



NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

...because your child matters

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Term 3, Week 1

Welcome to Term 3! We trust you have all had a restful holiday break recently. During the recent break we continued to make upgrades to our IT network connections. We mention at the end of last Term that NBN was coming to the school to lay cabling. This has now happen and we are just waiting on the last piece of the connection to happen so we can join the National Broadband Network.

Many of our schools across Australia are implementing a three week mid year break following Term 2. The third week is used for teachers to do professional development (PD) instead of having them distributed over the school year. Here at North West Christian School we have been looking to follow this model and are seeking your input

What a great weekend we have just had. I know some don't like the rain but the locals tell me that it was certainly needed. The rain on Sunday meant that some of our plans were not achieved. Mr Pepper invited me to go on an outing on Saturday with our visitors from Hong Kong. After attending the Ulverstone SDA church in the morning we went with Mr Pepper and the boys for a walk to Leven Canyon. The weather was beautiful. The sun was shining (at times) and there was no rain. It was a great day for a walk! We found out that they like Tim Tams and chocolate in general.

On Monday our students hosted an outing to Wings Wildlife Park for our visitors. On Friday we will be saying goodbye to our Hong Kong guests. We will be driving them to the airport in Launceston which includes stopping at some attractions (possibly Seahorse World) on the way.

We are looking forward to reciprocating by visiting them and our sister school next year. We have five students who have shown a desire to travel to Hong Kong in 2019.

I'd like to thank Mr Pepper for the great work he has put into this visit. Also, I would like to thank all those folk who have in some way helped to make this trip a memorable one for our Hong Kong students.

May God care and bless you, *David McNeill*



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What's On

@ NWCS

- 5 Aug Strings Workshop
- 9 & 16 Aug Badminton
- 16 Aug SAC
- 22 Aug Book Dress-up Day
- 30 Aug YESC
- 30 Aug Badminton
- 6, 13 & 20 Sept Badminton
- 20 Sept Cooking Playgroup
- 27 Sept YESC
- 28 Sept Walkathon
- 28 Sept Term 3 Ends
- 7 Oct Daylight Saving Starts
- 14 - 21 Oct H/S Canberra Trip
- 15 Oct Term 4 Starts

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School Library

The school library is now up and running. Open every Friday 12:00 - 2:40pm during school Terms. The library can be accessed by all Grades. High school students can access the library during the lunch break.

Mascot Bear Naming Competition

The school library is looking to name its mascot bear. So, to find the right name for our bear, we are running a competition. You can grab a competition form from the office and place it into the competition box located in the school's library or hand them into the school office. The winner for the best name will receive a \$20 book voucher and be announced at assembly. Entries Close Friday 17 August 2018.

Cooking Playgroup

Do your children like to cook? We may have a fun day activity for you. Cooking playgroup for children aged 2 through to 6 years. If this sounds like something your child would enjoy call and make a reservation. Places will be limited, so if you are interested or know someone that would be, then ring and book in. Starting 10:00am on Thursday 20 September at the school, so be quick to reserve your place! Bookings essential.



High School Camp - Canberra

High School Camp is fast approaching. With just 2 months left till the trip to Canberra and beyond, we are asking parents to have their **deposit paid to the school before 20 August**. The deposit will secure a place for your child to participate in the camp. This will be a real life altering adventure for some and maybe the first time being away from home for a period of time for others. If you have any concerns please contact Mr Pepper or Mr McNeill.

Chocolate Sales

The chocolate drive will conclude on **Friday 31st August**. Please make sure to have your money in by the above date.

Staff On Long Service Leave

Mrs Wincombe will be Long Service Leave from 3 to 7 September. We hope she has a restful time away.

Book Day - Primary Students

We are going to have our Book Day on Wednesday 22 August. Come to school dressed as their favourite book character with your favourite book.

We would respectfully ask that all characters be modestly dressed. We would also ask that characters such as witches, warlocks, ghosts and such be left at home this day. If you are in doubt about a certain character please call and chat to save problems.



Website Upgrade

What's new on our webpage? You can access all the latest news and upcoming events on our new look page. You can also look at the school annual report, bus travel rules, student policy and Tuckshop menu and order form. These are all under "About Us" on the school website. Why not go and check it out for yourself at:

<https://www.northwestchristianschool.com.au>

Uniform Shop

If you would like anything from the uniform shop, please make an appointment with Mrs McNeill via the school office. Thank you.

Tuckshop: Available **this Wednesday**. A new menu and order form for Term 3 are being sent home today. Extra order forms can be obtained from the school office.

Friday Tuckshop: There will be **no Tuckshop this Friday**. Order forms will be sent home on Wednesdays.

AWARDS:

Times Table Challenge:

Taylah Good - Level P & Q
Holly Webb - Level E & F
Bethany Jamieson - Level D,E,F & G
Matilda Cooper - Level E & F
Scott Allen - Level K

Pen License: Taylah Good

Reading Box:

Red Level -
Scott Allen - Ocean
Taylah Good - Orange

Yellow Level -
Dawsyn Latassa - Lime
Mia Jones - Orange
Imogene Harbeck - Mist
Holly Webb - Orange



Extending free vaccination program against meningococcal disease

The State Government is extending the free vaccination program against meningococcal disease to every Tasmanian aged between six weeks and 20 years.

Following the fifth confirmed case of meningococcal disease in the Hobart area, we are moving to boost the public health response immediately.

Testing indicates four people have contracted the W strain of the disease, including one person who died. There has been one confirmed case of meningococcal B, a 20-year-old man who has been released from hospital.

