



## Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Term 1, Week 8

Welcome to week 8!

Each fortnight I'm reminded to write something for the school newsletter and it requires me to change directions mentally. So, I stop what I'm doing and switch from my usual train of thoughts... today I want to share with you what is consuming my mind at present. Three things stand out, but they are eclipsed by one thing and that is, God is good.

You may ask why I say this? Well, over the last 6 to 8 months many people in our church community have been praying that we are sent more students. For the last six weeks or so, we have had 12 new students enrol at NWCS. Each Monday we have had a new student start. This week we welcome Jaymz and his family. We are also expecting a couple more new families to join us in Term 2. I'm confident that it won't finish there!

Over the last couple of weeks we have been involved in a lot of outdoor activity with sailing, surfing and boot camp. All of these activities are designed in some way to stretch and strengthen our students. I've noticed two students in particular who have pushed themselves beyond what they thought possible. I feel very proud of those boys. Well done, keep up the good work.

Recently the primary teachers took part in a Literacy Professional Development Program which runs over five sessions throughout the year. The program is designed for continual improvement of teaching so that our students have a better learning experience. So simply put, its all about improving teaching and student learning.

Just in closing I want to bring to your attention some new developments and changes.

**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. If you would like to order any please contact the office and place your order ASAP. We will let you know when they are ready for payment and collection.

**Kindy Attendance Days:** This year kindergarten students only attend Monday, Wednesday and Fridays except on public holidays. That means over Easter Kindy students will attend Monday and Wednesday before Easter and Wednesday and Friday after Easter weekend.

**Easter Tuesday:** Remember that the school will be closed on 3 April for the Easter Tuesday Holiday.

We hope you have a safe and restful long weekend over the Easter break.

May God care and bless you this week,

*David McNeill*

### What's On

#### @ NWCS

30 Mar to 3 Apr	Easter & Easter Tuesday Break
1 Apr	End of Daylight Saving
6 Apr	V8 Super Cars
9 Apr	Good Behaviour Day
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

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**SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS:** We are well on our way to getting some new sporting equipment through the Coles Sports for Schools program. Thanks to all those of you that have been collecting the vouchers to put in our collection boxes in support of the Coles Sports for Schools collection. **The last day for vouchers is 11 May**, so if you have any at home don't forget to bring them in and put them in the school collection box at reception, or alternately you can put them in the NWCS collection box at Coles Ulverstone.

**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:** There will no Tuckshop for the next two Fridays.

**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.

**RECYCLED ITEMS:** The Home Ec Department is urgently wanting the following items for use in their classes:

- ice cream containers with or without lids

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

**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:** The Uniform Shop will be open again for business on Thursday April 5 between 2:30 and 5:00pm. This year we will be running a uniform shop where you can come and have all your uniform requirements taken care of. The shop will run once a month. Alternatively, if you require something urgent you can make an appointment with Jane McNeill through the school office.

**HATS:** School hats are to be worn Term 1 and Term 4 while students are outdoors. High schoolers, this means school hats not baseball hats.

**YEAR 6 & 7 GEOGRAPHY CLASS:** Attached to this newsletter edition is a letter for all years 6 & 7 students. It outlines some homework requirements for the rest of the Term. If you have any questions on its content or you are unsure of what is required exactly, please contact Mrs Walsh or leave a message for Mrs Walsh to contact you with the school office.

**WEBSITE UPGRADE:** The school's new website is now up and running live on the internet. A big thank you to all those that took part in the photoshoot. 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 speed limit when on school property. We want our children safe, thank you.

**SAILING:** Years 6 & 7 students got the chance to try their hand at sailing last Thursday. The week started with poor weather conditions, but improved by the time Thursday came around. We may have some future sailors if the photos are anything to go by.



**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.

**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.



**Garden Express Fundraising:** You should have received your order form for spring bulbs by now. If you haven't received an order form or you would like another, please call into school reception to collect one. By getting orders for Spring Bulbs from family, friends and even your neighbours, will help the school receive a percentage of sales as profit. Help us reach our target of \$400.00 in sales which will give us 40% of the total sales. 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>.

#### AWARDS:

##### Times Table Challenge:

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| <b>Level A</b> - Brock Rush<br>Bailey Saunders<br>Eli Carter | <b>Level B</b> - Kailani Nibbs<br>Holly Webb |
| <b>Level C</b> - Matilda Cooper<br>Scott Allen               | <b>Level D</b> - Scott Allen                 |
| <b>Level E</b> - Scott Allen                                 | <b>Level H</b> - Taylah Good                 |
| <b>Level I</b> - Taylah Good                                 | <b>Level K</b> - Taylah Good                 |
| <b>Level L</b> - Taylah Good                                 |  |

##### Governor of the Week:

Matilda Cooper - for responsibility and perseverance

**Auslan: Farm Animal Signs** - Zannah Ackland, Emilio Elias, Edward Howe, Kera Jones, Tahlia McCoy, Abbie Mitchell, Casey Webb, Mia Jones, Kanishka Koyagura, Dawson Latassa, Jashobeam Ackland, Scott Allen, Matilda Cooper, Scott Foster, Kailani Nibbs, Holly Webb & Taylah Good

**25 Nights Reading:** Taylah Good

## AWARDS Cont'd:

**Wonderful Artwork:** Chili Ackland

**Including Others at Play:** Eliza Jeffrey

**Assisting Others:** Frances Cameron

**Enthusiastic Reading:** Misha Good

**Mental Maths:** Zoe Webb, Priya Koyagura, Jenna Wing & Charlotte Edwards

**Great Information Report:** Charlie Jeffrey & Emmett Robbie



**COOKING PLAYGROUP:** Recently we ran another successful cooking playgroup. The participants had lots of fun baking muffins which they were able to eat on the day as well as take some home to share with the rest of their family members. They also did lots of other activities during their time here at NWCS. We are looking to run another Cooking Playgroup next Term. Keep watching the newsletter for the date.



Every once in a while a student will blow you away with a piece of work they have submitted. Below is a sonnet written by year 10 Student Jenna Kennedy. We were so impressed that we wanted to share it with you. Well done Jenna, keep up the good work.

## The Falling Year

The wind painting the horizons trees gold  
Red and yellow crescents of leaves golden  
Gales create the artworks, gentle, yet bold  
Leaves of death are ghost of seasons olden

Deciduous leaves infused in the sky  
Blanket of serenity drapes the wood  
Creating a harmonious goodbye  
Didn't want to surrender, they knew they should.

Lauding death, humanity is unpleasant  
Lifeless structures never meet salvation  
Jilted and unwanted by their own descent  
Inorganic face eradication

Baptising the world, renewing the sins  
The year's climax mellow breath settling kins

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Fruit fly** has recently been detected at various sites in Tasmania. The Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment has formally declared Control Areas to restrict movement, transport and supply of fruits and vegetables that host fruit fly to reduce the risk of transporting fruit fly to different areas. Please be observant to follow guidelines with fruits and vegetables. For full information you can go online to

<http://dipwe.tas.gov.au/fruitfly>

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** "You can never be overdressed or overeducated." Oscar Wilde

**BIBLE VERSE:** "The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." Philippians 4:9