Welcome back to school! We hope that everyone had a safe and refreshing holiday ready for another exciting term. A fantastic highlight last term was the school concert and we thank everyone who came along to support the students as they showcased all they had learnt about Australian history.

Thank you so much to Mrs Alana Zanker for sewing together the calico squares that the students designed during the Karen Cultural Day. The quilt is now complete and looks fantastic! The quilt will be displayed in the school before being sent to the Maw Per Koh orphanage school in Myanmar.

The month of October is Walk to School. The program encourages students to walk to school or their bus stop to get a ticket from their classroom teacher, which will be recorded on their classroom calendar. This year Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly will facilitate two lunchtime activities which will be held on Friday 7th and 21st of October. Students are encouraged to wear their sports uniform on these days.

This week, staff completed our annual emergency procedures and plans training for critical incidents.

Every week in the newsletter, we will be communicating strategies and information regarding child safety. This week there is some information about an online resource hub for parents launched by the Office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner to help keep children safe online.

With Christ,
Tara Pritchard

The office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner has launched an online resource hub for parents, with guidance and strategies to help keep children safe online. iParent is where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children’s technology use. There are suggestions and guidance for using safety settings on your family’s web-connected devices, tips for choosing movies and games and strategies for keeping young people safe online. The online resource hub can be accessed on https://www.esafety.gov.au/iparent
Devotional Thought

“Pastor Tim is currently away at a meeting … Today we have a devotional reflection from LCA Devotions.”

Kicking against authority - 1 Samuel 13:5-14

‘That was a foolish thing to do,’ Samuel answered. ‘You have not obeyed the command the LORD your God gave you. If you had obeyed, he would have let you and your descendants rule over Israel for ever. But now your rule will not continue. Because you have disobeyed him, the LORD will find the kind of man he wants and make him ruler of his people.’ (verses 13, 14)

(read 1 Samuel 13:5–14)

Someone has said, ‘Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely’. It is true, isn’t it? It is especially true when we are desperate. In desperate situations it is very easy to overstep our authority. It is easy to take matters into our own hands and do what we think is best.

Saul overstepped his authority. He was called to be king, not priest or prophet. His fate was sealed the moment he overstepped his God-given authority to care for and lead his people. He thought his role was more than that. It wasn’t. Samuel the ‘king-maker’ now has the God-given authority to be the ‘king-breaker’.

We have Christ’s authority to bear witness in word and deed to the grace of God given to us by him. This is his great gift and our challenging responsibility only done with his authority and strength. There is no need to kick against his authority. We are free to enjoy it.

Heavenly Father, give me a humble and submissive servant-heart today, so that I may faithfully witness to your forgiveness to the people you send my way. Through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

SRC News

The SRC are now selling flavoured SIPPAH milks during lunchtime every day. They will be available for $2 each. We ask that if students wish to purchase flavoured milk they please place the money in a separate envelope to their lunch orders. Any flavoured milks that are ordered in lunch orders will be replaced by these. Flavours on offer are Choc Mint, Honeycomb, Chocolate, Strawberry, Banana and Cookies ‘N Cream.

Get ‘em Going

Get ‘em Going will return for Term 4 next Tuesday 11th. We look forward to seeing old and new faces next week.

Chapel

Chapel this week will be held in the Multi Purpose Room at 9am. It will be run by Mrs Pritchard. Parents and friends are invited to join us.

Worship News

Please see below for this week’s church service times;
Nhill: 9am
Woorak: 9am
Church Office: 5391 1223

Prayer of the Week

Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for……
♦ Rachel and Matthew and their family

P&F Meeting

The P&F Meeting has been changed to Monday 10th October at 2pm
**Magazine Sponsors**

This year we are seeking sponsors for our School Magazine which will be published and given out to families at the end of the year. We are trying to reduce the cost of the magazines, and if you or a business would be interested in sponsoring the magazine please let us know. The magazine will include a sponsors page which can be used to promote your business. For further information and examples of layouts please contact the front office on 5391 2144 or email admin@nhillsvic.edu.au. This opportunity is open for all businesses.

**School Photos**

If any parents would like a copy of the House Captains or School Captains photos orders can now be placed at the front office. The photos will be 8x10 and are $20 each. Please place your order as soon as possible.

**Bus Notices**

If your child is a regular bus traveller and is **not** going to be going home on the bus you **must notify the school by 3pm**. If the school is not notified the word of the students will not be taken and they will be sent home on the bus as usual. The school also needs to be notified if your child is not returning to school after athletic days, appointments etc.

