



## Upcoming Dates

MAR	Wednesday 7th	NO PREPS
	Wednesday 7th	Wimmera Field Days Excursion
	Thursday 8th	Walk-A-Thon
	Monday 12th	Labour Day Public Holiday
	Tuesday 13th	P&F Meeting at 7pm
	Monday 26th	National Young Leader's Day—Year 6 only
	Thursday 29th	Grandparent's Day
	Thursday 29th	Last Day of Term 1 - 2.15pm finish

## Birthdays

We wish the following students a very Happy Birthday:

Jackson Page: Sunday 4th March



## From the Principal

Our swimming carnival last Friday was a great success. Congratulations to all students who participated and tried their very best. It was a real highlight to see students go in as many events as possible and encourage one another.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and friends who came along. The students were able to demonstrate all that they had learnt during their two weeks of swimming lessons. Many thanks to Mr Pritchard for all his hard work in organising the day, finalising events and coordinating the program for the day. It was terrific to end the carnival with a student, parent and staff relay. Thank you to all who helped pack up afterwards. Congratulations to Archie who qualified for the next level of swimming in Horsham on Tuesday. It was a great experience for Archie to represent our school in swimming.

On Monday, the Regional Arts Victoria is presenting a program at school for our students called Balance. The performance has an environmental message that gets children actively involved in the exploration of sustainability, recycling and alternative power generation.

Next Wednesday the whole school is having an excursion to the Wimmera Field Days in Horsham. This allows the students to participate in many activities and performances and experience an agricultural and agribusiness event. A separate note has been sent home with details.

Students are getting excited about the upcoming Wirraway Walkathon which will be held here at school next Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of March at 11.30am. The Wirraway community project is trying to raise a further \$100,000 for a Wirraway aircraft which was used during WWII. Our students will be asking for donations from family and friends to sponsor them for our walkathon. Each lap of the school is approximately 500 metres and the students will have one hour to complete as many laps as possible. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to come along and participate or cheer from the sidelines. There will be spot prizes during the walkathon as well as prizes for the most creative and interesting vehicles. After the walkathon, students and visitors have the option of having a BBQ for lunch at the cost of a gold coin donation. We ask that order forms be returned to school by Wednesday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of March for catering purposes.

With Christ,

Tara Pritchard

## Devotional Thought

### ***Small investment, big return***

**When he finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Push the boat out further to the deep water, and you and your partners let down your nets for a catch.'**

**'Master,' Simon answered, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will let down the nets.' They let them down and caught such a large number of fish that the nets were about to break. (verses 4-6)**

In Luke's gospel this incident happened after Jesus had healed Simon's mother-in-law, and it was the occasion when Jesus called Simon (Peter) to follow him and 'catch people'. Peter's brash, down-to-earth approach is well known to us, so for him to respond to Jesus' idea of throwing the nets in again after a futile night's work was rather surprising. But Jesus said so, and Peter acted quickly – he already had reason to believe that obedience to Jesus was the right way to go! The results speak for themselves. More fish than Peter had ever dreamed of. No time to argue, debate, disagree – so much work to do that recruits had to be called for.

Do you sometimes marvel at how much Jesus' word produces in spite of so little faith on your part? You need never be afraid to speak up for him, or to obey him out of love for him, because you may get to see some surprising results sometimes. His ability to make things happen is beyond question.

***Lord Jesus, help me to obey you, even when it seems pointless. Let me surrender myself completely – body, mind and soul- so that you may be glorified. Help me to 'dig deeper' into your word and spend more time discovering your will for me. Amen.***

## Chapel



Chapel will be held this Friday at 9am. It will be held in the Multi Purpose Room and will be ran by Mrs. Pritchard.

## Worship News

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

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

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.....

- ◆ Chloe Crisp and her family
- ◆ Rourke Croot and his family

## Get 'Em Going

Get 'Em Going Playgroup will be running again next Tuesday 6th March. 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.

## Reading Tips

Reading can boost a child's IQ. After looking at eight different studies of childhood development; researchers recently concluded that 'reading to a child in an interactive style raises his or her IQ by over 6 points.' The findings were revealed in Perspectives on Psychological Science, in an article entitled 'How to Make a Young Child Smarter.: Evidence From the Database of Raising Intelligence.' The research paper states, 'The following three interventions (non-dietary) were highlighted for raising the intelligence of young children: enrolling children in intense early childhood educational programs, reading to children in an interactive manner (was concluded to raise the IQ by over 3 points—the earlier the interactive reading takes place, the larger the benefits), and sending young children to preschool. Check out our LLEN video clip: <https://t.co/4oupixJ27p>.

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Forms have been sent home, but please enquire at the front office if you require another one. Applications should be returned to the office as soon as possible.

### Passtab

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.

