

**August 21-25 Book Week** 

August 24 9/10 ThinkUKnow

**August 25 Book Week Parade** 

August 31 1/2 HASS Excursion

September 14 **RUOK Day** 

September 29 Last Day of Term 3

## **NWCS NEWSLETTER**

AUGUST 18 2023 | TERM 3 | WEEK 4



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our Kindy class is growing for next year. We are blessed to have many new enrolments already for 2024. We are also blessed to have a great Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Belinda Ackland. She continues to build an excellent program for the class, with students wanting to get to school and be a part of it.

### What is so good about the Kindergarten program?

Play-based Learning: Play is a central component of a quality Kindergarten program. Playbased learning encourages children to explore, experiment, and engage in hands-on activities that promote cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.

High-Quality Curriculum: A Child-Centred Approach: Our Kindergarten program focuses on each child's individual needs, interests, and abilities. Educators observe and document children's progress, interests, and strengths to tailor learning experiences that are responsive to their development. Character Education: Our NWCS program strongly emphasises fostering social and emotional skills. Children learn to communicate, share, cooperate, and build positive relationships with their peers and educators.

Bush Kinder Practises: A play-based program that includes environmental awareness, promotes risk and resilience, immerses children in nature and helps students with holistic development.

**Inclusive Practises**: Efforts are made to ensure the program is accessible and accommodating for children with diverse backgrounds, abilities, and needs.

A Focus on Safety and Health: Kinder children are still learning. A safe and kind learning environment to learn and engage with healthy practices is pertinent to their schooling journey.

At North West Christian School, our Kindergarten program goes beyond traditional classroom settings, immersing young learners in a nature-rich environment that encourages exploration, curiosity, and holistic development. At NWCS Kindergarten, we believe in the power of play-based learning amidst the beauty of the outdoors, allowing children to engage with nature firsthand while fostering essential skills and a deep appreciation for the environment. With a dedicated team of experienced educators who value each child's unique journey, our Kindergarten program is designed to lay a strong foundation for future academic success and personal growth.

Thank you to our parents, who proudly share this school with their friends and families. We are blessed to have you in our school, and work tirelessly to ensure we are a school worth positively discussing. Please continue to share our social media advertisements.

God bless, **Brayden Morton** 



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**Values:** For the next three weeks we are focusing on the value: Service. The focus of Service is: lending a hand to help peers and school staff.

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

**Packed Lunch:** Please aim to send a packed lunch everyday with your child that includes fruit break, recess and lunch – sandwich, wrap, sushi etc (that doesn't need to be heated). This will allow your child to be able to eat all their lunch in the 10 minutes allocated before they go out to play.

**ThinkUKnow Program:** On Tuesday 15th August Constable Paul went through the Australian Federal Police ThinkUKnow Program with the Primary students to teach them how to be safe online.

**Out of Uniform:** Please send a note with your child explaining why they are out of Uniform. They will need to hand the note into the Office and get an out of uniform sticker.

**Book Week:** is next week – 19th – 25th August. We hope you can join us on Friday, 25th August for the Book Character Parade.

If you have any concerns and questions please contact me via email: Keryn.Kofeloa@northwest.tas.edu.au

God Bless, Mrs. Keryn Kofeloa Head of Primary

## **Primary Awards**



### Week 3

Kindy/Prep: Myami Smith, Harriet Charles & Manuel Castillo.
Year 1/2: Solillaphi Ackland, Samuel Steed & Kenzie Davidson.

Year 3/4: Aaliyah Campbell, Mosese Kofeloa, Sebastian Sykes & Laythe Schultz.

**Year 5/6:** Vincent Diprose, Grace Velde, Larry Southon, Annabelle Orr, Elijah Finch, Chrissy Warner, Hannah Beaty & April Sykes.

### Week 11

**Kindy/Prep:** Lukas Morton, Steven Diprose, Jireh Redman, Alexa Jones & Cassidy Winchcombe.

Year 1/2: Martina Scheermeijer, Mia Campbell & Jonty Van de Merwe. Year 3/4: Christopher Castillo Asto, Lillian Diprose & Natalia Allen. Year 5/6: Summer Stichter, Chrissy Warner, Lucinda Steed, April Sykes, Alaska Scheermeijer & Anastasia Churchill.

### Mr Beaty's Sports Awards

Zaria Redman (Kindy), Abel Cummings (1/2) Laythe Schultz (3/4), Vincent Diprose & Jack Benson (5/6).



Instead, clothe yourself with the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. And don't let yourself think about the ways to indulge your evil desires.

### **Romans 13:14**

During my time on year 9/10 camp, one of the students thought it was a good idea to buy me a gift. I thought that was a lovely thought and very generous of the student. They were thinking of me and paid for the gift with their own money.

When I realised what the gift was, I was shocked. They had bought me a shirt for a soccer team I do not support and strongly encouraged me to wear it. Not only was the shirt the wrong team, the student was brave enough to say, "I saw the shirt for your favourite team, and I thought of you, but I thought I'd buy you a shirt representing a real soccer team." Wonderful. Supporting my favourite team has become part of who I am. Wearing another team's shirt does not feel right.

In Paul's letter to the church in Rome, he says clothe yourself with Christ. When we clothe ourselves with Christ, His character becomes who we are, part of our identity. Anything that does not represent God's character should feel strange, awkward, or not right. I wonder, how often do we refuse to wear the shirt of the opposition? How often do we choose right from wrong, being a peacemaker over seeking revenge, love over hate? Sometimes we might rush to put on a shirt, only for it to be the wrong one. Putting on the right shirt requires us to make an intentional decision.

As we journey through life, may we clothe ourselves with Christ and make His character part of our identity. May we continue to seek Christ so that through His spirit, He may show us what it means to live out His character.

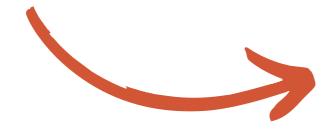
If ever there is a way I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me. It would be my privilege to provide any support I can to you and your family.

God's Richest Blessings, Jacob Ellis

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# No October holiday plans? Come to Tween Camp!

Scan the QR Code for more information or to register. We would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact reception.





### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE: OPERATION SHOEBOX

Wow! It has been very special watching the students fill their shoeboxes with the items they have brought to school and with the donated items. Kindy to Year 2 have almost completed their boxes. The students are now writing the letter to the child the box is going to.

We do, however, need some much needed items to fill the rest of the boxes. We have run out of soap, balls, small toys, marbles, skipping rope etc.

This coming Monday, students will be adding something special. Thank you for your help in our Service to Others Project.

### **SCIENCE WEEK**

This week Primary classes are doing a variety of activities in class and on Friday the High School Science Teachers will be putting on a Science show for whole school.



### UNIFORM FEEDBACK

Interested in having your say on the future of our school uniform?

At NWCS we support and value parental contributions to the development of our school policies.

We're inviting you to have a say on our current and future school uniform at NWCS.

We want to hear your feedback on our uniform and any suggestions you might have for the foreseeable future.

If you are interested in sharing your feedback please contact us by email or phone to hear how you can get involved.

### 2024 KINDY ENROLLMENTS NOW OPEN



### NORTH WEST SPORTS NIGHT

