



25 SEPTEMBER TERM 3, WEEK 9

CONNECTIONS AND COMMUNITY

Whether you're addicted to Facebook or not, the problem for most of us is a constant need for connection. The majority of adults have a smart phone and if we are honest, we can admit that we constantly check our phones for social updates. We live in a time where the world has never been more connected. That said, it is very clear that when we talk to people and see the statistics that people are increasingly feeling more and more disconnected.

Jefferson Behke is a well-known Christian writer and speaker. He will often challenge the cultural norms in our society. We live in a culture today that frequently values individuality more than community. We crave connection and at the same time our media portrays a story that life is only about 'me', an isolated and lonely story. We are also taught to be independent and not to rely on anyone. Jesus speaks to us clearly in the Bible that God made us to live in communities and to help each other. It's biblical and important and it's God's desire for us. "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." (Romans 12:4-5). We are better together than we are alone. We know that there is no perfect community. Each community has some faults and weaknesses. Yet each community is called to serve the Lord in their everyday activities and relationships. And God has made us to be in deep community where we need each other, and part of that structure is family (Allen, J, 2019). Family is important and we all have a family that we are part of.

We have our Grandparents Day nearly upon us. This is a great opportunity for the Grandparents of our students to connect with their grandchildren in an authentic and healthy way. We warmly invite Grandparents to our Grandparents Day next term. You will have an opportunity to join in fun and exciting activities to help build lasting connections and community.

I pray that Northern Christian School will continue to be an authentic community where we seek Jesus and live the way God has designed us to live. I pray that we will all work hard together to find deep, lasting community and connection.

Bethany Armstrong, Acting Principal

Grandparents Day

October 18th
9am - 11am

Come and participate in class
activities

Enjoy a sausage from the
sausage sizzle





WELCOME MR PAUL MATTHEWS

Please welcome Mr Paul Matthews to our school community. Mr Matthews has been employed to continue our Maclit Program.



PREP EXCURSION

Last week our Prep class had a wonderful time exploring the park at Long Beach, Sandy Bay.





TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS—SCHOOL BUS

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



NURTURE MAGAZINE



Nurture is a magazine for parents and is published four times each year and we subscribe on behalf of all our school families. Each week we will be including an article from Nurture in our school newsletter. I hope you find these articles helpful and relevant to you and your family. Please find this week's article from Nurture at the back of the newsletter.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

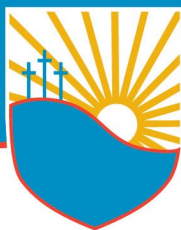
On THURSDAY 26th SEPTEMBER Northern will be running Footy Colours Day. On this day all students are welcome to wear their favourite footy team colours to school for a GOLD coin donation. The money raised on Footy Colours Day is used to support children fighting cancer. There will be football activities on the oval at lunchtime on that day.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

SEPT 26TH

Preorder hotdogs, lemonade & popcorn

Dress in team colours for a gold coin donation
Footy skills & other activities



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Northern Christian School will be holding our Athletics Carnival on Friday, 1st November. This will be an all-day event with all classes from Prep to Grade 6 participating. Most of the running races will be held in the morning between 9:30am and 11am. Following recess classes will be moving through our field events, with a break for lunch, until the end of the day. Students are required to be either wearing their sport uniform or appropriate clothing for sport in their house colours. We would greatly appreciate having parent help on the day, especially for the class field events. If you are available to help out then please let either Mr Whittle or a class teacher know. Parents and families are welcome to attend this event and to support the students throughout the day.

Mr Sam Whittle, Senior Teacher



2019 DATES TO NOTE

25 September	Year 1/3 Excursion
26 September	Footy Colours Day
27 September	Term 3 Ends
14 October	Term 4 Starts
18 October	Grandparent's Day
1 November	Athletics Carnival
7-28 November	Kinder Orientation (Thursdays)



BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to the following students celebrating their birthdays this week and during the holidays:

Jordan Allie	Mahli Leslie	Bella Coulton
Asante Blegg	Zac Peters	Esther Juma
Jade Harris	Eva Gordon	Libby White
Taliece Pearson	Darcy Elliot	Joel East
Lucas Yole	Joel Baines	Bayley Smithurst

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



5 QUESTIONS to ask before posting to SOCIAL MEDIA

by Cara Joyner

Talk to your children about posting on social media sites. Ask them to show you a couple of their status updates or photos. Chat about using social media wisely.

In the absence of guidelines for healthy and polite social media etiquette, we are left to determine our own boundaries for navigating the seemingly endless opportunities available to us. Before we snap one more picture of our hot chocolate topped with a foam leaf, perhaps we would benefit from a brief pause—an extra 30 seconds to ask **five simple questions** might suggest it's time to unplug, or at least reconsider when and how our kids and us use social media.

A BETTER WAY

Social media seems to be built around the idea that it can infiltrate nearly every part of our lives. And if we let it, that's exactly what will happen. We are the ones who say when its reach becomes unhealthy.

As children, our parents laid out rules for our protection and as adults we took on the task of caring for our own wellbeing and personal growth. It's our job to set boundaries and ask tough questions, tending to the bigger picture of our relationships and the way our actions reflect Christ's love for this world.

Let us pause and give ourselves an honest moment to reflect—bringing discernment, love, and wisdom to each picture and word we share. 🍃

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