

# NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023 | TERM 2 | WEEK 1

# Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you had a wonderful time with your families, cherishing the precious moments together. Yesterday, we took a moment to honour the ANZACs and their selfless sacrifice, which has paved the way for the freedom we enjoy today.

As we embark on this new term, we have an exciting line-up of events for our students, including NAIDOC Week, Primary Swimming Lessons, Futsal Competitions, AGFEST, MILE Truck Visits, Questacon Digital Technologies workshops, RYDA, V8 Supercars, NAPLAN Science Testing (Year 5 and 6 only) and STEM Days, Kindergarten Visits and Hydro Dam Excursions. Along with these events, our regular busy learning calendar will be in full swing.

Our building program continues to progress, and I am pleased to report that most of Stage 1 is coming to completion. If you have visited the school recently, you would have noticed that the pathways to reception have been completed, and our primary classes now have dedicated learning spaces, including a music and language classroom. We are thrilled to provide our students with these new and improved facilities.

As we strive towards school improvement, we are implementing a Positive Behaviour for Learning program throughout the school. This program focuses on positive reinforcement and behaviour, encouraging our students to emulate positive behaviours and rewarding them for their efforts. By focusing on the positive, we hope to foster a more supportive and encouraging culture within our classes and throughout the school.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of the programs mentioned above, please do not hesitate to contact me or the NWCS team.

May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely,  
Brayden Morton



## NWCS CALENDER 2023

**May 1 -12**

Primary Swimming Lessons

**May 4**

AGFEST

**May 9**

Primary Futsal Comp

**May 10**

Junior Futsal Comp

**May 11**

Senior Futsal Comp

**May 9-11**

MILE Truck

**May 11**

Catchup Interviews with  
Mr Pepper

**May 15**

Yr 5/6 Questacon

**May 19**

Yr 9/10 RYDA

**May 19**

V8 Supercars

**May 22**

Yr 6 NAPLAN Science

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*Anything is possible if a person believes...I do believe but help me overcome my unbelief. **Mark 9:23-24***

I don't know about you, but I am a visual person. When I think about the future, I always have a picture in my mind of what could be. There are times, however, when I have had to learn the hard way that some ideas are just wishful thinking.

All my wishful thinking had a common similarity – they were all based on my personal perception. When we align our perspective with Jesus', He says that anything is possible and has a plan for you too. If you align your perspective with His, who knows what you can accomplish in this life.

When I look at our school, and as I have become more involved, I am becoming increasingly excited about what is happening and what could happen in the future. Students are continually surprising me with their variety of gifts and talents and willingness to be involved. It creates a sense of optimism and reassurance that North West Christian School is a place that encourages endless possibilities. As you continue to journey through life, may you be optimistic about what God can accomplish in and through you as you align your perspective with His.

If ever there is a way I can be of assistance to any of you, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would be a privilege to provide any support that I can.

God's Richest Blessings,  
Jacob Ellis  
chaplain@northwest.tas.edu.au



### NORTH WEST SPORTS NIGHT

Thank you to everyone involved in organising the North West Sports Night. It was fantastic to see so many North West students involved, and we look forward to seeing you at the next one on the 13th of May.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

There will be a student/parent school improvement survey sent home today. Please follow the instructions in the provided letter to complete the survey as soon as possible.

## ABSENCES

Please contact the office if your child/ren will not be attending school as early as possible and give reason for our records. It is also important that we know if alternative/different travel arrangements have been made for students (eg. getting picked up, leaving early, arriving late, etc.)

## MORNING DROP OFF

Please drop your child/ren off at school from 8:20am onwards as this is when Teacher's duties start. Entry into the school is now through the glass doors off the carpark in the senior wing.

## PICK UPS

In the afternoon, students can be collected from the double glass doors. Please do not enter the school looking for them as they need to be marked off. If there is alternative arrangements to how they normally get home the office needs to be made aware from parents.

## WELCOME

We welcome Mrs Arlagene Groves, our new school counsellor, to the NWCS team today. She will be working at the school on Wednesdays and providing support to both students and staff. You can find her in our learning support room, and we are sure she is really looking forward to getting to know our students. We are all very excited to have her on board and look forward to welcoming her into our community.



We also welcome Mrs. Morgan Ellis to the NWCS team. She will be taking over from Jenay in the office and will be the new smiling face you'll see at the desk and the cheerful voice you hear on the phone from now on. Mrs. Ellis is the wife of our Chaplain, Pr. Jacob Ellis and we are excited to have her in the office (and hopefully the new office really soon). As we make her feel welcome at school and as she settles into her new position, please be patient and understand that there is a lot to learn and take in.

## A NOTE FROM MISS JENAY

As some of you may have heard, I have made the hard decision to leave North West Christian School and I have accepted a position in Western Australia. This has not been an easy decision for me and I will miss you all terribly. Initially, I only signed up for 6 months but I stayed for nearly 3 and a half years because our school community became family. Saying "thank you" to you all feels incredibly insufficient but I would like to extend a huge thank you. I have greatly appreciated your patience, kindness, understanding, care, banter and most of all, love. It has been a pleasure to be your receptionist and friend. Thank you for trusting me to serve and assist your families in many ways; I have thoroughly enjoyed doing so. I would like to think this is not "goodbye" but rather "see you later" and as cliché as it sounds, I will never forget you all. I am incredibly proud of our school, students and teachers and while I am sure the Western Australian Schools will be lots of fun to work for, NWCS will always have my heart. Take care and God bless. **Jenay.**





# PRIMARY NEWS

**Values:** Integrity awards will be handed out in assembly in Week 2.

**Water Bottles:** Please ensure your child brings a full water bottle to school each day to stay hydrated.

**Swimming Lessons:** Kindy - Year 6 Students will participate in swimming lessons at the Burnie Aquatic Centre in Week 2, 1st - 5th of May and Week 3, 8th - 12th of May.

Students are to wear their sports uniform for the two weeks of swimming. Please make sure your child has the following items: swimmers, thongs/slides or shoes they can wear to and from the pool, goggles, a swimming cap (optional to keep hair dry) and a bag they can keep their swimming gear in. Please label all items, including towels, sports uniforms and underwear. Permission notes will be sent home today, please fill them in promptly and return them to school by Friday, April 28th.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact Mrs Kofeloa via email: [Keryn.Kofeloa@northwest.tas.edu.au](mailto:Keryn.Kofeloa@northwest.tas.edu.au)



## AWARDS

### Primary Awards - Week 9

**Kindy & Prep:** Zoe Street, Cassidy Winchcombe and Alexa Jones

**Year 1 & 2:** Scarlette Schultz, Maya Kofeloa, Martina Scheermeijer and Johnathan Orr.

**Year 3 & 4:** Solomon Orr, Azura Clarke, Thomas Street and Mahmud Patterson.

**Year 5 & 6:** Rosie Reynolds, Jack Street, April Sykes, Alaska Scheermeijer and Meila Morton.



## AUSTRALIAS BEST TEACHERS

Newscorp has recently commenced a campaign to award Australian teachers for their inspirational and innovative work. We are proud to have two of our own staff be nominated for the Australia's Best Teacher award.

Congratulations to Mr. Morton and Mr. Smith for being nominated. We are excited that they are being recognised for their hard work, it is an honour to have them on the NWCS team.

