



# NWCS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week I was able to travel to Brisbane to be a part of a leadership conference with educational leaders from all around the country. While I was travelling, I noticed a phenomenon of travellers glued to their phones with no one paying regard to other travellers. I started thinking about what we did before phones and how life was for myself as a student without a phone. (Unless you count the brick I received when I was sixteen that I used to play the game snake)

I asked myself two questions:

1. When is the right time to give my child a phone?
2. When is the right time to allow my child to use social media?

Are we putting our kids under too much pressure giving them access to phones, social media and other public forums before they are mature enough to handle these outlets?

I would hate to think of some of the silly things I might have done, had I had the same access to these public forums and devices when I was their age. Not to mention the things our children can say to each other when you don't have to say something to someone's face. What would happen if our children didn't have access to these devices or social media...?

I imagine cyber bullying would diminish. I imagine that we would see an improved focus on study. I imagine there would be better face to face interactions with each other. I imagine we would see improved state of mental well-being (is there a coincidence that mental health issues have spiked with the increase of social media/device use?). I imagine our children would be more creative with their time. I imagine there would be more book reading and better literacy, I imagine there would be better sleep patterns for students. I imagine there would be improved privacy and personal boundaries. The list could continue. NSW has banned students from bringing mobile phones to school. While we haven't banned the bringing of mobile phones to school, students are very aware that they are not allowed to use them at school without permission and they bring them to school at their own risk.

I was told a story of a child from Michigan, USA. He was able to save the whole school bus of students when the bus driver fell unconscious at the wheel. Why? I believe his dad sums it up best. Dillon's father, Steve, told CBS: "What else are you going to do when you don't have a phone? You're going to look at people, you're going to notice stuff. You're going to look out the window. It's a very powerful lesson, maybe a change-the-world kind of lesson."

Food for thought...

God Bless,  
Brayden Morton



## NWCS CALENDER 2023

**May 31**

NWCS Cross Country

**June 5 - 9**

Mid-Year Exams

**June 12**

Public Holiday

**June 19**

5/6 Hydro Dam Excursion

**June 26 - July 1**

Week of Spiritual Emphasis

**July 3 - 7**

NAIDOC Week

**July 7**

Last Day of Term 2



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**Values:** Congratulations to all the students who received a Service Certificate at Assembly on Monday for lending a hand to peers and teachers over the last three weeks. This week, the Primary classes are learning about the Value: Excellence. We are focusing on: displaying a positive attitude and giving their best on every task.

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

**Sports Uniform:** Just a reminder that all students need to wear navy blue shorts and navy blue trackpants. Uniform items can be ordered online at School Locker. If your child is waiting for an uniform item to arrive, please send a note into the office so we can notify your child/ren's teacher of why they are out of uniform.

If you have any concerns and questions please contact me via email:  
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God Bless,  
Mrs. Keryn Kofeloa  
Head of Primary

## Primary Awards



### Week 4

**Kindy/Prep:** Alexa Jones, Zoe Street and Mia McDermott

**Year 1/2:** Abel Cummings, Tierian Schultz, Piper Hinds & Anja Morton

**Year 3/4:** Angus Morton, Zed Robbie and Aliyah Campbell

**Year 5/6:** Justace Schultz, Larry Southon, Summer Stichter and Chrissy Warner.

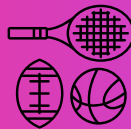
### Week 5

**Year 1/2:** Jonathon Orr, Bentley Hinds, Mia Campbell and Jonty Van de Merwe.

**Year 3/4:** Seth Robbie and Morne Van de Merwe

**Year 5/6:** Vincent Diprose, Aaliyah Robbie, Meila Morton, Starly Ackland, Larry Southon, Elijah Finch, Eomer Cayao, Alaska Scheermeijer and Annabelle Orr.

## Sports Awards



**Kindy/Prep:** Myami Smith & Alexa Jones.

**Year 1/2:** Anja Morton & Caewyn Morton.

**Year 3/4:** Seth Robbie & Azura Clark.

**Year 5/6:** Chrissie Warner & Rosie Reynolds.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Our students have enjoyed an eventful couple of weeks. Students have participated in the University of Tasmania's MILE Truck and went on a day trip to the V8 Supercars in Launceston.



### WOSE IS COMING!

Here at North West Christian School, we acknowledge that everything we do is founded upon the Christian values presented through God's word, the Bible. There are many ways we demonstrate that through the school including staff meetings, morning worships, and midweek chapel.

Another way we do this is allocating a week which we call 'week of spiritual emphasis' (WOSE). This event for the students will be happening in week 10. For the first time, we are finishing WOSE on a Saturday.