### March/April

**Kim Croot**, David Reichelt, Adrian Pedie, Steven Carew, Roy Dickinson, Jeff Woodward



## 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.

## Child Safety

The child safe standards have been introduced in Victoria to achieve a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. Children have the right to be safe and protected, including at school. At Nhill Lutheran School we have a range of strategies to embed a culture of child safety at school. Our Child Safety Officers this year are Mrs Tara Pritchard, [principal@nls.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@nls.vic.edu.au) and Mrs Erin Alexander [erin@nls.vic.edu.au](mailto:erin@nls.vic.edu.au).

## Change of Contact Details

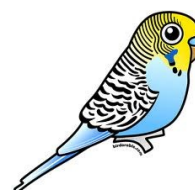
Please note that we have recently changed our contact details at school. Our new school email address is now [admin@nls.vic.edu.au](mailto:admin@nls.vic.edu.au).

## Working with Children Check

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.



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](mailto:Kerrie@thecopyloft.com.au) or Michelle Farinha - NMCC  
Coordinator via [mfarinha@hindmarsh.vic.gov.au](mailto: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.

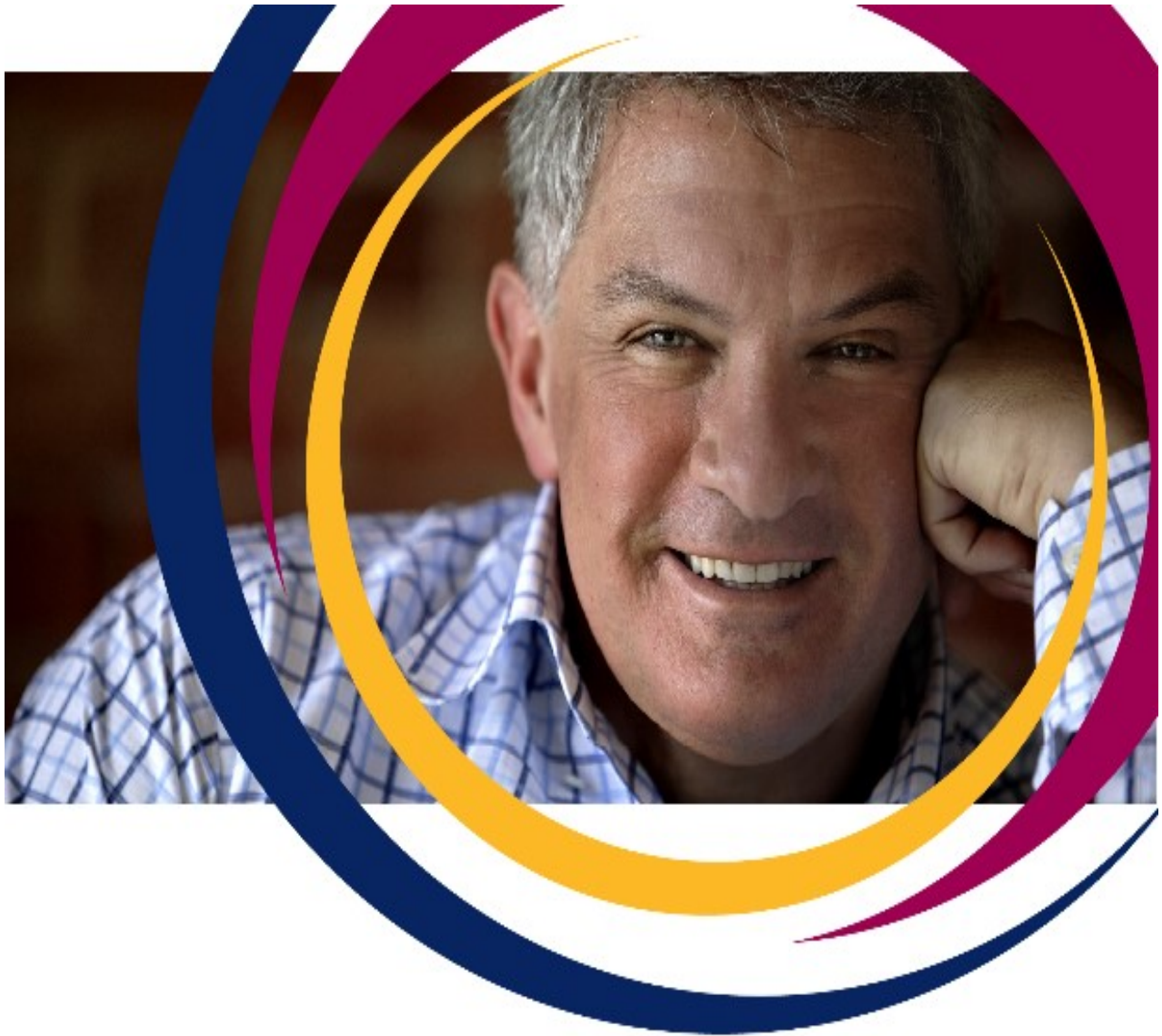


**Dates:** 8 x Wednesday's commencing 21st February

**Time:** 6.00pm - 8.00pm

**Cost:** \$85.00 or \$65.00 (conce)

**For bookings please phone 53879 801**



**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

