

NEWSLETTER

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NORTH WEST
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NWCS CALENDAR:

SEPTEMBER 9

K - 6 Wings Wildlife Parke
Excursion

SEPTEMBER 25

Last day of Term 3

SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 4

Tween Camp

OCTOBER 12

First day of Term 4



Dear Parents

The world we live in is challenging, more so than when we were kids.

What do you think? I disagree. I think that every generation has had its challenges. But we do face different challenges today. Over the last 24 hours my 'desk' has been inundated by reports of one of today's challenges – Social Media.

One of the blessings of the modern age is our ability to keep in touch with family and friends, no matter where they are in the world. I have family in lockdown in Victoria, but we've been able to interact with them through Social Media and see that they are well, both physically and emotionally.

However, many who see Social Media as a blessing also see it as one of the biggest curses of this modern era. Our children have access to some great stuff by just the touch of a button. And they have access to some terrible stuff by the touch of that same button. Some of our kids have experienced first-hand the ugly side of Social Media recently.

As a school, we can't control what students get up to on their phones outside school times. But we will do everything we can to protect them during their time with us. This is one reason why we collect phones as the kids arrive at school in the mornings. The recent flurry of activity on Social Media has only reinforced our stance on this issue.

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Learning for tomorrow



Character for eternity

But it has also forced us to take a stronger position. If a student is found in possession of their phone during school times, without the permission of their teacher, the phone will be confiscated and only returned when their parent can pick it up. Secondly, sharing video clips or photos via social media while the student is in our charge could lead to suspension or worse. To be clear, the student is in our care while they are at school or participating in a school organised activity, and travelling to and from school on our bus. I know that there are 'sweet and innocent' images that can be shared. I am also aware that there are some very distressing images and things that are illegal to share.

The app 'Tik Tok' has some major issues at the moment. One email that I was sent advised that Tik Tok should be trashed from my device until their problems can be remedied. I actually don't have this app and I know now that I don't want it.

Let's keep our kids safe; we're going to do our best

David McNeill
Principal

BIBLE CRUMBS

HAPPY BELATED FATHER'S DAY

"The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him." – Proverbs 20:7

Happy belated Father's Day to all our dads, and men who are Father figures to our children. I hope we all took some time last weekend to reflect on our dads and the men who made a difference in our lives. The influence of my dad has had a tremendous impact on my life. He was a man who practiced what he preached. His conduct at home was the same way he conducted himself in public. This was the most important lesson my dad taught me. The other thing I thoroughly enjoyed from dad was his storytelling. Especially the stories of how he grew up as a kid in Samoa. I did not know at the time, but his integrity and his stories would become a major part in developing who I am as a person.

Dads play a significant role in the development of children. Now I could be biased but studies speak for themselves. This is what Dr David Popenoe has to say about that:

"Fathers are far more than just "second adults" in the home. Involved fathers – especially biological fathers – bring positive benefits to their children that no other person is as likely to bring. They provide protection and economic support and male role models. They have a parenting style that is significantly different from that of a mother and that difference is important in healthy child development". David Popenoe, Life Without Father, (New York: The Free Press, 1996), p. 163.

David Popenoe who is a professor of sociology and co-director of the National Marriage Project points out several things where dads and mums differ in their style of parenting. Here's a few that stood out for me.

- Fathers have a style of dangerous play which teaches the child risk-taking
- Fathers emphasise justice, rules, and discipline which teaches their children about consequences to our actions.
- Fathers are big on teaching conceptual communication which expands the child's vocabulary and intellectual capacity. Mums major in sympathy, care and help which demonstrates the importance of relationships.
- Fathers encourage competition which fosters independence. Mothers promote equity which gives children the sense of security.

The list above is incredibly brief but I hope it shows how important it is to have both dads and mums contribute to our children's development. But for now, we give honour to all our dads, step-dads, and men who intentionally spend time with children that do not have a dad in their home. Our school salutes you and encourages you to keep up the great work in our children's lives.

GENERAL

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.

