

NEWSLETTER

6TH APRIL 2022 | TERM 1 | WEEK 10 | EDITION 5



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I am on camp this week with our Year 7 to 10 students who are having a great time so far. We visited Wineglass Bay and saw the sights of South East Tasmania. On Tuesday we did some team building activities and took a boat tour around Port Arthur and the surrounding islands. During these days I have had some time to reflect on the students learning at school. I am reminded of the three parts that make up successful schooling for each of our students and influence student outcomes.

1. Teacher Quality
2. Leadership
3. Parental Support

While this wasn't surprising for me it was good to be reminded of what is important in a school. I was reminded about our principal/teacher/parent partnership with each other to allow our children to gain the best outcomes available. It was noted that no one was more important than the others.

Teacher Quality

Here at NWCS I know we have many dedicated and caring teachers that go the extra mile for our children. I see this every day through their hard work, their tears shed when our students and families are hurting, their proud smiles and stories they share when they see student growth and achievement in and out of the classroom. Teachers have your child in the forefront of their minds as they go through each day. We are blessed here to have such supportive and dedicated teachers.

Leadership

As you can see, the school is growing. We are expanding in both numbers and buildings. The leadership team continue to work on making NWCS a better, more effective school in every way possible. We will continue to develop our Music program, our Outdoor Education program and especially our Learning program. The school is in an exciting phase of growth and development. The leadership team endeavour to improve our school and we welcome your voice and your understanding as we continue to improve.

Parental Support

We are fortunate to be a private Christian school. This means that you as parents are already invested into your child's education. We know that you send your children to school as you want the best for them. What does parental support look like?

1. Families are the first and continuous educators for their children.
2. Learning is lifelong and occurs in and out of school.
3. Learning will flourish when school and home are working together well.
4. Responsibility and resources are allowed with community engagement.
5. Partnerships grow from mutual trust, respect and responsibility.

NWCS CALENDAR 2022

April 11

Strings Fundraiser Concert

April 13

Parent/Teacher Night

April 14

Last day of Term 1
(Good Behaviour Day)

May 2

First day of Term 2

May 28

Year 9/10 Music Excursion

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NWCS are endeavouring to involve parents in our school partnership more and more over the coming year/s. Currently we are wanting to have more information evenings in the future about programs and events happening at the school. We are looking to 'roll out' a student/parent and teacher platform of SEQTA. This will allow greater communication between teachers/parents and students regarding school activities.

Mostly I want to let you know that you are important! We value you as parents and your involvement in your child's education and learning.

We look forward to increasing in our partnership together in the near future.

Yours Faithfully,
Brayden Morton

SPECIAL FEATURE

CRADLE MOUNTAIN TRIP | MR. JOEL ACKLAND

With a last check of gear and admonition against wearing cotton, the packs were loaded in the bus (Tetris style). The trip progressively developed into a stress test on the passengers' stomachs as the road got increasingly windy. With only a few casualties making deposits into plastic bags, we arrived at the Cradle Mountain visitors centre with fresh enthusiasm ready to see what the wilderness had to offer. Quickly the value of the seemingly useless gloves, beanies, raincoats and rain pants proved their worth as some relatively mild weather sent us scurrying up the escarpment. The seniors took the responsibility of their year 6 chargers very seriously with tricky sections dutifully spotted and verbal encouragement provided.

The awe of the mountains became increasingly profound as our perspective became more elevated and the mist chose to reveal some of the veiled beauty she had hidden from us.

Perhaps still drowning in the elevated vistas, students arrived at Scott-Kilvert hut without complaint of their burdens and claimed the hut and some tent sites as their temporary home. As night prevailed, the cheery coal fire provided some warmth and meals were prepared and we sat down to share stories of loss, rescue and attended our minds to the ultimate rescue mission.

As morning found us, we had varying degrees of satisfaction with our nights sleep. We downed our breakfast and then headed out with lightened packs to try our luck for the summit of Barn Bluff. Reaching the saddle between Mt Emmett and Bensons Peak, it was clear that there was little point going for the summit as we could see everything we would see from the summit right here. It was a whiteout. We made use of the igloo shelter for a quick lecture about gear, safety and listening to instructions before refueling and proceeding to Waterfall Valley.

We ducked below the cloud to one of the best views of Waterfall Valley that I have chanced. While eating our lunch, we talked about some basic history of the Overland Track (which we were now on) in a 'hut' which didn't seem to fit the name due to its triple glazing, architectural design, gas heater, and solar lights. We returned to our own hut after lunch and speculated about the interesting geology and how it could fit into the diluvian narrative. The seniors were really running the show by now with staff bringing up the rear having a good old chat.

