



NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Term 2, Week 2

Welcome to Term 2!

I trust everyone had a pleasant break recently over the school holiday period. During the first week of the holidays most of the Teaching staff, including myself, spent their time doing SEQTA training. We also had some network upgrades done. The second week of the holidays, I did manage to visit Cradle Mountain and walk the Dove Lake trail. It was a fantastic day! Maybe next time I'll get to do the overland track.

Also during the holidays, I attended the ANZAC parade and service in Penguin with the help of two students. It is always very humbling to hear about the sacrifices of so many lives due to war.

Well we are already in our second week of Term 2, and I would just like to take a moment in welcoming our newest students. We have three new students in primary and we welcome you and your families to our school family.

On Monday morning in assembly, I made the comment that after a number of activities run over the past number of weeks, we are in for a few normal weeks. As soon as I said this I heard a ripple of giggling. Everyone knows about 'normal' here at school. We went on to discuss how 'normal' has shifted. I have heard some parents say to their child(ren) "Just act normal!" But what is normal? Today, society can dictate 'Normal'. We have seen that in the recent Yes/No vote which led to a change in societal norms. Some people have allowed their children to dictate their family's norms.

Maybe norms are, indeed, **our** expectations of behaviour. The norms which we as a family hold may be different from society's norms. I was talking to a mum this week and she shared her family's values on what they see as normal when it comes to language – a lot different to social norms in this area. It isn't bad to hold values higher than those of society. After all isn't that a way of changing social norms? This does give us something to think about.

May God care and bless you,

David McNeill



What's On @ NWCS

- 10 May Photo Day
- 10 May SAC
- 13 May Mothers Day
- 15 May NAPLAN
- 18 May Outdoor Ed
- 21-25 May Swimming Lessons
- 28 May RYDA
- 26 May YESC
- 11 June Queens Birthday
- 13 June NWHSSA Cross Country
- 28 June YESC
- 6 July End of Term 2
- 23 July Pupil Free Day
- 23 July Term 3 commences
- 30 Aug YESC

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SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS: We are still collecting vouchers through the school office. **The last day for vouchers is this Friday 11 May**, so if you have any vouchers that are laying around and you want to send them in you have until the end of this week.

We have already started counting the vouchers and are well on our way to getting some great sporting equipment. Thanks again for doing an amazing job in collecting the vouchers and supporting your school.



NAPLAN: It is getting close to that time of the year for the National Assessment Program. This can be an anxious time for some. The national Literacy and Numeracy testing program helps to measure how all Australian students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are performing in these areas. The results also provide valuable information for teachers about student achievements and whether there should be focussed planning for improvement at both class and individual levels. If you have any concerns relating to NAPLAN, you can contact the school and talk to Mr McNeill.

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: Our new primary school jackets have arrived and are now available for purchase through the uniform shop. The uniform Shop will be **open again Thursday 24 May between 2:00 and 4:00pm**, all other times by appointment. If you would like to place any items on lay-by, please contact the office to setup your lay-by account. 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: High school girls can now wear full or 3/4 leggings for sport under their trackpants as part of their sports 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 hurray and place your order through the school office ASAP. We will let you know when they are ready for payment and collection.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School photos will be happening this **Thursday the 10th of May**. All students should have received a MSP Photography envelope by now. Every envelope MUST be returned to the office this Wednesday before photo day, whether you wish to order or not. ****All students will need to be in Full Summer uniform on the day and bring sports uniform to change into. Boys, if you own a school tie, please remember to wear it for the photo shoot.**

Kindy students should be here by **11:00 am** this Thursday and wearing their correct uniform.

TUCKSHOP: Available **each Wednesday**. A new menu and order form will be sent home next week with some yummy new additions to order over the winter season. 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.

Friday Tuckshop: **Tuckshop This Friday.** There will be vegetable soup, spring rolls, savoury rolls and icy poles. We will be sending home order forms on Wednesday.

HATS OFF FOR WINTER: It is time to take the hats off! From the beginning of May to the end of August the UV is below 3, therefore, sun protection is not required unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow or outside for extended periods. This is a good time to expose the skin to the sun as much as possible to increase vitamin D levels. Being physically active while outdoors will further assist with vitamin D levels. Vitamin D is essential for healthy bones, muscles and overall health.



SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS: If you are sending the school an email, please DO NOT use the address which you receive your newsletter from. The address to use is: nwcs@iinet.net.au as this mail is used daily and the other one just on newsletter day.

ABSENTEE POLICY: If your child is absent from school, please do one of the following **before 9.00am on the day**:

- phone the office - 64 37 2705
- sms to office mobile - 0467 065 697
- send a note in to the office with sibling
- email to nwcs@iinet.net.au

However, if you know in advance, you may contact the office prior to the day your child is going to be absent.



Garden Express Fundraising: A very big thank you to all those that supported our spring bulbs fundraiser drive.

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 Ackland will be taking Long service leave from 23 to 27 July. We hope he has a restful time away.

WEBSITE UPGRADE: Have you visited our new look website yet? Let us know what you think next time you pass the office. We continue to add new information and features to the page. 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 everyone's safety.

HONG KONG TRIP 2019: In the last newsletter we called for expression of interest in regards to a Hong Kong Trip in 2019. Due to the significant cost of such a trip (which has only occurred once in our schools history) if there is sufficient interest we will make it a reality. For more information please contact Mrs Cheryl Walsh.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE: We are continuing to raise money for the high school camp during this term and term 3. 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. 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.

INTERHIGH CROSS COUNTRY RUN: Students will have the opportunity to participate in the inter high cross country on 13 June at Hellyer College. Students will have some limited opportunity for training at school and are encouraged to put in some kms at home. Distances are between 2 and 4 kms dependent on age and gender. This is a strenuous activity and only those who have prepared will be allowed to attend. More details to follow from Mr Ackland.

AWARDS:

Timestables Challenge: Scott Allen - Level F, G & H
Bethany Jamieson - Level A

Governor (Student) of the week:

Week 1 - Dawsyn Latassa - for persistence in work and amazing improvement.

Week 2 - Kailani Nibbs - for kindness and stepping in where there is a need.

Maths: Emilio Elias - for great work in fractions.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Splash Devonport Aquatic
Learn to Swim

Are you tired of being outside in the cold for winter sports?
Get your child into swimming lessons with Splash Devonport where the weather is always nice and warm. Places are available now.

Our swim school memberships include;

- First Lesson Free!
- FREE access to pools and giant inflatable
- Classes taught by Austswim Qualified teachers
- Heated pools that are purpose built for learn to swim

If you mention this advertisement we will waive the \$20 administration fee. For more information or to book contact Zoe on 64233007 or email zgee@splashdevonport.com.au

AGFEST EXCURSION FUN: Last Friday students from year 3 to 10 got to experience the annual agricultural festival, Agfest, on a school excursion. After many prayers on Thursday by the Year 3 - 5 class, the rain clouds held off for students and teachers to enjoy the exhibits. Here are some photos of our students and staff out and about at Agfest.



At the Southern Cross News site, students were given the opportunity to meet Rachael Williams, weekend Southern Cross News reader, to read a short segment from the teleprompter to try out their news reading skills.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."
Martin Luther King Jr.

BIBLE VERSE: "As for these four youths, God gave them learning and skill in all literature and wisdom, and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams." Daniel 1:17