

# NEWSLETTER

6 MAY 2020 | EDITION 5 | TERM 2 | WEEK 2



NORTH WEST  
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## NWCS CALENDAR:

One day at a time.

## SCHOOL TERMS 2020

Term 1

February 5 - April 9

Term 2

May 4 - July 3

Term 3

July 20 - September 25

Term 4

October 12 - December 9



*We missed  
you!*

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*Nurture* for today

*Learning* for tomorrow

*character* for eternity

# A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent,

Who would have ever thought that we would be told that we would not be allowed to go to school or even be there? In our staff worship this morning all the staff expressed their feelings of being allowed back to school. They were all keen and willing to be back here with the students. And the students that turned up here shared the same sentiments. It almost feels liberating, driving in the drive and sitting in a familiar environment with familiar faces.

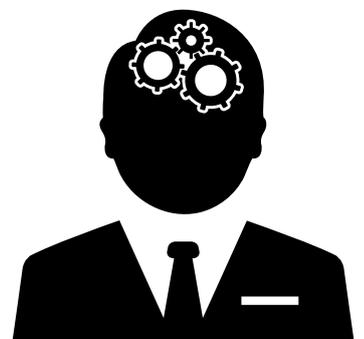
We are aware that some families are still wishing to isolate and that's fine. However, the government is still requiring that all students are engaged in learning, whether through distance Ed or face-to-face or a combination of both. Teachers are still running online classes which the students at school will be linking into as well. We are required to keep a role to prove engagement. We mark them present even if they log on for one class.

You will find attached to the newsletter a simple role that we are asking parents to sign each day that your child works on their studies.

Some have asked if they still need to pay fees. Unfortunately, the answer is yes. The teachers are still working and planning and supervising. If fees ceased to come in, then funds would dry up and then... Thank you to those who have continued their payments. This will certainly help with the ongoing bills and costs of running a school program.

Just in closing, I would like to acknowledge the contribution that Mrs Bobongie has made to our community over the last 10 years or so. You all would be aware by now that Mrs Bobongie resigned her teaching position with us at the end of last term. It is very sad to see her move on after so long. A mum of one of our senior students told me that she was quite sad to see her go. We would like to wish Mrs Bobongie God's blessing as she begins a new chapter in her career.

*David McNeill*  
Principal



# BIBLE CRUMBS FROM PR. DAVE

We seem to have come a long way from hoarding hand sanitisers and toilet paper. Well it seems long, but it really hasn't. We've been isolated for about one and half months. But that's a long time to be in isolation!

There was news of a man in Adelaide who wanted to return \$10000 worth of toilet paper and hand sanitisers. But the owner of the store said no. So now this man has an ample supply of items that would be useful at an AFL match.

Although we can point fingers at this man and have a chuckle of amusement, it reveals this false idea that our acquiring of physical items will give us the security we need. But it makes sense. Before Covid-19 and isolation, we were, and we will continue to acquire goods to bring some type of security. There is nothing wrong with that, but let's consider my following observation.

One of the things my wife and I have really appreciated is having three meals together as a family every day. One of the things my kids have enjoyed is having mum and dad teaching them school work at home. I've really enjoyed my wife's company EVERYDAY! I've been able to spend more time in prayer and discovering what God wants my family and I to do and be.

These were new experiences for us a family because this is not a normal time. Although, I knew I loved my wife and kids, this isolation has affirmed that my family relationships are much more important than hoarding a whole heap of things we don't need.

Jesus said that the greatest commandment was, loving the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and mind, and love your neighbour as yourself. The greatest commandment of Jesus suggests that our greatest security is found in our relationship to God and our relationships to one another not toilet paper and sanitisers.

A relationship to God and others is well worth the investment. You will not be claiming refunds! Perhaps you did not experience home like I did, but the change of atmosphere begins in your willingness to follow Jesus' greatest commandment.

If you ever want to have a chat, prayer or a visit. Please contact me by phone 0432 454 548 or email [chaplain@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au](mailto:chaplain@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au)



# GENERAL

## LOCKDOWN STORIES

Being in lockdown has certainly not been ideal but on the flip side, there has been a lot of time to do things that we might not usually be able to do.

We would love to know what you got up to!

If you:

- Created something
- Made something
- Painted something
- Wrote a story or poem
- Learnt a new hobby or built skills in a current hobby
- Taken photos
- Or done anything that you would like to share with our school community, please let the office staff or your teachers know so that you can be featured in the newsletter!

