



TOGETHER WE GROW

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Upcoming Dates

FEB	Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd	Swimming @ 11am-2.00pm
	Friday 23rd	Swimming Carnival
	Wednesday 28th	NO PREPS
MAR	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	Wimmera Field Days Excursion
	Monday 12th	Labour Day Public Holiday

From the Principal

Our Student Representative Council are organising a fundraising activity to support the Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre Wirraway Project. In addition, our P&F will be selling donuts on Saturday, the 10th of March at the Wheels for the Wirraway Family day. We encourage all families and friends to support this worthy community project that links to Nhill's Aviation History. More information has been sent home separately today with each student.

The students are excited about the Swimming Carnival which will be held tomorrow from 11.00-2.00pm. The swimming carnival is an opportunity for students to showcase their water skills that they have

developed over the past two weeks from swimming lessons. Parents are most welcome to come along and support their child/ren. Thank you in advance to all parents who have offered to assist in varying roles to ensure the swimming carnival runs smoothly. Thank you also to Alaine McFarlane for organising such a fantastic swimming program and to Jessica Mason, Erin Alexander and Brittany Keller for also assisting. Every student has progressed in their water skills and we look forward to seeing the students participate in as many events as possible tomorrow.

On Tuesday, Andrew Broad, Federal Member for Mallee, visited our school. Our school captains, Starla and Matthew, gave Andrew a tour of our school. Andrew then explained to the Year 2-6 students how Parliament works. The students got to debate why we need better roads around Nhill and learnt how an issue like this is worked through. It was evident that Andrew enjoyed seeing our school, meeting the students and answering questions. The students were amazed at how much he travels, and that he regularly gets to talk to the Prime Minister!



Devotional Thought

I am the greatest!

An argument broke out among the disciples as to which one of them should be thought of as the greatest. Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the pagans have power over their people, and the rulers claim the title "Friends of the People." But this is not the way it is with you; rather, the greatest one among you must be like the youngest, and the leader must be like the servant.' (verses 24-26)

It's a great feeling to be number one. Whether it's a premiership flag, the best and fairest award, the dux of the class or whatever, we all aspire to receive the acclamation and accolades that come with being number one.

The disciples of Jesus were no different. They had come from ordinary backgrounds; they were probably pretty ordinary people. So when it seemed to them that Jesus was about to be the biggest number one in the whole world, they wanted to be right up there with him.

But that's not the path Jesus wants his disciples to tread. Instead of us ruling the world, Jesus wants us to serve the world.

And as we do so, we will find that the satisfaction that comes will prove to be more valuable than the satisfaction that comes from any trophies or flags.

Dear Jesus, inspire me to serve as you serve – in love and in humility. Amen.

Chapel



Chapel will still happen before the Swimming Carnival this Friday. It will be lead by the Senior Class and begin at the usual time of 9am.

Worship News

Please see below for this week's Parish Service time.

Nhill: 9am

Woorak: 9am

Jeparit: 9am

Jeparit: 4th March Mid week
Lenten 7.30pm



Prayer of the Week

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

- ♦ Barrett, Lanie and Deegan Clark and their family
- ♦ Starla Colbert and her family

Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 27th February. 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.

Students of the Week

Justin Tu: For always using his best listening skills in class, and for always trying his hardest in everything he does!

Jackson Page: For putting in lots of effort into his writing, and for always being a good friend to his classmates.

Nathan Pedie: For not giving up in swimming and for trying his best even when things got hard. Well done Nathan!

Trinity Rethus: For her listening skills in the classroom and at the pool. As well as helping out her classmates.

Oliver Bone: For displaying a positive attitude towards learning and for getting full marks in his Spelling in Week 2! Well done to Oliver, you are already kicking goals in 2018!

Sean Pedie: For working hard on his editing skills this week and focusing on the presentation of his work. It is excellent to see you demonstrate such persistence, even when challenged! Keep up the fabulous work!

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.

CSEF

If you hold a current Health Care or Pension Card (valid on or before 29th January 2018), or are a Foster Parent, you may be eligible for a government payment under the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund. Payments are \$125 per primary student. For more information, see the attached document or visit the CSEF website. Please download the Application Form or collect one from Miss Keller at the office. Completed applications should be returned to the office as soon as possible.

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As you are all aware we are trying to make our visitor system user friendly for all visitors and parents. Please collect your key tag from the front office if you have completed the form to make signing in easier for you!

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.

January/February

Steve Zanker, Frank Crisp, Rodney Pohlner, Andrew McBride, Thomas Curtis, Aaron McCartney



Music News

Mrs Merrill Harding is available for private guitar tuition this year. If your child would like to learn the guitar at school, please call Merrill on 0438 920 262.

