



# NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

...because your child matters

## Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Term 1, Week 10

Welcome to week 10 and the last newsletter for Term 1!

Australia is a nation of 'knockers'. We'll knock anyone or anything. Not necessarily because we disagree with it but just because. I sometimes think knocking is our national sport. Maybe we should have had it added to the Commonwealth Games. I sense change though. And so we should. A while back I read a book called ***It Takes A Church***. Now it wasn't about a church, it was about a community of North American Indians. The elders of this community noticed some alarming trends within the youth groups: high levels of teen pregnancy, high levels of drug abuse and extreme disrespect towards others. As they reflected they developed a simple plan. Each adult was to learn the names of five young people and chat to them, show interest in them and what they were doing. The change was dramatic. Within a short time, the culture changed. They found that as people took an interest in the youth, the kids felt respected, cared for and cared about. Their self-respect and self-esteem grew, detrimental behaviour diminished.

Maybe this is something we could try in our school community. Maybe if the adults within our school community would learn the names of some of our kids and take an interest in them we would raise their levels of self-esteem and safe-guard them from the negative elements of our society. Here lies a challenge for us all. Let's stop knocking our kids and change their futures.

**Anzac Day** is coming up (in the holidays). I know some people already make a point of attending services on Anzac Day. But I would invite those that can to join us at the Penguin ceremonies. It would be appreciated if the children could wear their school uniforms also. If you can't attend the Penguin march try to attend another ceremony. The Penguin march will take place at 11:00 am on Wednesday, the 25th April. Starting assembly is outside the Uniting Church for the march to the Cenotaph.

Well we have come to the end of Term 1 and I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday over the 2 week break. I'm looking forward to seeing you all again next Term and hearing all about what you did.



May God care and bless you,

*David McNeill*

### What's On

#### @ NWCS

13 Apr	End of Term1
25 Apr	Anzac Day
30 Apr	Term 2 commences
4 May	AFGEST
10 May	Photo Day
15 May	NAPLAN
18 May	Outdoor Ed
21-25 May	Swimming Lessons
28 May	RYDA
26 May	YESC
11 June	Queens Birthday
28 June	YESC
6 July	End of Term 2
23 July	Term 3 commences

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## LAST CHANCE TO GET YOUR VOUCHERS TO SCHOOL

**SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS:** You may have notice that the collection box has already been removed from the Ulverstone Coles store. We are still collecting vouchers through the school office. **The last day for vouchers is 11 May**, but if you could have your vouchers in by the last day of school it will give us the opportunity to have them counted over the school holidays. We have already started counting the vouchers and so far we have counted 2,000 with plenty to still go. Thanks again for doing an amazing job in collecting.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS:** School photos will be happening on the 10th of May this year. All students will receive a MSP Photography envelope in due course. Every envelope **MUST** be returned to the office before photo day, whether you wish to order or not. **All students will need to be in Full Summer uniform on the day.** Kindy students will be advised on Monday prior to photoshoot.

**HONG KONG TRIP 2019:** Are you interested in going to Hong Kong next year? We are seeking 3 students who would like to travel to Hong Kong in 2019. If you are interested contact the school office or Mr Pepper. You need to be quick to secure a place as there is only 3 spaces left!

**WINTER UNIFORM:** Students may wear full winter uniform as from Monday, 1 May. All students are to be in full winter uniform by Monday 14 May. Students must be in **full winter or full summer uniform**, between 1 - 14 May.  
**Note:** If you wish to order any winter uniform items, please contact the office.

**UNIFORM SHOP:** If anyone needs to purchase anything from the uniform Shop before winter sets in, we will be open again Thursday 3 May between 2:00 and 4:00pm, all other times by appointment. For those that have already ordered items, some of them are ready for payment and collection. You can contact the office to check if your order is ready. We will require payment before your items go home or alternatively you can place your items on lay-by.

**HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS LEGGINGS:** NWCS has partnered with Sportspower Burnie. High school girls can now wear full and 3/4 leggings for sport under their trackpants as part of their sport uniform. We have a sample pair of prescribed leggings on display at the school reception for viewing. Sportspower is discounting our leggings and they will be available to purchase through the school for \$50.00 each. This is a limited offer so you will need to hurry and place your order through the school office ASAP. We will let you know when they are ready for payment and collection.

**TUCKSHOP:** Available **this Wednesday**. Order Forms will be sent home each Monday and need to be back at school by Tuesday. Extra order forms can be obtained from the school office. If you missed receiving an electronic copy of the order sheet for your convenience, then please let us know if you would like another one emailed to you. For those in Kindy you can put your orders in on Mondays or Wednesdays.