NWCS ENSEMBLE PREFORMACE

NWCS Ensemble will be busking near Devonport Kmart from 4:30 – 6:00pm on Monday 14 September for anyone who wishes to support them.

RE-ENROLMENTS

Thank you to all who have already sent their re-enrolment forms in. Those that haven't returned your forms, we ask that you get them back to us by 11 September. If you need another form, we have them available at the office or alternatively you can download them from our website.

ABSENCES

Just a gentle reminder to inform us as soon as you can if your child/ren will be absent from school. This can be done by ringing or texting the office or via the Skoolbag app. Thank you.

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.



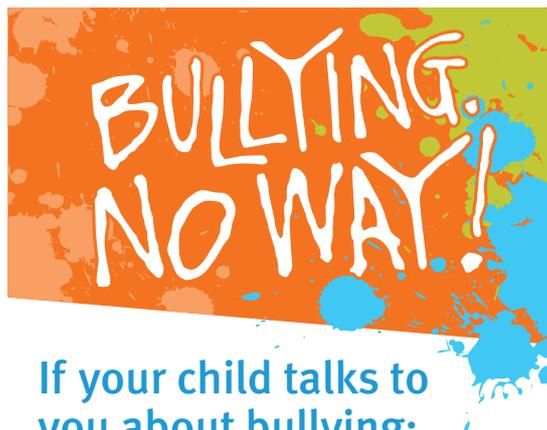
AWARDS (5&6) CONGRATULATIONS!

Harrison Simpson – For fantastic effort in creating a cross stitch card.

Kailani Nibbs – For fantastic effort in creating a cross stitch card.

Oscar Richards – For taking on feedback and expanding his sole trader Business Plan in Economics and Business.

Scott Allen - For always trying his best.



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

GENERAL



Have you signed up for Jump Rope for Heart Yet? It's not long until our Jump Off Day on **September 23** so keep on practicing those tricks! And don't forget to share your online fundraising page with friends and family to raise money for a great cause!

It's important you [register your child online](#), so they can receive the full benefits of the program and participate in online fundraising, simply follow the link below to get started.

www.jumprope.org.au/parents

STRINGS CONCERT

NWCS is hosting a concert on Sunday September 20. If you are interested in attending please contact the school as numbers are strictly limited. Please only register your interest if you are thinking of, or wanting to learn to play the violin, or simply have a love of violin music. See flyer for more information for time and location. Be quick to register!

EARLY LEARNERS

Early learners Playgroup every Monday during school Term. Starts 9:30 - 11am for 0-4 year olds. Please come and join in the Discovery and play based learning. Bring some fresh fruit or veggies as a snack for your child. Invite your friends to join in as well. Looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming new faces.

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JUMP ROPE for HEART

Join School

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PENGUIN, TAS, 7316

5 Students | \$151.75 Raised | 60% Active Fundraisers | 0 Hours Skipped

Jump off day in 14 days
Countdown to 23 September

Raised: **\$151.75** | Goal: **\$1,080.00**



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

A very big thank you to all the families, grandparents, SDA church members and anyone else who have help filling the shoe boxes. We have nearly complete all our boxes.

Below is all that we need to complete the remaining boxes:

- **15 toys** eg: small matchbox sized car Tennis ball or small soft ball
- **15 something special** eg: yoyo, mouth organ, folding hat, plastic animals, small puzzles, skipping rope. comb/brush.
- **15 pencil sharpeners**

Many thanks for helping us with this project.

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Buy a Membership today and our fundraiser will receive an **EXTRA \$10** on top of the **20%** they already receive from every Membership purchase!

FUNDRAISING WITH **entertainment**

T&Cs apply. Ends 11:59pm 13/09/20 AEST.



NWCS PROUDLY PRESENTS

CONCERT

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20
3PM

WITH SPECIAL GUEST
DR SUSAN COLLINS

PENGUIN UNITING CHURCH
50 MAIN RD, PENGUIN, TAS.

TICKETS | \$5
DOORSALES