



## Upcoming Dates

	Friday 11th	Mother's Day Chapel and morning tea
	Tuesday 15th – 17th	NAPLAN (Years 3&5)
	Tuesday 22nd	Open Day
	Friday 25th	PUPIL FREE DAY
	Wednesday 30th	School Photos
JUNE	Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st	Year 5/6 Camp
	Thursday 21st	Matinee 'Lion King' @ Holy Trinity Lutheran College
	Friday 22nd	Last Day of Term 2

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Deegan Clark: Saturday 12th May



## From the Principal

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 students who had a wonderful time on camp at Portland and Warrnambool last week. They participated in many activities that informed them about our amazing marine life and also about the history of shipwrecks and coastal towns during early settlement.

The students also participated in an Indigenous education session at Tower Hill. Thank you to Mr Pritchard and Miss Attiwill for organising such an educational and fun camp for our students.

On Monday, our senior students participated in the Cross Country hosted by Nhill College. It was wonderful to see all students complete the course and many improved individual times from last year. Congratulations to Matthew Reichelt and Troye McBride for winning their age group section. Those students who have made it to the next level will be competing in Kaniva next Tuesday, 14 of May. Thank you to all students for trying hard and for encouraging one another.

Tomorrow we celebrate how blessed we are to have Mothers. The students will be involved in presenting a Mother's Day Chapel and then there will be a beautiful morning tea for all to enjoy baked by our senior students. We would like to wish all Mothers a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

With Christ, Tara Pritchard

## Mother's Day

By: easyday.snydle.com

You have given me life  
and showed me the light.  
Taught the strength to fight,  
and difference of wrong from right.

When there are problems,  
you always stay  
and pick me up along the way.  
Show your support come what may,  
do everything to make it fade away.

May you have a happy mother's day!  
I'll always be proud to say,  
you are the best of the most,  
and the top of the rest.



## Devotional Thought

### Waiting and Wondering

For forty days after his death he appeared to them many times in ways that proved beyond doubt that he was alive. They saw him, and he talked with them about the Kingdom of God. And when they came together, he gave them this order: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift I told you about, the gift my Father promised. John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' (verses 3-5)

I imagine the disciples had butterflies in their stomachs as they waited for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. What would the Spirit bring? They'd experienced so many extraordinary things already that the possibilities were endless. As they gathered in prayer, they would have known that whatever was coming, it would be good.

Recently I found myself in a tense and uncertain situation of waiting for something. I was armed with little else except God's promise that he'll always be there for me and will care for me. The 'what-nexts' were innumerable, some quite terrifying, but I trusted that all would be well, whatever happened. There were butterflies in my stomach, but they learnt to dance to the tune of the peace that is far beyond human understanding (Philippians 4:7).

My situation came to a safe and secure ending. The disciples' waiting came to a glorious and empowering ending (or was it a beginning?). Every time we experience stomach butterflies, we can know that the Holy Spirit is already with us and will bless us with peace and assurance.

***When I'm scared and uncertain, Lord, bless me with your peace, and comfort me with the promise that you will care for me. Amen.***

## Worship News

Please see below for this week's service times:

Nhill: 9am

Woorak: no service

Jeparit: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



## Prayer of the Week

Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for.....

- ♦ Cory Koop and his family
- ♦ Troye McBride and his family

## Chapel



Just a reminder that there is a special Mother's Day Chapel tomorrow beginning at 9am in the Multi Purpose Room. We invite all mums, grandparents etc. to come along and stay for a cuppa and morning tea after.

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 15th May. Each week children will be given the opportunity to participate in physical, social and mental stimulating activities to assist in preparing them for their learning journey ahead.



Please bring along the following:

- A water bottle
- Fruit snack
- Gold coin donation

If you have any questions or would like more information on the program please see Miss Keller at the front office.



## LCA News

Last year, the LCA 'Hidden Hurts/healing Hearts' campaign was launched to the pastors and congregations of the LCA. The campaign's intent is to reduce further instances of domestic violence in our congregations and institutional communities, and to build loving, meaningful attitudes, practices and relationships which will serve to curb such violence. The LCA are now ensuring that our ECS and school communities also become aware of the campaign and the resources that support it. The resources include: • The Hidden Hurts/Healing Hearts website: [www.preventdfv.lca.org.au](http://www.preventdfv.lca.org.au) The website contains links to State/Territory services, study resources, frequently asked questions about domestic violence, and training opportunities.