We as a school would love as many families to be involved in this event as possible. We want families to come and celebrate the great week of WOSE with their children and with the school staff also. Many students will be involved in different ways, so we encourage families to come and enjoy what the students will present.

A free lunch will be provided by the school on the Saturday. Following the lunch, a sports social on the Saturday evening at the Somerset Recreational Centre will be happening. It will be a great day of catching up with the greater school community through worship, food, and sport.

Eric Nella will be the presenter for WOSE. Eric comes from South Australia with a passion for young people with a great sense of humour and storytelling. He will be sharing on the topic of 'Divergent'. God is calling us to live to a higher standard in this world. What does this look like?

We as a school would love to see you join us as we celebrate the week of WOSE. 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 to your family.

God's Richest Blessings,  
Jacob Ellis.  
[chaplain@northwest.tas.edu.au](mailto:chaplain@northwest.tas.edu.au)



## NWCS CHOIR & NWCS CHORALE

Our NWCS Choir & NWCS Chorale will be singing at Ulverstone SDA Church on the **3rd of June** at **11am**. We would love for you to join us, all families are welcome!

Mrs Morton and our students have put an amazing effort into preparing the songs they are singing, and we are certain you will be blessed by their beautiful voices. We look forward to seeing you there!



## SCHOOL ACCESS

You are now able to enter the school through the new reception office. Please refrain from using the side doors in the senior wing, aside from afternoon pick-up. Parents and other visitors are required to sign in on entry if accessing the school beyond usual drop-off and pick-up times.

## LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY DEPARTURES

Parents/guardians are required to sign their child in/out in the reception office should they arrive late or need to leave early. Where reasonably possible, please provide a warning of late arrivals/early departures if you are aware of this in advance.

## ABSENCES

Please remember to contact the office as early as possible if your child will not be in attendance for any reason. For our records, we also require a brief explanation.

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

If you make a temporary change to your child's usual travel arrangements to/from school (bus/car) please contact the office as soon as possible so staff members and bus drivers are kept informed of relevant changes.

## LOST PROPERTY

We have three colourful bins labelled, Lost Property Lunchboxes and Water Bottles, Lost Property Hats and Lost Property Jackets and Jumpers which are located outside the Home Ec Room. This is where the above items will be placed if they are left lying around the school in the afternoon. So please ask your child to check the lost property bins in case their lost item is in there.

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled.

## COOLER WEATHER

As we are going into Winter please ensure your child has a warm School jacket they can wear each day to keep warm.

## HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Please ensure your child has a variety of healthy snacks, fruit and vegetables in their lunchbox every day. Please do not send too many sugary snacks as this can affect student's concentration spans. Please do not send lollies with your child/ren to school.

A reminder that instant noodles are not to be brought to school.

## CROSS COUNTRY

NWCS Cross Country will be on Wednesday the 31st of May.

Parents/guardians are welcome to come and support their children. The races will commence at 1:20pm. The front gate will be closed, so please arrive prior to the commencement of the race.

Alternatively, you are able to park on the street and walk in.

## ILLNESS

Please be aware that there are currently a number of different illnesses in the community. Please be mindful of illness within your own household and monitor your child's attendance accordingly. This helps us minimise the spreading of illness throughout our school community. Please support us in keeping our students safe and well.

## PARKING & ROAD SAFETY

Please avoid parking in the pick-up zone outside the front doors of the senior wing and be mindful of your speed as you enter the school.

This is to ensure children, parents and staff are able to safely cross the yard in the afternoon with minimal risk.

# NWCStrings

A couple of weeks ago, we had a visit from the Tasmanian Youth Orchestra's chief conductor, Mr. Bearman, who drove up from Hobart to sit and listen to NWC Senior Strings rehearse. It was a great opportunity to perform the pieces NWCStrings have been working on this term with our conductor Mrs. Scheermeijer, and they indeed performed very well! Mr. Bearman enjoyed sitting and listening immensely and is looking forward to including NWCString players in the TYO's North West concerts and programs in the future!

Junior Strings also had a very exciting week! On Wednesday, Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra's cellist, Martin Pennika, drove up from Hobart to play with our lucky cellists in NWC Junior Strings! Martin taught our cello students privately, in one-on-one lessons, and is very excited about coming back every fortnight, to ensure they have the very best opportunity to improve their cello playing. NWC is excited to host TSO cellist, Martin, and is delighted he will be returning to teach our cellists.

This term both Junior and Senior NWCStrings have been working hard with their conductor Mrs. Scheermeijer every week, and are preparing to represent NWC at the Burnie Eisteddfod on Thursday, June 29th at 9am. Come along to the Burnie Arts and Function Centre to support us!

