

# NEWSLETTER

23RD MARCH 2022 | TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | EDITION 4



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We hope you have had a blessed year so far and your children are enjoying their learning and thriving in our school environment.

We have a few events coming up as the term winds to a close.

We have had our first Student Representative Council meeting of the year. Mr Smith led the students through an ideas session to come up with ways they believe the school can improve. I was impressed with the fantastic ideas that were brought up by the students and I look forward to working with them more to implement their ideas into the school.

Our Year 6 class will be attending their first Cradle Mountain Hike this week with some very excited students bringing in their packs for last minute checking and organising. This camp will be led by our Outdoor Leadership students (supervised by Mr Beaty and Mr Ackland) to give them the experience of leading a group which will lead them to better outcomes.

Our Year 7-10 Camp will be taking place in Week 10. This will involve our students staying in Tasmania and tour Spring Beach/Hobart and their surrounds this year. We are wanting to have as many attend the camp as possible. We do understand that the turnaround time is short and will be happy to support families financially where possible and work out payment. However, we look forward to subsequent years where we are looking at trips to the Mainland with possible trips to Sydney/Gold Coast/Fraser Island and more exciting trips.

Upgrading our Sporting facilities is on the to do list this year. We have our Football Posts waiting to be erected on the oval at the back of the school. These will give our students another outlet to further improve their sporting skills. This with our newly lined cricket pitch is our way to say we value all aspects of school life.

Our Building project is well underway with the builders working hard to get the slab prepared to be poured and we should be seeing the concrete go down soon. Excitedly NWCS will also have some new school gates to be installed at the front of the school.

Please be patient with our car park situation, as the builders will look to create a temporary carpark to avoid the wet weather mishaps that can happen on the grass.

We look forward to our continuous improvement throughout the year as we endeavour to provide the best education and facilities for your child.

God bless,  
Brayden Morton

## NWCS CALENDER 2022

**March 23-25**  
Year 6  
Cradle Mountain Camp

**April 4-8**  
High School Camp

**April 13**  
Parent - Teacher Night

**April 14**  
Good Behaviour Day

**April 14**  
End of Term 1

Remember to check our socials for the most updated info!



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# THE VALUE OF WISDOM

BIBLE CRUMBS | PR.DAVE

*"Do not forsake wisdom..." Proverbs 4:6*

Getting an education gives so much advantage and privileges for any community. But, although education from our school will provide knowledge, the curriculum is not designed or responsible for teaching wisdom. However, it is every teachers burden to impart wisdom. But wisdom is caught rather than taught. And this is where parents and caregivers become the major sources of wisdom.

For example, I believe my dad is the wisest man that I have ever known, but he finished his school education at 9 years old! He learned how to grow a plantation when he was a child and started working on his own at 10 years old. He was 20 years old when he migrated by himself from Samoa to New Zealand with very minimal English. And then he worked, bought a house and raised a family....and he still speaks minimal English. All these things contribute towards wisdom because he had no choice to experience and live in a new country.

Wisdom must be experienced. Knowledge provides the data and information, but wisdom is when we put knowledge to practice. So, in essence, what good is knowledge if it isn't put to work?

One of the greatest traits of NWCS is our outdoor recreation program. Overnight hikes, kayaking, abseiling etc teach much more than just outdoor skills. Studies have shown that there is an increasing decline of students being able to focus, have empathy and be active. The outdoor program counters this trend by getting students off devices, learning to work as a team and understanding one another and getting incredibly active. All the while, becoming wiser in their various feats!

I encourage all our parents and caregivers to get your students involved in the outdoor recreation activities that our school offers. The rewards of just a hike, kayak, orienteering and every other activity offers so much more than what you see.

I can still remember as a kid seeing my dad being a short-tempered man, and who would shy away from any chance of public speaking. By the time I was in my teens, my dad exercised patience and made public speaking look like a breeze. So one day I asked the question as to how he achieved doing the things he did with limited education and how he changed over time. His answer was simply. I read the Bible, trusted what it said, and did what it said.

By practicing knowledge, we become wise. As the Bible says, "do not forsake wisdom" put knowledge into practice.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## STEM

Over the last few weeks in STEM students in year 1-4 have been focusing on key problem solving skills.

They constructed toothpick towers to help understand that triangles make the strongest shapes.

Then they developed their tactile senses using modeling clay to create their own artworks or marble runs on the wall.

Students also improved their understanding of the different types of bridges. They built their own styles using lego.



## MASKS

While most places now no longer require people to wear masks, as per Government regulations, schools still require staff, students over 12 and visitors to wear masks upon arrival. Please ensure your child/ren are bringing their own masks to school as it is their responsibility to supply their own mask as we have limited supply.



