

NEWSLETTER

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Where is your mind Set?

"I can't do that" or "I'll never know how to do that." These are words I hear too often from either my kids or others. It is at that point I usually comment back to them. "You can't do it yet, but if you work hard at it, you will learn" or "you just need to learn how to do it better."

The language we use around our kids is in integral part of who they become or 'the voice inside their head' when they grow up.

In simple terms we could be teaching them to have a Growth Mindset or a Fixed Mindset.

A **Fixed Mindset** is when we say to ourselves:

- I am either good at something or I am not.
- I'm just not good at Math
- I wish I was as good as you at
- It is embarrassing when I make a mistake
- If I don't try hard things, then I won't fail

A **Growth Mindset** says to us that:

- I can improve my skills with effort and practise
- Math is challenging, but I can improve
- There is always room for improvement
- I like how you do, could you give me some tips on how to improve.
- Everyone makes mistakes and mistakes are opportunities to learn.
- I must try hard things in order to grow, even if that means I may fail sometimes.

A growth mindset will allow our children a chance to grow and take risks that they may not have had the confidence to take before. However, this does not happen on its own. To have a growth mindset needs to be a learned behaviour for our children. They learn these behaviours from the integral adults in their lives. For example, Parents, Mentors, Teachers. *(That is why you have chosen to send your children to NWCS to have positive role models in your child's life)*

When we use appropriate language in front of our kids and model correct behaviours to our children, we can help them change this mindset to improve their chances of success. However, Success is not without Failures. Give you child the best chance of success through modelling and encouraging a Growth Mindset.

God bless,

Brayden Morton.



NWCS CALENDER 2022

October 21

Pupil free day
(Teacher PD)

November 4

Last day for Year 12

November 7

Recreation Day
(Public Holiday)

November 8 - 18

TASC Exams

November 21 - 25

Secondary Exams

November 28 -

December 5

Fraser Island Trip

December 8

Secondary Fun Day

December 8

Year 12 Leavers Dinner

December 12

Primary Picnic

December 13

Last day of Term 4

December 13

Presentation Evening

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"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding"
Proverbs 3:5

Some weeks ago, I wrote about a decision my family and I made after receiving a call to work as a full-time school chaplain in Adelaide. Well things have sure changed since then. A couple of weeks ago I was offered the role of Youth Leader in the Tasmanian Seventh-day Adventist Conference (Pr Daniel Matteo has been in this role for the last five years). I accepted. So my family and I won't be moving to Adelaide, but we will be moving to Hobart. The awesome part is I get to work the future chaplain at NWCS and I'll still get to visit the school!

You're probably wondering, "how did things change so quickly?" Well there's the long story, but I'm going to share the short one. There are four important stages in our lives and for half of them, we don't have a say in the matter. The first one is you're born, the second is you're born again, the third is who you choose to marry if you do get married and the last is you die. Numbers two and three are the ones where you make a choice, and they are choices that will truly change the trajectory for the rest of your (eternal) life.

When my wife and I weren't married and were just hanging out. We went to a water park called "Wet'n'Wild" in the Gold Coast of Queensland. (We lived in Brisbane). We were becoming more than just friends at that time, and I asked her to join me on a waterslide where it was dark all the way down. She was not one to go on adventures like these and I knew it, so I persisted. She caved in. At the end of the slide I asked, "Wasn't that fun?" She told me years later that at that moment, she knew if she stuck with me, her life wouldn't be the same. She's enjoyed the challenges and joys of looking after a local church youth group, camps, outreach programs, trips around Australia etc.

When she first shared this thought with me I responded that, that's how I feel God is with me. When I first decided to be born again, I wasn't aware of where God would take me. When I married Sokha, I had no idea we would one day be in full-time ministry. Now that we are, the big decisions do not cease. The great thing about following God is that I want to ensure that I'm following His direction and trust that He will always be there for me.

So Tasmania hasn't quite got rid of us as yet, but we do look forward to where God takes us in the future

CHANGE OF UNIFORM UPDATE

As many of you are aware, we are beginning the process of changing our formal school uniform and transitioning to an online platform (School Locker) in which uniforms can be ordered and purchased online. They will then be shipped to your house or the school depending on your preference. Sample sizes will be available at school to try on to assist you with online ordering. More information on the process of online ordering will be sent out shortly when the website is up and running. Until that point, we are unable to sell uniforms as we no longer have any items on site. We will continue to update you throughout the process.

For those of you that provided us with feedback through surveys or in person, we greatly appreciate your input and have taken your various concerns, suggestions and preferences into consideration when making our decisions.

We will be moving away from having a "Summer uniform" and a "Winter uniform" and instead have one formal uniform and one sports uniform that students can dress up and dress down depending on the weather. This option works out to be more cost effective as there is less uniform to purchase and hopefully reduces the frequency of needing to purchase items.

There will be no change to Kindergarten students. They will continue to wear sports uniform.

We will also be introducing a maroon blazer. The blazer will be compulsory for all High School students. A blazer will be gifted to Year 6 students upon graduating to acknowledge their progression from Primary to Secondary as they continue their academic journey at NWCS .