## School Event News

### Volunteering at NLS

For all parents wishing to volunteer at school to help in the classroom, on camps or with other student activities this year, parents must bring the following to the front office: 1) a current Working with Children Check and; 2) a certificate of completion of one-hour Valuing Safe Community training session on-line within the past three years. As a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA), staff and volunteers are obliged to meet the requirements of the LCA Safe Place Policy. Valuing Safe Communities (VSC) is a program to comply with this expectation. This training is valid for three years.

### VSC Online Training Instructions

Go to <http://ilearn.alc.edu.au/course/view.php?id=170>. Follow the instructions. Use the Enrolment Key: VSC3\_Volunt33r to gain access to the training. On-line training takes about 30-40 minutes. Certificates of completion will be generated at the end of the session. If you need any assistance, or would like to use a school computer to complete the training, please see Brittany at the front office.

### Conveyance Allowance

In some locations in rural and regional Victoria, eligible parents/carers are able to access the conveyance allowance to help with the costs of student travel to and from school. An eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance if they reside 4.8km or more from the bus stop or from our school according to Google maps. Families can contact Miss Keller at the front office for an application form or for more information.

### School Photos

School Photos will take place on Wednesday, May 30th. Envelopes will be sent home soon with the order details.

### NAPLAN

Just a reminder that the Years 3 and 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy next Tuesday 15 May (Language Conventions and Writing), Wednesday 16 May (Reading) and Thursday 17 May (Numeracy).

## MATES Mentoring

The MATES Mentoring program is organised by the Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN and provides training for volunteer mentors to meet with a mentee for one hour a fortnight, and support a young person in the community. Our school sees the importance of continuing to care for past students and young people in the community. If you would be interested in making a difference, please see Mrs Pritchard for more details.

## Child Safety

### **Asthma**

Just a reminder that parents/carers are responsible for providing the school with an Asthma Care Plan, signed by the treating doctor, if their child/ren has asthma. Parents also need to provide their child's medication, (clearly dated and in the original labelled container) and alert staff to any changes in their child's asthma management. I encourage all families to browse the [www.asthmaaustralia.org.au](http://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au) website as there are many useful resources and information available about asthma. It is important that we all are vigilant in being informed about this lung condition.

### **Food Safety**

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services have an online learning tool titled, 'Do Food Safely' which provides adequate skills and knowledge for handling food safely. The link to the website is <http://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au>

## School Lunches

Some students like to have yoghurt for recess or lunch, and are encouraged to place these named perishable food items, in the kitchen fridge. We have also noticed that some students occasionally bring food such as sausage rolls to be heated up for lunch. These also need to be put in the fridge as soon as they get to school. Please note that children should only be bringing these food items occasionally as it is time consuming for staff members to heat food in the lunch break. Alternatively, hot lunches can be ordered from Olivers Cafe, and these are kept in the pie warmer prior to the lunch break.

## Maintenance Roster

The purpose of this roster, is if there are any small maintenance issues that arise in your month, you may be called upon to help. Thank you for your help.

### May/June

**Darryn Rethus**, Martin Colbert,  
Peter Hedt, Andrew Hiscock, Nathan Wheeler,  
Adam Clark



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## WOODCUTTING NEWS

Please I need help!  
Really  
**HELP!**

As you may be aware the P&F sell firewood every year to raise funds for projects and resources that go toward the betterment of the School, directly benefiting the families and children who attend. This year has seen a significant increase in new orders for wood on top of our regular demand. Our current stock of wood will not be enough to service orders and we are requiring:

1. more sources of wood,
2. more cut wood and,
3. help collecting and delivering wood.

If you or any one you know has suitable firewood, including old fence posts, can you let the School know asap. Please keep an eye and ear out for sources of wood that we could use. We understand it may be difficult for many of you to attend organized woodchops on weekends, but if you have the time to deliver a trailer load of cut wood or larger pieces still requiring cutting to the school during the week, this will help us greatly.

We are very appreciative of the people who attended our 2 recent Woodchops and for the families who couldn't make it but have delivered trailer loads of wood to the school. Thank you for giving us your time, energy, equipment and Sunday afternoon. Also, a really BIG THANK YOU to: Mr Pritchard, Edmund and Harold for spending countless hours sourcing, cutting and delivering wood in your own time and with your own equipment. Mr Pritchard is the driving force behind this fundraiser and without him it wouldn't happen.

Please help us keep our Community warm during winter!

Alana Zanker, P&F President

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## Out and About on Year 3/4 Camp

