

NEWSLETTER

23 SEPTEMBER 2020 | TERM 3 | EDITION 5 | WEEK 10



NORTH WEST
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NWCS CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER 25

Crazy Sock Day K - 4

SEPTEMBER 25

Good Behaviour Day 5-11

SEPTEMBER 25

Last day of Term 3

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4

Tween Camp

OCTOBER 4

Daylight Saving Starts

OCTOBER 12

First day of Term 4

OCTOBER 30

Walkathon

NOVEMBER 4

Year 7&10 Immunisations

NOVEMBER 16-20

High School exams

NOVEMBER 23

Year 10 Dinner



Dear Parents

This Sunday just gone, I was privileged to be in the audience of a Music Concert. Our strings students, ably led by their tutor - Mrs Scheermeijer, gathered together to perform, some of them for the first time, in public, from MEMORY. They all played without looking at their music. It was such a pleasure watching these young performers; they bowed, plucked and swayed their way through their pieces.

When the solo component of the concert was completed, the NWCStrings performed, followed by the NWCS Ensemble. Both groups equipped themselves well and their performances were well received (judging by the applause).

To finish to concert we were treated to two exceptional performances by two exceptional performers: Sarah Scheermeijer, and Dr Sue Collins.

Many people commented on how lovely the afternoon was. Well done to everybody who participated. A great job well done.

As we are on the subject of group gatherings I just want to draw your attention to Presentation Night. We had started planning for Presentation Night when we found that there are still restrictions on gatherings of this size. We are now looking at alternative ways or venues in which to 'host' our formal evening. We will keep you posted.

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Nurture for today



Learning for tomorrow



Character for eternity

I just want to take this moment to personally thank all those who have returned their re-enrolment forms for 2021. There are a few still outstanding, however. If you are able to get this back to us as soon as possible that would be good. If you are having a problem with this just call and chat to us. It may be an easy fix.

In closing I would like to say, as we head towards Term 3 holidays, I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun holiday period. Please allow your family to relax. Have some fun together; go out bike riding or walking or visit an attraction. Stay safe. May God bless you all. See you in October.

David McNeill
Principal

BIBLE CRUMBS

PRAISE HIM WITH STRINGS

“Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress.” *1 Timothy 4:15*

Paul the Apostle was like a father figure to Timothy. He trained and mentored Timothy to be a leader when the church was just taking flight. Paul’s protégé proved to be a great leader in the church and Paul would have been like a proud father. In fact, he referred to Timothy as his “true son in the faith” (1 Timothy 1:2). That is a deep connection between teacher and student, and there is a deep and mysterious wonder that comes when passing on a gift, talent, or ability to another.

Our school has a myriad of talented teachers, and assistants that share their wisdom and skills with our children. However, at the Sunday concert just passed, that moment belonged to Sarah. She watched in delight as each of her students played their various pieces. I among others observed in wonder how these little people with little fingers could articulate big tunes on their stringed instruments.

I felt like a proud uncle as I watched each of these kids (whom I knew personally) playing on their stringed instrument. But I could appreciate more than the 3-5-minute piece each student played. I knew for a fact that accumulated hours came down to a short performance. It is a principle of life. Behind every piece of music there was a parent paying for tuitions and sitting through practices, a student who gave up time to practice, a teacher who guided them through the various challenges.

It is a big deal to see little children learn the discipline of practice. It is important for kids to understand that it is the invisible hours of practice that builds the character, the visible and short performance only reveals the progress. Therefore, Sarah was so delighted to see her students play confidently as they revealed their progress to an audience awed by their performance.

I looked around and saw smiles from the audience who were either, teacher, staff, parents’ family, or friends of the students. Each one knowing full well that they are invested in the kids performing. Our school is greatly blessed by having such a highly skilled musician training our children. Her invisible efforts were revealed at the concert.

But to our teachers, assistants, staff, parents and all who give tireless hours for our kids. Keep practicing the gift of giving. And to our kids, keep on practicing. The invisible things you do, may not be seen by others, but God sees it. God looks over the community at North West Christian School and delights over us as we practice and perform the harmony that God is trying to train us with.

GENERAL

WACKY SOCK DAY

Years K to 4 come in free dress this Friday 25 September, wearing the wackiest socks possible! Please bring a donation of gold coin for the 10,000 Toes Campaign, stamping out diabetes in the South Pacific.

SUMMER UNIFORM

All students need to be in their correct summer uniform by the second week of Term 4. Please make sure you wear the correct winter or summer uniforms during those transition weeks.

FEES

Just a reminder from head office, that school fees need to be paid up-to-date before the end of Term. Please contact Mrs Wendy (Wednesday to Friday) if you have any queries or concerns.

RE-ENROLMENTS

We are still waiting on a few forms to be returned. Please get them to us ASAP or call and let us know whether you are with us next year. If you need another form, we have them available at the office or alternatively you can download them from our website. Thank you to all who have already sent their re-enrolment forms in.



AWARDS (5&6) CONGRATULATIONS!

