



NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Term 2, Week 4

Welcome to week 4 of Term 2! How quickly the term is moving!

I was reminded recently how important it is to share what's happening at school with all the stakeholders. (Now, what's a stakeholder in our situation? Parents, students, teachers, church members; they're the obvious ones. But, we have many other people around Australia who invest in our school. People who ring me from NSW and ask how the school is going and then... go off and pray for us and sometimes send us a donation.) For various reasons, we have just had our first school council meeting for the year. Because of this, there was a lot to share with its members. As I chatted about what has been happening, the list seemed to grow.

Let me share a couple of those things. Term 1, week 4 saw the start of a surge in enrolments. 15 new students joined us in about 8 weeks. This term I have already had a couple of interviews for next year. The purchasing of new laptop computers. I have mentioned this before, however, with the influx of new students we've needed to buy more computers to accommodate the larger classes. The older desktop computers have been relocated to the Design Tech room for the students to design projects. And the old computer room? The students and teachers are enjoying a dedicated Art room.

Last Friday I accompanied the middle school class to the local pool ... for lessons on how to perform a river rescue while kayaking. It has been a great blessing to the Outdoor Ed program to have our own resources to run kayaking (and to be able to kayak).

Last week we took possession of our first of three interactive panels. The teachers are quite excited about adding a new dimension to IT in the class room.

All of these resources are to raise access to and heightened engagement in learning. From what we are seeing and experiencing as teachers it certainly seems like this is happening.

May God care and bless you,

David McNeill



What's On @ NWCS

- 21-25 May Swimming Lessons
- 28 May RYDA
- 26 May YESC
- 11 June Queens Birthday
- 13 June NWHSSA Cross Country
- 14 June Uniform Shop Open
- 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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WINTER UNIFORM: Students should now be in winter uniforms. For those that are still waiting for winter dresses and skirts, they should be arriving shortly. There has been some delay with the supplier. Our new primary school jackets have arrived and are now available for purchase through the uniform shop.

Note: If you wish to order any winter uniform items, please contact the office.

UNIFORM SHOP: You may have noticed we have made a few changes to purchasing uniforms. If you need to purchase or try on any uniform items, you can do this by making an appointment with Jane McNeil through the school office or alternatively come when the uniform shop is next open for business. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: School photos can still be purchased through the MSP Photography website. So if you thought you missed out by not getting your payment in before photo day, do not dismay you can still place an order. Information about how to order is available through the school office.

TUCKSHOP: Available **each Wednesday**. A new menu and order form was sent home last week with some yummy new additions for 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.

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 - 0403 992 974
- 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.

NEW SCHOOL MOBILE NUMBER: You should have recently been informed that our school mobile has changed. Our school number is now **0403 992 974**. We suggest you update your contacts list to include the new number.

SWIMMING LESSONS: Swimming lessons for the primary school have started this week. They will be held every morning in Ulverstone. Can we ask that every article of clothing be labelled with your child's name. It would be advisable that a couple of plastic bags (or swimming bags) accompany your child as these will be handy to keep wet clothing in. Below is a 'list' of things the students should be bringing to swimming (though the pool shoes are optional).

Swimming Suit



Swimming Cap



Goggles



Towel



Pool Shoes



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. Mrs Wendy will also be taking some time off to journey to Tonga on a Missionary trip. She will be away just before and just after the July school holidays.

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>

HONG KONG STUDENTS: Billeting our Hong Kong students with school families is a part of their experience in spending time with us in Tasmania. If anyone is willing to share their home with the three girls from 29 July to 3 August, please contact the school office.

HONG KONG TRIP 2019: In the last 2 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 we will only make it a reality if there is sufficient interest. For more information please contact Mrs Cheryl Walsh.

CHOCOLATE SALES: We are continuing to raise money for our High School Interstate Trip. The chocolate drive will continue throughout Term 2 and will conclude on Friday 31st August, Term 3. Please return all money by the above date as we will need to finalise payments for camp.

INTERHIGH CROSS COUNTRY RUN: Our high school students will have the opportunity to participate in the inter high cross country on 13 June at Hellyer College. There will be limited opportunity for training at school and students 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 so dust off those running shoes. More details to follow from Mr Ackland.

AWARDS:

Frances Cameron - A positive change in work habits
Aaliyah Robbie - Industrious worker
Emmett Robbie - Expressive reading
Chili Ackland - Meticulous care in handwriting
Eliza Jeffrey - Making thoughtful comments
Natalia Allen - Using her manners

News Time - 4 stars for:

Listening - Chili Ackland
Questioning - Charlotte Edwards
Offering extra information - Zedekiah Robbie & Frances Camerson

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Splash
DEVONPORT AQUATIC AND LEISURE CENTRE

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

EARN AND LEARN UPDATE: Last years collecting of vouchers of the Woolworths Earn and Learn has paid off. Look at all the great stuff we were able to order from online. And this is only some of the things.

Thanks again to all who helped with collecting. We will let you know how we go with the Coles Sports for Schools program. Can't wait to see what we will be able to order from the list of sports equipment on their site.



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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."
Aristotle

BIBLE VERSE: "So I turned my mind to understand, to investigate and to search out wisdom and the scheme of things and to understand the stupidity of wickedness and the madness of folly."
Ecclesiastes 7:25