



NWCS Calendar - Term 1

- Feb 6 Parent Morning Tea
- Feb 14 SAC
- Feb 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb 19 Parent Session - Bullying safety presentations
- Feb 20 Student Bullying Safety Presentation
- Feb 21 Publications Photoshoot
- Feb 28 CCYEC
- 20 Mar Cooking Playgroup
- 28 Mar CCYEC
- 12 Apr End of Term 1

School Terms 2019

- Term 1 Feb 6 - Apr 12
- Term 2 Apr 29 - Jul 5
- Term 3 Jul 22 - Sep 27
- Term 4 Oct 14 - Dec 12



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Hey Parents

Welcome back to another school year. I'd like to offer our new parents a special welcome. It's been great to meet our new families and an absolute delight to have them join our North West Christian school family.

This year we have about 15 new students on campus (I say about because we have had the numbers fluctuate a bit over the last few weeks). These students are evenly spread throughout the school with some joining our primary school and some joining our high school. Mr Pepper was quite excited when he realised that he needed another desk to accommodate all his class in the Humanities room Monday morning.

Mrs Belinda Ackland is now running a playgroup for preschool children Monday mornings in the Music Room. Her first play-day was on Monday and she had about 8 children participate. They had lots of interesting things to do and a few new friends to play with. There is still room for more participants if you know someone that may be interested. If you are interested contact Belinda through school to book in. Flyers to share with friends and family are at reception.

This year we are also exploring the possibility of extending our program to year 11-12. We will be working with some of the state auditors from

last year. We are currently looking at contracting a person who has previously worked in Education to help us in this area. Watch this space for more developments.

Senior Constable Emily Dellar is back with us. You may remember last year Snr Const. Dellar visited us and talked about cyberbullying. This year she is visiting us again to talk to our kids. She has also offered us the opportunity for her to talk with you, the parents. So, we have set aside February 19 as the evening. We'll start at 6pm. I hope you can plan to be here. Emily is a straight shooter that tells it how it is. She is informative and interesting. Please try to come along.

Thanks to parents and students that turned up at our working bee on the Sunday before school. We achieved quite a lot of jobs that day which made the school a better place to work. The foyer has undergone a face-lift with a new wall (thanks Shannon) and a new 'floor' (thanks Chris & Wendy).

Thanks to all those people who have chatted, suggested or supported us with our ideas and plans.

What an exciting year it is shaping up to be!

David McNeill
Principal

Awards

GENERAL

Newsletter Day

A newsletter is sent home, either by email or a hard copy, every second Tuesday. Hard copies are sent with the eldest child in the family. Please make sure you receive your copy **each fortnight** - let us know if yours is not coming through to you. Newsletters can also be downloaded from our website, so you will never need to miss an edition. We are sending a hard copy to every family today.

School Email Address

For general school business the email address to use is: nwcs@inet.net.au Please DO NOT use the address which you receive your newsletter from if you wish for a reply to your query.

Contacting The School

If you wish to call the school office, you can call either the landline number or mobile number:
0403 992 974

Kindy

Kindy days are Monday, Wednesday and Friday. If a Kindy day falls on a public holiday, then those students will come to school on the remaining Kindy days.

School Hours

Classes commence at **8:55am** each day and finish at **2:40pm**.

Contact Details

If you change your home or mobile phone number, address, or email address at any time please contact the office. This also applies to student's with a medical condition. Advise us as soon as possible so that our information is current. Thank you.

Absentee Policy

If your child is absent from school, please notify the office on the day between **8.30 - 9.00am**. This can be done by phone, SMS or send a note in with a sibling. This is a big help to the office staff and your co-operation is very much appreciated.

If your child is sick with a gastro bug it is school policy that they stay away from school for a minimum of two (2) days to reduce the risk of passing on the bug.

Google Calendar

We encourage parents to view 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. The public google School Calendar is now available on the website under NEWS.

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

Lost Property

Sometimes clothing can be forgotten or mislaid at school, so we have a lost property box located at the office. We do recommend you name all articles of uniform clothing to help us locate the owner easily. Ask at the office if you have lost any uniform items, otherwise they will be added to the second hand uniform supply at the end of the school year.

Mobile Phones

If a student does not hand their mobile phone or electronic device in when devices are collected each morning, the device will be confiscated and the parent will need to collect the device from the school.

Late Arriving/Leaving Early

It is a WH&S requirement for parents to come into the office and sign a student in if they are late to school. This also applies if the student needs to leave school early, parents/careers need to come to the office and sign them out. Thank you.

School Limit

Did you know we have a speed limit on school grounds? please make sure you adhere to the 20kph speed limit when on school property. We want our children safe, thank you.

