NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Throughout our lives as parents, so often we feel like stepping in and fighting for our kids in different ways. I read an article recently that highlighted the 'fights' we should get involved in to truly help our children. Here are some of the main points about the fights we should get into for our kid's happiness.

1. The Reading Fight:

Fight for your kids to read, pay them to read, as reading links everything from cognitive development to focus ability. In fact, do you feel like your child is not focussing, give them a screen fast and see how they improve.

2. Fight for them to get outside:

Our children spend much of their lives inside, however when they are outside there is so much the natural world can teach them. Through nature our kids develop their ability to discover, wonder, find peace and happiness.

3. The Work Fight:

Fight for you kids to do chores and work around the house. (Yes, it can feel like a fight sometimes and yes, it does sometimes take longer than doing it yourself). Many things are learned when a child works hard around the house.

4.Eat Together Fight:

Much of our lives are spent too busy to see each other and children with work and other distractions. Setting aside a period of time each night is worth the fight, as you will never get that time back with the family eating around a table.

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NWCS CALENDER 2022

May 30 - June 3 **UTAS Mile Truck**

June 10 **NWCS Cross Country**

June 13 Queen's Birthday

June 17 Combined Christian Schools **Cross Country**

June 20 - 24 Secondary Exam Week

June 27 - July 8 **Primary Swimming Lessons**

> Remember to check our socials for the most updated info!







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5. The Boredom Fight:

Let your kids live with boredom. Kids need this downtime as much as we do. Kids need to learn how to deal with doing nothing and finding ways to entertain themselves and each other during these times. Sometimes this can be the most valuable time they have together.

6. The "Me First" Fight:

Ensure your child goes last, this doesn't have to be every time. However, they must learn that the world does not revolve around them and other people are just as important as they are. Teach them to leave some for someone else, take the smallest piece, help someone else in need. They may not like this one, but they definitely need it.

7. The Uncomfortable Fight:

Make your kids have uncomfortable conversations with you. Sex, dating, body image, values...Your kids will roll their eyes and resist. You will stumble and stutter. They actually need and want your perspective, lessons learned, and wisdom.

8. The Limitation Fight:

Learning to live within limits is a valuable life skill. In fact, many adult problems arise from an inability to accept them. Screen time limits, dietary limits, activity limits, and schedule limits are all good.

By no means am I saying these fights are easy, and sometimes you will lose them. However, striving to give your kids the best is sometimes giving what they need, not what they want.

I pray this message has been as helpful for you, as it has been for me. May God bless us and our families as we continue to 'fight' our kids for their long-term happiness, in the areas of life that are worth fighting for.

God bless,

Brayden Morton.



"SINGING IN UNISON"

BIBLE CRUMBS | PR. DAVID LEO

"Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!" (Psalms 96:1)

I have participated in singing wthin a community all my life. I grew up in a Samoan church community. And so, singing was part and parcel of nearly every facet of my life. I particularly enjoyed singing in my Samoan community. The songs that were sung at festivals and sports games taught me a lot about our history. By the time I was in high school, I was able to sing these Samoan songs with students (samoan and non-samoan) at our school festivals and it was a huge unifying experience for a teenager.

I attended a Youth conference meeting in my mid-twenties and I will never forget what it felt like to sing among a group of approximately 250 young adults praising God with the song "Redeemed". It felt like I was being reminded of my history and my eternal destiny because of who Jesus was. And I knew that everyone else felt the same, because of the way we were singing. It is a moment that is forever impressed in my memories.

Singing in a community is such an amazing privilege. I realise I have taken this for granted when there have been many a times I have met people that don't have that opportunity. In olden days in the west. A lot of people would attend church and experience singing there. If they didn't sing there, they would be singing in the pubs. In modern times, if you don't go to church, or go to a pub (although I don't know if they have continued this singing tradition), or you don't intentionally join a choir or singing group. Then that leaves a whole contingent of people who don't experience the joy of communal singing.

Some of my favourite moments of the week is hearing the children sing together at Northwest Christian School. It gets me excited when parents tell me that their kids are singing and even requesting to hear songs we sing at school at home. I find joy in singing and hearing the high schoolers sing their hearts out and in harmony. There is a new buzz in the school with a group of young people being led by Mrs Morton being trained to sing in unity.

The Bible speaks of a story of Paul and Silas singing while they were in prison! They were broken out of prison, because singing praises to God takes your focus off your circumstances and refocuses on the awesomeness of God. The formula of singing praises to God hasn't changed.

