North West Christian School

NEWSLETTER

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NWCS Calendar - Term 2

May 25	Strings Wynyard SDA
May 27	RYDA
May 30	CCYEC
June 10	Queens Birthday Weekend
June 11-21	Primary Swimming
June 14	MESH
June 15	NWCS @ Ulverstone SDA
June 17-20	Exams
June 19	Interhigh Cross Country
June 25	Primary Cross Country
June 27	CCYEC
July 4	Parent Teacher Night
July 5	End of Term

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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Welcome to Term 2, Week 4!

Firstly, I would like to welcome our newest student and his family. We are glad that you have joined our school family and hope that you will have a wonderful school year making new friends and having fun in Mrs B's class.

Towards the end of last Term at the Parent information night, we launched our Skoolbag app. Also, we sent home a "how to get started information sheet". We are enclosing another instruction sheet into this newsletter edition and strongly encourage you to get the skoolbag app onto your smart phones or tablets. Many schools are already using this form of communication with their students, parents and staff and seeing the benefits. There is no extra cost involved. Everyone in the family can access Skoolbag providing they create an account.

I would like to draw your attention to the **QAS review and survey or school improvement survey**. Over the next month there will be 2 elements of school improvement that our school will be going through. Firstly, there is a survey running that will collect data from staff, students and parents. We would love parents to be involved as your input is important to the future direction of our school. This information is vitial when planning strategies for the school. It also allows us to see areas that we are doing well in and areas that we could improve in. The survey can be done online. but you will need a log in. I would encourage you all to do the survey and this, as I said, will guide decisions and directions.

Ending on something a little lighter. As most of you are aware we started a playgroup at the beginning of the school year. Every Monday during school Terms, Mrs Ackland has been coordinating the mornings activities for the growing group of little ones. Some of the group activities include cooking, playing with playdoh, colouring and lots more. Last week they even had a visit from a baby wombat called Pippa. Pippa is an orphaned baby who is being cared for by a committed wildlife carer. Once Pippa is fully grown and can look after herself she will be released back into the wild to live a long and happy wombat life.

May God care and bless you this week,

David McNeill
Principal

Awards

Times Table Challenge

Chili Ackland – Level D

Scott Allen – Level AA, BB, CC & DD

Matilda Cooper – Level O

Harrison Simpson – Level A, B & C

GENERAL

SkoolBag

The SkoolBag School Communication app is Australia's leading school communication solution, providing busy parents, students, and staff a powerful way to stay engaged with their school. NWCS can now offer this service to our school community.

Getting started is easy. Simply create your free SkoolBag account to log in and then add your school.

SkoolBag is designed with simplicity in mind, to ensure that schools can quickly and easily communicate instant notifications, emails, school newsletters, absentee and permission forms, photos, documents, events and more to the school community.

Schools are using SkoolBag to unite their community with communications in one place. The SkoolBag All-in-one communication suite provides the most convenient method of communication for all users.

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.

School Limit

Did you know we have a speed limit on school grounds? Please make sure you adhere to the 20kph seed 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.

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.

Operation Christmas Child *Shoe Boxes*

This year we are starting a month early. Mrs Ruth Cannon will be taking our Assembly on Monday, 3rd June, with a school representative (Mrs Walsh) attending the official opening on June 15.

Once again we would love you all to help us to fill a shoe-box each. Already exercise books have been donated; girls skirts and boys shorts are being made.

It is great to get your child involved by purchasing just one item each shopping day: a bar of soap, a toothbrush, rubber, colouring pencils, a small toy to play with, something to love. We will assist here at school by asking our supporting churches to assist too.

Watch the Newsletters for fortnightly reminders on the items that will still be needed.

TUCKSHOP

Mid-Week Tuckshop

Available **Wednesdays**. Order forms will be sent home on Mondays. Tuckshop orders need to be placed in your classroom tuckshop collection basket or handed into the office to be accepted. Please try to have your order in by Tuesday. Kindy students' orders can be handed in on Wednesday. If you need extra order forms they can be obtained from the school office.

Help Wanted -

Tuckshop Helpers

We are seeking a helper/s to assist Mrs Robbie this Term in the Tuckshop as she is currently doing it solo. Let's give her some support. This is for Wednesday Tuckshop only. If you think or feel that this could be for you and would like to know more about the position, you can contact Mrs Amanda or Mr McNeill.

