NORTH WEST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We wished our Year 5-8's safe travels as they left to Spring Beach Camp on Monday! I am sure they will have a fantastic time of learning and fun around Hobart, Port Arthur and Wineglass Bay. The teachers work hard before and during these trips to make sure the students are looked after well.

Agriculture Program Blossoming

Our Year 3's and 4's got their hands (and shoes… sorry) dirty on Monday as they moved the dirt around to ensure they are ready for the commencement of spring and planting season. They are researching different topics on gardening, chickens and other focus areas to further their knowledge of agriculture. It is our aim that towards the end of the year to have a market day in which we will invite our parents and families in to taste some of our vegetables, showcase some completed research projects and have some displays and experiences for you to enjoy with us as a class. We look forward to having you come and experience this with us.

Our Vision for the Agriculture Program

Our vision at NWCS school is to give students the opportunity to learn new skills in agriculture and find an area that they can be passionate about. Whether that is in animal husbandry, fruit or vegetable growing or other aspects of agriculture. Giving our students an understanding of agriculture will hopefully lead to them wanting to experience more.

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NWCS CALENDAR:

AUGUST 10
Prep-6 Gymnastics

AUGUST 9-11
K-4 with Fireman Craig

AUGUST 18-20
Yr 7/8 Kayaking, Leven River

AUGUST 25-27
9-10 Outdoor Ed Derby

SEPTEMBER 3
Yrs 9-12 Student Free Day

SEPTEMBER 24
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER 3-8
Strings Camp @ NWCS Campus

NOVEMBER 22-26
Yrs 9-12 West Coast Tour

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The school sits on 20 acres of pastureland. We have the opportunity in the not-too-distant future to offer students the ability to look after animals on the property. The opportunity to run market gardens and gain experience selling their goods to the local community, shops and other retailers. It will give them the chance to develop skills in these aspects of agriculture, furthering their prospects when they leave NWCS in year 12.

We are blessed to have these opportunities as part of our school program. We look forward to them becoming a part of NWCS in the near future.

God Bless,

Brayden Morton
Principal

BIBLE CRUMBS

Encourage One Another

"And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works". Hebrews 10:24

I'm writing while on school camp with the Year 5 to 8's. I realise after our first day that life lessons are already being learned on this camp. If you haven't experienced Wineglass Bay, then you have to come out and see it for yourself one day. Some of our kids had come out for the first time and we chose to do the Wineglass Lookout track.

The track should only take 40min to 1 hour, however, it could take longer if you choose to take a lot of rests or take your time to enjoy the walk. Some of our students started to say, "I can't do it" or "My legs are too sore to finish this". But they were encouraged to keep going and finish what we committed to begin.

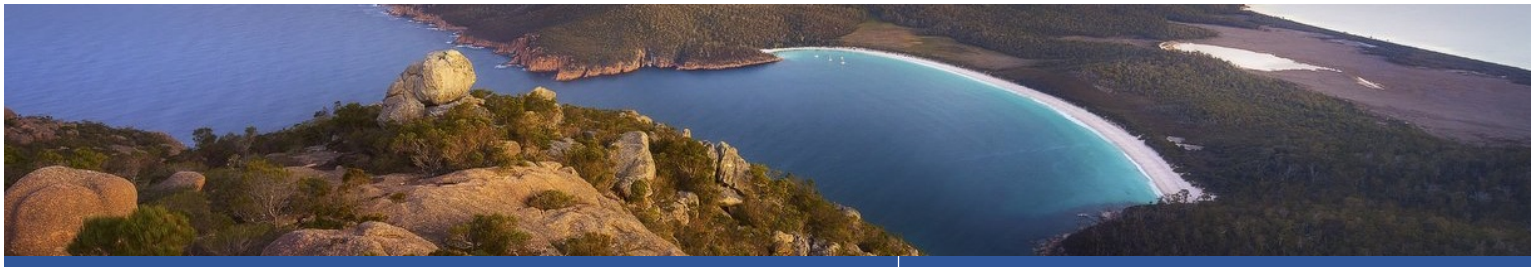
The kids may see this as something trivial. But it isn't. Being in a community where they are encouraged by others to break through barriers that they set on themselves builds resilience that our children need. Our children will learn to be someone that inspires others the more they are encouraged and the more they encourage others.

The reward and the detoxifying from screens to blues and greens at Wineglass Bay was worth the trouble and effort. Regardless of the reward, it isn't the destination that makes these moments special. It's the journey to the destination.

I enjoy seeing the kids encourage one another and pushing each other on. This is one of the best team building exercises to building strong morals in our school community.

The Bible text above refers to the encouragement to the Christians to continue to strengthen and encourage each other until the great day that Jesus returns. This extraordinary day is a time that excites every Christian, but it will be the memory of knowing how we encouraged one another in times we thought to give up.

I encourage you to expose your children more and more to the blues and greens in Tasmania. We are so blessed to have an awesome art gallery of God, right in our backyard. NWCS has an awesome outdoor education program; imagine that coupled with your efforts. Our kids may become an oasis of resilience for your family and community.



PRIMARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS CONGRATULATIONS!

Showing Justice to others:
Hannah Beaty
Christopher Castillo Asto
Moses Kofeloa

VALUE OF THE WEEK

This week's value:

Service

Next week's value:

Respect

GENERAL

Gymnastics for Prep-6

The Prep to Year 6 students completed their first two gymnastic sessions through the Zodiacs Gymnastics Club in Burnie. They have been learning all kinds of new moves and using muscles they might not usually use every day. Remember to come in your full PE uniform on the day and bring a water bottle. The next sessions will be 17/8, 24/8, 31/8.