Praising God in any circumstance reminds us that we are part of something much bigger than our difficult situations. I encourage you to learn songs with your kids, not just for their sakes, but yours too. If you get the chance, drop into the school on a Thursday to either join chapel or check out the choir. And if you're game, sing-a-long with us. (You'll have to sign-in of course).



ANOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC EXCURSION

The Year 9/10 Music students traveled by bus to see the TSO (Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra) perform at Albert Hall, Launceston. Epic evening filled with music from Beethoven (Overture), Schubert (symphony), Elgar (cello concerto) and more, featuring lead cellist Jonathan Bekes. Students were a fantastic audience in their front stall tickets! Thankyou to all our fantastic parents for supporting this event and to Mr Ackland for the wonderful bus transport!

CROSS COUNTRY

On the 10th June, NWCS will be hosting our Annual Cross-Country event. It will begin at 11 and conclude at 12:30. There will be a BBQ lunch. Parents are invited to attend. The Combined Christian Schools Cross Country will be held the week after on the 17th of June.

ABSENCES

A friendly reminder to please contact the office **by 9 am** if your child/ren will be absent. It is important for our records that we also have a reason to log next to that absence. Whether that is a phone call, text, email or signed note.

WENDY'S REPAIRS

Mrs. Wendy Orr, one of our awesome parents, is more than happy to help you with all your uniform alteration and repair needs! She can hem pants, dresses, tunics and skirts. If you would like more information on pricing and her services, please contact the office.



COVID

Please continue to be vigilant with your children. COVID. We ask that you monitor for symptoms, and follow government guidelines. We are still required to wear masks at school. Should you need any RATs please contact Jenay in the office.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

As mentioned above, it is important that we know if students will be leaving school early or should they be making their way home from school differently to how they normally do. Please contact the office **by 2:30pm** if they will be getting picked up or going home an alternative way.



PRIMARY NEWS

Special Visitor: Kindy, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students had a special visitor, Ditto the Lion Cub on Monday. Ditto and the team took the students on a 'Keep Safe Adventure'. Students took home an activity booklet.

Homework: Thank you for supporting your child with their daily homework routine. If you have any questions about the homework please see your child's teacher.

Tuckshop: Students need to hand order forms and money into the office every Monday morning.

Uniform: Full Winter Uniform should now be being worn every day except the day your child participates in Sport. If you are needing to order uniform, please see Jenay.

primary awards

Week 4

Kindy/Prep – Mia McDermott

Yr 1 & 2 - Martina Scheermeijer, Aaliyah Campbell and Tierian Schultz.

Yr 3 & 4 – Azura Clarke and Mosese Kofeloa.

Yr 5 & 6 – Hannah Beaty and Dason Caperida.

Week 5

Kindy/Prep – Lucas Seal

Yr 1 & 2 – Solomon Orr and Sebastian Sykes

Yr 3 & 4 - Zedekiah Robbie and Laythe Schultz

Yr 5 & 6 – Chili Ackland, Grace Velde and Annabelle Orr.



\$5 JOLLY SOLES SOCKS

lots of fun patterns available! available in sizes

XS-XL



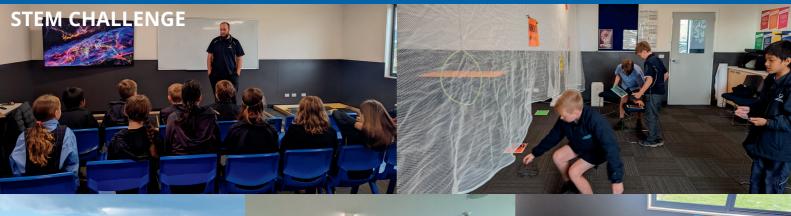




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Coming up



North West Sports Nights

Round III

Come and join in the fun. For the entire family. Bring your friends.



Bring some friends.

Bring your family. Secure a table and battle it out for...

Trivia Champions 2022!!

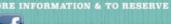
BATTLE to win!!

Stay for... DINNER

Burnie SDA Church 5:30pm 18th June

A fun night for all the family. Battle it out with friends and family as we test your knowledge of the Bible, Tasmania, Australia and the World. In amongst all the questions, you will be able to purchase dinner. All funds raised are to cover the cost of the North West Sports Nights - an outreach of Wynyard SDA Church.

Entry: \$5/adult - \$2/child Dinner can be purchased - from the buffet style smorgasbord.





\$2 Entry

11th June

Somerset Recreation Centre

Cnr. Arthur St & Beaufort St, Somerset





WYNYARD SDA CHURCH