Monday, 17 February 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are pleased to be able to launch the Norwest Challenge for 2014.

The Norwest Challenge seeks to raise individual esteem and motivation through participation and recognition of achievement and encourages students to work towards goals. The Challenge aims to motivate students to develop skills of responsibility, participation and active citizenship in the areas of Participation, Academic, School Service and Community Service.

The Norwest Challenge has proven to:
- provide a means of raising motivation within the student body
- promote positive interaction with the wider community
- enable students to recognise and highlight areas of their own effort or achievement
- increase student pride in achievement

Students are also recognised in their classrooms for acts of kindness, effort and commitment to learning through a merit system. Each student must earn eight merits to progress to the next level.

The Challenge provides a means of tracking personal achievements and completion of the Norwest Challenge leads to a Bronze Award, Silver Award, Gold Award and the Principal's Platinum Award. This year, all awards will be awarded at Presentation Day. At the last assembly of terms 1, 2 and 3, students will be recognised for their achievements in the challenge.

Community Service is any service that is done for others outside of school hours. This service will require a photo of the service completed or a note stating the task that was completed by the person responsible for that task (Pastor to sign for service at church, coach to sign for service at a sporting group etc).

Students in the Primary Years will maintain their records of effort and achievement with the assistance of their class teachers. Records for students in K-2 are maintained by the classroom teacher. Please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher about your child's individual progress in the Norwest Challenge. It is also helpful for students to commit to a consistent approach to its completion throughout the year.

Overleaf is a copy of the Stage 3 Norwest Challenge Application for your information.

Yours in Christ,

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