2018 Beaver Award

Through-out this year the students have the opportunity to be selected by staff members for the Beaver Award. This award is highly sort after by students as it is recognition for their outstanding achievements from the week. At the end of the year all the winners from the year will go into a draw and one lucky student will take the Beaver home to keep.

Hayden Pedie was our first receiver of this award for: An Amazing start to the year showing great leadership and terrific enthusiasm for everything he does. Well done Hayden!

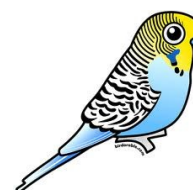


Child Safety—WWWC

At Nhill Lutheran School, we have a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. **It is a requirement that all parents and volunteers have a Working With Children Check under Victorian Government regulations.** The check is just one of our responsibilities in creating and maintaining a child safe environment. If you would like further information or assistance in completing the application process online, please see Miss Keller at the front office.

For Sale

The school currently has for sale some budgies. They are the perfect pets and are available for just \$10.00 each. All the proceeds made from this will be going towards the schools mini farm which all the kids adore! Please contact the front office if you are interested.



Andrew Broad Visit

On Tuesday the 20th of February, the 4/5/6 class had a very special visitor, our Member of Parliament for Mallee, Mr Andrew Broad. The School Captains waited out the front to greet him, and then took him on a tour of the school. He was impressed with our school facilities, and was happy to see that we have a sunscreen station, and wide brim hats.

He was amazed at the technology that we have, and was delighted to see our connection with the Karen School in Myanmar. After this, we invited him into our class, and he talked to the 2/3/4/5/6's about Parliament, and how it works. He did this by paying a sort of game with us, with someone acting as the Prime-Minister, someone acting as the Treasurer, someone acting as the Minister for Infrastructure, and someone acting as the Member for Mallee.

The game taught the students about how new rules are made, how you can be elected out of parliament, and how new roads are built, as well as how we vote. All of the students learnt something new, and had all of their questions answered. Overall, it was an honour to be visited by Mr Andrew Broad, and we all hope he can come again soon.

By Starla and Matthew



Science Room

This week we have welcomed some new members to our science room. Peaches our bearded dragon is 3 years old. She is a very inquisitive dragon and likes to keep an eye on what the students are working on. She can be handled by the students so we are very lucky that we were able to make her a member of our school.



Also this week we have introduced 2 green tree frogs. These frogs are very active and although cannot be handled by the children, they are fascinated by the way they move. There are always some keen students to be the first to find them in amongst their greenery.



Our tropical fish will be arriving in a couple of weeks, as we now have the 'cleaning' catfish in the tank to purify the water and the sand. This wonderful fish needs to be by itself in the tank for 2 weeks to make a clean home for the others. Watch this space for their magnificent arrival.

HELP US CELEBRATE
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY AT THE



Women's Fashion and Wellbeing Market



Saturday

3 MARCH 2018

10.00am - 4.00 PM

NHILL Memorial
community centre

**GOLD
COIN ENTRY**

Funds raised will be
donated to the Breast
Cancer Research
Foundation

Limited Stalls
Available!!
Book your stall
today!

For more information contact Kerrie Hamilton - Event Coordinator
via Kerrie@thecopyloft.com.au or Michelle Farinha - NMCC
Coordinator via mfarinha@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au.



Nhill Learning Centre
Learning together

Karen Language & Culture

Join our Karen Language class and learn basic Karen words and phrases to communicate more freely with the Karen community of Nhill. You will also be given an insight to the Karen culture.



Dates: 8 x Wednesday's commencing 21st February

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Cost: \$85.00 or \$65.00 (conc)

For bookings please phone 53879 801

Dear Parents and Carers

QUALITY SCHOOLS SURVEYS 2018

This year our school will be participating in surveys managed by Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII). The surveys are being conducted for the school by RADII under a contract with Lutheran Education Australia.

The data that is collected will be used by the school and Lutheran Education Australia to develop strategies and implement initiatives to improve the quality of education offered by Lutheran schools.

Students will receive an invitation to participate through their school email address and may complete their surveys during class time. In addition, parents and staff are invited to participate in the survey. We hope the parent survey will help us to find out how well the school is managing the wellbeing of its students.

