

NEWSLETTER

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NORTH WEST
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NWCS CALENDAR:

July 3 - 19: Holidays



*We're so happy to
see everyone back
at school!*

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A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

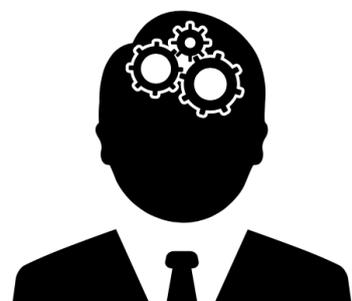
When we look, it is easy to see all the negatives that have surfaced around the COVID-19 pandemic and lock-down. And there have been some quite serious issues: from severe health issues through to social isolation; from loss of employment to financial hardship. I am sure that we have all been affected in some way and to some degree by this virus.

Along with the negative there have been some positive flow-ons as well. (Don't get me wrong here. I am not trying in any way to make light of the negatives). My wife was talking with a doctor recently about this situation and in the course of the conversation an interesting bit of information came out. There has been a significant drop (approximately 70% drop) in the occurrence of the winter ailments like colds and flus. This has been put down to a couple of things. Firstly, our increased hygiene. Washing our hands more frequently and cleaning high contact areas (e.g. door handles, light switches) regularly. And secondly, isolation. You can't catch it if you're not hanging out in the same place as the 'bug'.

Take home message: If we keep doing our part we can reduce the incidences of winter 'bugs' spreading. So please keep the high level of hygiene practice going. We will do this at school also. And, stay at home if you are sick. This also applies to students; if your child is sick please keep them home and then they won't share their bug with others.

On another positive note, with the government's easing of restrictions, trips, excursions and camps are back on the 'planning' board. Outdoor Ed will soon be back to off-campus outings and skill development. There will be notes sent home soon.

David McNeill
Principal



BIBLE CRUMBS FROM PR. DAVE

**“FOR THE BODY DOES NOT CONSIST OF ONE MEMBER BUT OF MANY”
– 1 CORINTHIANS 12:14**



Today is the day that restrictions go from 20 to 80 people gather at one place. And we can have up to 20 members in our homes. I don't know about you, but for me that's great news! Because it means the church can have more than 20 people so we can reopen, and I can go to the gym again, and possibly sit down in a restaurant with the family.

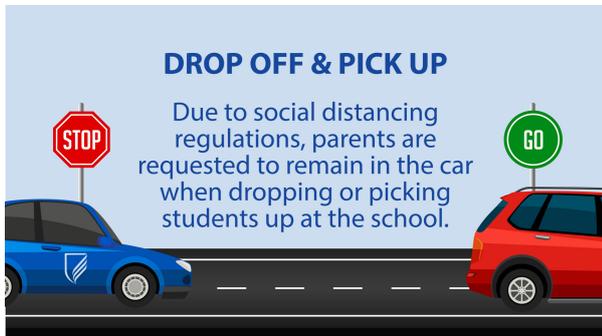
I have had the occasional person tell me that they prefer to stay home, because everything they need is there and they can order things in if they need to. I do not agree with that. I am trying to tell them that this is not healthy for us to be isolated. Not because I say so, but because the Bible says that we were made to be socially connected. This means that there is a part of us that needs to give and receive love from God and other people. So socialising indeed is healthy for you and me.

The apostle Paul uses the analogy of the human body to illustrate how God's people are meant to function. Although they have a unique role and purpose, they all work towards a common goal with Christ as the head. The body does the work, but the head does the thinking and the goal setting.

NWCS has a purpose and a goal for your students. We will endeavour to navigate as best as possible as to how we journey from restrictions being lifted, following social distancing rules, and trying to give our students quality education. The goal remains the same.

It's nice to have the isolation restrictions ease. But as we start to socialize once again, please take time to set out a goal and a purpose for your family as we continue to work as one body for a greater purpose. God bless you, our family and our school.

GENERAL



Thank you to all the parents who are already doing this!



Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering in the tuckshop on Wednesdays.

STRINGS MUSIC PROGRAM

Our Strings music program has started back up again! If your child/ren are interested in learning violin, an expression of interest form can be found at the office. This will need to be completed and returned to the office as soon as possible.



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.



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.



STRONG FAMILIES - SAFE KIDS

Wellbeing is an important aspect of our lives. It is where a child or young person feels loved and safe and has their physical, mental and emotional needs met, is learning and participating and has a positive sense of culture and identity. Concerned about anyone? Please call the advice and referral line. This is a universal service for everyone who is concerned about the safety of a child. Parents and children can also call to ask for help for themselves.

PH: 1800 000 123



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY - UTOPIA PROJECT

Early days of the Covid shut-down had us racking our brains on how to provide a good opportunity for students to fulfil the requirements of the curriculum for D&T. Being such a practical subject and involving the various technologies from textiles to timber technology it was difficult to conceive how to resource and implement a traditional project remotely. The brainwave came from Edward's mum and was the idea for students to design and construct their own 'Utopia' or ideal world. This seemed to capture the imaginations of our future designers and the creativity started to flow. Materials on hand were used: cardboard, tins, cotton wool, dirt, rocks, lego, shoeboxes, water, play doh, wood, straws, paddle pop sticks, gladwrap, polystyrene, coloured paper, toothpicks, wire, paint, hot glue and a plethora of other items were used to create scale models of their utopias. The results have been very successful and we decided to share some of these with you. We wish you could have been there for the presentations in which students shared their stories of the various aspects of their ideal worlds. Many were produced at home with little teacher assistance, making them all the more impressive. In fact a number of the final presentations were done using photos. This is a credit to the supportive community who went above and beyond to make this a priority for their children despite the potentially less than ideal world that was raging on around them.



WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

Students are required to wear their school uniform on all occasions unless special instructions have been given by the school. A note is required if students are out of uniform and a record of this is kept at the office. Students should note that uniforms worn with pride reflect well on themselves, their family and the school. Below is a list of our winter school uniforms available through our uniform shop (except for shoes and socks). Many items have our logo embroidered on them.

Primary Girls Winter Uniform



- Tartan Tunic
- Long Sleeved White Shirt
- Blue Jumper (optional)
- Primary Jacket
- White Socks/Black tights
- Black Shoes
- Tie (optional)

Secondary Girls Winter Uniform



- Tartan Skirt
- Long sleeved white shirt
- Blue Jumper (optional)
- Secondary Jacket
- White Socks/Black Tights
- Black Shoes
- Tie (optional)

Primary Boys Winter Uniform



- Long sleeved white shirt
- Grey trousers/Shorts
- Blue Jumper (optional)
- Primary Jacket
- Grey Socks
- Black Shoes
- Tie (optional)

Secondary Boys Winter Uniform



- Long sleeved white shirt
- Grey trousers/Shorts
- Blue Jumper (optional)
- Secondary Jacket
- Grey Socks
- Black Shoes
- Tie (optional)

Primary and Secondary Boys and Girls Sports Uniforms



- Sports Pants/Shorts
- Polo shirt
- Sports Jacket
- White Socks (Girls) Grey Socks (Boys)
- Sneakers
- Secondary girls may wear $\frac{3}{4}$ black leggings on sports day



Uniform items can be purchased from the office when our uniform shop is open on Wednesday between 2:30 and 3:30.

Thank you to all of those students who are wearing their correct uniform! You look fantastic and are representing our school well.