Yrs 9 to 12 Student Free Day

On Friday, 3 September senior high school teachers will be attending Moderation day. That means there will be no classes for senior school, Years 9 to 12.

COVID Safe

Many areas on the mainland are in lockdown, so to stay vigilant and to minimise risks to our school community we have some measures in place. To keep our school community safe, we are asking that you help by using the Check-In Code if you can and signing in our sign-in-books at reception. Also, if your child is showing any symptoms of a cold or flu, please keep them home for a minimum of two days. It is also recommended that you have them tested at one of the testing facilities in your area. Thank you for your cooperation.

Firefighter Craig Visit

This week, K-4 students have learnt about fire safety in their homes. Firefighter Craig came along for three days to share about how to make our homes safe, and what to do if there is a fire. All the students had a great time and learnt lots. If you would like some fire safety tips and information for your home you can visit these links:

Fire.tas.gov.au
Tfseducation.com.au
Tfskids.com.au

Middle School Camp Thank yous

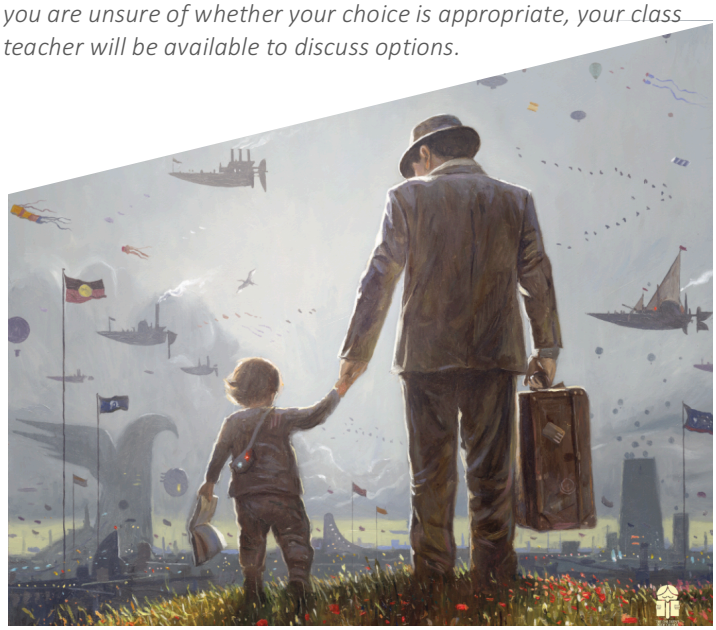
A huge thank you to everyone who supported the six Middle School Fundraisers on Thursday or Friday lunchtime. The total amount raised was: $ 582.00. All money will go toward covering the cost of activities on the Middle School Camp.

Yrs K to 6 Book Day

This year's Book Week theme is Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds. We are going to have a dress up day on **Friday the 27th of August**. Please send your child to school in a costume related to this theme and bring the book the character is from.

Here are some ideas to get you thinking of appropriate costumes.
Old Worlds: anything from history – Bible stories, historical characters, etc.
New Worlds: things from the modern era and future – NASA, new inventors, etc.
Other Worlds: anything not directly related to humans – animal worlds, fictional characters, etc.

Please remember that we are a Christian School, and we anticipate that all costumes and book will reflect our values. If you are unsure of whether your choice is appropriate, your class teacher will be available to discuss options.



CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

A BIG thank you to all the wonderful folk along the North West Coast who have knitted, sewn, purchased items (tops, shorts, skirts, beanies, small & large bags, toys) during the past year for the students' gift shoebox.

Most boxes are 3/4 full. We need this fortnight some hygiene items. Most students need 2 bars of soap (Shiploads or Grocery stores are the cheapest), a washer, and toothbrush. You can include a comb, hairbrush if you wish.

GENERAL

Changes To Penguin Bus Run

There are a number of Outdoor Ed camps coming up that require the use of the little Bus. For this reason, alternative arrangements will need to be made, as the Penguin bus run ***will not*** be operational on the following dates and times.

Year 7 Kayaking trip:
18 August – Afternoon run
to
20 August – Morning run

Year 9/10 Mountain Biking Trip:
25 August– Afternoon run
to
27 August – Morning run

If you would like more information or are unable to secure personal transport please don't hesitate to contact us.

Upcoming Camps

Parents of eligible students should be aware and have received letters regarding the following:

Year 7 Kayaking trip –
Wednesday 18 August to Friday 20 August 2021

Year 9/10 Mountain Biking Trip –
Wednesday 25 August to Friday 27 August 2021
As this camp is provided for the whole Year group, there will be no alternative classes provided at school for those choosing not to attend.

Year 9-12 West Coast Tour –
Monday 22 November to Friday 26 Novembert 2021
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Middle School Camp Fun

On Monday, just before 10am, we set off to Freycinet National Park via Campbell Town. We walked and some ran up to the Wineglass Bay Lookout, for the breathtaking views. We arrived at Spring Beach Convention Centre, Orford around 7pm. Students settled into their rooms and we had worship and lights out after a very exhausting first day.

Tuesday saw us up at 6am to pack lunches, have breakfast, worship and then head into Hobart. Our first stop was Parliament House where we had an educational tour. We then visited the museum and had lunch at the Botanical Gardens. In the afternoon students were able to do a spot of shopping at Eastlands Shopping Centre in Rosny, which they were all looking forward to.

The photos opposite are from some of the activities and place visited so far. The students are having a blast, although a tad tired already. I'm sure when they return home their families will be inundated with stories from their fun time away.