



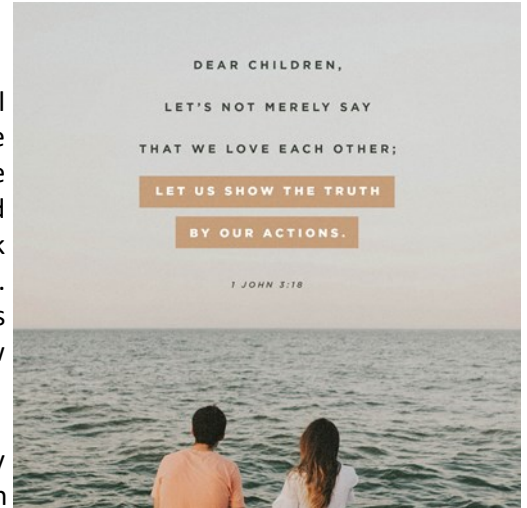
DEAR FAMILIES

11 SEPTEMBER TERM 3, WEEK 7

Reimagining Practice

In the July Holidays, some staff participated in some inspiring professional learning with many other Christian educators from Australia and overseas. We travelled to Adelaide for an International Transforming Education Conference (ITEC). ITEC occurs every four years and invites Christian educators from around Australia, but also colleagues from other countries, to join together to ask questions about the transformation of educational practice in Christian schools. The theme of the conference was 'Reimagining Practice'. We were challenged as Christian educators, to reimagine our practice: to learn; to develop; and grow our practices.

One of the highlights for myself and many others were the presentations by David Smith. David Smith is a well-known Christian educator and has written widely on Christian Education. He challenged us to think and ponder: how might Christian faith also help us to reimagine the ordinary, everyday practices that make up the majority of our educational effort? David Smith focused on the well-known verse: "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18. Smith reminded us that God's word does not imply that what we do with our *mouths* is a less real or less frequent form of love than what we do with our hands and feet. Instead, we were reminded that the words you use, make you accountable for it.



I was reminded at the conference of my days as a teenager. Every week at church there was an elderly man, Jack Matthews, who spoke to me every Sunday after church. He would place himself on the steps and would spark up a conversation with me. Jack was intentional: He would read the local paper to find out my latest sporting achievements. He was genuinely interested in myself and so many others. I still remember seeing him every week opening the door for others and quietly helping others. Jack lived a life, where he was deliberate and intentional in his every day practices, where God's truth was shared.

I pray that we will be a learning community at Northern Christian School, rich in Christian practices; where actions and story (God's truth) meet together (embodied).

Bethany Armstrong

Acting Principal

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

A friendly reminder that if there is a change to your child's current bus arrangements, parents and caregivers are required to contact the school office. Please call the school or email – admin@northern.tas.edu.au



CHANGES IN THE OFFICE

We will be farewelling Mrs Laura Gordon, our current administrator officer, in 2 weeks' time. We thank God for Mrs Gordon's dedication, service and commitment to our school, during her time as our Administrator officer. Mrs Gordon has been a tremendous support to staff, students, parents and the wider community. Beginning this week, Mrs Gaynor Mullen will step into this administrator role and will be supported by Mrs Michelle Dean until a new appointment has been made.

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP

We are once again holding this event in support of Indigenous Literacy in remote Australian communities. As part of the event, each registered school will be assigned a house and students will be learning about the culture, language and community associated with it. NCS has been assigned the Wamparla House - Wamparla is the Arabana word for possum. Arabana country lies in the Western Lake Eyre region in SA.

How it works: Students can bring in books to donate leading up to the event. There will be a collection bin in the office. Please note that they must be in good condition. On the day of the event, students can purchase a book for a gold coin, which will be donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. 1 gold coin buys one book, and 2 gold coins buys two books etc.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

On Thursday 26th September, Northern Christian School will be hosting a FOOTY COLOURS DAY. Staff and students are invited to dress in their favourite team colours and bring a gold coin donation for cancer research. At lunch time there will be fun football activities and competitions on the oval. Please support this worthwhile fundraiser and show us who your favourite team is!

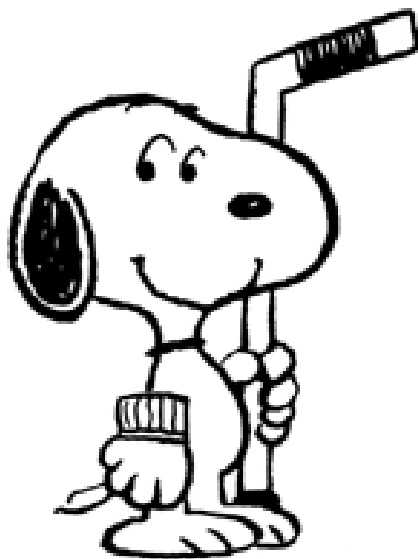




SPORT IN OUR COMMUNITY

Last weekend, a couple of former Northern student were in the Women's under 18 hockey Grand Final for southern Tasmania. Erica Gatehouse is a member of the Derwent Strikers team who won a close fought game against the undefeated OHA team, in which Emily Tapping played. They both started playing hockey at Northern, coached by Mark Smith and Celia Reader, along with Calyani Smith and Georgia Amos (who are another two NCS students playing this last week, but whose team was knocked out in the Preliminary final this year).

Celia, our current school hockey coach played her Grand Final for Derwent with the Women's open 4th grade team on Friday night, and they were triumphant too!





FREE ON A TREE - BEANIES

In 2018 Oliver Edwards set up an amazing initiative for the Hobart community and this initiative is still growing and flourishing today. "A 10-year-old boy has come up with an innovative solution to the city's homelessness issue, which has been compounded by a severe shortage of housing.... He was given a homework challenge that asked him to come up with a way to help his community. I heard about the floods and the people that were camping at the Showgrounds," he said. "I thought of Free On A Tree and I talked with mum about it and she thought it was a good idea. "We put coats on trees and then people [who] need them and are cold can take them," he said." (ABC News, 2018).

Oliver Edwards wrote to Northern Christian School last week and communicated to us that he has a surplus of beanies. He has donated some beautiful and colourful beanies to our school. The first 20 students who come to the school office will receive a beanie. We have a limited number of beanies; so please, be quick!



BIRTHDAYS

TERM 3 2019 DATES TO NOTE

18 September	Kinder/Year 3 Assembly
17 September	Prep Excursion
19 September	Book Swap
25 September	Year 1/3 Excursion
26 September	Footy Colours Day
27 September	Term 3 Ends
18 October	Grandparent's Day
1 November	Athletics Carnival
7-28 November	Kinder Orientation (Thursdays)

Congratulations to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week:

We hope and pray that your day is as special as you are!

*Hunter Whittaker Braiden Wright
Kayden Smith*





Dear Ms Essex

It's oliver here from free on a tree. I go to the hutokins school in Hobart, and my mum and I started free on a tree last year.

Our idea is to try and help people all over Tasmania by giving out warm coats - we hang them on trees.

However, we have been given a Mountain of beanies to give out, and these seem good to hang on trees for anyone to take.

Are there students within your school who could do with a warm beanie? could you hand them out to these students on the behalf of us?

I hope that the people ~~receive~~ who receive them knows there is a boy in Hobart who is thinking of them.

many thanks,
Oliver Edwards
Free on a Tree