Based on advice from public health experts, the current vaccination program will be extended to include all Tasmanians aged between six weeks and 20 years (those born from August 1, 1997). This cohort has been identified as the group at greatest risk of contracting and spreading the disease.

Public Health is in the process of mobilising the extended vaccination program. The first stage will focus on the area where a number of meningococcal disease cases has occurred – Hobart's northern suburbs - and will then be expanded across the state in the following weeks.

The broader program announced today will see eligible Tasmanians receive a free meningococcal vaccine from either a general practitioner, a pharmacist (for children aged 10 and over), special public clinics, and some high schools. The vaccine will cover the meningococcal strains A, C, W and Y.

Last year, in response to a noticeable increase in meningococcal W cases, the State Government intervened with an ACWY immunisation program for 15 to 19-year-olds. Meningococcal ACWY vaccine was later included in the National Immunisation Program as a routine vaccine at age 12 months.

The Government will continue to work with Public Health experts to consider coverage for all vaccine preventable strains.

Meningococcal disease is a rare but serious condition. Typically, in Tasmania, there are five to six cases a year. Last year, there were 16 confirmed cases.

Meningococcal bacteria are spread through secretions of the nose and throat, and older teenagers are particularly at risk of carrying and transmitting the bacteria to others.

It remains important for the public to be aware of the symptoms of meningococcal disease such as fever, severe headache, severe muscle pain, and quickly becoming unusually unwell. Late in the illness there can be a rash. Infants can be lethargic, floppy and feed poorly.

Anyone who is concerned that they may be showing symptoms of meningococcal disease should seek emergency medical care.

Further information is available online at <http://www.health.tas.gov.au> or via the Public Health Hotline: 1800 671 738.

Shoebboxes

We have started to fill our shoeboxes. Thank you to those that have already sent items in for packing. We will not require any beanies, toothbrushes and washers this year as we have enough already to fill our boxes. If you are wanting ideas of items to send in, here is a list to help you.

Soap	Colouring Pencils	Erasers
Comb	Lead Pencils	Pencil Sharpeners



Our Walk-a-thon is booked in for Friday 28 September. Parents are welcome to participate. We would love to see each child raise at least \$10 towards our two projects:

- Surya Prabu, 14 year old boy, who is a day student at Thanjore SDA Hr Sec School. We pay for his school tuition as well as a mid-day meal.
- Laniporn Dongdindam, 14 year old girl, who is a resident of the Kirsten Jade Rescue Centre, Thailand. We also pay for a meal and school supplies for her.

Thought For The Week:

“Successful and unsuccessful people do not vary greatly in their abilities. They vary in their desires to reach their potential.” John Maxwell

Bible Verse:

“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8

Community Announcements:

TWEEN CAMP 2018: Have you got your application in yet? Come and experience a fun filled week of activities and making new friends. This camp is for ages 10 - 16 and runs from 2 - 7 October at Spring Beach camp ground. For more information visit tas.adventist.org.au/youth/ or pick up an application form at school reception.

TWEEN CAMP 2018
Ages 10-16
2-7 October
Staff Camp 30 Sept-2 Oct

JESUS
is my Superhero
Luke 19:10

Pr. Jack Ryder
Pr. Daniel Matteo

For info or to register call 6273 6277
or email wendyscott@adventist.org.au
Or visit tas.adventist.org.au/youth/
Spring Beach Youth Camp is located 138 Happy Valley Rd, Spring Beach TAS
Come dressed as a Superhero for banquet night!

BreastScreen TASMANIA
Tasmania's only accredited screening service

DON'T MISS THE BUS

Appointments will be available on the BreastScreen Tasmania Mobile Unit in **ULVERSTONE**
From: 16th July—14th September 2018
Location: Adjacent to Ulverstone Civic Centre, Victoria Street

BREASTSCREEN IS A FREE SERVICE. TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT CALL 13 20 50

TASTROFEST
Tasmania's Astronomy Festival
Schweppes Arena, Flora Street Ulverstone

General Entry (Tickets Valid Both Days)
ADULTS \$10
CONCESSION (PEN/STU/UNI) \$5
12 and Under FREE
(Planetarium, VR, Kids Workshop \$4)
Tickets valid both days! Eventbrite (booking fees apply) or at the door (no fees)

OPEN Friday: 3 August 6:00pm-9:00pm and Saturday 4 August 10:00am-9:00pm

What's On For 2018

- Cosplay! Dress up as your favourite character and take a photo in front of our 25m Space Shuttle! Prizes for best dressed!
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| Planetarium Sessions | 501st Star Wars | Free Family Science Shows |
| Virtual Reality Sessions | Nerd Central Shop | Kids Workshops |
| Free Science Lectures | Camera Workshops | Free Aurora Book Talks |
| Free NASA Exhibits | Free Night Sky Viewing | and so much more... |
- FREE Aurora and Astrophotography Gallery featuring some of the most amazing images of Tassie's Night Sky
For more details find us on Facebook

ORIENTATION Flora Street Ulverstone

- Space Shuttle - Stadium 1 (Stad 1)
- Aurora and Astrophotography Gallery - Stadium 2 (Stad 2)
- Lecture Theatre - upstairs (lift) near kiosk
- Kids Workshop - Stad 1, South East Corner Room
- Camera Workshop - Stad 2, East Side Room
- Planetarium - Stad 1
- Virtual Reality - Stad 1
- Live Science Shows - Stad 2



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