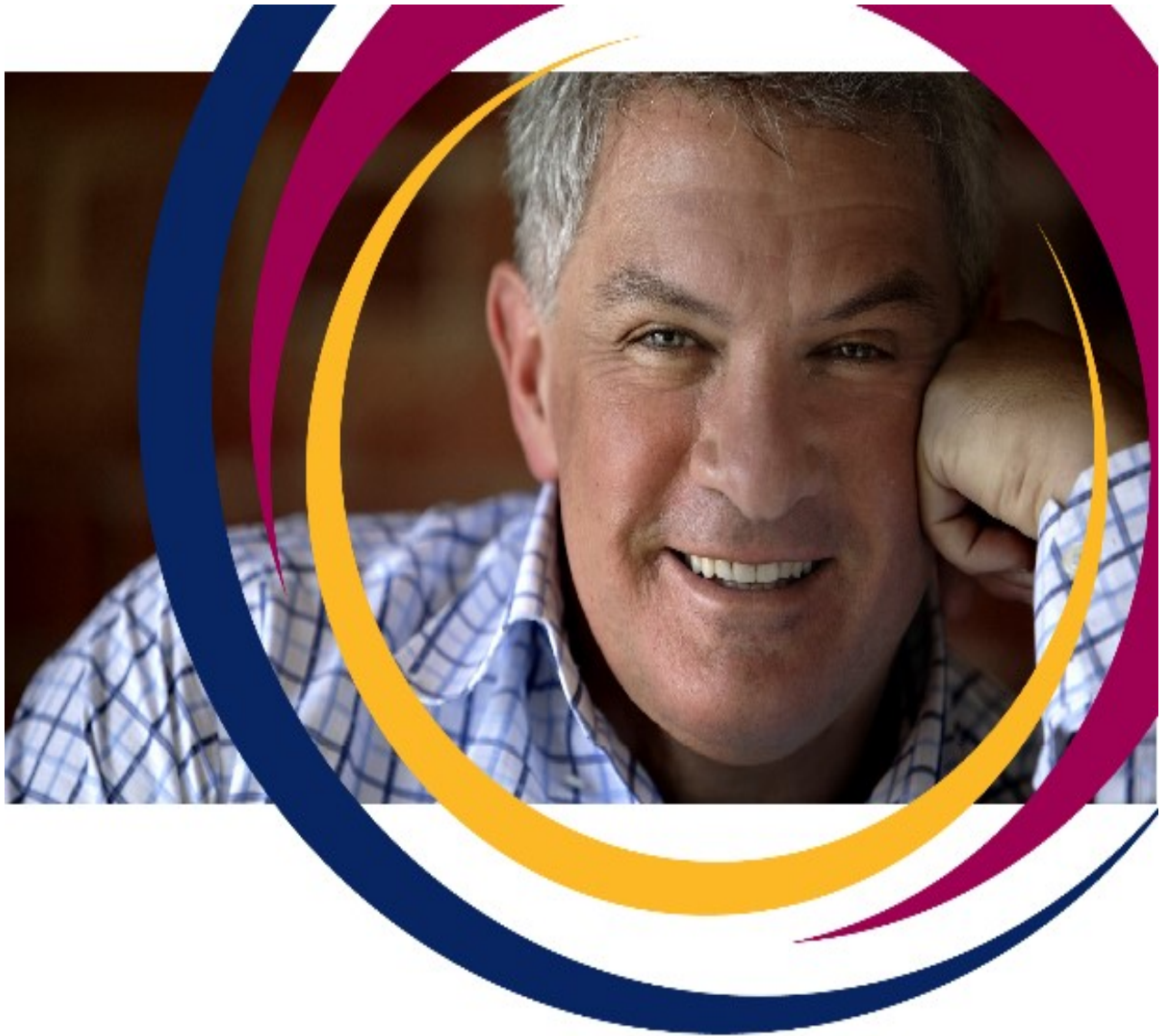
Parents will receive an email from Dr Jean Thompson at RADII with an invitation to respond to the survey online. Please check your Junk mail folder for the survey in case RADII's addresses are not listed in your address book. Better still, enter the email address for Dr Thompson (thompson@radii.org) in your address book.

All survey responses go directly to RADII and are not identifiable by the school, unless you wish to indicate that you want your feedback to be identified. All data will be stored securely and the anonymity of all participants is assured.

If you do not to participate in the survey or you do not want your child to participate, please notify the school.

We encourage you to respond to the survey as this provides valuable feedback to the school. When the feedback from the survey is received we will share the findings with you.

Thank you for supporting the survey process.



RAISING HAPPY, RESILIENT CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS
DR MICHAEL CARR-GREGG

Monday 5 March, 7 pm

The latest news from the science of positive psychology
applied to bringing up children and teenagers.

Holy Trinity Lutheran College, Multi-Purpose Centre
Exclusive to HTLC families
Free—no booking required



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant

Date / /