Travel Arrangements

If students are to go home from school any way other than their normal way, **we MUST have a note or phone call earlier in the day**, advising of the change; otherwise the student will be sent on their normal bus.

Study Ladder

Frances Cameron - Silver
Eliza Jeffrey - Bronze



TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop

There is **No Tuckshop** (Wednesday & Friday) at this time. We will let you know as soon as it is up and running. Once we have found a coordinator for our Tuckshop Order Forms will be sent home each Monday which will need to be back at school by Tuesday. For those in Kindy you can bring yours in on your next Kindy day.

Help Wanted - Tuckshop Coordinator

We are currently seeking a Tuckshop coordinator to run our Canteen. This is a volunteer role at our school. If you think or feel that this could be for you and would like to know more contact Mrs Amanda or Mr McNeill.

SPORTS

Sport

Students are required to wear their sports uniform to school on their appropriate Sports Day, which are as follows:

Kindy to Year 5: **Wednesday**

Years 6 to 10: **Wednesday**

OE Excursions

Outdoor Education excursions will begin from Thursday 7 February (Year 7/8s); Monday 11 February (Year 9s) and Monday 18 February (Year 6 and 10s). Students need to be at school at the regular time and will leave from school at the start of their timetabled class to travel to our roping venue. The classes will be having this regular excursion each fortnight weather permitting till the end of the unit.

Sport / PE

On Wednesday, 13 February 2019 we plan to commence our excursions via bus to the beach for high school surf league practice. Students are to wear their sport uniform and come equipped with swimmers and towel. This will be a regular Wednesday excursion until surf league takes place on the 19 March. We will be using Midway beach and Preservation bay for our excursions.

UNIFORMS

Material Matters

Thank you to all our students for looking fantastic in their school uniform this week! Just a reminder that as per our School Policy, all students are expected to have an "appropriate, neat and tidy hairstyle. Girls' hair should be their natural colour and long hair should be tied back. Boys' hair should be their natural colour, neat and above collar length."

In regards to jewellery, it is school policy that "Jewellery, including bracelets, bands, chains, and rings, are not part of the school uniform and must be left at home. Earrings - students are permitted to wear only one small, plain gold or silver stud in the lobe of each ear."

Students are reminded of our 'no hat, no play' policy and asked to have their school hat at school with them to wear. If your child is out of uniform, we ask that parents email or write a note to the school. Uniform items need to be replaced or acquired as soon as possible.

When Students wear the correct uniform, they are saying we are proud of our school and of our school family.

Thank you for ensuring that your child is wearing their school uniform correctly.

The Naming Game

We ask parents to please put your child's name on all uniform items. It is much easier to find the owner when items are named. As the school uniform is a costly requirement, we don't want parents to be disappointed when items go missing.

Hats

School hats are to be worn Term 1 and Term 4 while students are outdoors.

Uniform Shop

Mrs Jane McNeill will be running our uniform shop again this year. The Uniform Shop will be open for business twice a Term. One morning and one afternoon. Keep watching this space for times and dates. Those that ordered items recently and during Registration day, we will let you know as soon as items come in. Order forms are available on our website.

Bible Crumbs

National Library of Australia

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God." 2 Timothy 3:16

The National Library of Australia in Canberra was established in 1967. The annual budget is almost 58 million dollars. It has a range of sources from books, magazines, pictures, photographs, maps, sheet music, oral history recordings, manuscripts, and other sources totaling 6.93 million items. It takes a staff of 400 to manage such a library.

The Bible is a library of 66 books into one big book, and the Bible claims it is from God. It is made up of 1,189 chapters and 31,102 words. If a person read the Bible for 15 minutes each day, they could read the entire Bible in a year. The Bible is a book that is cross-cultural, inter-generational, and has changed the lives of millions around the globe.





One of our many helpers at NWCS! Always a pleasure to work in a clean environment. Thank you!

WHAT'S ON

Parent Session: Bullying Safety Presentation

Next Tuesday night, 19 February Senior Constable Emillie Dellar is coming to NWCS to run a Parent Session of the Think you know – Bullying Safety Presentation. Start time is at 6:00pm and finishing at 7:00pm. We encourage all parents to come. We will be running a student session at school the following day.

Publications Photoshoot

We are going to do another photoshoot for publications. You can help us by sending your child/children to school in the correct full school uniform for the **photoshoot next Thursday 21 February**. This will be just as you would do for school photo day. We want to be able to showcase the best that the school has on offer and our fantastic bunch of students.

North West
Christian School



Playgroup

Discovery & Play-Based Learning

For babies to school-aged children
9:30am start
Every Monday during school Terms

What to bring:

- A fruit or vegetable for fruit break time
- Drinking water



Respect & Kindness

Are valued here ...