FUNDRAISING

Lammington Drive

As you know we are having a Lammington Drive. Forms were sent home a few weeks ago. We kindly ask that your orders be returned to the **school along with your money by tomorrow, Wednesday 22 May** not the date on the form please. **Delivery is next Monday 27 May. You can collect your order** from the school on that day. Thanks to all of you for supporting our schools fundraising efforts. Your generosity is making a difference.

Chocolate Sales

The chocolate drive will continue throughout Term 2 and will conclude on Friday 28th June. Please return all money by the above date as we will need to finalise payments for camp.

Silent Auction

The final fundraising initiative will be a silent auction. We are looking for goods to be donated for the night, so start looking for items not wanted and needing a new home. A date for the event and where to drop your items for auction will be announced shortly.

UNIFORMS

Uniform Shop

If you are wanting to purchase any items from the Uniform Shop, please contact the school office and we will arrange a Shop Day with Mrs McNeill to help you with your uniform needs. Order forms are available on our website if you wish to pre-order. All items pre-ordered will be ready for payment and pick-up on our shop days. Alternatively, you can place items on layby.

Winter is well on its way and with the change in temperature we have a new shipment of school woollen jumpers in stock. The new trackpants and sports shorts are also available for those that would like to start changing over to the new sports uniform. All payments will need to be made before items leave the school.

Some of you are waiting patiently for items to arrive. We apologise for the delay in filling your orders. We are having some challenges with suppliers at present. We are doing our best to rectify the issues it is just taking some time.

We're fundraising with entertainment

Buy A Book – Help A Student Get To Hong Kong

Thank you to those who have purchased a membership. We appreciate your support of this fundraising venture.

We still have a few books available to purchase through the school. Just pop in and see us at reception. For those families that have decided not to purchase a membership to 'Entertainment', we would appreciate the return of the complimentary book that was sent home for you to view.

Bible Crumbs

Mining for Treasure

"The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation! (2 Sam. 22:47 NKJ)." (2 Samuel 22:47)

Australia is rich in resources. Many different ores and minerals are mined throughout the country. Mining is a significant primary industry and contributor to the Australian economy. Statistics for 2016 shows that Australia had 21 primary industrial minerals, more than any other nation. Some of these include gold, silver, iron ore, copper, lead, tin, titanium, uranium, and zinc.

In the Bible in Daniel Chapter 2 a King by the name of Nebuchadnezzar had a dream. Daniel the prophet gave the interpretation of the dream. In his dream, he saw a statute of different metal parts which can be mined. The head was of gold, the chest and arms of silver, the belly and thighs of bronze, the legs of iron, and the feet of iron and clay. Each one of these metals represented a different world kingdom, which had been prophesied would come – Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the feet represent a divided kingdom. Nebuchadnezzar also saw a rock cut out without human hands in his dream, which struck the image on the feet and the whole image was broken in pieces. Then, a mountain was formed which represents God's everlasting kingdom. The rock itself represents God (Deuteronomy 32;4). We are presently living in the feet of world history and the "Rock of our salvation" is soon to come at the Second Coming. May you be encouraged to mine, dig, and excavate God's word and find precious treasure in Jesus Christ the Rock.

Music & Choir

Choir

On 15 June the choir will be performing at the Ulverstone SDA Church. All are welcome to come and support our singers.

Strings

The NWCS strings will be performing at the Wynyard SDA Church on 25 May. Strings will also be performing on 15 June at the Ulverstone SDA Church. These appearances will be part of the church program. NWCS will be running the Ulverstone Church program on this day.

Piano Lessons

Are you interested in having piano lessons? A Piano Teacher is available in Upper Burnie. From beginners onwards. Will teach for enjoyment and/or exams by a qualified teacher of 25 years. 30 minute lessons $35 discounted to $30 for 2019. Contact Miss Murdoch on 0438 181 674

Responsibility

is valued here ...

WHAT'S ON

North West Christian School Playgroup

Discovery & Play-Based Learning

For babies to school-aged children
9:30am to 11:00am
Every Monday during school Terms

Earn & Learn - From Wednesday 1 May to 25 June.

Sticker drop off locations: Ulverstone & Burnie Woolworths and NWCS

Only 4 weeks left for the Earn and Learn sticker collection program so get your friends and extended family collecting too.

Tween Camp application forms available through North West Christian School office