## BUSES

Just a reminder that food and drink should not be consumed on the buses. It is important that we keep our buses as clean as we can.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Uniforms are only able to be purchased after school on Mondays and Tuesdays otherwise made by appointment.

## PLASTIC SPOONS/FORKS

If your child needs a spoon or fork to eat their recess/lunch, please pack one in their lunchbox as we have very limited supply at the school.

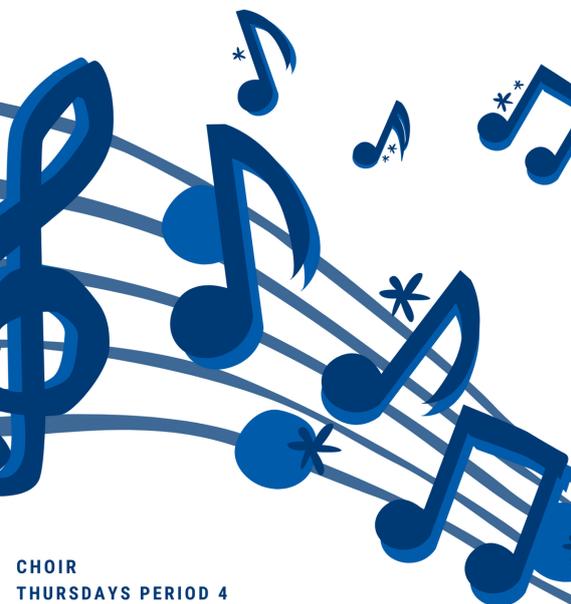
## WATER BOTTLES

Your child needs to stay hydrated throughout the day, so please make sure to remind them to pack their water bottle in their bag every morning.

## TUCKSHOP

All Tuckshop orders and money need to be handed into the Tuckshop by Monday morning, so that the food can be purchased and food wastage is limited.

## NWCS REPRESENT.



**CHOIR**  
THURSDAYS PERIOD 4  
OPEN TO PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL  
COME AND SHOWCASE YOUR AMAZING VOICES!

**NWCS**Strings  
**FUNDRAISING CONCERT**  
MONDAY APRIL 11, 2022, 6 PM  
ULVERSTONE SDA CHURCH HALL

FEATURING:  
-NWCS ENSEMBLES  
(CONDUCTED BY SARAH SCHEERMEIJER)  
-STANDOUT STUDENT PERFORMERS

-GUEST PERFORMANCE FROM DR SUSAN COLLINS  
(THE NOVA MUSE FESTIVAL DIRECTOR)

*Nova Muse*  
FESTIVAL

# PRIMARY NEWS

As the saying goes: Time flies when you are having fun. We are nearly at the end of Term One, how it has flown by. Every week is action packed with a variety of activities taking place in the Primary classrooms. Here is an insight to a few happenings that took place over the last fortnight.

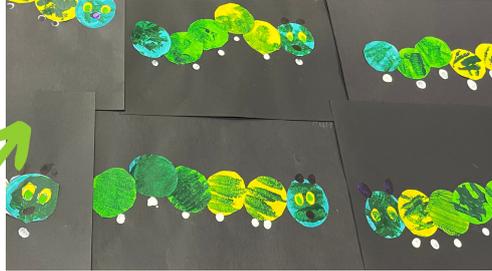
## KINDY/PREP

Local author/illustrator Elisabeth Steed came to our prep class on Thursday 10/3/22. Elisabeth read her story and guided children through three different drawing lessons using a variety of techniques.



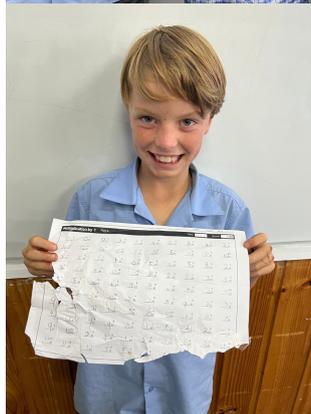
## YR. 1 & 2

On Friday, March 18th, Year 1 and 2 students walked up to the Playground on Yaxley street to discuss the importance of having managed features like parks in our local community. In Art Students created a colourful caterpillar using sponging techniques.



## YR. 3 & 4

This year in grade 3-4 we have issued a pen licence to students who have shown beautiful penmanship and neat book presentation. We would like to congratulate Melia Morton, Alaska Scheermeijer, Chilee Margetts and Eomer Cayao on being the first to receive their pen licence in our classroom. Zed also told us that his dog ate his homework, I think I might believe him this time.



## YR. 5 & 6

To help prepare the Grade 6 students for their three day hike we've been learning how to use the Jet Boil cookers and to set up a tent.