To match the new blazer, the school jumper will change from blue to maroon. This also compliments the maroon in the tartan skirt.

We understand that these changes are significant and will be working with you to make this as easy as possible as we enter this transitory period.

Once again, we thank you for your understanding and patience with us during this exciting time and look forward to seeing all our students proudly wearing our new North West Christian School uniform in the near future. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need further clarification.

CHANGE OF UNIFORM UPDATE (CONT.)

Primary (Prep - Year 6)	
Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue shirt (long sleeve/short sleeve) • Maroon jumper • Tie • Tartan skirt • Navy stockings or plain navy mid length socks • Optional trousers • Brimmed hat • Canterbury jacket • Sports uniform remains the same 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue shirt (long sleeve/short sleeve) • Maroon jumper • Tie • Grey long pants / grey shorts • Plain grey, mid length socks • Brimmed hat • Canterbury jacket • Sports uniform remains the same
Secondary (Year 7 - 12)	
Girls	Boys
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazer (compulsory) • White shirt (long sleeve/short sleeve) • Maroon jumper • Tie • Tartan skirt • Navy stockings or plain navy mid length socks • Optional trousers • Brimmed hat • Canterbury jacket (sports only) • Sports uniform remains the same 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blazer (compulsory) • White shirt • (long sleeve/short sleeve available) • Maroon jumper • Tie • Grey long pants / shorts • Plain grey, mid length socks • Brimmed hat • Canterbury jacket (sports only) • Sports uniform remains the same

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STUDENT FREE DAY

Please note there will be no school this Friday (the 21st of October) due to a staff professional development day.

RE-ENROLMENTS

Thank you to all those who have already returned their re-enrolment applications. Please aim to have these papers handed in to the office as soon as possible as it assists us with our administration for next year.

If you would like another copy, please contact the office.

COVID

While it is no longer mandatory to stay at home if you test positive, we recommend that keep your child at home if they are unwell. We also ask that you please take into account recommendations from www.coronavirus.tas.gov.au

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop resumes next week!

ABSENCES

Friendly reminder to please contact the office if your child/ren will not be attending school as early as possible. It is also important that we know if alternative/different travel arrangements have been made for students (eg. getting picked up, leaving early, arriving late, etc.)



The Nova Muse Festival has now finished, and it was a great success. Without NWCS however, and the participants, who contributed to the supportive, caring atmosphere, it would not have been. The environment created was nurturing and also very driven and goal orientated—all learnt together in good spirit to aspire to greater heights. Visit the Nova Muse Facebook page for professional videos (coming soon) and photos. I would like to thank the mentors and legends in their fields, for coming to Tasmania to enrich the community through their talents. Also, Mt Gnomon farm for hosting the concerts, our sponsors and volunteers, but, most importantly, NWCS, its teachers, staff and use of the school, - clean classrooms, the new Performing Arts Centre, kitchen, amenities, utilities and van. The support of our Principal, Mr Morton, and Mrs Kofeloa, (head of Primary) for organising help and support, and for recognising music as an essential part of educational excellence at NWCS, to Ms Carter and Mrs Dan Marica for the excellent catered food, Joel and Don Ackland for trailer access, moving piano and stage, Drone shots, sign building, to Mr Redman, Mr Watson, Mr Smith, Mr Beaty - for moving the piano and stage, Mr Tucker for tuning the pianos, Dean for all round help, Toa and Heath for videography, Jenay, Mr Peter (helping hand) SDA conference and Pr Cosmin (finance office of the Festival), Mrs Robbie (Mandy) for being a support and help when I needed it most hours before the festival began and during the festival - a God send! - Without you all, the festival would not be possible. NWCS, thank you for your support in bringing this festival to our community.

Sarah Scheermeijer

PRIMARY NEWS

Hi Parents, please take note of the following:

Hats

This term, students need to wear a navy brimmed hat at Recess, Lunch and when participating in PE/Sport. Students will have until Week 2 Monday to purchase a hat. Hats can be purchased from Kmart.

Water Bottles

Please remind your child to pack their water bottle into their bag each day to ensure they stay hydrated.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

In previous years we have held a walk-a-thon to raise money to sponsor this young girl and cover the cost of the shoeboxes. Last year, our walk-a-thon raised enough money to cover two years of sponsorship! This year we only need to raise enough funds to cover postage for the shoeboxes. To assist with this, there will be a fundraiser on Friday, November 18th (Week 5). The fundraiser will involve food for sale, more details will be sent home in Week 4. All money raised will go towards covering the postage cost of the boxes which will be sent to remote villages in Fiji and Samoa.



NWCS now have chickens!

Our Kindy/Prep students have excitedly welcomed our resident chickens this week.



AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students!

Term 3, Week 10

Kindy/Prep

Mia McDermott and Leighton Cummings

Yr 1 & 2

Tierian Schultz, George Morton and Sebastian Sykes.

Yr 3 & 4

Tekim Margetts, Laythe Schultz, Azura Clarke and Natalia Allen.



UPCOMING STUDENT FREE DAY

Please note that due to a staff professional development day students are not required to attend school on

Friday the 21st of October