Week 9 -

Ashlee Davidson: For writing a fabulous descriptive recount of her experience at the Wings Wildlife Park.

Jashobeam Ackland: For creating a creative poster on the importance of being Cyber Safe.

Week 10 -

Scott Allen – For completing and handing in homework every week in Term 3.

Bailey Saunders – For completing and handing in homework for 7 weeks in Term 3.

Kailani Nibbs – For completing and handing in homework for 7 weeks in Term 3.

Ashlee Davidson – For completing and handing in homework for 6 weeks in Term 3.

Harrison Simpson – For giving 100% in Maths.

Dawsyn Latassa – For working hard in Maths on the topic Time.

Oscar Richards – For putting 100% into his role in the Little Red Riding Hood Play.

Holly Webb – For putting 100% effort into her role in the Little Red Riding Hood play.

Matilda Cooper – Thoughtfulness Award – For putting others before yourself.

Jashobeam Ackland – For always making the effort to read clearly and with expression.

GOOD BEHAVIOUR DAY

Years 5 to 11 students will be going to Devonport Splash on Friday 25 September for Good Behaviour Day. Students will need to be in their full sports uniform. Permission slips are being sent home today.

UNIFORM UPDATE

Uniform stock is on order and we'll let you know when it arrives. Also, we are looking at upgrading our grey pants and shorts to a better style and quality fabric. More details will be shared with you shortly on pricing etc.

NWCStrings USER GROUP

NWCStrings now has its own user group on Facebook. You can access this group via the School's FB page. We encourage families and their friends to join the user group where you can share photos and videos from the various Strings events.

TUCKSHOP

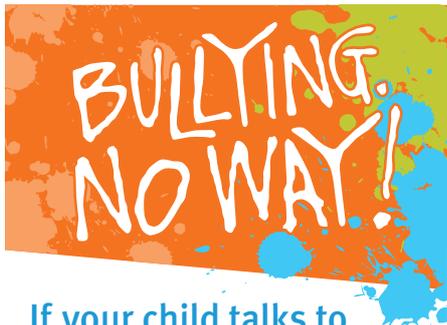
We wish to thank Mrs Jamieson for looking after our school canteen. She does an awesome job with all the yummy food on offer. Tuckshop will resume again in the second week of Term 4 October 21. Order forms are available on the school website and need to be handed into tuckshop by each Monday please during the Term. Thank you.

GENERAL

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Entertainment Memberships are packed with thousands of incredible saving on dining, activities, travel and shopping. Up to 50% off and 2 for 1 deals in your area and across Australia and New Zealand. Every Membership is electronic only and can be uploaded to 2 devices. This means you will never leave home without your entertainment book. Purchase online now at

<https://www.entertainment.com.au/subscription?fundraiser=240v314>



If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story.
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame.
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do about it and how you can help.
4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies.
5. **Contact** the school.
6. **Check in** regularly with your child.

Free apps



Take a Stand Together provides tips and advice about bullying for young people.



The Allen Adventure is an interactive story for children to help develop social skills.



Need help now?

Kids Helpline www.kidshelpline.com.au
1800 551 800

headspace www.headspace.org.au
1800 650 890

Online bullying www.esafety.gov.au

www.bullyingnoway.gov.au



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

Wow, each student (Kindy to Yr 8) collected, packed and has written a letter to the child that our Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are going to this year. A record number of boxes are ready for collection - 67 of them.

A BIG thank you to the people who have assisted with knitting and crocheting toys, washers, hand puppets, beanies and small bags. Also, sewing tops, skirts, shorts and small bags. Thank you to those who have helped with hygiene items (soap, toothbrushes) and with toys. This has helped our students complete the boxes within a shorter time frame due to COVID 19. We usually start 1st June however weren't able to this year until mid-July.

Would love your help again for 2021! I'm starting now with buying just one little item each grocery day and trying to complete a sewing item per fortnight!

Walk-a-thon

Our annual Walkathon will be happening this year on Friday 30 October. All money raised goes to help our two sponsor children. We are asking that students raise a minimum of \$20 of course you can raise more than this amount. The student who raises the most from each class will receive a prize. Walkathon Collection Forms will be sent out first week back in Term 4.



EXCURSION FUN

On Wednesday 9th of September, Kindy to Year 6 students visited Wings Wildlife Park at Gunns Plains. The students went on a guided tour of the park. Students had an up-close encounter with a ring-tailed possum, a wombat and some Kangaroos. Students learnt about a variety of animals, what they eat and the habitat the animals live in. Thank you to all the parents who came along on the day. Fun was had by all. Here are a few photos from our day out.



**TURNERS BEACH SCOUT GROUP IS
COMMENCING IT'S TERM 4
PROGRAM ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OF
OCTOBER.**

**BOYS & GIRLS AGED BETWEEN 5 -
14 SEEKING ADVENTURE THIS
SUMMER ARE ENCOURAGED TO
ATTEND.**

**PLEASE CONTACT GROUP LEADER
EUNICE HORNE ON 0438 598 571
FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