Tea was consumed with some more quality fireside time, games of Uno and activities run by the seniors. Our fellow hut residents included Peter, a park ranger from South Australia, Matt a paramedic recently returned from the UK and some guys from over seas who we were amused to see the next morning exiting the hut with towels to the tune of "...a final count down..". Later we heard noises which indicated the countdown ended in a successful morning baptism in Lake Rodway, a guaranteed remedy to immediately end any tendencies toward depression and poor circulation.

The return trip home rewarded us with beautiful clear weather, lunch and chocolate on the top of Hanson's Peak and a few tumbles which made us the more glad that Mr Beaty bought his wife along with her medical expertise of being a GP. The adventure was not quite over for Jaymz, who decided to leave his wallet somewhere so he could come back the next day for a treasure hunt.

My sincere thanks to all the great Year 6s, Year 12s and staff which made the trip outstanding in the memories of us all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUSES

As you might have seen, our three big buses look a little different. Our fleet looks incredible with our new logo on them. Thanks to Grant and his team from Bl_nk Designs for their amazing work!

UNIFORM

As we say goodbye to Term 1, it is also time to say goodbye to our Summer uniform. Students are to be in their Winter uniform in Term 2. Uniform can be purchased on Mondays and Tuesdays and we will begin selling our Winter uniform from next week onwards.

TWEEN CAMP

Applications are open for the Seventh-day Adventist Church's annual Tween Camp at Spring Beach! Can you guess the MYSTERY THEME? Hints and clues are appearing on the Tasyouth FB and Insta pages. To apply as a camper or staff member (17+) come and have a chat to Jenay in the office or head to FB to find the application link.

MASKS

Government regulations still require masks in school settings. This includes staff, students over 12 and visitors. Please ensure your child/ren are bringing their own masks to school.

PARENT/TEACHER NIGHT

Our first Parent – Teacher night of 2022 is quickly approaching (Wednesday the 13th of April). We would love the chance to meet with you to discuss your child/ren's progress at school thus far.

You can make a booking with the teacher of your choice by scanning the QR code and following the prompts. Alternatively you can find a link on our FB or contact Jenay at the Office.



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TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will not run in the 1st week of Term 2

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

If you are picking your child/ren up after school, please ensure that you are waiting at the pick up point for the bell to go, not your car. This will assist us with the recent delays we have been encountering.

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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)

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PRIMARY NEWS

We have a week and a half of school left before the holidays. This Friday (April 8th) we have an incursion with Seahorse World and next Thursday (April 14th) we finish the term with a fun day. More information on the fun day will be sent home this week.

On behalf of the Primary Teachers, I would like to wish all the students a safe, relaxing and amazing holiday break.

God Bless,
Mrs. Keryn Kofeloa
Head of Primary

Homework

Thank you for supporting your child with their daily homework routine. We are focusing on fluency with sight words, times tables and reading/reading comprehension activities. Fluency is the ability to read with speed, accuracy, and proper expression. Fluency comes with practise. Even if your child insists that a reading book or activity might be easy, it does not necessarily mean they are fluent in that task. Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions about your child's homework.

YEAR 3/4

We have been creating ANZAC Day silhouettes as we learn about the importance of ANZAC Day.



LOST PROPERTY

If your child/ren has lost anything, please come and check the office as our lost property box is piling up. Please also remember to write names on items of clothing/belongings.

AWARDS

Week 9

Kindy/Prep – Abel Cummings, Cassidy Winchcombe, Mia McDermott

Yr 1 & 2 – Tierian Schultz, George Morton, Christopher Castillo Asto

Yr 3 & 4 – Starly Ackland and Mosese Kofeloa

Yr 5 & 6 – Charlie Jeffrey, Ruth Piercy, Eden Leo, Jessie Davidson, Chili Ackland, Justace Schultz and Emmett Robbie.

Week 10

Kindy/Prep – Myra Poudel, Lucas Seal, Jonathon Orr

Yr 1 & 2 – Martina Scheermeijer, Aaliyah Campbell, Solomon Orr

Yr 3 & 4 – Summer Stichter, April Sykes, Zedekiah Robbie

Yr 5 & 6 – Eden Leo, Aalijah Robbie

YEAR 6 HIKE

The Year 6 students loved the wet and chilly experience up at Cradle Mountain over their three day hike. It was hard to keep a smile off their face. Great work everyone! We especially thank to Mr Ackland and the Senior Outdoor Ed. students for their leadership.



Remember to check our socials for the most updated info!



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