternal gospel is uncomfortable. And racism in Australia, and/or Tasmania is an uncomfortable subject. Who wants to be reminded of these times? They are dreadful. But healing involves being uncomfortable and being with people who have suffered from this history.

When I was 12, my uncle returned from America with a T-shirt, with a picture of Martin Luther King Jr and bold words that said "Love sees no colour". Those words were so powerful in my important years of preteens. But now that I'm proclaiming the eternal gospel I understand that Love still sees colour, but chooses to intentionally love and accept a person because they are a child of Jesus Christ and He lived and died, and rose again for them as much as He did for me and everyone else.

This type of unity compels us to celebrate together for times of victory and to grieve together through times of suffering. It is certainly a time of suffering in America and I grieve with anyone that has felt the pain and suffering sparked from the killing of George Floyd.

I hope you can spend time in appreciating the power in this first angel's message. Because places like North West Christian School proclaim the eternal gospel regardless of our students nation, tribe, language or people.

GENERAL

GETTING BACK TO 'NORMAL'

All students are expected to be back at school from June 9. We understand that some of you may wish to keep your child/ren home to continue to minimise the risk of potential exposure to Coronavirus, however please note that your child/ren will be marked as absent.

Buses will be running on their normal timetable from June 9. 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 procedures and measures that we are implementing to ensure we all stay safe and healthy as we come back to school.



FREE BOOKS

There are some retired library books in our school office that are looking for new homes. If you would like some free books, or know someone who would love some, please feel free to come and pick some up.

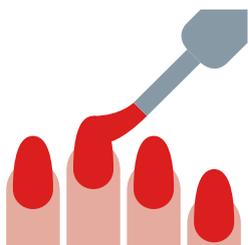


PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Monday the 8th of June is the Queen's Birthday public holiday. Students are not to attend school on this day. If they do, they will be here by themselves, which will not be very fun for them.

NAIL POLISH REMINDER

Please remember that as per our school standards, nail polish and fake nails are not to be worn at school as it does not comply with our uniform policy.



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)

NEWSPAPERS

If you have some newspapers that you no longer need and would like to donate to the school, our art department would greatly appreciate as many as you can spare.



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

FUN FACTS

A **crocodile** can't stick it's tongue out

Potatoes have more chromosomes than humans

During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill 2 **swimming** pools

The human nose can remember **50,000** different scents

Hippopotamus milk is **pink**

A **cat** was the mayor of **Talkeetna, Alaska** for **20** years.

Snails can sleep for up to 3 years

There are **31,556,926** seconds in a year

Kangaroos can not walk backwards

Koalas have **fingerprints**

It takes **17** muscles to **smile**, but 43 to frown

The **right** ear is better at hearing speech and the **left** ear is better at hearing music

"Nineteen letters long" is **19** letters long

Water can boil and freeze at the same time

Fish can cough

Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words