

Monthly News

A Message from the Principal

Welcome to the April News. I want to thank you for your prayers, offerings and sponsorship of students. This year, one of my classes is Grade 2/3 Civics & Citizenship. We are covering 'Government and Democracy', and what better way to demonstrate this than to become part of the local election scene. We divided into three groups: the students chose the 'Palmer United', 'The Greens' and the 'Australian Christian Party'. Each group came up with a slogan and a pledge to the people of Tasmania. Remember, these are just seven and eight year olds. The 'Australian Christian Party' wrote for their Slogan: 'Christians, Christians, Christians forever'. For their pledge: 'We want to tell all Tasmania about God'. They had no help from me or the other students in the class. Classes like this make teaching a joy!

Earn and Learn: Our Woolworths gifts have arrived. Thank you to the hundreds of people who supported our school by collecting the stickers during the 2013 campaign. We had grandparents and friends from every state sending in their collections. You can see in the photo, a portion of the equipment and supplies which arrived.

We wish you could share the Kindy to Grade 1 prayer time these last few weeks. One little student said, 'Come into our hearts, Lord Jesus', another said, 'Thank you God that me and my brother are good today', and for grace, 'Thank you God that we can eat sandwiches quick so we can have some birthday cake!'. Worship time has become very special. The child who is listed for 'Worship' for the week is responsible for morning prayer, grace at lunchtime, and afternoon prayer before leaving for home. There have been some very heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father.

Mrs Cheryl Walsh



About Mr Pepper

I teach religious studies, English and Humanities subjects at Northwest Christian School. This involves teaching English and History to all of the high school, and geography to our grade nine and tens. Some of the content highlights that we have covered so far have been: literary texts in context, English as a global language, origins of language, an overview of the world from 560 A.D. to 1750 A.D. and the 'Inter War Years'. In religious studies we are studying the topic – 'Can we trust the Bible?' It has been a fantastic start to the year, with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm!

Mr Wayne Pepper

Primary Classes

The primary classes have a yearly subscription to a magazine titled "Drug free Kids". Our first edition focused on 'Water is the best choice'. There was a colouring competition that all students had an opportunity to participate in. We are eagerly awaiting the results. There is a strong focus on 'water only' in our classrooms, and our class has already noticed a big increase in water drinking.

Mrs Kylie Bobongie

Move Well Eat Well

Last month, our primary school staff met with a representative from the 'Move Well Eat Well' initiative to discuss the ways we could incorporate the program's key messages into our daily school routine and policies. We were pleased to discover that we are already well on the way to becoming an "Award School", having qualified for 5 out of the 7 components so far. The 'Move Well Eat Well' program recognises the importance of the school community in the development of a child's exercise and eating habits, and aims to educate children about the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices from a young age. Our current focus is to encourage all students to eat fruit and vegetables whilst at school. If anyone is able to make any donations to contribute to our fruit and vegetable platters, it would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to find more information about this initiative, please visit: www.movewelleatwell.tas.gov.au

Miss Elysia Beard



Middle Primary

This year, our classroom has the theme of 'God's Helping Hands'. The students have learnt that we are like God's hands – what we do to someone, especially helping them, is just like God doing it. We have learnt that being kind and helpful is something that God likes us to do. On the board at the front of the room, we have the Bible verse, Proverbs 3:27. The children have enjoyed helping others out. What a blessing!

Miss Jacqui Scott

A Note from Mr Ackland

High School Surf League went well with a number of our students/teams coming 2nd, 3rd and 4th in some events. It was particularly good just to see them have a go. A few students also attended the inter-high swim carnival on the 7th March. Outdoor Ed students are planning an expedition involving kayaks.

Tech students are in the process of planning their ukuleles. We went on an excursion to Misan Timbers to select some exotic (Tasmanian) timbers. Most are chafing at the bit to get into the workshop and start building. But without a plan they are a spectator.

Please register your interest for ukulele building night classes. I hope to start soon. Conditions apply.

Mr Joel Ackland



Sponsorship Opportunity

Have you thought of sponsoring a child? I know that some of you already sponsor an overseas child with ICC or Asian Aid. We have nine, yes that is 9 students, who need sponsorship. This can be in \$10, \$20, \$50, or \$100 lots. It doesn't have to be the full fee cost. These children are lapping up the Gospel of Jesus. We have heard this past week that four are witnessing to relatives the truths they are learning about a loving God.

Please prayerfully consider this MISSION PROJECT.

