

NWCS NEWSLETTER

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It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of David McNeill to our school community, after three years of battling with cancer. David is remembered for his smile, laughter and his love for every child in this school community.

I am heartened by the fact that he was sound in his faith in the Lord. When I last spoke to him, he quoted 1 Thessalonians 4:16:

“For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

Then he added; Brayden, I’m going to beat you up there! Such was the loving and cheerful spirit he had, and his belief in God.

Brayden Morton
Principal

I am excited as we begin the new school term. The students will have many opportunities to display the gifts and talents God has given them, whilst also serving the local community outside of the school.

It is wonderful to speak to the kids about the love of God and how they are valued, have a purpose, and a sense of belonging. However, only hearing and storing knowledge is not enough.

It has been said that knowledge is power. I believe that it is the application of that knowledge which is powerful and provides a richer experience day to day.

I look forward to seeing how God will use the students of our school to be a blessing to others.



WELLBEING SPOTLIGHT

On Wednesday several staff celebrated with the Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10 girls their graduation from the Bella Girls program. Each girl received a small gift and certificate. Bella Girls has run over the last two terms with myself Mrs Groves (the school counsellor) and Ms Redman.

We looked at various topics such as healthy relationships/friendships, good communication, setting goals and planning for success in life, dating, healthy thinking, looking after our bodies and much much more. We had great group discussions and participated in activities which encouraged the girls to live their best life. Friendships were strengthened and the girls had lots of fun.



Values: We are focusing on the value: Respect. The focus of Respect is: Showing outstanding respect for self, others and place.

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.

Out of Uniform: Please send a daily 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. If your child is out of uniform and doesn't have a note, they will see Mrs. Kofeloa at lunchtime.

Missing Jackets: Please take a moment to check your child is wearing their jacket and hasn't accidentally picked another student's jacket up and wearing it.

Labelled Property: Please make sure your child's property – jackets, hats, stationery are all labelled. If misplaced the item can quickly be returned.

If you have any concerns and questions please contact me via email:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT DATES

October 27

World Teachers Day

November 6

Recreation Day (Public Holiday)

November 7-10

TASC Exams

November 8-10

Year 6 Cradle Mountain Trip

November 13-17

TASC Exams

November 16

Senior Formal

November 23

Year 7-12 Triathlon Challenge

November 24

Year 3-6 Triathlon

November 27-28

Year 7-10 Exams

November 29-30

Year 7-10 Day Excursions

November 27 - December 1

Year 11/12 Trip

December 1

Devonport Show Day

December 4-8

Week of Spiritual Emphasis

December 8

Christmas Concert

December 12

Lasy Day & Awards Night

HATS

Just a reminder that all students (Kindy – Year 12) need to wear a hat at Recess and Lunch time this term. The hat needs to be a wide brimmed navy hat. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on their hat. Hats can be purchased from Kmart and Target.

ABSENCES & TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Please remember to call or SMS reception when your child is away, providing a brief reason. We are required to retain this information for our records. If you make an adjustment to your child's usual transport arrangements, please notify us as soon as possible. This allows staff to ensure your child is on the right bus, or at the designated pick up location. Thank you for help with these matters.

WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER

Will take place on Friday 17th November on the new coastal walkway from Ulverstone to Turners Beach. We need each student to raise \$15.00 to help our two overseas sponsored students. More details will be sent home with the sponsorship form today.



LOST SOMETHING?

Our lost property boxes are full! If you lost something during Term 3, the Spring Festival, or Nova Muse please come in and see if we have it. We have a number of jackets, hats, lunch boxes and water bottles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the end of Term 3, North West Christian School combined with Hilliard Christian School to create Tasmanian Adventist Schools Basketball teams. We sent 18 students in total to Avondale University (Cooranbong NSW), to compete in the Adventist National Games first ever basketball tournament. It was a great weekend with our students benefiting from great food, great worship programs and creating connections with students from other Adventist schools from around Australia. Both male and female teams played extremely well, coming up against some very structured and talented teams. Our under 17 male team ended up making it to the grand final, ultimately going down to Avondale School in a tight contest. Well done to all our students for putting in so much effort and heart. A big thank you to the parents as well, who supported their child through all the trainings and the final tournament.

Mr Redman

