



NWCS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 09 2023 | WEEK 7 | TERM 2

NWCS CALENDER 2023

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 5

Parent Teacher Interviews

July 7

Last Day of Term 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Let's talk about health!

Mental health, that is...

Did you know that 1 in 7 children aged 4-17 experience diagnosed mental health disorders in Australia? That equates to approximately 560,000 around the country. A phenomenal number of people are affected by mental health in their lifetime. The truth is that 50% of lifetime mental health issues will commence by age 15.

At NWCS, we are constantly striving for improvement. This involves us looking at a dedicated program for our students from Years 5 – 9 that will lead them on a journey to know God, know each other and know ourselves. We are doing this as we believe that once our students fully understand these areas, it will put our students on the path to happiness, contentment and belief.

According to a study by Dr Donna Cross, our mental health comprises 25% DNA. This means only 25% of our mental health comes from who we are; the other 75% includes our environment. This is our homes, friends, school and life in general.

With this in mind, putting your child into a safe environment such as NWCS makes sense. We do our best to ensure that kids treat each other respectfully and with integrity. The school has the safety of our students at the top of its priority list.

Over the past three years, NWCS has also come a long way in Student Voice and Wellbeing. The school is also looking for improvements in its well-being program further through developing well-being teams, providing support through counsellors, reviewing data from surveys, asking students about their needs and enhancements from their eyes, resourcing and building staff capacity in these areas, and providing a positive behaviour model for behaviour expectations. We also endeavour to provide service opportunities to students throughout the school so students can learn to be a part of something more than themselves.

NWCS is striving hard to provide the best for your children, and we welcome any feedback you may provide in this area to help us improve further.

God bless,
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Values: Primary classes are completing three weeks of learning about the Value: Excellence. The focus has been on displaying a positive attitude and giving their best on every task. At Assembly on Tuesday, students who display excellence daily will receive an Excellence certificate.

Water Bottles: We do not have water bubblers at school, so please take the time to purchase a water bottle from Kmart or Woolworths so your child can stay hydrated.

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

Lunchbox Snacks: Please do not send too many sugary snacks, which can affect students' concentration spans. Please do not send lollies with your child/ren to school.

Homework: Thank you for taking the time each afternoon to support your child/ren in completing their daily homework tasks. It is greatly appreciated.

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 6

Kindy/Prep: Myami Smith, Zaria Redman and Manuel Castillo.

Year 1/2: Kenzie Davidson, Lucas Seal, Jake Thomas, and Samuel Steed

Year 3/4: Lillian Diprose, Sebastian Sykes, Thomas Street and Laythe Schultz

Year 5/6: Lucinda Steed, Chrissy Warner, Jack Benson and Meila Morton, Eomer Cayao, Ishaq Patterson, Larry Southon, Elijah Finch, Justace Schultz, Summer Stichter, Annabelle Orr, April Sykes and Ana Churchill

Week 7

Kindy/Prep: Cassidy Winchcombe, Steven Diprose and Jireh Redman.

Year 1/2: Solillaphi Ackland, Scarlett Schultz, Jonathan Orr and Aggie Warner.

Year 3/4: Tekim Margetts, Azura Clarke and Christopher Castillo Astor.

Year 5/6: Ana Churchill, Hannah Beaty, Jack Street, Eomer Cayao, Elijah Finch and Justace Schultz.



“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:13-14

WOSE – ONLY A FEW WEEKS AWAY

The Week of Spiritual Emphasis (WOSE) is only a couple of weeks away. I can hear the excitement in the students' voices as they imagine what will happen during WOSE.

The theme for WOSE is 'Divergent'. The Bible text in Matthew 7:13-14 identifies two different paths people can take; the wide, which leads to destruction, and the narrow, which leads to life. The choice is ours to which road we are willing to take.

Whichever road we choose to take requires us to demonstrate or portray those values in our lives. It would be meaningless to say I support New South Wales in the State of Origin but wear Queensland maroon colours. I am not reflecting my belief or inward convictions.

God is inviting us to live out different values compared to the world. The world has selfish values of 'me' and 'I want', whereas the values of Christ are centred on love and others. God is inviting us to live to a higher standard. God is asking us to go against the flow of life that seems familiar and easy by challenging us to do things differently. He calls us to diverge from the easy and the popular towards unpopular, challenging, but ultimately life changing.

As you journey through life, may you always know that the character and values of God are far greater than what is seen throughout the world. Following God's Road leads to a more abundant life.

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

God's Richest Blessings,
Jacob Ellis.
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COMING UP....

NWCSTRINGS

Feel like a warm afternoon listening to the beautiful music of our string players? Don't miss the NWCStrings concert in our new auditorium on Monday, July 3, at 4 pm. Senior and Junior Strings will be performing, as well as individual standout students accompanied by the amazing Lydia Long on Piano. The concert will conclude at 5.30 pm. Family and friends are welcome!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW NUMBER

We have a new mobile number! From Term 3, our previous mobile number will be cancelled. We will transition to the new number for the remainder of the term. To contact the office, please use our landline [\(03\) 6437 2705](tel:0364372705) or our NEW mobile [0403 634 662](tel:0403634662).

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.

UNIFORM

Please take the time to check that your child/ren have their name clearly written on jackets, jumpers and track pants. If needed, please ask your child/ren to check the Lost Property Bins outside Mr Morton's office for missing uniform items.

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.

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.



NWCS 18 Ling Street, Penguin

JUNE | **24th** | **2023**

10am - Youth discussion panel
11.30am - "Too Hot to Handle"
2pm - Interactive "Telling your story"



NWCS CHOIR

A big thank you to our NWCS Choir and our NWCS Chorale, who sang for the first time last Sabbath at Ulverstone Church.

Each student gave considerable effort, performed joyfully, and blessed our school and church community. Thank you to you, our great parents and families, for your support, faith and gift of your children to make singing together possible. Thank you to Lydia Long, our faithful accompanist; Mrs Scheermeijer for your beautiful violin interlude; Mrs Reynolds, Mr Watson and Mrs Smith for ongoing support with the Choir and Chorale; Mrs Kofeloa, Mr Morton, and all our teachers for your flexibility and commitment.

Our next performance will be in the combined Regional at NWCS on the 1st of July.
God be with you all,
Mrs Morton