You could even send it to us on our Facebook (North West Christian School)

## WORKING FROM HOME

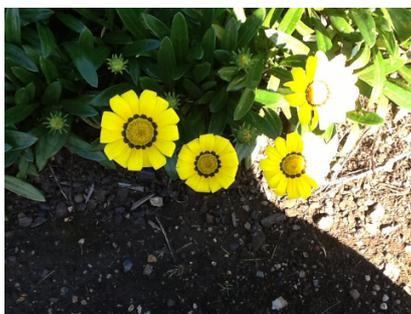
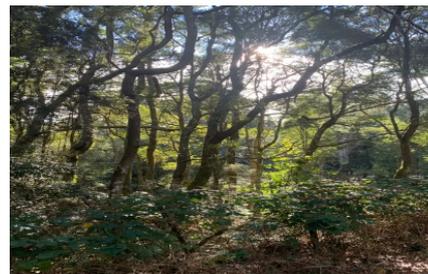
If you are choosing to stay at home and continue

E-learning and working through packs, we encourage you to stay in touch with your teachers and touch base with them regularly - especially if you need extra assistance. We ask that you also contact the school to let us know if you will be picking up home learning packs or would like them dropped off to you at home via the bus or a teacher.

Additionally, if there is anything else that you need help with, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

## KINDY - YEAR 4

In the Kindy to Year 4 classes, we have been using a new app called Seesaw. It's a great place to do some work and also post pictures and videos so we can see each other or amazing things in the world. This week, we went on a nature walk (at home or at school) and found some beautiful things that God has placed in nature. Here are some of the things we found.



**WE'RE  
HERE TO  
HELP YOU!**

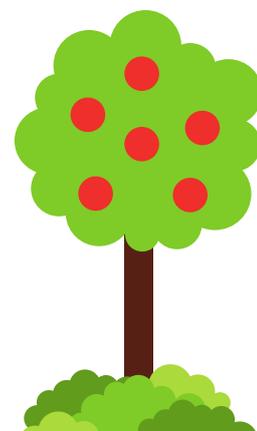


## FRUIT TREES

If you are interested in ordering some fruit trees please contact Brayden Morton via email

([brayden.morton@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au](mailto:brayden.morton@northwestchristian.tas.edu.au)) with your expression of interest.

He will be ordering sometime around June.



# LETS MAKE SMILING MORE CONTAGIOUS THAN THE CORONAVIRUS

Don't forget to wash your hands



How do you wish to pay?



This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



When you realize that 2020 has 11 more months :



day 6 of quarantine: my dad gave a talk to the cats about covid-19 🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔🤔



How to catch an Australian:



2020

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THE YEAR YOUR WHEELIE BIN GOES OUT MORE THAN YOU

Why are the annoying servants staying in my home all day now?



everyone in their online classes now



Here's Sue. 31 years old, home schooling her kids for the last 5 days. Great job Sue. Keep it up.



My kids' new teacher is so awesome, I really should get her something ...

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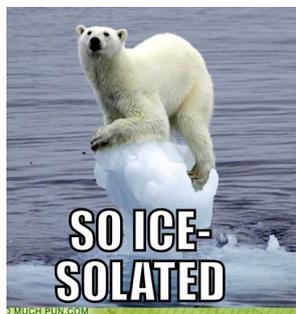
Introverts dealing with isolation

Extroverts dealing with isolation

Social Distancing



Even with the Corona Virus panic buying, no one wants to eat Vegan food.



SO ICE-SOLATED



HOW AUSTRALIANS PROTECT THEMSELVES

AGAINST CORONA VIRUS

NOT THE PRECIOUS TOILET PAPER #quarantinecats



# STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE

**STAND TOGETHER**



*by not*

**STANDING TOGETHER**

#StopTheSpread

*Self distancing* IS THE NEW

**SELF CARE**



#StopTheSpread

MEDICALNEWS TODAY

## Tips to Prevent Coronavirus Transmission



Wash your hands frequently



Cough and sneeze into the elbow



Dispose of used tissues immediately

**COUGH and SNEEZE**



*into your*

**SLEEVE**

#StopTheSpread

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**SPREAD Kindness INSTEAD**



Avoid contact with others



Avoid crowds and public gatherings



Avoid touching your face



Clean all shared surfaces frequently



Avoid all nonessential travel



Call ahead before going to a clinic or hospital

**DISTANCE MAKES US STRONGER**



#StopTheSpread

**VIRTUAL HUGS**



#StopTheSpread

**STOP THE BUGS**



Isolate yourself if sick or at risk of complications



Work from home if possible



Only wear a mask if you are sick, have COVID-19, or are caring for someone with it

IT'S NORMAL TO FEEL SAD, STRESSED, CONFUSED, SCARED OR ANGRY DURING A CRISIS.



TALK TO PEOPLE YOU TRUST, SUCH AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY OR YOUR FELLOW COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Disease Prevention



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least **20 seconds**

SOURCE: WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

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If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early

WHEN TO USE A MASK

**Wear a mask, if you are coughing or sneezing.**



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**BE FORGIVING**

How involved can you be, really? What are your capabilities?



Districts are still figuring this out. Talk with your school if you need more flexibility for any reason—emotional or financial.