In September, we had the privilege of hosting a tour of the school for migrant visitors from Ringwood and Werribee. The visitors enjoyed seeing our beautiful school and were very impressed with our facilities and animals. Thank you to Maggie Bridgewater, who is the Migrant Employment Coordinator at the Hindmarsh Shire Council, for organising this fantastic opportunity for our Nhill community.

**September/October 2016**

Paul Dredel, Paul Schubert, Daniel Paech, Jason Deckert

**NAPLAN Results**

Just a reminder to parents who have students in Year 3 or 5 to please come in and receive their child’s NAPLAN results. Parents can also make a time to discuss the results with the classroom teacher. Please make an appointment at the front office.

**Sheep Manure**

The 4/5/6 students now have sheep manure for sale at $3 per bag, with all the money raised going towards our Orphanage School in Myanmar. If you wish to purchase a bag, please see the front office or Quentin Pritchard.
We would like to thank Courtney Koop for all the help she provided during her work experience week on the last week of term.
**JUNIOR TENNIS**

Junior tennis will begin this term with competition starting at 9am each Saturday for students aged between 9 and 17. Teams will be created and the fixture will be finalised over the holidays. Please have names in Monday 19th of September.

**FREE TENNIS COACHING**

Tennis coaching will be held on Monday afternoons in term 4. Starting on Monday 10th October and continuing for 10 weeks until Monday 12th December 2016. Beginners from 3:30pm – 4:15pm. All other juniors from 4pm – 6pm for coaching and match practice.

**SENIOR TENNIS**

New & old players welcome!!

Senior tennis will again be held on Saturday afternoons, please let Rae Kennedy or Helen Cannell know if you are interested in playing this year.

Twilight will also be on offer later in the year, the day to be confirmed.

Don’t forget to like us on Facebook to ensure you get all the upcoming events.

[https://www.facebook.com/nhillawntennisclub/?ref=page_internal](https://www.facebook.com/nhillawntennisclub/?ref=page_internal)

For more information please contact Rae Kennedy 0429913212 or Helen Cannall 0419829272

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Proudly presented to you by the Hindmarsh Shire Council. Event details are as follows:

**Where:** Nhill Memorial Community Centre

**When:** Wednesday 19th October @ 11am

**Cost:** Gold coin donation with a light lunch to follow

Buses will depart from the Shire Customer Service Offices at following times:

**Rainbow:** 9.30am

**Jeparit & Dimboola:** 10am

Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

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West Wimmera Health Service

**Melbourne Cup Day Luncheon**

Tuesday 1st November 2016

Nhill Bowling Club 12 noon

Tickets including lunch welcome drink $25

Tickets available: Earthly Treasures, Nhill
ITS TIME TO WALK TO SCHOOL!!

What the program will involve:

The Walk to School program will be held from the 3rd until the 28th of October 2016.

This year funding has been used partner with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly to facilitate lunch time activities twice over the month of October at each school and to purchase some awesome prizes that will keep students active. To win prizes each student will need to Walk to School or the their bus stop to get a ticket from their classroom teacher. Each student will be provide with a Walk to School Ticket Box that they will need to carefully cut out and glue/stick together to store all of their tickets. They will notice that the tickets are all different! They will have to look after their tickets to see if they have a lucky ticket at the end of the month.

Our aim is to encourage parents to walk with their children to school or the bus stop to encourage and develop healthy habits. They will also record their walk on the Walk to School Classroom Calendar. There is opportunities for schools to win prizes from VicHealth at the end of the month as well.

It is important that each student be encouraged to participate in the program as often they possibly can! With encouragement each student has the potential to succeed, encourage students to encourage each other.
Dear Parents,

We have once again been asked to be part of the Grand Parade at the Nhill Show. Children who would like to participate in the Grand Parade are to assemble at 3.45pm at the entrance to the oval on the east side where the parade will enter the oval. For the parade, children can wear the clothes that they are in, i.e. casual clothes. Children are asked to bring drinking water and hats to the parade if it is warm weather. The children from our school participating in the parade will walk as a group around the oval together. The parade will commence at 4.15pm.

If your child/ren will be able to participate in the Grand Parade, please complete the form below and return to the School by Monday 10th October

Please note that the school will be closed on the day of the Nhill Show, Thursday 13th October.

My child/ren ______________________________ will be participating in the Nhill Show Grand Parade at 3.45pm on Thursday 13th October.

Parent signature_________________________________