**Tuckshop helpers wanted:** We would love some more helpers to go on our roster for Term 2. If you could help out maybe just once or twice per Term for a few hours on a Wednesday; please contact the school office. Thank you to those who are currently helping out.

**Friday Tuckshop:** Tuckshop **this Friday**. There will be Toasted sandwiches, spring rolls, slices and icy poles. We will be sending home order forms on Wednesday.

**RECYCLED ITEMS:** Thank you to all those that have been sending in your used ice cream containers. We are still collecting for the Home Ec Department to use in their classes. Please note that we are needing containers with lids, lids being essential.

- ice cream containers with lids

If you would like to help, you can drop them into the school office during school hours.



**Garden Express Fundraising:** A very big thank you to all those that have already sent in your orders for spring bulbs. If you haven't put in your orders yet please have them to the school office by this Thursday or you will miss out. Thank you again for supporting the Garden Express Fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be distributed between the following:

*Grade 6 to 10 Interstate High School Trip to Canberra and Sydney.*

*Kindy to Grade 5 learning resources or end of year primary activities.*

All money and order forms need to be returned to school by Friday April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NEWSLETTER DAY:** Please let the office staff know if you are not receiving your newsletter by email. If you are happy to receive your newsletter by email only, please tell the office staff that you do not need a hard copy in future.

**STAFF ON LONG SERVICE LEAVE:** Mr Pepper is currently on long service leave. He will be back ready for Term 2 at the end of April. Mr Ackland will be taking Long service leave from 23 to 27 July. We hope they have a restful time away.

**HEAD LICE:** There are few things more frustrating than trying to get rid of head lice. I bet any of our parents would agree to this who has spent hours painstakingly combing through their child's hair — only to see them start scratching their head a few days later. Despite the irritation and frustration that accompany a lice infestation, many of us take some comfort in the knowledge lice only like to nest in clean hair. But do they? And what's the best way to get rid of these harmless but pesky little critters? Here is a link to help you get rid of these pests.

<https://headlicecenter.com/how-to-get-rid-of-nits/>

If you need more help with ridding these pests please don't hesitate to contact us.

**WEBSITE UPGRADE:** As you know the school's new website is now up and running live on the internet. Have you visited our page yet? Let us know what you think next time you pass the office. This is something we can really be proud of. The website upgrades are still in progress, so there will be some tweaking on the site from time to time. Why not go and check it out for yourself at:

<https://www.northwestchristianschool.com.au>

**SCHOOL LIMIT:** Did you know we have a speed limit on school grounds? Please remember to drive the 20 kph seed limit when on school property. We want our children safe, thank you.

**BUS ZONES:** Parents please keep the bus zones clear at all times. **Do not drive through bus zones, please follow the arrows. This is for everyones safety.**

**GOOGLE CALENDAR:** We encourage parents to use the school's Google Calendar. Excursions and all high school tests and assignments will be entered by teachers so that you as parents can keep track of the due dates.

**REMEMBER:** this is a working document and will be changing regularly as new items and activities are placed on the calendar. To find the site - Public Calendar:

[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/render?tab=mc#main\\_7%7Cmonth](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/render?tab=mc#main_7%7Cmonth)

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE:** Last year we started a chocolate drive to raise money for the High School Trip to the mainland. The chocolates have been selling like hot cakes. There are still a few chocolate boxes left with all proceeds of sales going to the High School Camp. If you would like to purchase some chocolates to help raise funds for the High School Trip, see Mrs Winchcombe and place your order. Alternatively if you are in high school and would like to sell some chocolates see Mrs Winchcombe.

#### AWARDS:

**Encouraging Others:** Jashobeam Ackland

**Taking Brave Steps:** Natalia Allen



**V8 SUPERCARS:** Quite a few of our students had the opportunity to attend the V8 Supercar Event for a school excursion last Friday at the Symmons Plains raceway. Who knew we had so many rev-heads at our school including some of the staff. They all had a great time there mixing with some well known V8 racing drivers. Our school was selected to attend the junior press conference. Students were able to ask questions of 3 of the race care drivers. Meanwhile back at school, the lower primary participated in a cooking class making baked potatoes. I'm not sure who was having more fun, those that went to the V8 supercars or the cooking class.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

**BIBLE VERSE:** "The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out." Proverbs 18:15